

3. Pitts Park and Adjacent Green Space either side of Berners Way: Policy 4.10D c)

Pitts Park, which comprises an area of ~0.52 ha, is located at grid reference SU 29115 95277; X = 429115; Y = 195277; Latitude = 51.655532, Longitude = -1.5805271. Its boundary, shown in Figure PP1, follows the fencing around the park. A green space, comprising ~0.69 ha, contiguous with the eastern end of the park, has the boundary shown in Figure PP2, which is defined by fencing where it backs on to housing and the park and the pavement where it is open to the road. The total area of the park and adjacent green space comprises ~1.2 ha.

Pitts Park is owned by the Vale of White Horse District Council. It is an established park owned and maintained by VoWHDC for public use. Designation of the site as Local Green Space will formalise the established use. The park is roughly rectangular in shape and located at the southern end of Goodlake Avenue, next to a development of social housing for the elderly. The western end contains a children's play area, with the rest of park laid out as a football pitch with goalposts. It is maintained by the Vale of White Horse District Council.

The eastern extension of the park extends from Pye Street into Berners Way and extends on both sides of Berners Way. This is an open green space that is part of the original layout of the Berners Way estate and is maintained by the Vale of White Horse District Council. The reason for designating this area as Green Space is to offer protection to this area.

The justification is:

- Pitts Park is an established as a public park and children's play area.
- The park is situated within a densely populated area of Faringdon and provides the only easily accessed green space for that area.
- The adjacent green space leading continuing into Berners Way provides an attractive, informal park in an otherwise built-up area. A well used footpath leads from Berners Way into Pye Street and provides a pedestrian link to the town centre.

NPPF Criteria

The designation should only be used:

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

Pitts Park and the green space in Berners Way 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;*

Pitts Park is open to the public and has had an established use as a children's play area. It is well used, particularly by young children, and provides a safe play area in a built-up part of the town. The green space extending into Berners Way has a well used footpath and the open space provides an area of tranquillity.

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

The area of the park itself is ~0.52 ha, and the area of the adjacent green space in Berners Way is ~0.69 ha, hence, they do not comprise an extensive tract of land. Both sites are local in character being surrounded by houses on all sides as shown in Figures PP1 and PP2 and are the only accessible green spaces in that part of the town.

