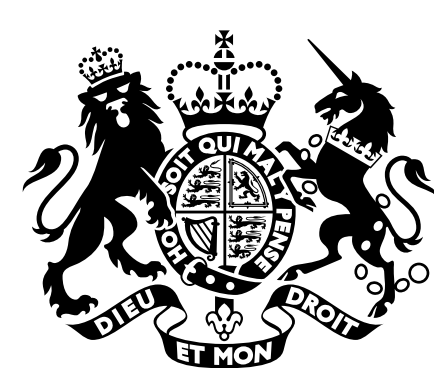




Why are we here?

Purpose of this event

We are taking a fresh look at how former military land in Chattenden, on the site known as Chattenden Barracks, can make a bigger contribution to the area, and we want to hear from you!

We are keen to get a detailed understanding of how the site can be developed, in consideration of what the local needs and aspirations are. We want you to share your knowledge and valuable understanding of the site and the wider Chattenden area.



INDICATIVE SITE BOUNDARY

Overview

The site is located in the heart of Chattenden, between the Lodge Hill Estate, Chattenden Lane, Kitchen Road and Lochat Road. Chattenden Barracks has been identified as an ‘Indicative Preferred Site HH3’ for a residential development in the emerging Medway Local Plan to 2041. We are seeking your views on the future of the former barracks site and improving the Lodge Hill Recreation Ground to the north.

Bringing the site back into use could benefit the whole community by making it possible to get around more easily, improving access to green space, contributing to new facilities and providing the quality homes that people need.

How are we taking your feedback on board?

Engaging with the local community will help shape our ideas for the former Chattenden Barracks site. Following this week’s events, we will take feedback on board as we continue to develop our proposals. We will return for a second round of events later in the spring, where you will have the opportunity to comment further on more detailed proposals. Later this year, we will submit an Outline Planning Application to Medway Council.

What is an Outline Planning Application?

An Outline Planning Application sets the principles of development, including the general arrangement of open space and development areas, access points, key streets and connections. The detailed layout of houses, streets and landscape will be submitted after the Outline Planning Application and are called ‘Reserved Matters’.

Feedback that you give us today will inform the Outline Planning Application.

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Why are we here?

About this engagement

We are committed to engaging with the local community to help shape our ideas for Chattenden Barracks to deliver a place people are proud to call home.

By actively listening and speaking to you, the people who live in, work in and visit the area, we want to make sure we understand the key considerations and how the redevelopment of the site can benefit the community. This will provide the opportunity to shape our proposals.



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HISTORIC RAILWAY
INFRASTRUCTURE AT
LODGE HILL, 1903

We are currently in Stage 1 of public engagement

Today

Meeting, greeting and listening. Site analysis and emerging ideas.

Spring 2025

Further engagement on updated proposals for Chattenden Barracks.

Summer 2025

Submission of an Outline Planning Application to Medway Council.

Who is Homes England?

Homes England is the government's homes and regeneration agency, working with partners to create neighbourhoods and grow sustainable communities to enable much needed homes for local people. We believe that quality and good design is essential for creating these sustainable communities.

We work in collaboration with Local Authorities and partners who share our ambition and vision to support the delivery of more homes and in securing wider benefits for both existing and future communities.

Homes England does not build homes itself but remains involved in sites until they are complete to ensure high standards are met by our selected development partners.



Come and chat to us!

Chattenden Barracks – Then and Now

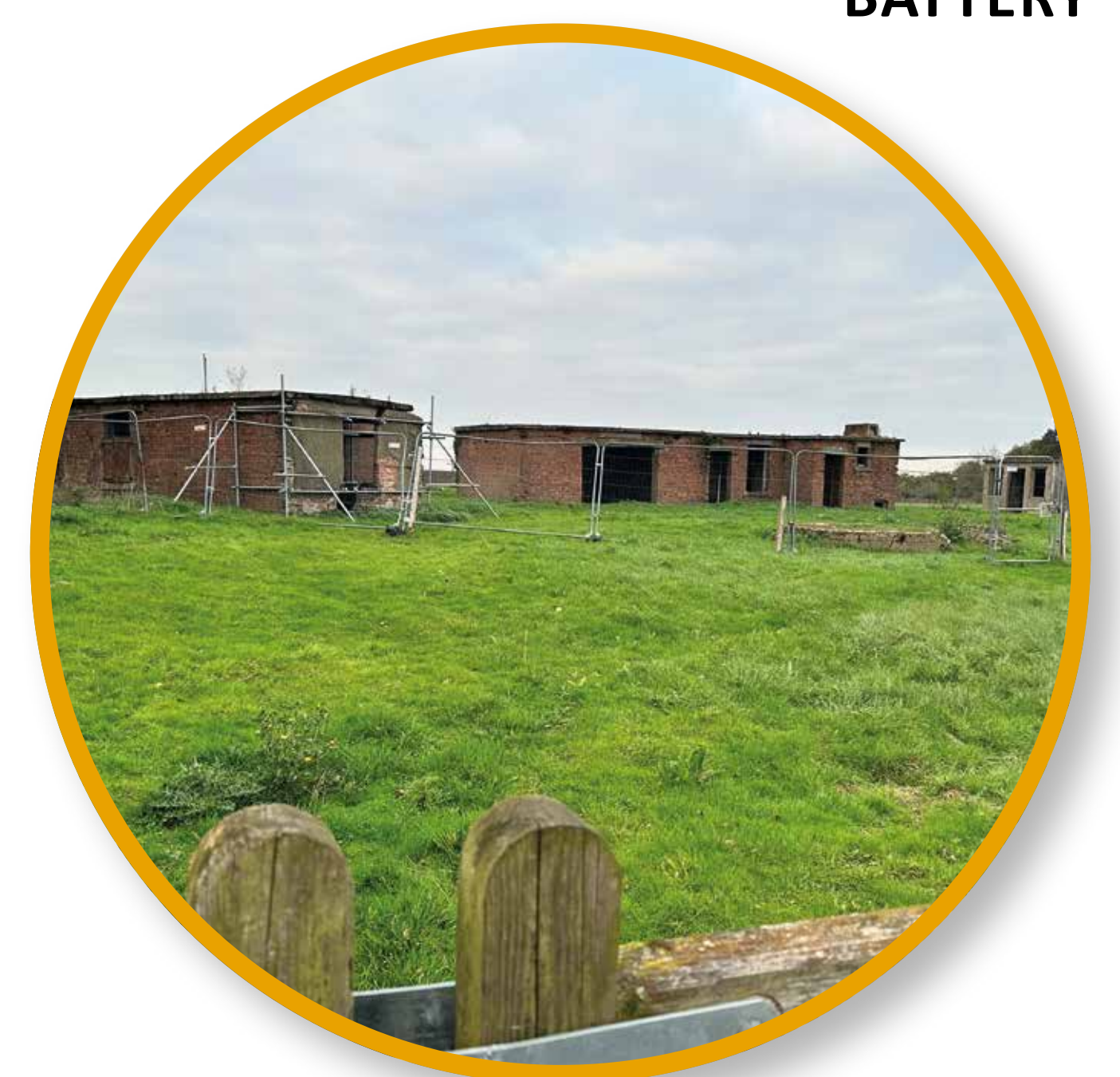
Chattenden Barracks is part of the former Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps. Although military training operations have now largely

