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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Evidence indicates that increasing the number of dwellings around heathland sites is leading to a reduction in the populations of rare birds for which the Thames Basin Heaths – Special Protection Area (SPA) is important. A key factor is recreational disturbance, as increasing the number of houses raises visitor pressure on the SPA and this can create disturbance of these protected species of birds. For this reason open space sites St Ann's Hill, Hare Hill, Ottershaw Chase Chayworth Copse & Timber Hill and Ether Hill/ Queenswood, and Homewood have been confirmed as Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces (SANGs).These act as alternative recreational facilities to attract visitor away from the SPA. In addition, the site of Chertsey Meads is being considered as a candidate SANGs This report provides both update information on the 2010 visitor surveys of these sites and includes comments from the 2010 survey reflecting upon the historical survey data.

Ether Hill and Queenswood

1.2 Ether Hill & Queenswood combines a large wooded area and adjoining recreational space that is home to the local cricket and bowls club and other leisure facilities. The woodland consists of deciduous and coniferous trees that form and surround Ether Hill, and a frame network of bridleways and paths (formal and informal) that connect with other open spaces, offering dog walkers and ramblers a number of routes to walk. This site attracts a range of visitors and offers views across Queenswood Golf course with the woodland itself skirting the Ottershaw Memorial fields. The recreational facilities provide a number of leisure activities for the local community, including play facilities, multi use rooms used by local groups such as the scout and guide groups, games court and public toilets. The site is open to the public. Two generous sized parking areas are available at either end of the site from Foxhills Road.

Hare Hill

1.3 Hare Hill divides the two settlements of Ottershaw and Addlestone and consists of 13.5 ha of open grass, scrub and woodland. This varied setting makes this site ideal for rambling, dog walkers and leisure activities; visitors are predominately from the neighbouring areas and use the site mainly for dog walking and walking. The site is accessed from Spinney Hill and has a number of housing estates backing onto the open space area. Local residents gain access to the site from a number of entrance points around the site. Parking is only available on adjoining residential roads; this is reflected in the data collected with the majority of visitors walking to the site. The mosaic of habitats provides an array of wildlife to see, providing an invaluable source for research and teaching conservation to pupils from the local schools. An extended walk of 1.6km, taking approximately 25 minutes, allows walkers the opportunity to take in the whole site, with the option of joining the Runnymede rambler walk to make a longer walk of 4.5 miles.

St Ann's Hill

1.4 St Ann's Hill is an open space located in Chertsey with a total size of 21.5 ha. It attracts visitors from across the borough for principally dog walking and picnicking as well as visitors to the historic hill fort. The site has good access and paths with a Nature trail approx 1.2km in length. The area is well wooded and contains a wide variety of trees and plants with wild flowers, fungi etc in season. Many different birds and wildlife are visible as you walk around the site. There are picnic areas and viewpoints located around St Ann's Hill. The view is over Lyne towards Chobham on one side and over Thorpe Park, Staines and London Airport, with the Harrow and Watford areas on the horizon on the other side of the site. The main picnic area is within the Dingle; a sheltered and level grass area enclosed by trees and is accessed by the St Ann's Hill Road at access point 2. Currently there are off-street car parking spaces at access point 3, for about 5 cars. Visitors also park at access point 2, along the St Ann's Hill Road, this also only offers limited parking.

Ottershaw Chase, Timber Hill and Chaworth Copse

1.5 Ottershaw Chase, Timber Hill and Chaworth Copse are located on either side of the Guildford Road (A320). This site is predominately used by dog walkers and ramblers from the nearby residential area, with some houses backing onto the site. A large car park is within Timber Hill and so attracts passing traffic as a respite area. Footpaths intersect all three sites, with a selection of routes of varying distance on offer to the public, catering for all ages and level of fitness. All three areas are woodland, home to a variety of trees with Ottershaw Chase being the most mature and is largely planted with Sweet Chestnuts and a number of Giant Redwood trees. The site attracts various wildlife and is a source of interest for younger visitors as they walk around the trails.

Homewood Park

1.6 Homewood Park is located in Chertsey, is 23.4 hectares in size and is accessed from the Stonehill Road together with the main car park. There is another pedestrian access off the Guildford Road. Limited residential parking is also available near the Guildford road point. Homewood Park has a variety of planting, trees and grassland, with a wooded area; informal paths provide trails to follow. The majority of visitors are from the surrounding area of Chertsey, nearby residential areas supply dog walkers and walkers, as well as visitors from St Peters Hospital and offices within the site. A nature trail starts and finishes at the main car park, with the potential to extend this to link this into a wider network of paths within the site.