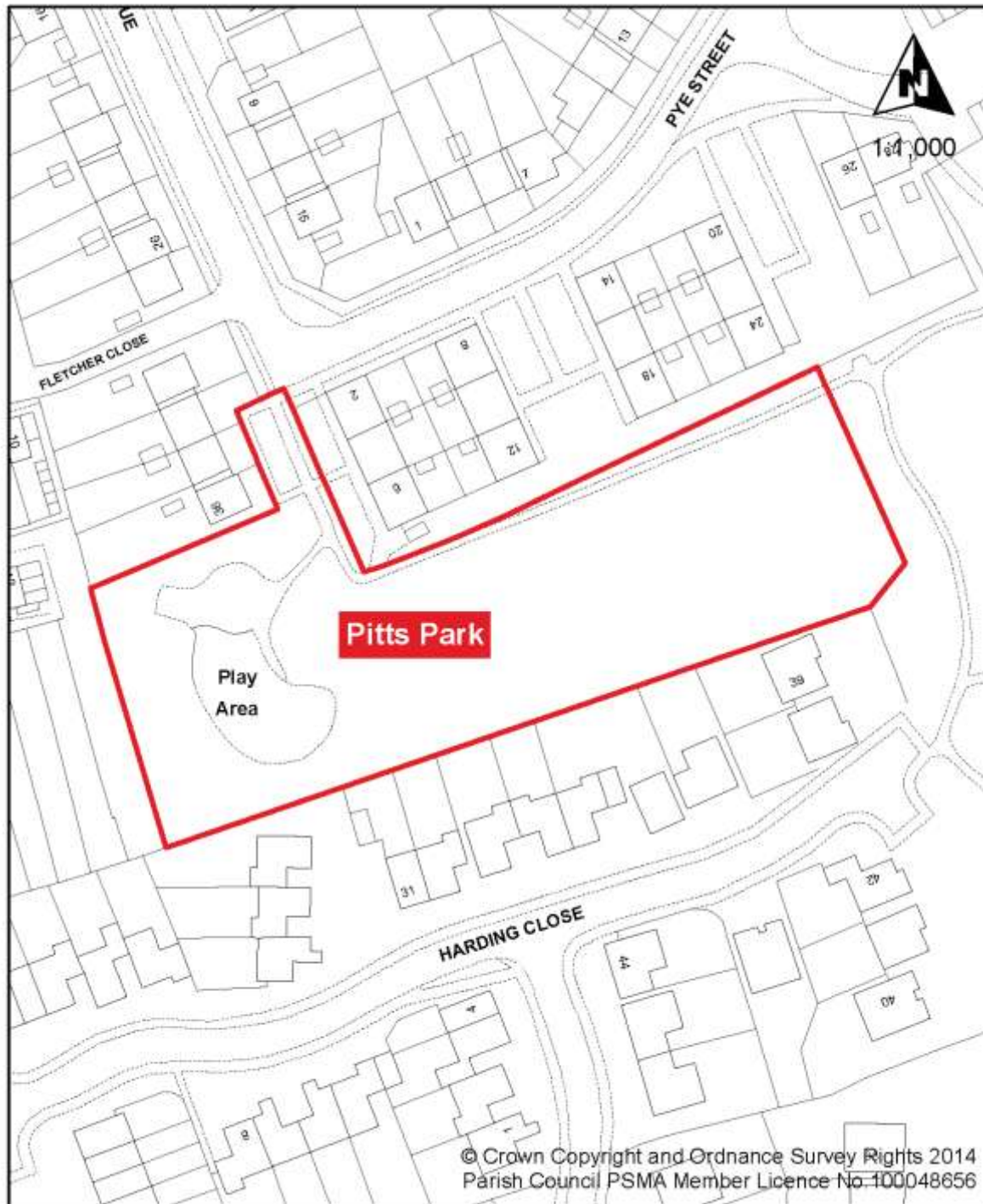


Figure PP1: Showing the boundary of Pitts Park.

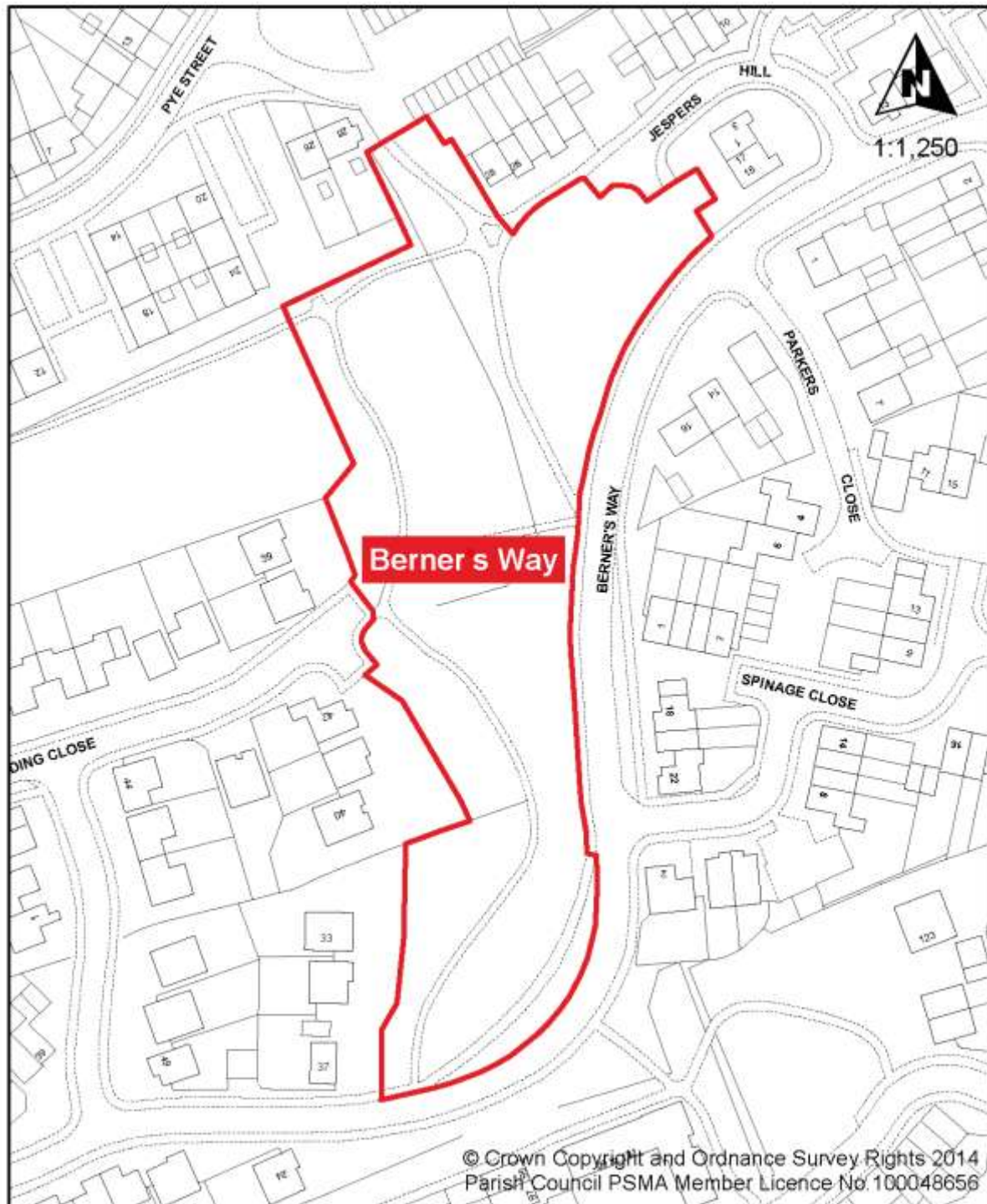


Figure PP1: Showing the boundary of the green space in Berners Way.