ceased, it is well acknowledged that the built environment north of Chattenden Village has been shaped by the long established military use – it is recognised that the military played an important role in local life for a considerable period of time.

We also acknowledge the significant impact the loss of the military community had on the village, particularly on essential services and facilities.

You might be aware of the historic development proposals brought forward by a previous applicant across the wider Lodge Hill site which were subsequently withdrawn in 2017.

Since Homes England took ownership of the Lodge Hill and Chattenden Military Camps in 2018, consideration has been given as to where previously developed parts of the vacant site can be brought back into effective use. The Chattenden Barracks site was identified as being appropriate to bring forward for development and subsequently has been promoted through the emerging Medway Local Plan.



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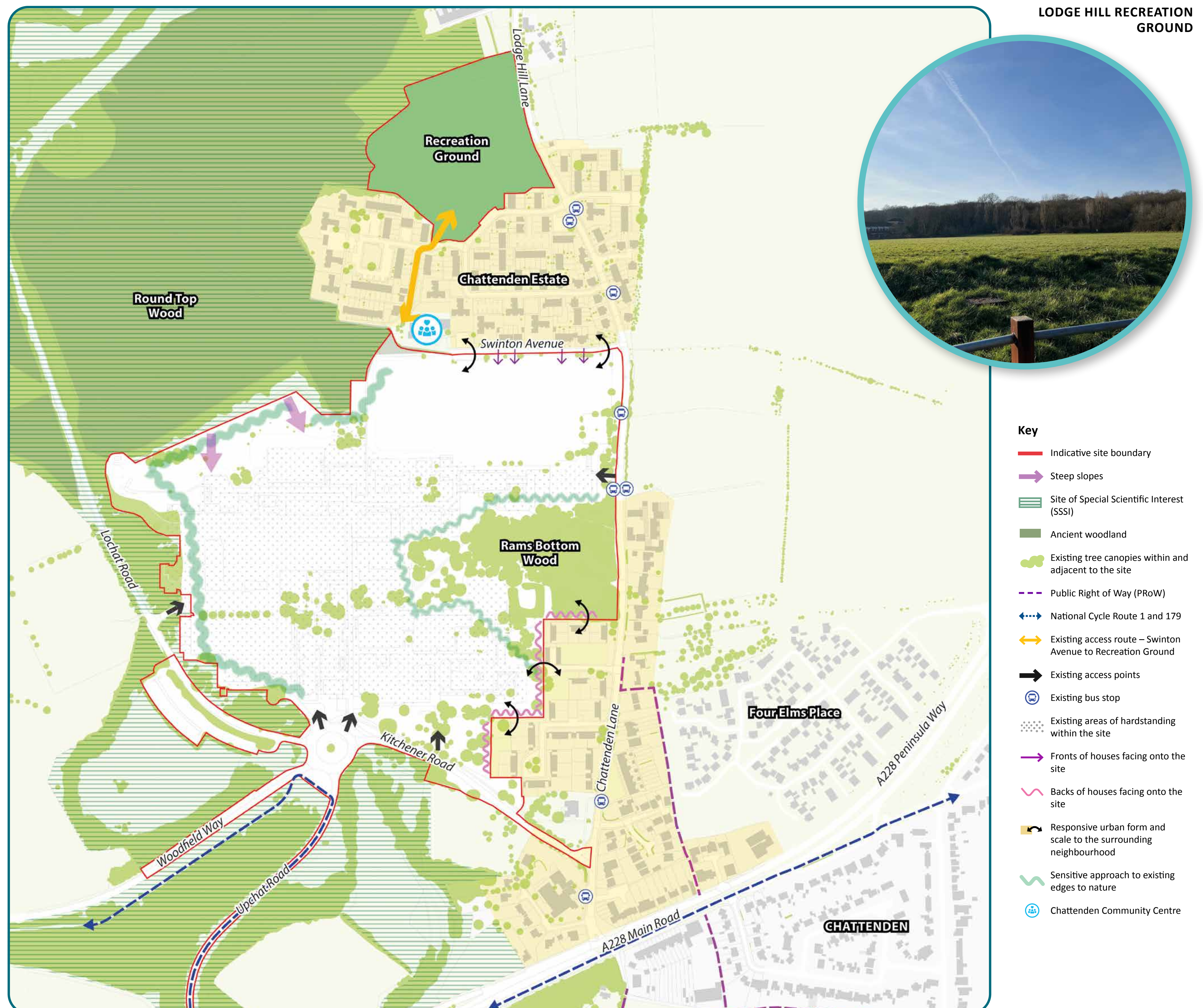
Site considerations

