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| Name of Space | K27 Canalside Fields off Hyperion Road |
| Street/Location | North of Hyperion Road, Stourton, along Stourbridge Canal |
| Post Code | DY7 6SD |
| Grid ref | SO8838985801 |
| Brief Description | Open sloping fields bordered by trees, alongside a lovely stretch of the Stourbridge Canal just outside the conurbation |

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Suitability for LGS Designation (Add detail as appropriate. Tick indicates satisfies criterion) ✓

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| Location: In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves | ✓ | Yes | Adjacent to Hyperion Road, Stourton and Black Country conurbation, the site is just off the canal towpath and crossed by other rights of way. Well-used by locals from Kinver parish and adjacent conurbation, well connected footpaths. |
| Local Significance/ Special Community Value: Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife. | ✓ | Recreation, sport, events, paths | Opposite a well-used towpath, connected by Bell's Mill Bridge over the Stourbridge canal, the field carries pleasant routes between the conurbation, Stourton village and other green spaces via Footpaths 67 and 69. It is used on a daily basis by ramblers, cyclists, runners, fishermen, holiday makers using narrowboats on the canal that runs alongside these fields. Boats often stop here over night because of the beautiful outlook and tranquillity. Horses graze on these fields. |
| | ✓ | Wildlife, ecology | Haven for Kingfishers, Herons, Mallards, Geese, Owls, Water voles, Snakes, Amphibians, Damsel/Dragon flies. Nesting ground for moorhens and ducks. |

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| | | | Part of the Wooded Ridge and the Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Areas identified by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust because of its importance as a wildlife corridor. |
| | | Heritage | The Stourbridge Canal connects the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal to Dudley industries. The canal was finally completed in 1779, and was vitally important to the local glass industry. Bell's Mill brick bridge over the canal connects the field to the towpath. |
| | | Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung | The field provides a green lung for local residents, being tranquil and beautiful. Although the site is bounded by housing on 2 sides, almost no housing can be seen nor traffic heard. The open field with grazing horses slopes up to hedges and woods, and down to the canal with river and wetland beyond. The towpath takes one into Kinver village or the Black Country conurbation and is therefore well used by all ages. |
| | | Other incl flood mitigation, local food | |
| Size, Scale Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land. | ✓ | Area ha: | 9.4 |
| | ✓ | Local character | Yes |
| Planning permissions or site allocations | None. | | |
| Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve | Adjoins Stourbridge Canal conservation area Green Belt Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Area (Kinver Nature Recovery Report, SWT) Wooded Ridge Nature Recovery Area (Kinver Nature Recovery Report, SWT) | | |
| Recommendation | ✓ | | Suitable for Local Green Space Designation |

Photographs:





