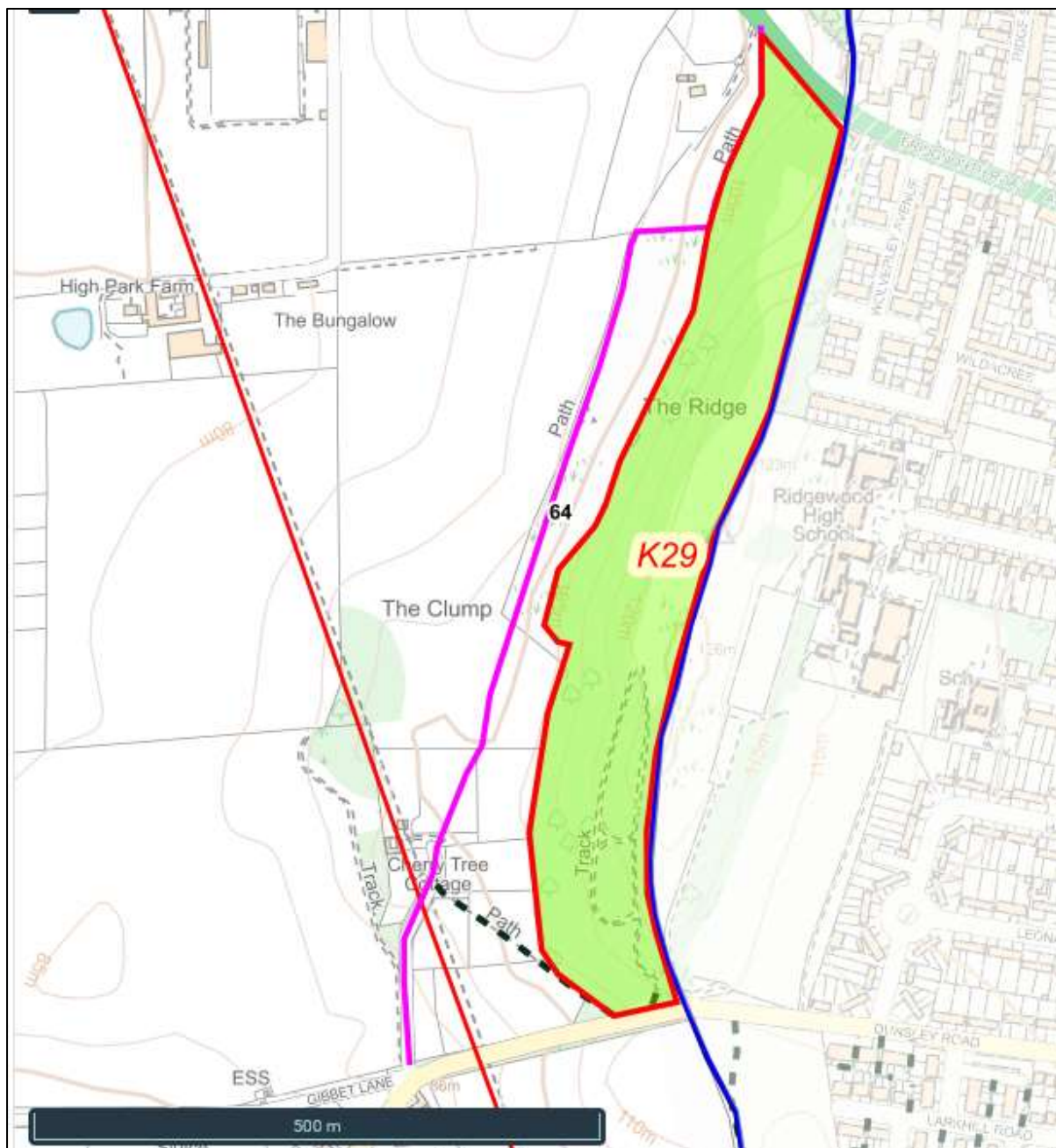


Name of Space	K29 The Ridge Wood
Street/Location	Off Whittington Hall Lane, Whittington, Kinver
Post Code	DY8 5JL
Grid ref	SO8780487805
Brief Description	Old woodland on a ridge between the A458 and Whittington Hall Lane, with views across open countryside.

Plan



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

Location: In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves	✓	Yes	Close to Stourton village, adjacent to Wollaston/Stourbridge, and easily accessed. Between the A458 and Whittington Hall Lane.
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<p>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.</p>	✓	Recreation, sport, events, paths	Dog Walkers, Cyclists, Horse riders. Families, use this woodland, and 'dens' are made by local children. Locals say this wood is of great importance to them. Footpath 64 passes along the lower edge and a path and track from the nearby Whittington Hall Lane access the wood.
	✓	Wildlife, ecology	An abundance of birds, including owls. English Bluebells, a protected species and sign of old woodland. The site is a Biodiversity Alert Site 'The Ridge' and is part of the Wooded Ridge Nature Recovery Area identified by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust because of its importance as a wildlife corridor and habitat. Priority Habitat deciduous woodland.
	✓	Heritage	The route of the Roman road to the Ashwood Roman Fort passes near the wood. The wood is on the sandstone ridge which forms the boundary between Kinver parish with its rural landscape, and the conurbation. The Ridge wood has remnants of the Wollaston Dykes, used by ancient landowners to demarcate their boundaries. The highest part of the wood has a trig point.
	✓	Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung	Being so high up it has wonderful views across the Staffordshire countryside to the west, and Stourbridge and Clent Hills to the east. Peaceful and tranquil. Good for one's wellbeing.
	✓	Other incl flood mitigation, local food	N/A
<p>Size, Scale Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.</p>	✓	Area (ha):	8.3
	✓	Local character	Yes
<p>Planning permissions or site allocations</p>	None.		
<p>Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve</p>	<p>Green Belt BAS The Ridge Wooded Ridge Nature Recovery Area Priority Habitat deciduous woodland.</p>		
<p>Recommendation</p>	✓		Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Photographs:



Ridge Wood from Stourbridge side along side the school playing fields



Wollaston Dyke in the Ridge Wood