We have been progressing a thorough site considerations process which has involved the identification of key physical characteristics within the site and its boundaries, an understanding of planning designations and notable built features located adjacent to the site.

The Chattenden Barracks site is located outside of the Chattenden Woods and Lodge Hill Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The land directly to the north and west of the Chattenden Barracks site is within the SSSI and will need to be sensitively considered, in particular in relation to its notified features including Ancient Woodland and Nightingale habitat.

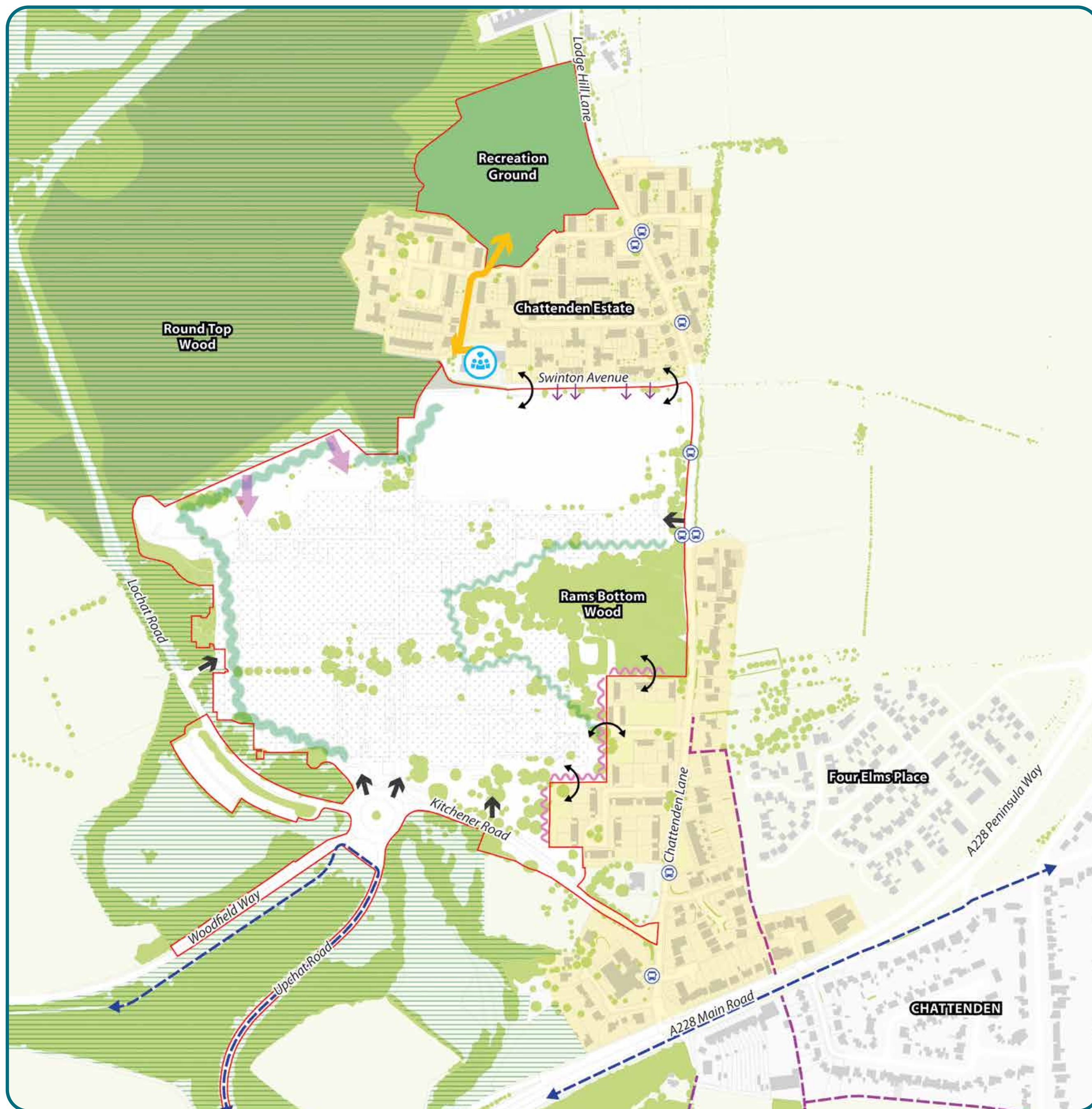
Whilst we are also aware that key matters around protecting existing local amenity, understanding infrastructure capacity, respecting ecology and how existing open space is being used are all important, we would be really keen to hear from you as to whether there are any additional key site features that we have not identified.





