

**Decision Notice ACVNF74 Curtis Wood Park, Curtis Wood, and Goldspots pond,
Herne.**

The nomination of Curtis Wood Park, Curtis Wood and Goldspots pond, Canterbury Lane, Herne, CT6 7TY, for inclusion in the List of Assets of Community Value was received on 2 May 2025, from Michele Nicholson, Parish Clerk, Herne Parish Council.

The authority for the decision on whether an asset is suitable for inclusion in the list has been formally delegated to me by elected members. I have consulted all relevant colleagues. The task is to establish whether:

- the nomination is from an organisation which is eligible to make the nomination, **and**
- in the council's opinion, the current use of the land furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, **and**
- in the council's opinion, it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

The site nominated is registered under title number K727825 – PROPRIETOR:
(18.06.1993): CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL of 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2UR.

Nomination - For the purposes of the Act the nomination must be made by a Community Body with a local connection. I am satisfied that Herne Parish Council is eligible to nominate.

Applying the legislative 'test' - The statutory test needs to be applied to the building marked on the enclosed map.

It is the council's opinion that Curtis Wood Park, Curtis Wood and Goldspots pond all enable an important part of the test. 'Social well-being and interests' are defined as being land and buildings that are currently, have been or will be used (in particular) for cultural, recreational or sporting interests.

In addition, there should be:

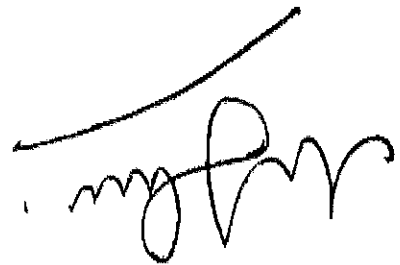
- a) Broad and inclusive use of the land or building(s) across the community, or
- b) Use by a section of the community that would not otherwise be provided for or is under-provided for in the locality e.g. elderly people, children, religious or cultural groups, sporting groups.

As the nomination states, these areas represent very important local green space for the community for exercise and social gatherings allowing the enhancement of social, physical and mental wellbeing.

The nomination also references the importance of this facility to the local school and local interest groups (eg the Friends of Herne and Broomfield Ponds and the Kentish Stour Countryside project).

It is reasonable to think that the areas of Curtis Wood Park, Curtis Wood and Goldspot ponds will continue to contribute to the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community in future.

Conclusion - In conclusion, the council's decision is that Curtis Wood Park, Curtis Wood and Goldspot ponds, Here, are registered as an Asset of Community Value and this information will be placed on the List of Community Assets, which is published on the council's website.



Bill Hicks, Director of Place