Chertsey Meads

1.7 Chertsey Meads is a candidate SANGs. The outcome of the survey will be discussed with Natural England to confirm if full SANGs status can be conferred on the site. The site Itself lies between the River Thames and River Bourne, half a kilometre east of Chertsey town at

the end of Mead Lane. It is about 71 ha, and has a very large nature conservation area of meadows next to the Thames. There are two car parks, a play area with riverside picnic areas and a variety of natural habitats criss-crossed with paths including several rights of way. Runnymede Borough Council manages the Meads in partnership with the Chertsey Meads Management Liaison Group. The natural qualities provide a contrast to the more formal facilities such as Laleham Park and Runnymede Pleasure Ground. On part of the Meads cattle grazing trials have been carried out for over three years. These established the beneficial effects on flora and fauna and confirmed that the reintroduction of the technique could help the area achieve SSSI status once more. It is hoped that grazing can be introduced across the Meads in the late summer and autumn each year if funding necessary for the infrastructure can be identified.

2.0 The Visitor Surveys

2.1 The visitor surveys were undertaken reflecting the surveys that were undertaken on the Dorset Heaths and Thames Basin Heaths. The methodology followed that used for previous surveys of these SANG sites which were agreed with Natural England and have ben applied consistently for all surveys over the years.

2.2 Surveys took place over the period *Thurs19th, Sat 21st and Sun 22nd July (outside school holiday period)* and over the *Thurs 16th, Sat 18th and Sun 19th Aug (school holiday period) 2012*. The surveys took place over 8 hours during the period 7-19 hr and surveyors were placed at every identified entry point in the study areas. *(See Appendix 1).*

Table 1: Number of visitors to each site – comparing 2010 and 2012

SITE			AUGUST 2010	2012	TOTAL 2010	2012	Diff.
ST ANNS HILL	169	159	174	225	343	384	41
ETHER HILL / QUEENSWOOD	188	171	125	205	313	376	65
TIMBERHILL/CHAWORTH COPSE/ OTTERSHAW CHASE	79	115	133	101	212	216	4
HAREHILL	141	243	122	282	263	525	262
HOMEWOOD PARK	177	94	114	145	291	239	(52)
TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS	754	781	668	958	1,422	1739	317
CHERSTEY MEADS	NS	168	NS	136	NS	304	NS

2.3 The surveys revealed that the total number of visitors over the six days to all five sites was **1,740**, with **782** visitors in July and **958** in August 2012. This compares with 1422 visitors in 2010 (754 and 668 respectively). There was an overall increase in numbers from 2010 to 2012 of 318 visitors. The biggest net gain being at Hare Hill, with a small net loss at Homewood (probably due to surveyor inconsistencies). This data excludes a comparison for Chertsey Meads (168 visitors in July and 136 visitors in August) as this is a candidate Sangs.

What the previous survey said for the pre-2010 period

- *When St Ann's Hill was surveyed in 2007, 147 visitors were surveyed in July and 151 during August, showing a slight increase in visitor numbers at this site during 2009, but with a larger increase in 2010*
- *.Harehill saw numbers reduced from data collected in 2006, with 353 visitors during May and June and 263 during 2009.*
- *Ottershaw Chase was also surveyed in 2006, during August and September. 247 visitors participated in the survey, a slightly higher number than in 2009.*
- *However both these surveys took place at a different time of year to the 2009 surveys*

3.0 Purpose of Survey

3.1 The purpose of the 2012 survey was to analyse the number of visitors to the site during peak (school holiday) and off peak (term) times, to establish reasons for visiting the site, how the visitor travelled to the open space e.g. by car or walking, duration of time spent at the site and what other open spaces the visitor also goes to in and out of the borough. Where the sites had been surveyed before, this survey would be used for comparison purposes.

4.0 Survey Results

4.1 Results gained from the surveys over the six days were analysed to gain an insight into who was visiting the open space site. Below is detailed analysis identifying key areas to determine how the open space is being used and by whom.

5.0 Forms of transport used to visit the site

5.1 Respondents were asked what form of transport they used to access the site.

Table 2: Transport used to access sites – comparing 2012 and 2012.