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- Key**
- Indicative site boundary
 - Steep slopes
 - Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
 - Ancient woodland
 - Existing tree canopies within and adjacent to the site
 - Public Right of Way (PRoW)
 - National Cycle Route 1 and 179
 - Existing access route – Swinton Avenue to Recreation Ground
 - Existing access points
 - Existing bus stop
 - Existing areas of hardstanding within the site
 - Fronts of houses facing onto the site
 - Backs of houses facing onto the site
 - Responsive urban form and scale to the surrounding neighbourhood
 - Sensitive approach to existing edges to nature
 - Chattenden Community Centre

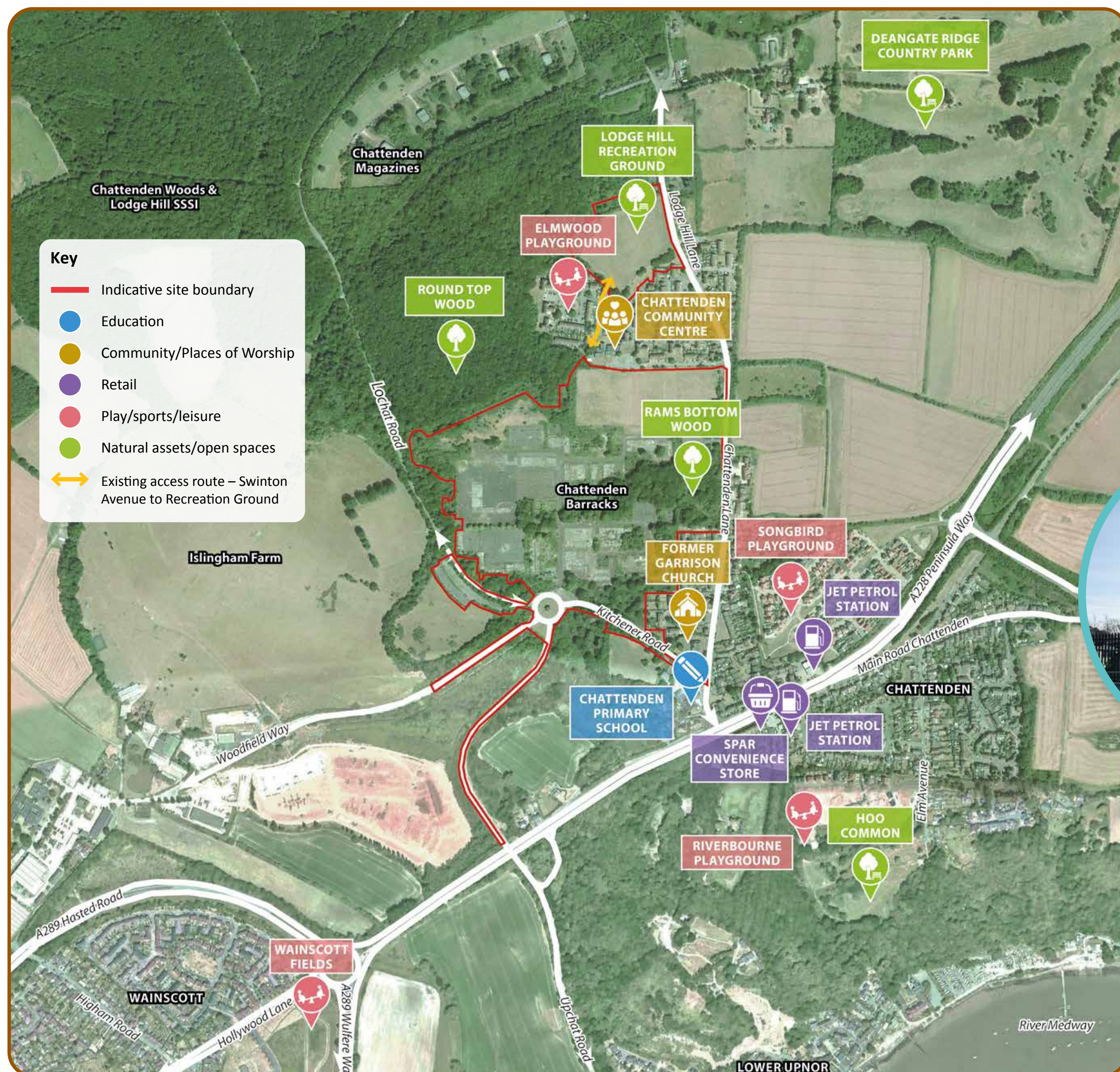
Are we missing anything?



Community and facilities

We are keen to understand how existing local facilities contribute to the feeling of community and wellbeing in Chattenden.

We would be particularly interested to hear your views on existing facilities in Chattenden.



**CHATTENDEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**LODGE HILL
RECREATION
GROUND**



**CHATTENDEN
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**



HOO SPORTS CENTRE

What local community facilities and services do you regularly use and what improvements or new facilities would you like to see?

How well do current local facilities and services meet your needs?

