

North Yorkshire Council

4 March 2025

Assessment of Assets of Community Value Nomination *NYCACV0056 Pinewoods, Harrogate*

Report to the Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To determine whether the Pinewoods, Harrogate should be placed on the Council's List of Assets of Community Value (ACVs) under the Localism Act 2011, following a valid nomination by The Pinewoods Conservation Group, a qualifying nominator.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The nomination is for the Pinewoods, Harrogate, From Crag Lane to Harlow Moor Road to Valley Gardens. The recommendation is that the Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager:

- (i) Determines that the nomination for the Pinewoods, Harrogate is successful and meets the definition of community value as detailed in the Localism Act 2011
- (ii) It should be placed on the North Yorkshire Council Assets of Community Value List of Successful Nominations

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to consider all valid nominations for properties and/or land to be placed on the List of Assets of Community Value. This is also known as the 'community right to bid'. Land or property considered of community value can be nominated by a voluntary or community body that complies with regulation 5.

3.2 When a listed asset comes up for sale, an ACV is subject to a protected period (moratorium) during which a community interest group bid for the asset. The purpose is to create a "window of opportunity" to secure funding and bid for the property on the open market. The owner is not obliged to accept a bid from a community interest group and can sell to whomever they choose at the end of the moratorium period.

3.3 The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 provide a mechanism for the owner of land listed as an ACV to request an internal review and also appeal to the first-tier tribunal against the listing. Although first-tier tribunal decisions are not binding precedents any appeal decisions provide judicial guidance to the operation of the legislation. The guidance provided by these decisions is becoming increasingly useful to local authorities in the assessment of Assets of Community Value nominations.

- 3.4 Private owners may claim compensation from the Council for loss and expenses incurred through their property being listed. More details are provided in the 2012 Regulations.
- 3.5 This report ensures that the Council considers the nomination for the Pinewoods, Harrogate, as required by the Act.
- 3.6 A decision on the matter will be made by the Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager under the approved Assistant Chief Executive Local Engagement's Scheme of Sub-delegation.

4.0 NOMINATION CONSIDERATION

a) Description of asset

- 4.1 The Pinewoods is about 96 acres of semi-natural woodland located about 1km south-west of the centre of Harrogate. The population of the Harrogate and Knaresborough parliamentary constituency based on the most recent Census data from 2021 was 98,000.
- 4.2 There is access via tarmac footpaths from Harrogate town centre, where there are good road and public transport links. Parking is available near the site. The site contains numerous footpaths which are accessible from Crag Lane, Harlow Moor Road, Harlow Moor Drive and through the Valley Gardens public park, which adjoins Pinewoods. Some of the footpaths are suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
- 4.3 The site offers informal recreational areas and sites of conservational interest. There is a woodland management plan 2017 - 2027 published by Harrogate Borough Council, this states; "The original pines located at the site were planted in 1796 as part of the 'Kings Plantation' and covering some 6 acres in area. The land was purchased from the Earl of Harewood by the 'Corporation' in 1898. Since the purchase extensive planting has taken place to enlarge the woodland to what is seen today. There can be little doubt that the once open moor has been considerably changed by the planting policy, and although this has greatly increased the area and diversity of the original site, parts of the woodland have changed little in the past century."

b) Previous Nominations and Listing (Harrogate Borough Council)

- 4.4 The Pinewoods Conservation Group originally nominated the Pinewoods on 11 January 2015 this was successful and the Pinewoods was listed on 4 March 2015. Listed property/land remains on the ACV Register for 5 years from the date listed. The Pinewoods was therefore removed from the list after the expiry of the existing listing (3 March 2020).
- 4.5 The Pinewoods Conservation Group submitted a second nomination for the Pinewoods on 22 January 2020. The second nomination included two additional sections of land from that in the original nomination. This nomination was successful and the Pinewoods was listed on 4 March 2020. Listed property/land remains on the list for 5 years from the date listed. The Pinewoods was therefore removed from the list after the expiry of the existing listing (3 March 2025).

4.6 There is nothing in the statutory regime to prevent a renewed nomination for listing on the expiry of a current listing. A valid nomination was received from the Pinewoods Conservation Group. The site nominated was exactly the same as the previous nomination. This nomination was validated on 7 January 2025 and the council had eight weeks in which to consider the nomination in accordance with the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 and a decision would be made no later than 4 March 2025.

c) Nomination and Validation (North Yorkshire Council)

4.7 The nomination to list the Pinewoods, Harrogate as an Asset of Community Value was received on 1 December 2024 and validated on 7 January 2025. A copy of the nomination form is attached at **APPENDIX A** and in accordance with the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 a decision is required by 4 March 2025. The nomination from The Pinewoods Conservation Group was accepted on the basis of the nominating group qualifying as a charity (Reg Charity No: 1097890) with a local connection under section 89(2)(b) of the Localism Act 2011. Details of the local connection to the land was confirmed through review of the charity's constitution.

4.8 It was established that the nominated site is owned by North Yorkshire Council (NYC).

4.9 It was established that the nominated site is managed by NYC and local volunteer groups, including the nominating group.

4.10 The nominating group confirmed that the boundary of the site nominated was exactly the same as the ACV listing that expired on 3 March 2025.

c) Site Visit

4.11 A site visit was undertaken on Friday 10 January at 10 am, with the following observations made:

- The Pinewoods footpaths were busy with many visitors of different ages, some walking dogs, this was despite poor conditions with thick ice and snow
- There were various signs with maps and information about the Pinewoods, including information about current activities organised by The Pinewoods Conservation Group
- Footpaths were level and, in good conditions, could be accessed by people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs
- There were areas of woodland and two open grassy areas, one with picnic benches
- There was bat boxes and stick houses in the woodland
- There was free on street carparking nearby and the site was within walking distance of Harrogate town centre and residential areas on the western side of the town
- There were no buildings or facilities at the site, such as public conveniences, commercial or community premises
- There were signs for a permissive bridleway route at the site

d) Community Value Consideration

4.12 In terms of making a decision on this matter, the nomination, together with any additional information received within the agreed timescale, has been used to assess if

the property/land nominated meets the definition of community value as detailed in the Localism Act 2011 (Section 88). As the nominated site is still in use, assessment is based on the conditions at Section 88 (1) and shown below:

“A building or other land in a local authority’s area is land of community value if in the opinion of the authority-

- (a) an actual current use of the building or land that is not an ancillary use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and,
- (b) it is realistic to think that there can continue to be a non-ancillary use of the building or land which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, although the use does not have to be the same.”

4.13 There are examples of public open spaces and woodland as having community use and assets have been listed on this basis by local authorities, including this site that has been listed as an ACV twice before. Each nomination is, however, assessed individually and it is for local authorities to determine whether each one meets the definition of community value as detailed in the Localism Act 2011.

5 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

5.1 In assessing the community value of the Pinewoods, Harrogate all information received has been considered.

Condition One

(a) an actual current use of the building or land that is not an ancillary use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community

I. Actual current use that is not an ancillary use

5.2 The actual uses were specified in the nomination and were typical of a public open space (woodland). The term “ancillary use” is not defined in the Act, and it is left to each local authority to determine. In the context of assessment, the frequency, regularity and whether uses are still in place have been identified as factors for consideration. It was thought that this condition meant that the community use had to be the primary use of the asset, but this was dispelled by Judge Warren in **Firoka (Oxford United Stadium) Limited v Oxford City Council** (9 May 2014) and the test is whether the use is significant, which does not require it to be the predominant use.

5.3 The woodland is managed by North Yorkshire Council and local volunteer groups. The nomination highlights the some of the contributions from The Pinewoods Conservation group and to date the group has “reinstated footpaths, erected fingerposts & information boards and provided a binocular to enhance the view of the Pinewoods panorama”. The nomination states that there are many current uses of the Pinewoods site, these uses significantly contribute to the social wellbeing of the Harrogate community by providing a place for recreation, environmental education, community events and the preservation of local wildlife. These uses are summarised below:

- Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG) continuously aim to enhance the woods by planting trees and bulbs and erect bird/bat boxes. The group encourage community participation in activities such as:
 - Tree planting
 - Habitat preservation
 - The maintenance of walking paths
- Local groups and the local authority frequently host community events at The Pinewoods such as:
 - Guided nature walks
 - Educational sessions
 - Seasonal celebrations.
- Schools and local educational groups use the Pinewoods for activities such as:
 - Outdoor learning opportunities
 - Nature walks:
 - Species identification
- Used for recreational activities such as:
 - Walking
 - Jogging
 - Cycling
 - Nature exploration

5.4 In reference to walking routes there are a number of NYC Public Rights of Way running through and around the Pinewoods. "A number of walks are available through and around the Pinewoods. The "Walking Englishman" has published an easy 1.5m walk that should take around 1 hour that takes in the best of what The Pinewoods has to offer."

5.5 The nomination did not provide detailed information about the frequency or regularity of use of the site. The consultation response from NYC Parks and Grounds (para. 6.5) and the site visit confirmed that the Pinewoods was a well-used woodland with a significant number of people using the site daily for recreational activities, particularly walking and dog-walking.

5.6 Information on the NYC website includes details about permanent orienteering courses in the Pinewoods. Supported by Claro Orienteering Club.

5.7 The consultation response from Planning confirmed that, from relevant planning policy documents, the nominated site was designated as local green space.

5.8 Considering the information provided by the nominating group at 5.3, there are a significant number of uses of the Pinewoods by a variety of community groups, schools and the local authority, as well as members of the public. This shows usage of the site by people of different age groups. The information available demonstrates that the site is well-used on a daily basis. ***There is therefore sufficient information provided to demonstrate significant actual use as a public open space (woodland) that are non-ancillary and therefore this criteria is met.***

II. Furthering social wellbeing or social interests

5.9 There are no clear definitions provided in the legislation as to what constitutes 'social wellbeing/interests' except that social interests can include 'cultural, recreational and sporting interests'. The nomination lists a number of community events (para. 5.3) and overall general recreational use and general conservationist interest. This is also supported by the existence of the public rights of ways paths (para. 5.4) that implies recreational use that can be considered as social wellbeing/interests.

5.10 The nomination states that the land hosts a number of activities (para. 5.3) that can further the social wellbeing of the local community and encourage increased usage and community involvement. Examples of this is detailed below:

- Tree planting, habitat preservation and maintaining walking paths provide recreational interests. The ability to provide this social interest was considered valuable because "this hands on engagement fosters a sense of responsibility towards nature and provides a peaceful environment for residents to appreciate the outdoors."
- Walking, jogging, cycling and nature exploration are all examples of how the Pinewoods is used for recreational activities. The nomination states "Its network of well-maintained paths allows individuals and families to engage in physical exercise and relaxation, contributing to their physical and mental well-being. Recreational spaces like these are crucial for promoting a healthy lifestyle, offering an accessible and free option for physical activity, stress relief, and outdoor enjoyment."
- Activities at the Pinewoods which represent recreational and cultural activities take place regularly. The nomination suggests "These events, may include guided nature walks, educational sessions, or seasonal celebrations, provide opportunities for residents to come together, fostering social cohesion. Such gatherings can help reduce social isolation, particularly for those who may find it difficult to engage in other public activities."
- The nomination highlights that the Pinewoods is used by schools and local educational groups to carry out cultural and recreational activities "Nature walks, species identification, and lessons on conservation practices help instil environmental values in young people, enriching their education and helping them develop a respect for nature."

5.11 North Yorkshire Council Parks and Ground commented that "there has been a further increase in community activity. The Pinewoods Conservation Group have added a regular Sunday working party on top of their existing activities, that began in the summer of 2024".

5.12 On visiting the site, it was evident that it was used by a large number of people from different demographics on a daily basis, for recreational and social activity

5.13 The nomination noted a range of social and community activities that were held at the Pinewoods that further social wellbeing and interests. It is noted that these activities can:

- Enhance education
- Bring people together
- Foster social cohesion
- Reduce social isolation
- Develop respect for nature
- Instil environmental values in young people
- Relieve stress
- Offer a free way to partake in physical activities

5.14 It is noted in the nomination and the NYC website that there were a number of local organisations use the site:

- Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG)
- Local schools
- The local authority (North Yorkshire Council)
- Claro Orienteering Club

5.15 The uses listed in paragraph 5.3 are identified as enhancing social wellbeing and social interests. Social interests can be broken down into cultural, recreational or sporting activities as described below:

- Tree planting – recreational activity
- Habitat preservation – recreational activity
- Maintaining walking paths– recreational activity
- Guided nature walks – recreational activity
- Educational sessions – cultural activity
- Seasonal celebrations – cultural activity
- Outdoor learning opportunities - cultural activity
- Nature walks - recreational activity
- Species identification
- Walking - sporting activity
- Jogging – sporting activity
- Cycling - sporting activity
- Nature exploration - recreational activity

5.16 The nomination noted that the site is “offering an accessible and free option for physical activities’, this includes accessible trails for people with disabilities. The NYC website notes the information boards available in the Pinewoods, “They highlight flora and fauna, events, paths, and points of interest.”

5.17 The actual uses of the site, listed at paragraph 5.3 provide varied examples of cultural, recreational and sporting interests. Internal consultation and a site visit confirmed the frequency of use and demographic as regular and varied. There is evidence of benefit for the whole community and a contribution to improve the social well-being of the Harrogate community. Evidence includes community uses such as use by local schools and local community groups.

5.18 It is recognised in the ACV regime that “social interests” includes in particular cultural, recreational and sporting interests. The nomination identifies a large number and variety, of frequent recreational and social interest uses. The evidence suggests The Pinewoods site plays a significant role in furthering the social interests and wellbeing of the local community through a variety of activities that foster environmental appreciation, recreation and social cohesion. ***The uses evidenced are therefore considered to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and this criteria is therefore met.***

III. Local Community

5.19 The nominating group, Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG), was formed in 2002 and became a charity in 2003. The groups aim is to “promote the maintenance and conservation of the environment within the Harrogate area and especially the area known as the Pinewoods, situated between the Valley Gardens and Harlow Carr Gardens”. The Pinewoods is an area of woodland that is approximately 1 square kilometre in size and located south-west of Harrogate Town Centre.

5.20 There is no definition or guidance as to what constitutes the ‘local community’. The judgement in **Pullan v Leeds City Council** (25 April 2016) was that, in relation to the Old Cock public house, the entire town of Otley was considered to be the local community.

5.21 In terms of local community there are references in the nomination including:

- The Pinewoods Conservation Group aims to “promote and encourage the conservation of the natural habitat of wildlife in the area and to advance the education of the public in the use of the woodlands by encouraging them to participate in the management of the woods”. PCG often arrange activities to encourage community participation.
- “The Pinewoods site frequently hosts community events, often organized by local groups or in collaboration with local authorities”.

5.22 No other evidence has been submitted from any other local community groups, businesses, organisations or residents in relation to the nomination.

5.23 North Yorkshire Council provides information about the Pinewoods on its website (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/leisure-tourism-and-culture/parks-play-areas-and-woodlands/parks-play-areas-and-woodlands/pinewoods-harrogate>). The information published by the council includes the history, tree species, location, access, orienteering, and noted that “the woodland is managed by us and local volunteer groups to try to balance the recreation and conservation aspects of the site itself.”

5.24 The nomination and information available demonstrate that the Pinewoods is well-used and highly valued by the local community of Harrogate, with local residents using the site frequently for recreational activities. The nominating group (Pinewoods Conservation Group) itself is a registered charity that is mainly focussed on preserving and enhancing the Pinewoods, and their work involves engaging with volunteers and local schools. The site is managed collaboratively by NYC and local volunteer groups. North Yorkshire Council publish information about the Pinewoods on their website and internal consultation confirmed community activity at the site is increasing.

5.25 ***Based on the significant level of information available it is reasonable to determine that the identification of the local community required by the legislation is the local community of Harrogate, including the Pinewoods Conservation Group, local volunteer groups, local schools and the local authority and this criteria is therefore met.***

(b) **CONDITION TWO** It is realistic to think that there can continue to be a non-ancillary use of the building or land which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, although the use does not have to be the same.

5.26 This criteria requires the realistic assessment that there can continue to be non-ancillary use of the building or land which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. It is therefore the assessment of whether the current uses identified can realistically continue that is required.

5.27 The test does not require the likely future use to be determined but rather to determine whether future community use is one of a number of realistic options (**Worthy Developments v Forest of Dean DC16 paragraphs 18 and 19**, 29 September 2014) The test is also not whether such future use is wholly unrealistic but whether it is realistic to think that there could be a relevant non-ancillary use in the next five years (**Judge Lane at paragraph 26 in General Conference of the New Church v Bristol CC supra**. 12 February 2015). It is common for nominations not to have a business plan put forward by those supporting the listing and judges have not regarded this as significant when considering whether future community use in the next five years is a realistic prospect.

5.28 In terms of realistic continued use the following information has been considered:

- The nominated site has been used by the residents of Harrogate for many years
- There is already substantial commitment and involvement of the Pinewoods Conservation Group in the maintenance and management of the area
- PCG stated that they want to ensure The Pinewoods in Harrogate “continues to further the social interests and well-being of the local community, future uses can build upon existing benefits while also adapting to new challenges, changing community needs, and innovative ways of engaging the public. Whether maintaining its current role or evolving into new uses”
- PCG do not own the site, it is owned by North Yorkshire Council
- There is ongoing discussions between the landowner (North Yorkshire Council) and Harrogate Spa Water relating to their bottling facility that borders the nomination site, this is linked to a planning application to build an extension of their facility into part of the nominated asset

5.29 The Pinewoods Management Plan runs from 2018-2028 implying that there is a significant long-term commitment from the Council and the Pinewoods Conservation Group to continued use. In the Management Plan there are also identified actions across the whole of the Pinewoods area until 2028 to maintain and develop its current usage.

5.30 The PCG included detailed information in their nomination about future plans:

- Environmental stewardship - expansion of conservation efforts and programmes. For example rewilding projects, tree planting campaigns or ‘citizen science’ projects.
- Education – “creating new, interactive educational programs. Collaborating with local schools, conservation groups, and environmental organizations to offer workshops, outdoor classrooms, and nature-themed courses could ensure that the local community, especially younger generations, remain engaged.”
- Further enhance recreational space to meet the evolving community needs by developing new trails the accommodate different fitness levels or activities.

- Investing in additional amenities such as “outdoor fitness stations or educational plaques along the trails, could create an even more engaging experience for users”
- Provide a wider range of community building activities such as “seasonal festivals, farmers' markets, art exhibitions, or outdoor theatre performances” or workshops on climate resilience.
- Encouraging local clubs, youth groups, or cultural organizations to host their own events would give people a sense of ownership over the space
- Incorporating sustainable tourism into the future use of The Pinewoods, managing eco-tourism initiatives, like guided nature tours or wildlife observation programs
- A small eco-friendly development of a visitor centre or educational workshops for tourists.
- Integration of specific wellness programs into regular use such as forest bathing, meditation sessions or guided therapeutic nature walks.
- “Partnering with local health services or charities to promote these nature-based therapies as part of a broader well-being strategy, offering tangible mental and emotional benefits to participant”
- Continuation of local engagement to ensure The Pinewoods evolve to suit local needs. To do this the nomination suggests “conducting regular surveys or holding public consultations”

5.31 Overall, the nomination suggests a large number of opportunities to further social wellbeing and interests in the community that are realistically achievable in the next five years. The PCG aim to maintain its current recreational and conservation roles and evolve to meet modern needs.

5.32 The landowner (North Yorkshire Council) raised no objections to the ACV nomination which was on the basis of the same site area as the previous successful ACV listing. NYC Property noted that there was the potential for a section of the nominated site to be considered for an extension to the Harrogate Spring Water site, subject to planning and Council approval, in coming years.

5.33 The section of the nominated site that is currently being considered by Planning for an extension, is owned by North Yorkshire Council, and the applicant is Harrogate Spring Water Ltd. The extension is to the rear of the applicant’s existing headquarters which is currently leased from North Yorkshire Council. Whilst the existing headquarters are not part of the site nominated as an ACV, or previously listed as an ACV, the area affected by the planning application for the extension is part of this nomination. As such, if the ACV nomination is successful, any agreement of a long-term lease or sale of the site by North Yorkshire Council, unless exempt, would need to satisfy the moratorium requirements of the Localism Act and ACV Regulations. This is also referred to at paragraphs 10.5 and 10.6, under Legal Implications.

5.34 In 2017 outline planning permission was granted for the extension of the existing bottling facility at Harrogate Spa Water into a section of the nominated site (Planning Reference: 16/05254/OUTMAJ). At the time of the nomination, there were two current planning applications on the site which were pending consideration:

- 20/01549/DISCON Approval of details required under Condition 12 (ecological mitigation and management scheme) of outline permission Ref: 16/05254/OUTMAJ for extension to existing bottling facility. PENDING CONSIDERATION
- 20/01539/REMAJ REVISED AND ADDITIONAL PLANS AND INFORMATION RECEIVED OCTOBER 2024: Reserved Matters Application for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the extension to existing bottling facility pursuant to outline application 16/05254/OUTMAJ. PENDING CONSIDERATION

5.35 The NYC Planning Service had no objections to make on the property being designated as an Asset of Community Value. There were some planning constraints and planning history cases associated with this site see Planning comments at paragraph 6.2.

5.36 There was another application for a larger extension submitted in 2020. Does this successful application and pending decisions about detailed plans indicate that there can no longer continue to be a use that will further the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community? It was suggested in ***Punch Partnerships v Wyre BC supra at paragraph 17*** that if a proposed planning application was successful and planning permission was granted for a retail unit which would be built on part of the pub car park and grassed area then that would be a justification for an application to have that land removed from an ACV list. The Judge did not say whether the removal should be triggered because of the grant of the planning permission or the implementation of the planning permission.

5.37 The first planning permission granted has not been implemented therefore the area continues to have the same use. As there are current undetermined planning applications this indicates that any change of use would be subject to these determinations. In addition, the planning applications only relate to part of the site nominated as an ACV. In terms of Assets of community Value determination, the potential for a future planning decision cannot be taken into account and therefore it is realistic to consider that there can continue to be a use that will further the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community.

5.38 The test for this condition does not require the likely future use of the relevant building or site to be determined but rather to determine whether future community use is one of a number of realistic options. The test is also not whether such future use is wholly unrealistic but whether it is realistic to think that there could be a relevant non-ancillary use in the next five years.

5.39 In summary the Pinewoods site has been used for many years, there is a Management Plan in place that runs until 2028, and this is being delivered by the local authority in partnership with volunteer groups. There is substantial commitment and involvement of the Pinewoods Conservation Group in the maintenance and management of the area. PCG included detailed information in their nomination about future plans. There are

current, undetermined planning applications that affect an area of the site nominated, however the potential for a future planning decision cannot be taken into account. The nomination provided strong evidence of a variety of current community uses that further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and there is no reason to believe that these uses could not continue, therefore future use is one of a number of realistic options.

5.40 ***Based on the information available it is reasonable to determine that there can continue to be a non-ancillary use of the building or land which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, although the use does not have to be the same.***

a. Conclusion

5.41 The aim of Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act and the Assets of Community Value Regulations is to encourage community-focused, local-led action to save and take over assets which are significant to them. The scheme is intended to give communities the opportunity to identify assets of community value and have them listed and, when they are put up for sale, have more time to raise finance and prepare a bid for them. These assets could include the village shop, community centre or pub but assessment is based on the evidence submitted and it is for the local authority to determine each nomination.

5.42 A valid nomination to register the Pinewoods, Harrogate as an Asset of Community Value was received for assessment. The assessment is whether the details within the nomination, together with any additional information received, satisfy the two criteria as detailed in the Localism Act 2011(Section 88) see below:

Condition one - There is an actual current use of the building or land that is not an ancillary use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community

(See paragraphs 5.2 - 5.25)

5.43 The information provided demonstrates significant actual uses of the Pinewoods, Ripley, that are non-ancillary, and further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. ***This Condition is therefore met***

Condition Two - It is realistic to think that there can continue to be a non-ancillary use of the building or land which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, although the use does not have to be the same

(See paragraphs 5.26 - 5.40)

5.44 Future community use is one of a number of realistic options. It is therefore reasonable to determine that there can continue to be non-ancillary use of the building or land which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, noting that the use does not have to be the same as existing uses. ***This Condition is therefore met.***

5.45 The evidence demonstrates that the nomination meets the definition of community value as detailed in the Localism Act 2011. It is therefore recommended that the

Pinewoods, Harrogate is listed as an Asset of Community Value and placed on the North Yorkshire Council List of Successful Nominations.

- 5.46 The Council must keep the list under review and remove assets as soon as practicable considering any circumstances that may change the opinion that land/property listed is of community value.

6.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

6.1 Consultation about the nomination was undertaken with the following NYC services and the Local Councillor:

- Planning
- Land Charges
- Property
- Parks and Grounds
- Environmental Protection
- Community Safety/CCTV
- Licensing
- Local Councillor

PLANNING

6.2 The Planning service were consulted and made the following comments:

CONSTRAINTS

ASC Area of Special Control
DEVLIM Within Development Limit
SLA Special Landscape Area
ACV Assets of Community Value
LCA Landscape Character Assessment
LPA Local Plan Allocations

RELEVANT POLICY:

The adopted development plan (ADP) for this application site is the Harrogate District Local Plan 2014 - 2035 adopted 2020.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

16/05254/OUTMAJ Outline application for the extension to existing bottling facility and associated works with access considered. PERMITTED 10.05.2017

20/01549/DISCON Approval of details required under Condition 12 (ecological mitigation and management scheme) of outline permission Ref 16/05254/OUTMAJ for extension to existing bottling facility. PENDING CONSIDERATION

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appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the extension to existing bottling facility pursuant to outline application 16/05254/OUTMAJ. PENDING CONSIDERATION

PLANNING OFFICER COMMENTS

The site sits outside of the Harrogate Conservation area, between Harlow Carr and Valley Gardens. Policies listed within the Harrogate District Local Plan 2014-2025 (adopted 2020) would apply to the subject site and is designated as 'Local Green Space' within the aforementioned document.

There are 2 active planning applications on the site (20/01549/DISCON and 20/01539/REMMAJ) which are pending consideration.

Records appear to show the site was first listed as an Asset of Community Value in March 2015, this expired in March 2020 and was relisted in March 2020 with an expiration date of March 2025.

LAND CHARGES

6.3 The Local Land Charges team were consulted and confirmed the following from the Land Charges register:

- Area of Special Control of Adverts
- Smoke Control area
- Asset of Community Value
- The area is adjacent to but not within the Conservation Area.
- There are adjacent Tree Protection Orders
- Planning history (see comments above from Planning)

PROPERTY

6.4 Comments from Property were that there was no objection to the ACV nomination which was on the basis of the same site area as the previous ACV listing. Property noted that there was the potential for a section of the nominated site to be considered for an extension to the Harrogate Spring Water site, subject to planning and Council approval, in coming years.

PARKS AND GROUNDS

6.5 The following response was provided by Parks and Grounds:

"Pinewoods is a semi-natural woodland of approximately 1 square kilometre in size (96 acres) and located one kilometre southwest of the town centre and on the western aspect of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

This application is to further extend the current Asset of Community Value designation that expires in March 2025. There are no material changes to the application but there has been a further increase in community activity. The Pinewoods Conservation Group have added a regular Sunday working party on top of their existing activities, that began in the summer of 2024.

The site provides informal recreational areas and sites of local and general conservational interest. As such, the woodland is managed by North Yorkshire Council in partnership with volunteer groups, so as to try to balance the recreation and conservation aspects of the site itself.

The land itself was purchased from the Earl of Harewood by the Corporation in 1898 and has since developed, both naturally and through the assistance of planting schemes, into a seminatural woodland of mixed native, deciduous, and evergreen species.

As well as being a key public footpath from Valley Gardens to Crag Lane and RHS Harlow Carr, the woods support a wide range of wildlife and is a key part of the Harrogate "Green Wedge". Nature cameras have been installed and continue to capture the various wildlife. The land also hosts a number of events each year to encourage increased usage and community involvement. Events have included:

- Pinewoods Open Day
- Nature walks
- Bird spotting
- Adventure trails
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Halloween Walks
- Summer events including, Pinewoods Doors (fairy doors), and Pinewoods Rocks (painted rocks).

In recent years seating has been added to the Irongate Field area that has been enjoyed by many picnicking families. Increased efforts have been undertaken by the community to remove invasive species with wildflowers.

In conclusion the woods remain a key community asset and should be preserved for future generations."

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

6.6 There were no objections or comments from Environmental Protection about the nomination.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CCTV

6.7 The Community Safety team confirmed they has in past supported and worked with the Nominating Group on general community safety issues linked to antisocial behaviour, damage, fire setting, rough sleeping etc.

LICENSING

6.8 Licensing confirmed that the site was not a licensed premises of North Yorkshire Council. The nominated site had used the Licensing service in the past for a number of Temporary Event Notices. The Licensing service confirmed that during the use of the

Temporary Event Notices there was no concerns raised over the events or how they were run.

LOCAL COUNCILLOR

6.9 The Local Councillor was notified of the nomination, no comments were received.

7.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None. Not to consider the nomination for the Hotel de Ville, Ripley would not fulfil the Council's responsibilities required by the Localism Act 2011 and The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012.

8.0 IMPACT ON OTHER SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS

8.1 If successful, the fact that land/property is listed as an Asset of Community Value may be taken into account as a material consideration for any future planning application.

9.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 If the decision is to list the property, the owner can make a claim for compensation for which the Council is liable

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 If the property is placed on the List of Successful Nominations all parties will be advised of the outcome of the decision, and the council's reasoning for it.

10.2 The owner will be advised of the implications of the listing, and the right to seek a review of the council's decision. This is required to be within 8 weeks of the decision

10.3 The listing will be registered as a Local Land Charge against the property/land and an application made to the Land Registry to enter details on the title to the property/land

10.4 If the property/land is listed the council is required to apply to the Land Registry for entry of a restriction on the Land Register. This restriction will be in a form of wording in Schedule 4 to the Rules, as Form QQ. This is "No transfer or lease is to be registered without a certificate signed by a conveyancer that the transfer or lease did not contravene section 95(1) of the Localism Act 2011". An owner of previously unregistered listed land, who applies to the Land Registry for first registration (or a mortgagee who applies for first registration on behalf of the owner), is required at the same time to apply for a restriction against their own title. The local authority is also required to apply to the Land Registry for cancellation of the restriction when it removes an asset from its list.

10.5 If the property/land is listed and the owner/leaseholder wishes to dispose of it, they must notify the council. Once this has taken place an interim moratorium period (6 weeks) will apply where disposal of the property may not take place (except if sold to a community interest group which can take place at any time). If, before the end of the interim moratorium period the council receives a written request from a community interest group to be treated as a potential bidder then a full moratorium period applies.

Disposal may then not take place within 6 months from the date the Council receives notification from the owner (except if sold to a community interest group).

10.6 The owner/leaseholder of the land is North Yorkshire Council.

10.7 When a listed asset is disposed of, and a new owner applies to the Land Registry to register change of ownership of a listed asset, they will therefore need to provide the Land Registry with a certificate from a conveyancer that the disposal (and any previous disposals if this is the first registration) did not contravene section 95(1) of the Localism Act (the moratorium requirements).

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no equalities implications.

12.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no climate change implications.

13.0 CONCLUSIONS

13.1 The owner and other parties will be informed of the decision.

14.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 The evidence demonstrates that the nomination for the Pinewoods, Harrogate meets the definition of community value as detailed in the Localism Act 2011.

15.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager:

- (iii) Determines that the nomination for the Pinewoods, Harrogate (NYCACV0056) is successful and meets the definition of community value as detailed in the Localism Act 2011
- (iv) It should be placed on the North Yorkshire Council Assets of Community Value List of Successful Nominations

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Nomination Form and Site Plan

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Localism Act 2011

The Assets of Community Value Regulations (England) 2012

Community Right to Bid: Non-statutory advice note for local authorities

Report to

Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager
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4 March 2025

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Website/references:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/2421/regulation/5/made>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/leisure-tourism-and-culture/parks-play-areas-and-woodlands/parks-play-areas-and-woodlands/pinewoods-harrogate>

<https://www.pinewoodsconservationgroup.org.uk/visit>

<https://pinewoodsconservationgroup.org.uk/docs/Constitution.pdf>

<https://pinewoodsconservationgroup.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf/Pinewoods%20Management%20Plan%20-%202018-2028.pdf>

Community Right to Bid: Assets of Community Value

Nomination Form

(Office use only) ACV Ref: _____

Section 1: About your organisation

1A. Contact Details

Please provide basic contact details for your organisation

Name of the organisation	The Pinewoods Conservation Group
Organisation postal address	████████████████████ ██████████ ██████
Organisation website	www.pinewoodsconservationgroup.org.uk
Named contact for the organisation	████████
Position of named contact within the organisation	Chair
Telephone number for named contact	██████████
Email address for named contact	██

1B. Organisation type

Please place an 'X' in the middle column against the appropriate organisation type

Organisation Type	X	Registration number of charity/company (if applicable)
<p>Parish Councils</p> <p>This may be for an asset in its own area, or in the neighbouring Parish Council area</p>		
<p>Neighbouring Parish Councils</p> <p>If the Parish Council borders an un-parished area, then they may nominate an asset within the neighbouring District Council or Unitary Council.</p>		
<p>Un-incorporated groups</p> <p>Nominations can be accepted from any un-incorporated group with membership of at least 21 local people who appear on the electoral roll within the local authority, or a neighbouring local authority. This will for instance enable nomination by a local group formed to try to save an asset, but which has not yet reached the stage of acquiring a formal charitable or corporate structure.</p> <p>Please complete additional form in Appendix 1 if this applies to you.</p>		
<p>Neighbourhood Forums</p> <p>There can only be one neighbourhood forum for an area and the way they are set up is clearly defined by the Council as a planning authority. The procedure for becoming a neighbourhood forum is set out in Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.</p> <p>Please complete additional form in Appendix 1 if this applies to you.</p>		
<p>Community interest groups with a local connection</p> <p>These must have one or more of the following structures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A charity • A community interest company • A company limited by guarantee that is non-profit distributing • An Industrial and Provident Society that is non-profit distributing/Community Benefit Society <p>Please complete additional form in Appendix 1 if this applies to you.</p>	X	Charity number: 1097890

1C. Local connection

Additionally, your organisation is required to have a local connection. This means that its activities are wholly or partly concerned with the administrative area of North Yorkshire or a neighbouring local authority. Please provide details about your organisation's local connection.

Details regarding local connection
<p>The Pinewoods Conservation Group based in Harrogate was formed in October 2002 and became a registered charity (Reg Charity No:1097890) on 30th January 2003. A copy of our constitution can be downloaded here.</p> <p>The group's aim is to promote the maintenance and conservation of the environment within the Harrogate area and especially the area known as the Pinewoods, situated between the Valley Gardens and Harlow Carr Gardens, and such other areas within Harrogate District which the charity may feel falls within its remit.</p> <p>We also work to promote and encourage the conservation of the natural habitat of wildlife in the area and to advance the education of the public in the use of the woodlands by encouraging them to participate in the management of the woods.</p> <p>To date we have reinstated footpaths, erected fingerposts & information boards and provided a binocular to enhance the view of the Pinewoods panorama.</p> <p>Our main work however is the continuous enhancement of the woods, planting trees and bulbs and erecting bird & bat boxes.</p>

Finally, please provide, if available, a copy of your organisation's rules/constitution. Please indicate which documents you intend to provide below by placing an 'X' against the relevant document type.

Type of document	X
Memorandum and Articles of Association (for a company)	
Trust Deed (for a trust)	
Constitution and/or rules (for other organisations)	X
Other	

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Section 2: About the asset

Section 2A: Basic details

Please provide basic details about the asset

Type of land/building (for example, pub, shop)	The Pinewoods is approximately 96 acres of semi-natural woodland, one kilometre south west of Harrogate town centre.
Name of the premises	The Pinewoods
Address of the premises	Harrogate HG2 0FH

In addition to the above information, please attach a clear plan which identifies the land/buildings you wish to nominate with a line drawn around the boundary of the area you wish to nominate. This could be a Title Plan from Land Registry, or any other map which gives us enough detail to identify the site.

Section 2B: Ownership

Please provide details about the asset's ownership, if it is known to you

Name of the owner	North Yorkshire Council
Address of the owner	Civic Centre St Lukes Avenue Harrogate HG1 2AE
Contact details for the owner	info@northyorks.gov.uk
Name of any other occupier	None
Name of any other person with an interest in the premises	None
Address of any other person with an interest in the premises	None
Contact details for any other person with an interest in the premises	None

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Section 2C: The premises as an Asset of Community Value

Please explain why you feel the land/premises meets the definition of an Asset of Community Value. Provide as much information as possible. Please note, it is likely that these comments will be shared with the asset owner.

ACV Definition

A building or other land in a local authority's area is considered land of community value if, in the opinion of the authority:

- (a) an actual current use of the building or other land – that is not an ancillary use – furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community; and
- (b) it is realistic to think that there can continue to be a non-ancillary use of the building or other land which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

If there is no current use:

- (c) The definition is extended to land which has furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community in the recent past, and which it is realistic to consider will do so again during the next five years.

How does the current main use of the building/land – or a use in the recent past – further the social interests or social well-being of the local community?

Please note this is request to extend ACV7 and ACV30.

The Pinewoods in Harrogate plays a significant role in furthering the social interests and well-being of the local community through a variety of activities and uses that foster environmental appreciation, recreation, and social cohesion.

1. **Environmental Preservation and Education**:

The Pinewoods serves as a natural green space that promotes environmental awareness and education. Local conservation efforts, often led by groups like the **Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG)**, encourage community participation in activities like tree planting, habitat preservation, and the maintenance of walking paths. This hands-on engagement fosters a sense of responsibility towards nature and provides a peaceful environment for residents to appreciate the outdoors.

2. **Recreational Use**:

The woodland is a popular destination for activities such as walking, jogging, cycling, and nature exploration. Its network of well-maintained paths allows individuals and families to engage in physical exercise and relaxation, contributing to their physical and mental well-being. Recreational spaces like these are crucial for promoting a healthy lifestyle, offering an accessible and free option for physical activity, stress relief, and outdoor enjoyment.

3. **Social Engagement and Community Events**:

The Pinewoods frequently hosts community events, often organized by local groups or in collaboration with local authorities. These events, which may include guided nature walks, educational sessions, or seasonal celebrations, provide opportunities for residents to come together, fostering social cohesion. Such gatherings can help reduce social isolation, particularly for those who may find it difficult to engage in other public activities.

4. **Biodiversity and Wildlife Protection**:

The preservation of the Pinewoods also contributes to the protection of local wildlife. The woods are home to various species of plants, birds, and small animals. Community efforts to preserve and protect this biodiversity further the collective interest in safeguarding local environmental resources. This type of ecological stewardship can strengthen the community's connection to their natural surroundings and increase pride in local heritage.

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How does the current main use of the building/land – or a use in the recent past – further the social interests or social well-being of the local community?

5. **Educational Resource:**

Schools and local educational groups sometimes use The Pinewoods for outdoor learning opportunities. Nature walks, species identification, and lessons on conservation practices help instill environmental values in young people, enriching their education and helping them develop a respect for nature.

In summary, the main uses of The Pinewoods contribute significantly to the social well-being of the Harrogate community by providing a place for recreation, environmental education, community events, and the preservation of local wildlife, all of which encourage social cohesion, physical health, and an appreciation of the natural environment.

Please explain how there can continue to be a main use of the building/land which will further the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community, whether or not this is in the same way as before.

To ensure that The Pinewoods in Harrogate continues to further the social interests and well-being of the local community, future uses can build upon existing benefits while also adapting to new challenges, changing community needs, and innovative ways of engaging the public. Whether maintaining its current role or evolving into new uses, The Pinewoods can remain a valuable resource by focusing on the following strategies:

1. **Continued Environmental Stewardship and Education:**

The Pinewoods can maintain its role as a hub for environmental preservation and education by expanding conservation efforts and creating new, interactive educational programs. Collaborating with local schools, conservation groups, and environmental organizations to offer workshops, outdoor classrooms, and nature-themed courses could ensure that the local community, especially younger generations, remain engaged. Additionally, expanding these programs to include topics like climate change, sustainable living, and biodiversity could keep the Pinewoods relevant in a modern context.

i.e. Organize community-driven rewilding projects, tree planting campaigns, or 'citizen science' projects where residents help monitor wildlife or collect ecological data. These initiatives would strengthen the community's relationship with nature while promoting environmental well-being.

2. **Enhancing Recreational Use:**

While the Pinewoods already serves as a recreational space, there are opportunities to enhance this use to meet evolving community needs. New trails could be developed to accommodate different fitness levels or activities (e.g., cycling, running, or accessible trails for people with disabilities). Investing in additional amenities, such as outdoor fitness stations or educational plaques along the trails, could create an even more engaging experience for users.

i.e. Consider introducing new recreational events, such as orienteering, forest yoga sessions, or outdoor fitness classes, to encourage more diverse use of the space. Such activities promote both physical health and community interaction.

3. **Community-Building Events and Social Spaces:**

The Pinewoods could host a wider range of community-building activities and events, both informal and organized. These might include seasonal festivals, farmers' markets, art exhibitions, or outdoor theatre performances, all of which create opportunities for residents to gather, connect, and build relationships.

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Please explain how there can continue to be a main use of the building/land which will further the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community, whether or not this is in the same way as before.

i.e. Encouraging local clubs, youth groups, or cultural organizations to host their own events would give people a sense of ownership over the space, further enhancing community engagement and belonging.

4. ****Sustainable Tourism and Economic Development****:

Incorporating sustainable tourism into the future use of The Pinewoods could both preserve the natural environment and promote local economic well-being. Carefully managed eco-tourism initiatives, like guided nature tours or wildlife observation programs, could attract visitors while educating them about the importance of conservation. This would not only benefit the local economy but also ensure that environmental sustainability remains a priority.

i.e. Small, eco-friendly developments, such as a nature visitor centre or educational workshops for tourists, could further The Pinewoods' mission of conservation and well-being without compromising its natural beauty.

5. ****Adapting to Climate and Environmental Changes****:

As environmental concerns like climate change and biodiversity loss become increasingly pressing, The Pinewoods can play a key role in building local resilience. The woodland could be adapted to mitigate the effects of these changes, such as by enhancing flood defenses through tree planting, promoting drought-resistant species, or establishing 'green corridors' to encourage wildlife migration and connectivity.

i.e. The community could engage in workshops on how to make their gardens or public spaces more climate-resilient, using The Pinewoods as a living example of these principles in action.

6. ****Well-being and Mental Health Initiatives****:

The Pinewoods' role in promoting mental health could be further emphasized by integrating specific wellness programs into its regular use. These might include "forest bathing" (shinrin-yoku), mindfulness meditation sessions, or guided therapeutic nature walks. These initiatives could be particularly valuable for vulnerable members of the community, such as those experiencing mental health challenges, loneliness, or social isolation.

i.e. Partnering with local health services or charities could promote these nature-based therapies as part of a broader well-being strategy, offering tangible mental and emotional benefits to participants.

7. ****Sustainability and Local Involvement****:

Continuing to involve the community in decision-making processes will ensure The Pinewoods evolves in ways that resonate with local needs. By conducting regular surveys or holding public consultations, community members can voice their ideas and priorities. This engagement strengthens the social fabric and ensures the space is relevant to a broad range of people.

Conclusion:

Whether by maintaining its current recreational and conservation roles or by evolving to meet modern needs, The Pinewoods can continue to foster social interests and well-being. By promoting environmental education, enhancing recreational opportunities, hosting community events, supporting mental health, and incorporating sustainability, it can remain a vital, cherished resource for the Harrogate community.

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If not currently used for the purposes listed above, is it realistic to think that within five years the building/land can be brought back into a use that furthers the social interests or wellbeing of the local community, whether or not in the same way as before?

Yes, it is realistic to think that The Pinewoods in Harrogate can be brought back into a use that furthers the social interests or well-being of the local community within five years, even if it is not currently fulfilling this role to the same extent as before. Several factors support this possibility:

1. Existing Infrastructure and Community Interest:

The Pinewoods already has a history of being used as a recreational and natural space. Even if its use has declined, much of the basic infrastructure, such as trails, green spaces, and natural habitats, likely remains intact. Local groups, such as the Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG), have a strong vested interest in maintaining the space, and these established organizations could act as catalysts for revitalization efforts.

i.e. Within five years, targeted investments in trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and infrastructure improvements could revitalize the woodland. If community interest is mobilized early, these efforts could happen relatively quickly.

2. Public Demand for Green Spaces:

Public demand for outdoor spaces has been rising, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, where people increasingly turned to nature for recreation and mental health benefits. With this shift in priorities, it's likely that the community would support efforts to reinvigorate The Pinewoods. The national trend toward outdoor well-being activities—like walking, cycling, or forest bathing—suggests a ready audience for such developments.

i.e. Local authorities and conservation groups can capitalize on this demand to gain public backing for any restoration or revitalization projects, potentially attracting volunteers, donations, or funding from government and environmental grants.

3. Funding and Grants:

Revitalizing The Pinewoods could be supported through grants aimed at environmental conservation, community well-being, and recreational infrastructure. The UK has various funds available for projects that encourage green spaces and environmental sustainability, such as the **Heritage Lottery Fund** or government-backed green recovery initiatives.

i.e. Partnerships with environmental charities, local councils, and private sponsors could bring in financial support for specific projects like trail restoration, wildlife conservation, and community events.

4. Volunteer and Community-Led Projects:

The strong tradition of community engagement and local conservation groups can be a driving force in restoring The Pinewoods. Volunteer-driven initiatives are effective ways to maintain momentum and sustain progress without large, ongoing costs. In many similar cases, passionate local volunteers contribute significant hours to maintaining trails, planting trees, and running educational programs.

i.e. Partnerships with schools, youth clubs, and other community organizations can make this a community-led project, fostering long-term support and involvement.

