

8. Marlborough Gardens Play Area: Policy 4.10D h)

The site, which comprises an area of ~0.6 ha, is located at grid reference SU28562 94882; X = 428562, Y = 194882; Latitude = 51.652011, Longitude = -1.5885522. Its boundary, shown in Figure MG1, is defined by the surrounding roads.

The site, which is part of the Marlborough Gardens development, 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. It is equipped with play equipment for use as a children's play area and. It is maintained by the Vale of White Horse District 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;*

Marlborough Gardens Play Area 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;*

Marlborough Gardens Play Area is open to the public and has been established as children's play area within living memory. It is well used, particularly by young children, and provides a safe play area in a built-up 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 ~0.6 ha, so it is not an extensive tract of land. It is local in character being surrounded by the Marlborough Gardens estate.

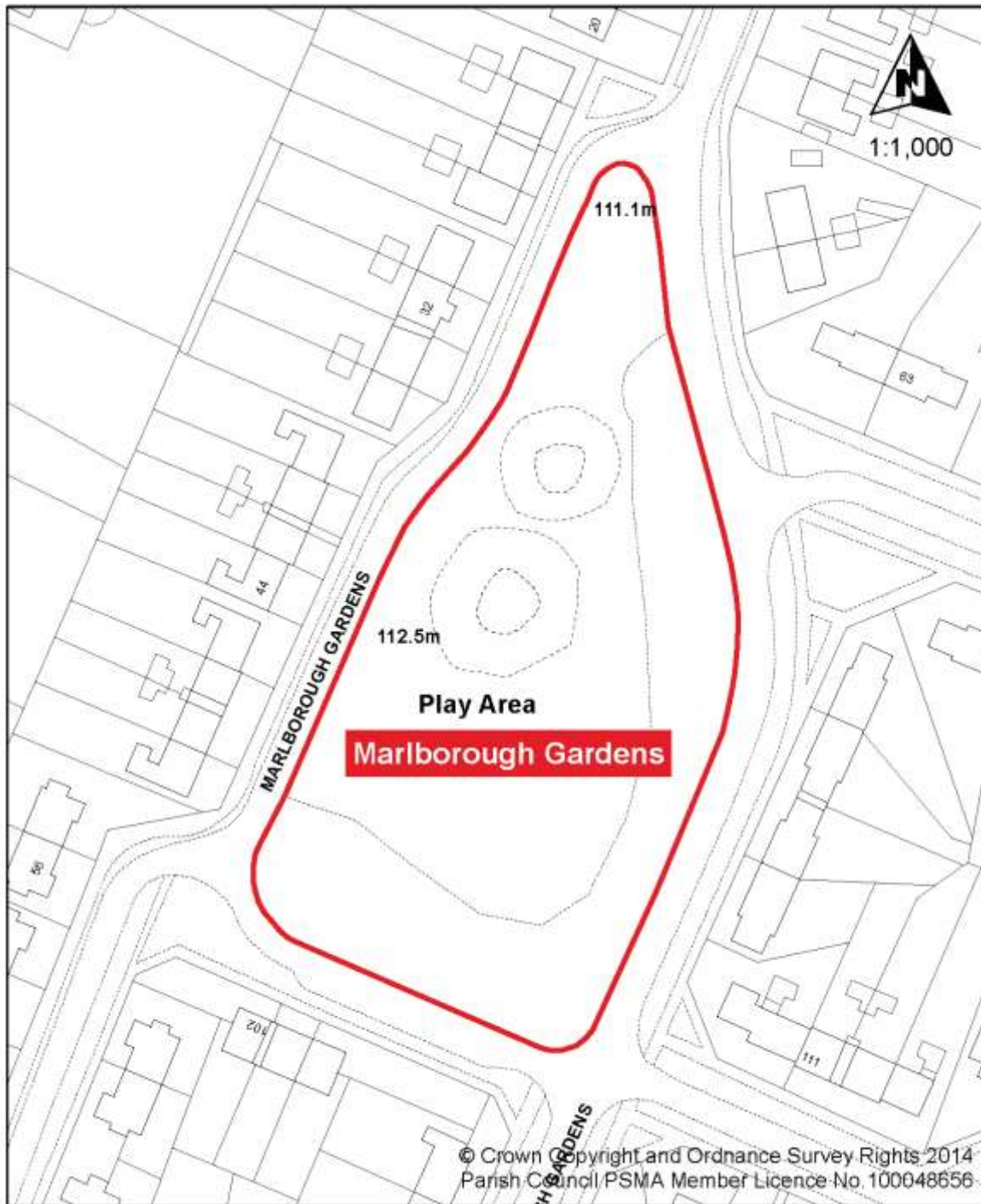


Figure MG1: Showing the boundary of the Marlborough Gardens play area.