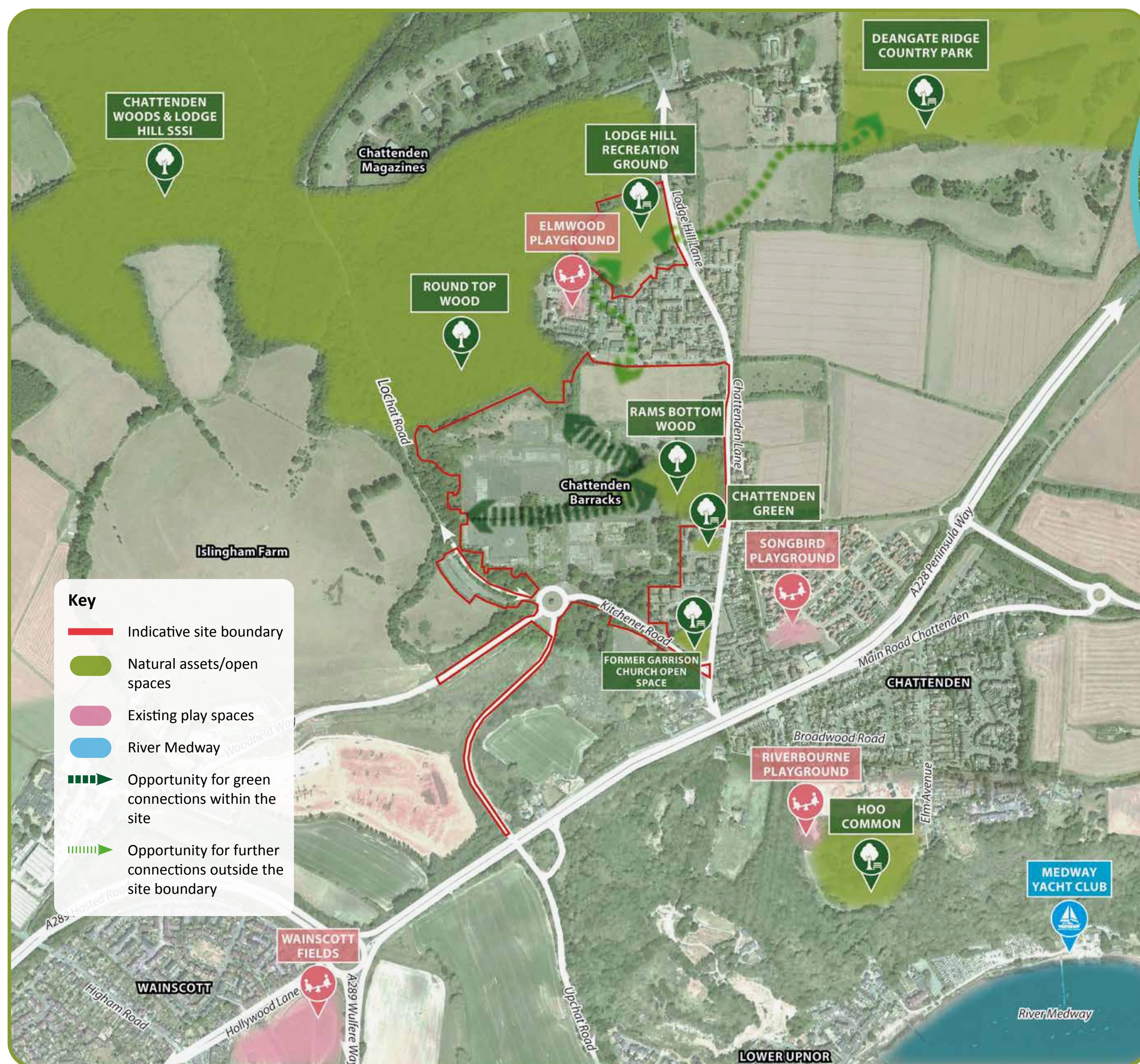
1	2	3	4	5

Not at all Very well

Green Spaces

Having access to green spaces on your doorstep is a key part of what makes Chattenden a unique place to live. We want to understand directly from you how you use local existing greenspace and how you would like to see existing and newly created greenspace being used in and around Chattenden Barracks.

We have already identified the Recreation Ground site to the north of the barracks as a key local green space and want to improve access to it as part of our proposals.



LODGE HILL
RECREATION
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What green spaces in Chattenden and the wider area do you like visiting?