SITE			BICYCLE %		ON FOOT/ OTHER %		TOTAL %
	2010	2012	2010	2012	2010	2012	
ETHER HILL / QUEENSWOOD	71.3%	75%	3.9%	1%	24.8%	24%	100%
HARE HILL	8.1%	4%	11.1%	4%	80.8%	92%	100%
ST ANNS HILL	92.6%	86%	0%	0.5%	7.4%	13.5%	100%
OTTERSHAW / TIMBER HILL/ CHAWORTH COPSE	13.2%	32%	10.4%	8%	76.4%	60%	100%
HOMEWOOD PARK	53.6%	58%	4.6%	9%	41.8%	33%	100%
CHERTSEY MEADS	N/S	73%	N/S	3.5%	N/S	23.5%	100%

5.2 Results show the majority of visitors to the open spaces travel by car as evidenced at St Ann's' Hill, Ether Hill and Homewood Park. Those sites where visitors travel by foot are sites that have a large residential presence adjacent to the site. Hare Hill and Ottershaw Chase, Timber Hill are used by a number of residents for dog walking and rambling. Chertsey Meads is more isolated and is predominantly accessed by car.

What previous surveys said for the pre-2010 period

When surveyed in 2006, the majority of visitors to Harehill (86.7%) were travelling to the site by car or other motor vehicles, with only 13.3% on foot. Since then figures have reversed with a 78.6% decrease in the number of people travelling by car (8.1%) and an increase of 67.5% of visitors walking to the site (80.8%). These results may reflect the difference in time the two surveys were carried out, in 2007 surveys took place in the months of May and June, where as in 2009 surveys were carried out in July and August, both following the school calendar of term time and holiday.

Ottershaw Chase, Timber Hill was surveyed in 2006, when comparing results to this year, there has been an increase 12.9% in visitors travelling to the site by foot (76.4%) and a decrease of 11.3% of visitors by car (13.2%). Half of the respondents surveyed in 2009 lived within Ottershaw in near by residential areas and use the site mainly for dog walking. This supports the results on the modes of transport used to travel to this open space.

A comparison can also be made from St Ann's Hill; this site was surveyed in 2007. At this time, 74% of visitors said they travelled by car to the site and 26% by foot. A slight increase of 18.6% has occurred with 92.6% now travelling by car and a decrease of 18.6% by foot (7.4%). The location of this site means visitors are more likely to choose the car as a means to getting to St Ann's Hill over on walking as it is slightly more isolated than other sights.

6.0 The origin of respondents are travelling to the open space sites

6.1 Respondents were asked to state which area of the borough they had travelled from to the open space site (*see map, Appendix 2).*

Hare Hill - Origin of journey

Location	Percentage
Rowtown	34
Ottershaw	30
Addlestone	23
Chertsey	6
Outside of Borough	4
New Haw	2
Woodham	1

Top 3 places: Rowtown, Ottershaw, and Addlestone

EtherHill/Queenwood - Origin

Location	Percentage
Ottershaw	38
Outside Borough	31
Addlestone	17
Chertsey	11
Virginia Water	2

Top 3 places: Ottershaw , Outside of Borough, Addlestone

St Ann'sHill – Origin

Location	Percentage
Rowtown	34
Ottershaw	30
Addlestone	23
Chertsey	6
Outside Borough	4
New Haw	2
Woodham	1

Top 3 places: Rowtown, Ottershaw, Addlestone

Ottershaw Chase/Timber hill - Origin

Location	Percentage
Ottershaw	64
Out of Borough	20
Chertsey	8
Addlestone	6
Woodham	2

Top 3 places: Ottershaw, Out of Borough, Chertsey

Homewood - Origin

Location	Percentage
Chertsey	36
Outside of Borough	23
Addlestone	22
Ottershaw	9
Virginia Water	4
Egham	3
New Haw	3

Top 3 places: Chertsey, Outside of Borough, Addlestone,

Chertsey Meads - Origin

Location	Percentage
Chertsey	42
Outside of Borough	31
Addlestone	18
New Haw	5
Ottershaw	2
Egham	2

Top 3 places: Chertsey, Outside of Borough, Addlestone,

6.2 Results show respondents travel a relatively short distance to visit an open space site, with many visitors living adjacent to the site. The larger sites with good facilities receive higher numbers of visitors from outside of the borough. St Ann's Hill's and Chertsey Meads attracts visitors from further afield. Other sites also attract many outside visitors.

