

10. Volunteer Way Play Area and Open Space: Policy 4.10D j)

The site, which comprises an area of ~0.24 ha, is located at grid reference SU 29179 94887; X = 429179; Y = 194887; Latitude = 51.652018, Longitude = -1.5796292. Its boundary is shown in Figure VW1. The western and northern edges are bounded by Volunteer Way and Rawdon Way, respectively, with the eastern side bounded by hedging; the south is separated from a wild area by fencing. The play area itself is fenced off as shown.

The site, which is part of the Volunteer Way development, 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 an open space with the western edge equipped with play equipment as children's play area.

The justification is:

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

NPPF Criteria

The designation should only be used:

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

Volunteer Way Play Area and Open Space is immediately adjacent to the community it serves, see Neighbourhood Plan Figure 12. The next nearest play areas are Tucker Park, some 600 m distant, which also requires crossing a busy road, and Pitts Park about 750 m distant.

- *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;*

Volunteer Way Play Area and Open Space is open to the public and has established use as children's play area for. 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 approximately 0.24 ha, so it is not an extensive tract of land. It is local in character being adjacent to the Volunteer Way estate.

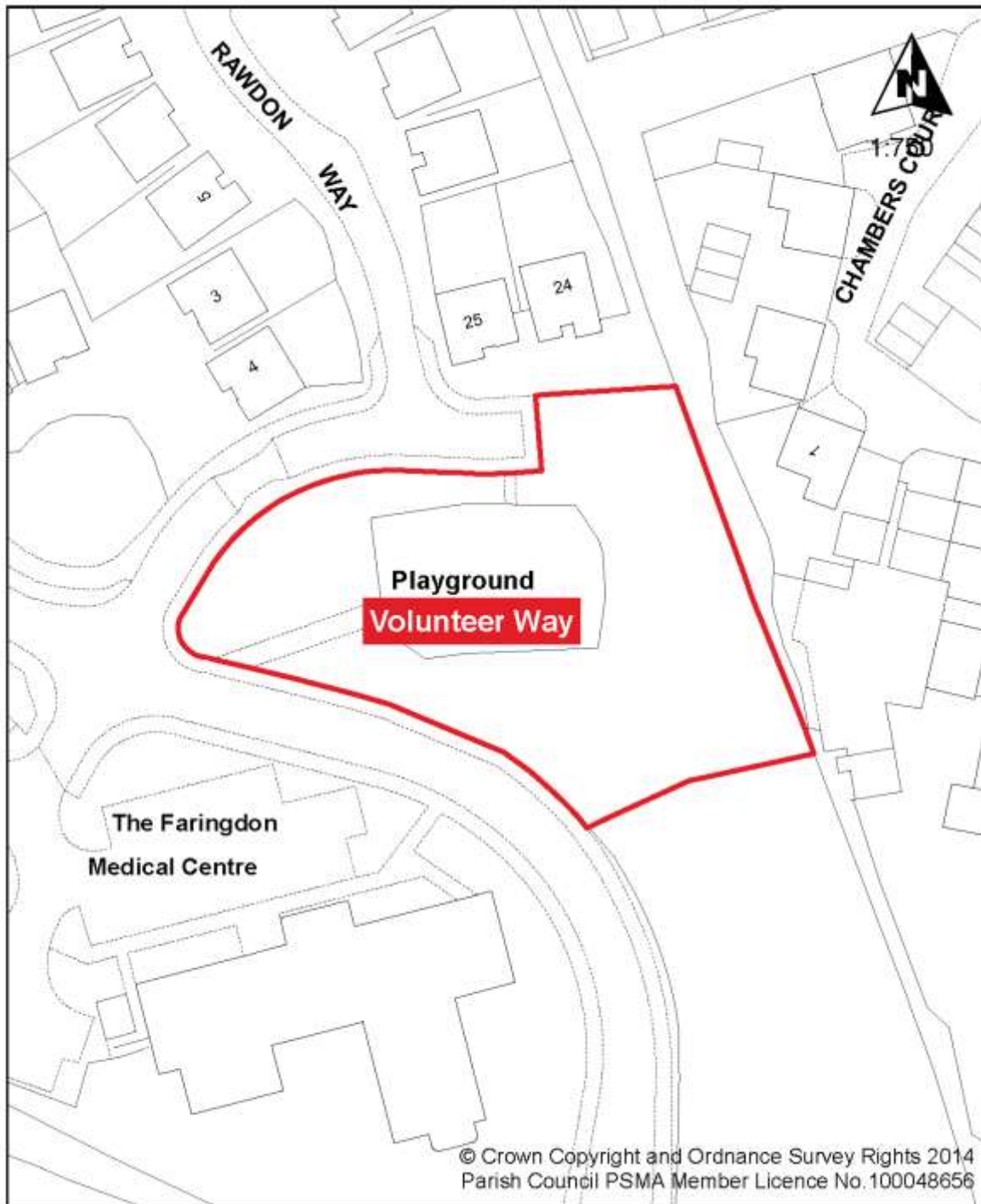


Figure VW1: Showing the boundary of the Volunteer Way play area.