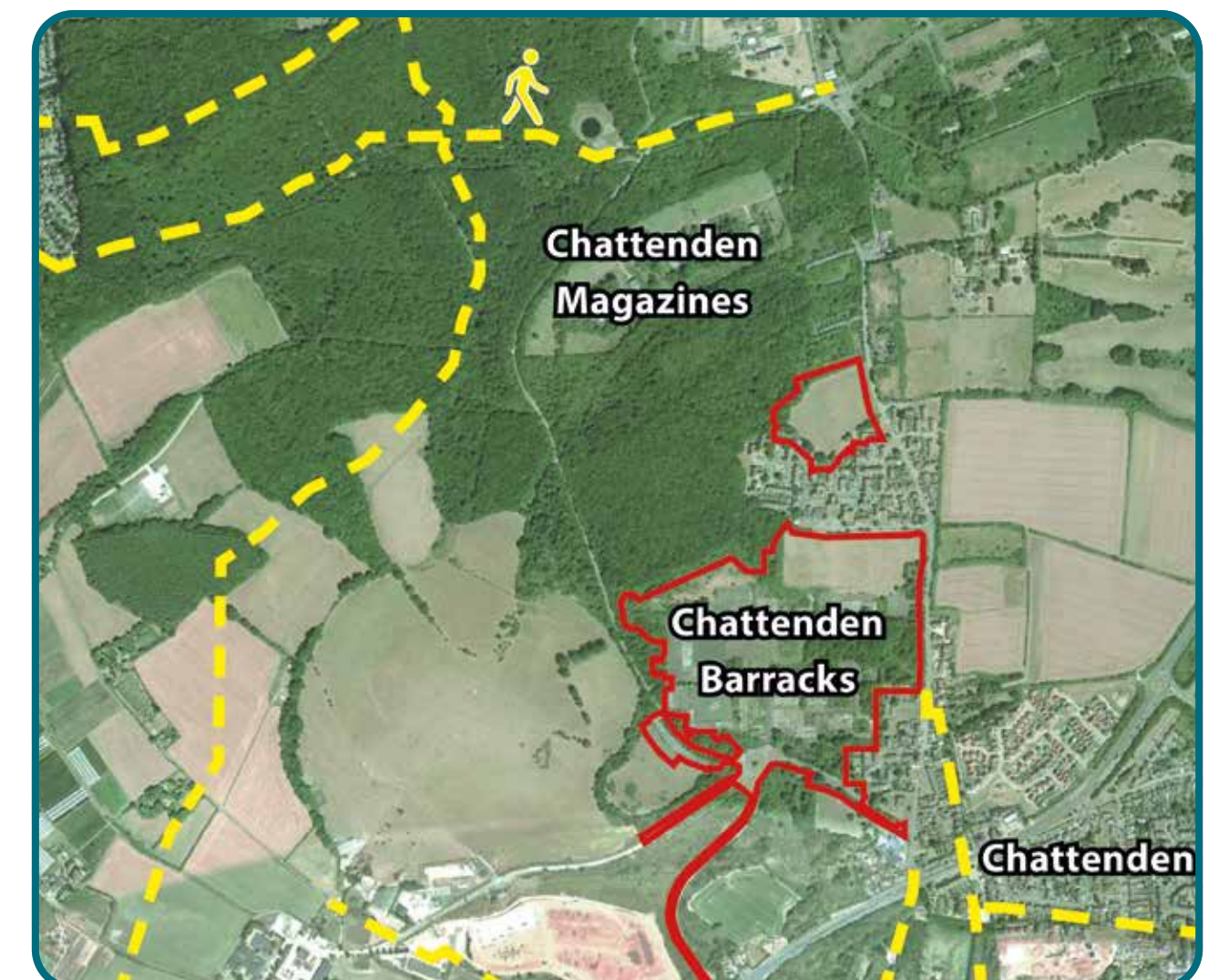
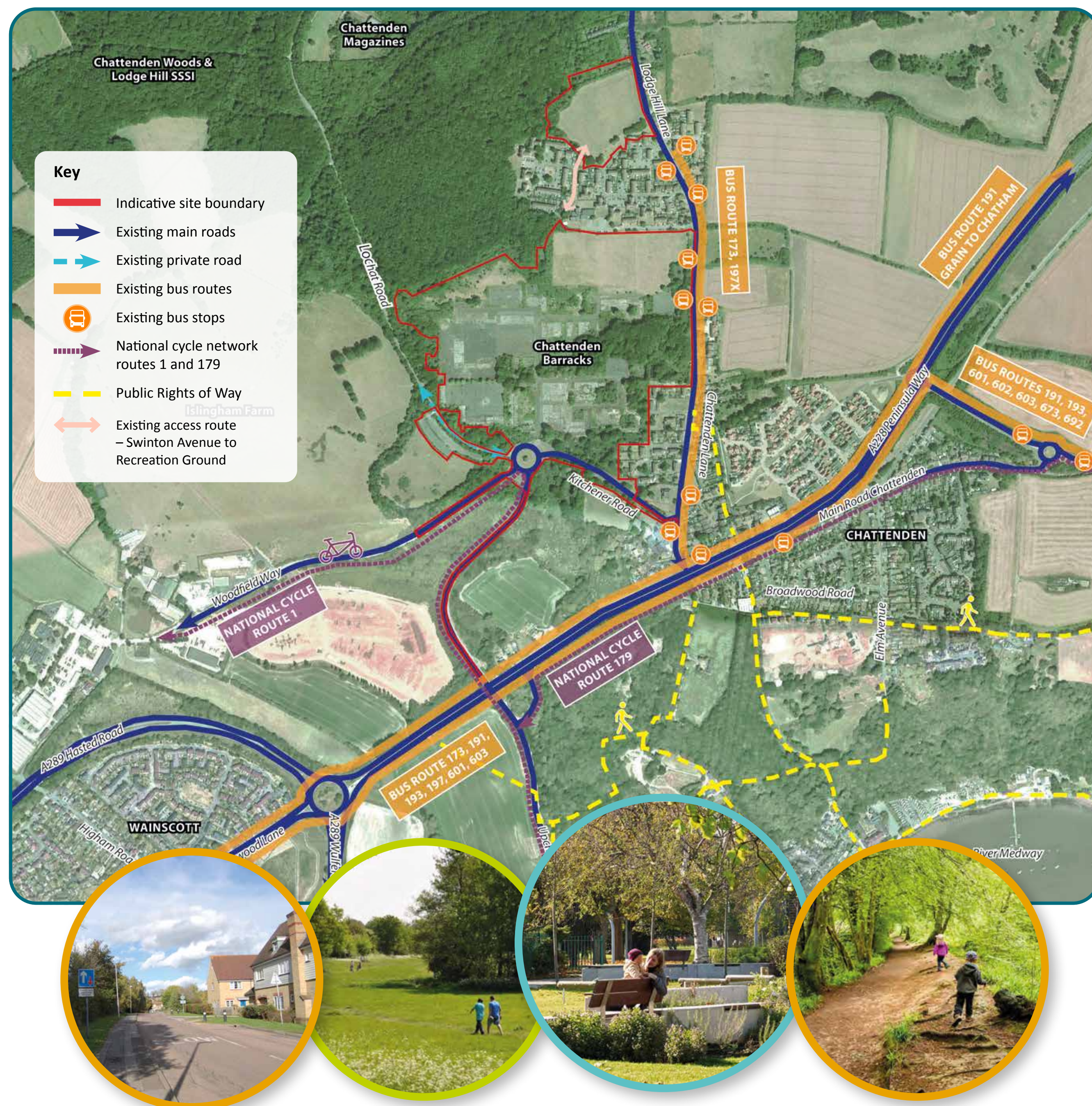
How would you like to use the Recreation Ground?

