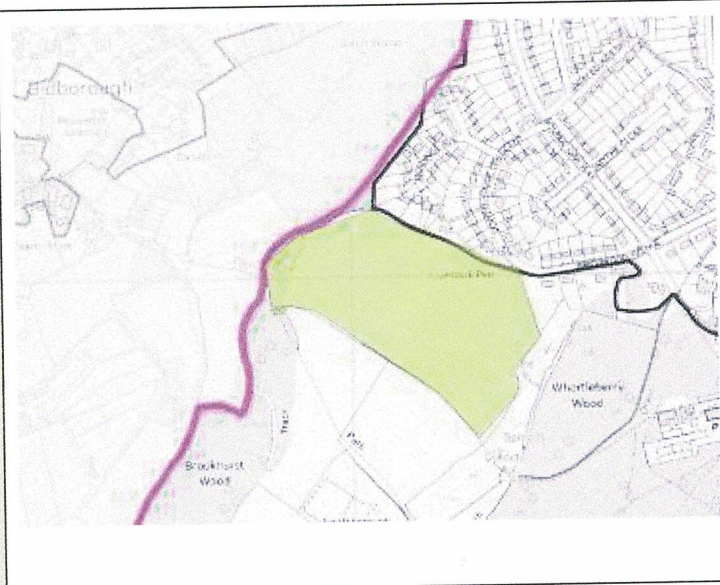


LGS27: Camp Field

Address and location	Camp Field, Junction of Birchwood Avenue and Dower House Crescent. Public Footpath WS7 runs along northern edge.
Ownership details	Privately owned (John Foster)
Description and purpose / current use	Open, grassed field. Located in the High Weald National Landscape and Green Belt. Individual mature trees along northern edge separating field from public footpath. Mature trees and high hedging screen field from private houses/gardens that back onto public footpath. Bordered by Doctor's Field (LGS29) on eastern edge and by woodland and fields on western eastern and

	southern and eastern edges. Currently used for informal recreation including dog walking by both Southborough and Bidborough residents.
Any designations	High Weald National Landscape, Green Belt. Adjacent to Ancient Woodland and Local Wildlife Sites.
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	<p>Multiple access points from public footpath from Birchwood Avenue towards Bidborough Village.</p> <p>Adjacent to North Southborough 20th century housing development on what was part of Great Bounds Estate, walking distance from Southborough Conservation Area and (via public footpath network) from Bidborough Village.</p>
Demonstrably Special?	<p>Recreation: Used extensively by residents of both Southborough and Bidborough Parishes for recreational walking and for exercising dogs. With excellent sightlines across the whole field, dogs can safely be allowed to run either on a long lead, or off-lead if suitably trained.</p> <p>Wildlife: Wildlife corridor between areas of Ancient Woodland and Local Wildlife Sites. In close proximity to Wildflower Meadow. Dark Skies despite nearby housing. Identified in recent draft Kent and Medway Local Nature Strategy as within an area that could become of importance to biodiversity.</p> <p>Tranquillity: Quiet location with only very limited local road traffic. Doctors Meadow (LGS29 in this document) on eastern border is actively managed as a haven for wildlife and peaceful and tranquil area for Southborough residents.</p> <p>Beauty: Strong rural aspect despite close proximity of 20th century housing developments. As an open space located on a natural high point, allows appreciation of High Weald topography and long range views.</p> <p>Historic: Part of Great Bounds Estate established in early medieval period. Likely to be medieval assart fields with 20th century agglomeration, it was described as "valuable pastureland" when the Estate put up for sale in 1933. Sits within a typical High Weald medieval landscape. Public footpath follows an historic routeway that is part of the network of ancient droveways, with a Livestock Pen marked on Ordnance Survey Maps in Camp Field.</p> <p>Local rumour has it that King Harold's army camped here on journey to the Battle of Hastings.</p>
Local in character?	Yes

Photo	
Location map	

LGS28: Doctor's Meadow

Address and location	It is located along the western edge of the Common, opposite the slope on which the large beech trees grow, the other side of the stream.
Ownership details	Southborough Society.
Description and purpose / current use	Left to wild, with woodland with typical woodland plants such as bluebells and bramble.
Any designations	Local Wildlife Site (Southborough Common); National Landscape, Green Belt, adjacent to ancient woodland (Whortleberry Wood)
Site allocations in Local Plan	No