7.0 Purpose of visit:

7.1 Respondents were asked to give details of the purpose of their visits.

Table 3: Purpose of visit 2010 and 2012	**WALKING**		**DOG WALKING**		**JOG/RUN**		**CYCLING**		**OTHER**	
	2010	**12**	**2010**	**'12**	**2010**	**'12**	**2010**	**'12**	**2010**	**'12**
HAREHILL	83	69	118	209	4	22	14	10	28	26
ST ANNS HILL	27	56	182	263	0	6	1	2	10	26
HOMEWOOD PARK	66	42	149	82	14	5	4	5	17	33
ETHER HILL/ QUEENSWOOD	36	30	204	165	4	5	11	3	22	84
TIMBERHILL/ CHAWORTH COPSE/ OTTERSHAW	30	31	111	92	4	6	14	15	5	64
CHERTSEY MEADS	N/A	39	N/A	179	N/A	3	N/A	6		86
TOTAL/%	**242**	**267**	**764**	**990**	**26**	**47**	**44**	**35**	**82**	**319**
Percentage	**21%**	**16%**	**66%**	**60%**	**2%**	**2.6%**	**4%**	**2.4%**	**7%**	**19%**

7.2 The majority of visitors in the 2012 (at **60%)** said their main reason for visiting the open space sites was to walk their dog, with walking (at **16%)** being the second most stated purpose. There are about the same percentage changes from 2010 but this is partially a reflection of the higher visitor numbers for 2012. For example there are about 220 more dog walkers but this is a lower percentage of the total amount.

What the previous survey said for the pre-2010 period

The main purpose for visiting Harehill in 2006 was for dog walking (75.6%), followed by walking at 20.6%. A change has occurred since then with a decrease of 27.9% of dog walkers (47.7%) using the site and an increase of 13% of respondents using Harehill to walk (33.6%).

*Ottershaw Chase, Timber Hill has seen some changes to the way visitors use this site since 2006. The majority of respondents in both 2006 and 2009 used the site for dog walking (54.5%), (67.7) respectively and walking remains the second most popular purpose. In 2009 there has been an increase of dog walkers (13.2%) and a decrease in walking (14.5%) compared to results in 2006. There are also more visitors using the open space to cycle (8.6%) rather than for jogging (2.4%)**.***

A slight increase (6.7%) in dog walking has occurred at St Ann's, since 2007, from 76% to 82.7%. A decrease of 8.7% occurred with 21% of respondents in 2007 and 12.3% in 2009 now using the site for walking.

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8.0 Frequency of visit:

8.1 Respondents were asked about the frequency of their visit

Table 4 – Frequency of visit 2010 and 1012			**AT LEAST ONCE A DAY**		**ONCE A WEEK**		**ONCE A MONTH**		**SPORADICALLY**	
	2010	**2012**	**2010**	**2012**	**2010**	**2012**	**2010**	**2012**	**2010**	**2012**
HAREHILL	52	137	67	80	43	77	13	19	19	18
ST ANNS HILL	50	46	39	58	63	71	20	31	36	58
HOMEWOOD PARK	23	23	72	57	51	101	8	44	25	79
ETHER HILL/QUEENSWOOD	23	20	89	43	99	40	34	13	27	33
TIMBERHILL/CHAWORTH COPSE/OTTERSHAW	37	22	47	52	44	63	9	14	24	39
CHERTSEY MEADS	N/A	26		71		121		27		66
TOTAL	**185**	**274**	**314**	**307**	**300**	**473**	**84**	**148**	**131**	**293**
PERCENTAGE %	**18%**	**18.4%**	**31%**	**20.5%**	**30%**	**31.6%**	**8%**	**10%**	**13%**	**19.5%**

8.2 About 31.6% of people visited the open space sites at least once a week. Some 38.9**%** visited daily, with some people regularly visiting the same site, and some people visiting more than once a day. Surveyors reported seeing the same people using the open space over the course of the survey days, with the majority of users being local to the area. As the results above suggest this pattern of use is repeated across all sites.

9.0 Alternative sites visited

What the previous surveys said for the pre -2010 period.

The majority of respondents surveyed in 2006 visited Harehill at least once a day (30.6%) or at least once a week (31.5%). In 2009, respondents use the open space at least once a day (34.5%), increasing 3.9% from the previous data. However a change in pattern has occurred with respondents who visit the site more than once a day, increasing by 15.1% from 11.7 – 26.8%.

Results in 2009 compared to 2007 have decreased but this reflects the difference in the number of visitors surveyed. Both sets of results show that the majority of visitors come to the open space site more than once or at least once a day demonstrating the sites popularity.