What types of green spaces would you like to see in the new neighbourhood?
e.g. play areas, allotments, green walking routes

Please suggest how local walking routes could be improved?

Movement and connectivity

We would like to hear what you have to say about moving around Chattenden and how proposals at Chattenden Barracks could improve local connectivity and offer opportunities for recreation.



How easy do you currently find it to travel in and around Chattenden?

1	2	3	4	5

Difficult Easy

Where do you currently walk and cycle in the local area?

How do you currently travel to access key local facilities?

How much does traffic and parking affect how you move around Chattenden?

1	2	3	4	5

Not at all A lot



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Plans for Chattenden Barracks

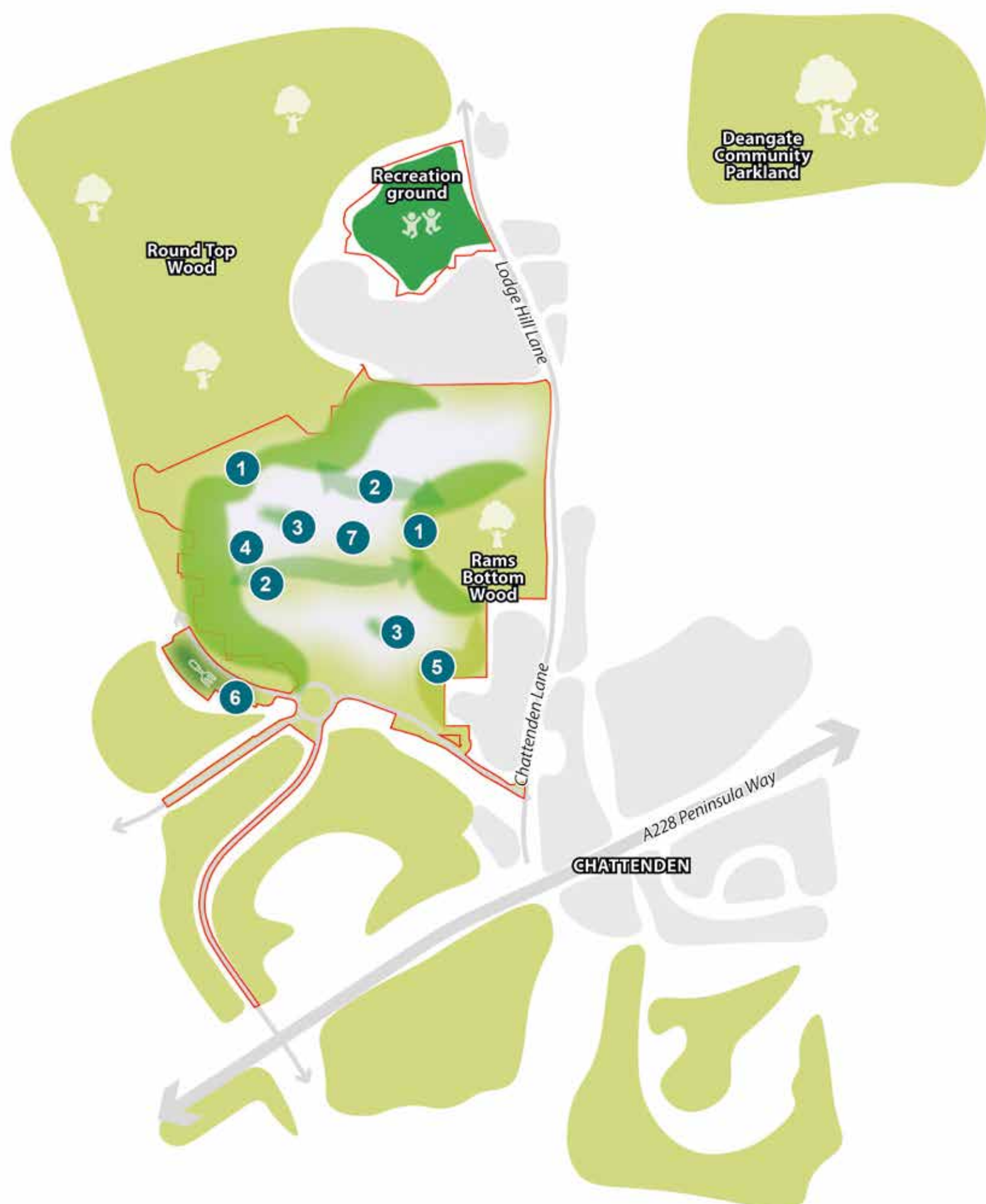
Potential Ideas

Following our site appraisal work, we have started to explore how initial ideas including good design principles could shape our proposals for a residential scheme with high quality landscape features at its heart at the Chattenden Barracks site.

