

**Open and Natural Spaces Description and Evidence for Proposed Open and Natural Spaces as shown in CNDP Map 3**

	Open Space Location	Boundary	Description and Purpose/type	Quality and Condition	Value and benefit to community	Other e.g statutory designations
ONS1	Field East Forewood Rise	Follow line of southern boundary of Broadfield and across field to eastern field boundary, then follow field boundary around	Arable farmland and important open view as specified in Landscape Assessment	Good quality arable farmland. Surrounded by hedgerows forming important wildlife corridors and habitat.	Important open view/landscape and rolling hill to maintain character of village and High Weald characteristic.	AONB; part of High Weald Character description as defined in the High Weald National Character Area profile doc (Natural England)
ONS2	Church Paddock	Field boundary	Open grazing field with some deciduous shaws. Important open view as defined by Landscape Assessment. PRoW through it. View of Historic Manor (SAM)and Church (Grade I tower)	Good condition, Regular grazing by sheep and cattle. Surrounded by hedgerows forming important wildlife corridors and habitat	Links with ONS1 to form important open view/landscape and rolling hill to maintain character of village and High Weald characteristic. Popular walking route allowing rural views of Church/Graveyard and Manor ruin.	AONB; part of High Weald Character description as defined in the High Weald National Character Area profile doc (Natural England)
ONS3	Field East of Station Road ( North of Proposed Housing Site CH1)	Includes the northern part of the field where Housing site CH1 is proposed. Taken boundary across from southern boundary of Bleu Hills to farm track, then	Arable farmland and important open view as specified in Landscape Assessment. PRoW through it.	Arable farmland in regular use with Rackwell Wood (Ancient deciduous woodland) on Eastern edge. Surrounded by	Good view from PRoW to “historic “ centre of Village (Church and Manor ruin); Tranquil; Important open view/landscape and rolling hill to maintain	AONB; part of High Weald Character description as defined in the High Weald National Character Area profile doc (Natural England)

		entirety of field down to farm buildings		hedgerows forming important wildlife corridors and habitat	character of village and High Weald characteristic.	
ONS4	Cinderbrook (Field East of Forewood Lane/Station Road to Chapel Hill)	Boundary follows the Powdermill and Rackwell streams and is delineated by ProW Crowhurst 17a on the northern edge	Open grazing field with some deciduous shaws on South East boundary. Contains 2 important watercourses (Powdermill and Rackwell Streams); Part of the 1066 Country Walk runs across it.	Good condition, Regular grazing by sheep and cattle. Extensive hedgerows forming important wildlife corridors and habitat.	Extremely popular local walk but can get muddy at times. Can be used as an alternative pedestrian route to walking on road from Station Rd to Recreation Ground area. Good views of valley stretching from centre to Southern part of village. Tranquil and Rich in birdlife due to streams.	AONB; part of High Weald Character description as defined in the High Weald National Character Area profile doc (Natural England);
ONS5	Woodland East of Chapel Hill	Follow boundary of TPO380.	Deciduous woodland (PH) , bounded on North Eastern edge by Powdermill Stream. Links with ONS6 as a wildlife corridor, along with Powdermill Stream.	Developed and maintained as woodland to create a bio-diverse area and sanctuary for wildlife by landowner for over 50yrs.	Contains rich variety of wildlife. Habitat for bats that have been recorded roosting nearby (Sussex Wildlife Biodiversity report); Also for other mammals and birds. Woodland and stream both provide important wildlife corridors. Tranquil and beautiful.	AONB; Priority Habitat; Provides distinctive deciduous shaws along Chapel Hill and deciduous woodland. TPO380 covers the same area.
ONS6	Nightingale Woods (West	Bounded by Chapel	Substantial	Maintained as	Contains rich variety	Bounded by AONB on

	of Chapel Hill)	Hill, ProW Crowhurst 14, Royal Oak Lane and Ballard Hill	Deciduous woodland (PH)with some coniferous trees; links with GS7 as a wildlife corridor	woodland to create a bio-diverse area and sanctuary for wildlife by landowner for over 60yrs. Bounded on Western edge by Royal Oak Lane (an old Drivers road) and on Southern edge by Plough Lane twitten (a popular walking route)	of wildlife. Habitat for bats that have been recorded roosting nearby (Sussex Wildlife Biodiversity report); Also for other mammals and birds such as nightingales etc. Important wildlife corridor; Tranquil and Beautiful.	Northern edges. Deciduous woodland (Priority Habitat). Provides a “green lung” between 2 busy roads in village (Ballards Hill and Chapel Hill)
ONS7	Field South Woodland Way	Bounded by PRoW Crowhurst 15, Royal Oak Lane and then an east/west line from Royal Oak Lane to southern edge of Woodland Way development boundary.	Arable farmland and important open view. PRoW through it from Powdermill Stream to Royal Oak Lane. Hedgerows on several sides.	Arable farmland in regular use. PRoW used by community and others.	Tranquil and Beautiful. Path links Royal Oak Lane and Combe Valley Park to Southern part of village. Hedgerows provide important wildlife corridors in an otherwise open landscape.	Part of High Weald Character description as defined in the High Weald National Character Area profile doc (Natural England). Close to Combe Valley Countryside Park. Potential for archaeological significance as next to fieldwork carried out by ESCC (Bexhill to Hastings Link Road Field Collection Survey April 2007). In

						proposed extension to Strategic Gap.
ONS8	Manor Ruin	Boundary of Manor ruin	Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) adjacent to church in centre of village.	Reasonable but some issues of vandalism due to PROW running alongside. Privately maintained but overseen by relevant National bodies.	Tranquil; Beautiful; Historic and greatly valued by community.	SAM; AONB
ONS9	Forge Field	Bounded by Forewood Lane, Ballards Hill and the western edges of the fields.	Grazing fields and important view as specified in Landscape Assessment. Hedgerows on several sides and small woodland to North. Wildflower meadow included.	Good. In regular use as equestrian grazing with some sheep.	Tranquil; Important open view/landscape towards centre of village and rolling hills to maintain character of village and High Weald characteristic. Maintains rural nature of area.	AONB; Part of High Weald Character description as defined in the High Weald National Character Area profile doc (Natural England).
ONS10	Powdermill	Boundary of Powdermill	Garden of Powdermill (house with historic links to gunpowder industry) Sits alongside Powdermill Stream.	Well maintained garden and important wildlife corridor with some significant trees forming wildlife corridor between Station Road, Forewood Road and Chapel Hill	Tranquil and Beautiful site with historic value. Wildlife corridors link to GS6 and GS7 as well as gardens along Chapel Hill/Powdermill Stream.	AONB.