5. Flexible Revitalization Options:

A key factor in the potential revitalization of The Pinewoods is the flexibility of how it can be used to serve the community. Even if traditional uses (like simple walking trails) are not as popular, the space can be adapted to meet emerging social needs. For example, the growing focus on mental health and wellness could lead to initiatives like guided meditation walks, community fitness classes, or eco-therapy programs, all of which could be organized in collaboration with local health services or charities.

i.e. With five years to plan, the community and stakeholders could explore a variety of uses that range from enhanced recreational trails to social events, ensuring the space is accessible to a broad cross-section of the local population.

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If not currently used for the purposes listed above, is it realistic to think that within five years the building/land can be brought back into a use that furthers the social interests or wellbeing of the local community, whether or not in the same way as before?

6. ****Long-Term Environmental and Climate Goals****:

There is increasing awareness of the role that urban and semi-urban green spaces play in promoting biodiversity and mitigating climate change. By focusing on rewilding projects or habitat restoration, The Pinewoods could become part of broader local or national climate resilience strategies, which would attract both political support and public interest.

i.e. In five years, it's feasible that The Pinewoods could develop into a model of sustainable woodland management, helping address local concerns about climate change and urban expansion.

Conclusion:

It is realistic to believe that within five years, The Pinewoods could be brought back into active use in ways that further the social interests and well-being of the local community, even if it requires adapting to new needs. By leveraging existing community interest, securing funding, and introducing creative programming, The Pinewoods could evolve into a multifaceted space that supports recreation, education, environmental stewardship, and social engagement. With strategic planning, local partnerships, and community involvement, it is feasible that the woodland can thrive again as a valuable community asset.

Section 3: Checklist and Declaration

In addition to the form, please confirm any attachments if provided.

Document	X
Copy of organisation's constitution/rules/other	X
A clear plan defining the land/premises being nominated	X

Finally, in order to confirm that the information contained within this nomination form is correct and complete and that the required documents are attached, an appropriate authorised officer must sign the below declaration.

We can accept electronic signatures.

Full name	██████████
Signature	Via Email

Assets of Community Value nominations are coordinated by area-based teams, when complete, please return this form and any accompanying materials to the appropriate e-mail address below:

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Please retain a copy of this form for your records and should your circumstances or contact details change then please let the appropriate contact officer know.

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Appendix 1. For unincorporated groups and community interest groups

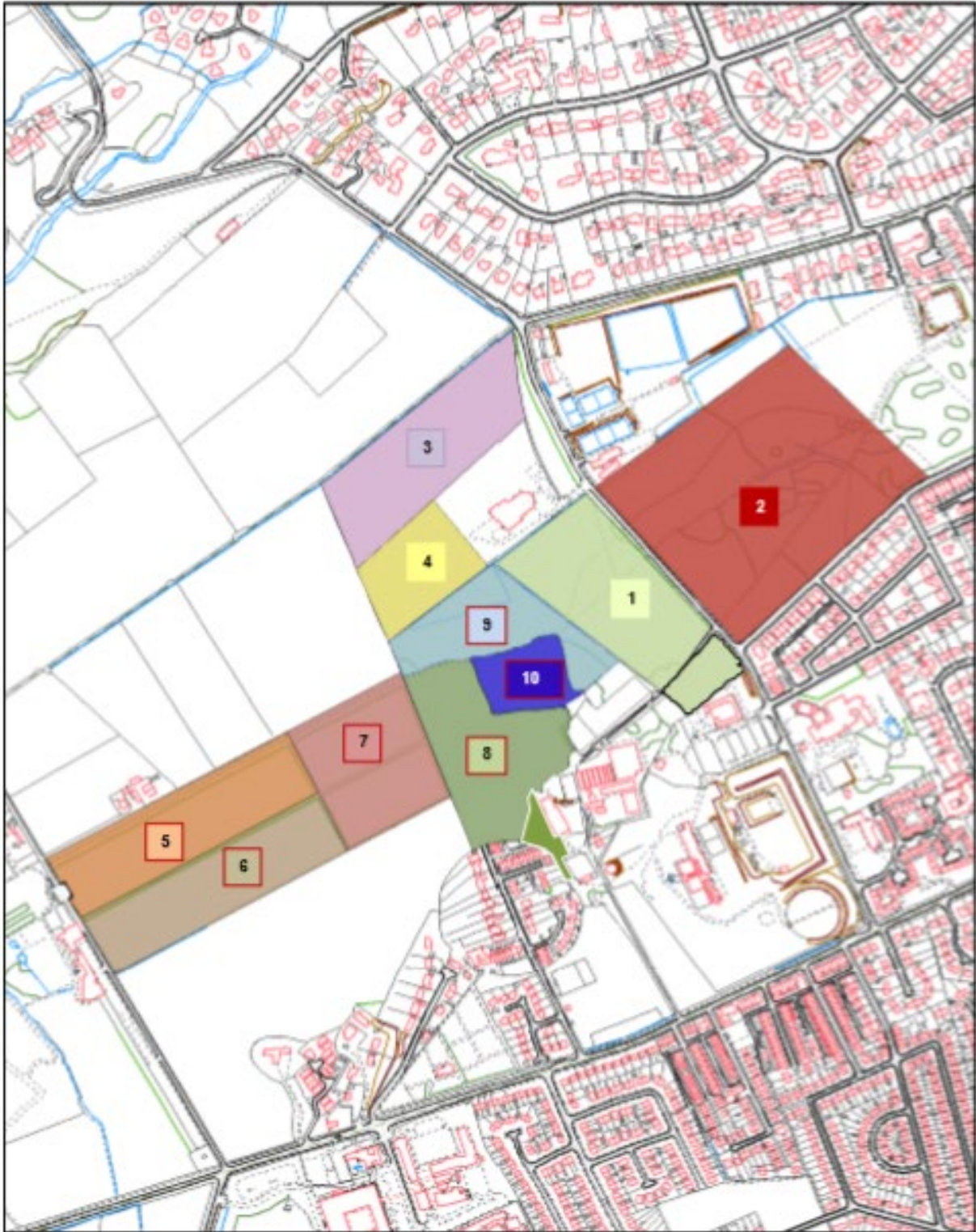
Please skip this section if you are a Parish Council

In the case of an unincorporated body, at least 21 of its individual members must be registered to vote locally in order to make an ACV nomination. Please confirm the names and addresses of these members with a signature. If they are registered to vote in the area of a neighbouring local authority, rather than in North Yorkshire, please confirm which area that is.

Member name	Member address	Signature

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The nominated site for NYC0056 has the same boundary as the previous successful nomination for the Pinewoods, Harrogate. The nominated site covers all the shaded areas in the plan above.

NYC0056 Pinewoods, Harrogate – Site Plan

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