

2. Oakwood Park: Policy 4.10D b)

The site, which comprises an area of 0.1 ha, is located at grid reference SU 28441 95294; X = 428441, Y = 195294; Latitude = 51.655722, Longitude = -1.5902646. Its boundary, shown in Figure OP1, follows the fencing surrounding the park.

The site, which is part of the Pines development, was transferred from the Vale of White Horse District Council to Faringdon Town Council on 29th April 1993 with the condition the 'land was not to be used for any purpose other than that of a public pleasure ground area', Document OP1. Accordingly, it was developed as children's play area and equipped with play equipment. It is maintained by Faringdon Town Council.

The justification is:

- The park is long established as a public park and children's play area.
- It is situated within a densely populated area of Faringdon and provides the only easily accessed green space for that area.

NPPF Criteria

The designation should only be used:

- *Where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*

Oakwood Park is immediately adjacent to the community it serves, see Neighbourhood Plan Figure 12.

- *Where the green area is 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;*

Oakwood Park is open to the public and has been used as children's play area for 21 years. It is well used, particularly by young children, and provides a safe play area in a quiet part of the town.

- *Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.*

The area of the park is about 0.1 ha, so it is not an extensive tract of land. It is local in character being surrounded by the Pines estate and is the only play area available for children on the west side of the town, the next nearest being Pitts Park about 1 km away.



Figure OP1: Showing the boundary of Oakwood Park.