To progress this conversation, we present below two concept plans that identify where place-making principles could be embedded.

We would like to get feedback from you on the ideas presented and your thoughts on other design inputs that you think would support good development.

Concept idea: Enhance and create natural environments that will become spaces for people to enjoy whilst respecting existing ecology.



Key design principles

- 1 Provide buffers to existing natural assets.
- 2 Create new green corridors with new areas of landscape and planting with opportunities for informal play for children and ribbons to enjoy and relax.
- 3 New open green spaces.
- 4 New high quality homes fronting green areas.
- 5 Protecting the green spaces behind existing residents' gardens.
- 6 Potential location for allotments.
- 7 High quality housing sitting centrally within the site.

Key aspirations



Supporting sustainable lifestyles by maximising daylight and sunlight to new, accessible open spaces and public realm, promoting sustainable ways of travel and new green landscape spaces.



New high-quality homes including affordable to respond to people's needs within distinctive character areas.



A variety of new public open spaces, green corridors and blue infrastructure that will contribute to Biodiversity Net Gain with seasonal planting.



A walkable, safe and well connected neighbourhood by providing friendly pedestrian and cycle routes in a green, attractive environment which also promotes active lifestyles.



Improved connectivity by creating new routes through the site, connecting to existing neighbourhoods, the Community Centre and Deangate Community Parkland.

Concept idea: Provide new inviting walking and cycling routes through the site to improve connectivity.



Key design principles

- 1 Provide safe pedestrian and cycle links along the green corridors, promoting health and well-being.
- 2 Provide a new pedestrian route to the community centre and enhance the link to the Recreation Ground.
- 3 Reinstating existing access point and creation of a memorable entrance to the site.
- 4 Provide distinctive character areas that will respond to the existing context and will draw from the Hoo Peninsula character.
- 5 High quality housing sitting centrally within the site.

Plans for Chattenden Barracks

When developing Chattenden Barracks, how important do you consider the following?

Retention of key landscape features

12345

Not importantVery important

Improving the connection between existing neighbourhoods

12345

Not importantVery important

Reinstating vehicular access onto Chattenden Lane

12345

Not importantVery important

Improving the Lodge Hill Recreation Ground

12345

Not importantVery important

Delivering much-needed homes, including affordable housing

12345

Not importantVery important

Bringing this previously developed site back into use

12345

Not importantVery important

To what extent do you agree that bringing this vacant site back into use will support the sustainability of Chattenden?

12345

Not at allA lot

Please provide any further comments by applying sticky notes below, or by filling in one of the feedback forms provided.





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Next steps

Your responses today, and those gathered as part of our ongoing programme of engagement, will inform the preparation of a masterplan for Chattenden Barracks that will have considered the views provided during these events and that will be reflected in the Outline Planning Application submitted to Medway Council.

Timeline

Stage 1: Key considerations and initial ideas (February-March 2025)

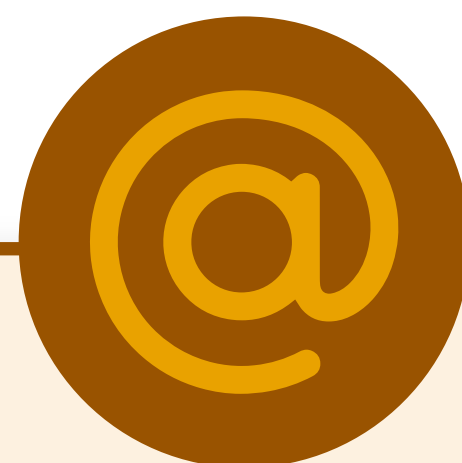
During Stage 1 there is an opportunity to come and talk to us at these engagement events and review our engagement material on the dedicated web platform. We will be listening to your views to better understand the site and to inform the development of the masterplan, to create a community that people are proud to call home.

Stage 2: Consider feedback, draft masterplan (Spring 2025)

We'll consider all feedback provided during Stage 1 and develop the draft masterplan for the site. We'll then undertake a further stage of engagement with you where we share more detailed masterplan proposals.

Stage 3: Outline Planning Application (Summer 2025)

Submission of the Outline Planning Application to Medway Council. There will be the opportunity for you to provide comments on the submitted application as part of Medway Council's statutory consultation.



You can respond to the engagement by:

- filling in a feedback form today
- adding comments on the relevant boards today
- speaking to a member of the project team
- taking a feedback form away and returning it to **FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL** (no stamp required)
- going online to **www.chattendenbarracks.co.uk**
- emailing **chattendenbarracks@homesengland.gov.uk**

We would be grateful to receive your feedback by **23 March 2025**

Scan the QR code below for more information, project updates and the online feedback form



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