Minor changes have occurred at St Ann's Hill. In 2007 34 % of respondents visited the open space at least once a week, results in 2009 continue with this at 30.3%. Other results show this slight change but also reflect that the general pattern of use remains the same across the period of time between surveys.

9.1 The public were asked to list any other open spaces they visied, this was to gain results to analyse which open spaces are being used and if visitors were going to open spaces that have protected bird species.

9.2 The table below identifies three most popular sites respondents visited.

HARE HILL	Ottershaw Chase	Chertsey Meads	St Anns Hill
HOMEWOOD	Chertsey Mead	Ottershaw Chase	Virginia Water
ETHER HILL / QUEENSWOOD	Chertsey Mead	Virginia Water	Homewood Park/ St Ann's Hill
TIMBER HILL/ CHAWORTH COPSE/OTTERSHAW	Ottershaw Chase	Memorial fields	Chertsey Mead
ST ANNS HILL	Virginia Water	Chertsey Mead	Homewood Park
CHERTSEY MEADS	Virginia Water	St Ann's Hill	Gogmore Park

Table 5 Alternative sites visited in order of popularity (Within the borough)

HARE HILL	Horsell Common	Chobham Common	Walton on Thames
HOMEWOOD	Chobham Common	Horsell Common	Windsor Great Park
ETHER HILL / QUEENSWOOD	Horsell Common	Chobham Common	Heathervale
TIMBER HILL/ CHAWORTH COPSE / OTTERSHAW	Chobham Common	Horsell Common	Windsor Great Park
ST ANNS HILL	Chobham Common	Laleham	Horsell Common
CHERTSEY MEADS	Laleham	Windsor Great Park	Horsell Common

Table 6 Alternative sites visited in order of popularity (Outside the borough)

9.3 Across all sites, the most popular alternative site within the borough, aside from the open space sites surveyed, was Chertsey Meads (a candidate SANGs). Visitors surveyed at Hare Hill, Homewood Park, Ether Hill and Queenswood stated it as there preferred alternative site to visit, followed by Virginia Water. Out of the borough Horsell and Chobham Commons (and part of the hames Basin Heaths SPA) were the most popular sites. As in previous years visitors reported the main purpose for visiting these sites was for dog walking and in some cases rambling.

10.0 Conclusion

10.1 Dog walking and walking remains the main purpose for visiting the SANGs open space sites within the borough. The increase in visitor numbers has shown a significant increase in dog walking visits, but this has varied between the sites (with some actually showing a decrease in dog walking).This is a trend over the surveys. Visitor numbers on sites that have been surveyed in recent years have generally increased over the years (although Homewood shows a slight decline – although this may reflect issues with the July survey data). A number of visitors are travelling to the sites by car. The location of St Ann's Hill for example determines that the majority of visitors live some distance away from the site. However, Hare Hill has seen a dramatic switch since the early surveys with high numbers of visitors walking (80.8% in 2010 to 90% in 2012) from nearby residential estates that surround the open space site.

10.2 Consideration has been given to how we attract more visitors to use the open space sites within the borough of Runnymede. Leaflets have been produced on the following sites, Ether Hill and Queenswood, Timber Hill and Ottershaw Chase, Hare Hill and St Ann's Hill to encourage visitors to the sites. These have been distributed to new home owners in the borough and are on display at the civic centre and on the

Council's website and promote what the different sites have to offer for visitors.It id proposed that leaflets will be produced for Homewood Park and Chertsey Meads.

10.3. Results show that Horsell and Chobham Commons are still the most visited alternative site outside of the borough. . This shows there is still a need to encourage visitors away from Chobham Common, particular dog walkers who were the majority of people who were questioned. However, there is a trend for more dog walkers to visit the SANGs – this is encouraging. Windsor Great Park, spanning the Borough boundary, is also a an important visitor attraction for dog walkers. Promotion of the sites does seem to be helping increase visitor numbers to SANGs - however ways to encourage visitors to these sites needs to be continually promoted and this will be subject to monitoring through subsequent visitor surveys.

10.3 The survey of Chertsey Meads took place in the summer 2012. It took place at the same time as the surveys of the established SANGs. This has enabled comparisons to take place with the other SANGs. The overall view, with Natural England, before the survey, was that the site was suitable as a candidate SANGs. The survey has confirmed that the site has capacity to accommodate additional visitors. The Council will discuss with Natural England the final potential of the site.

Technical Note

Weather details

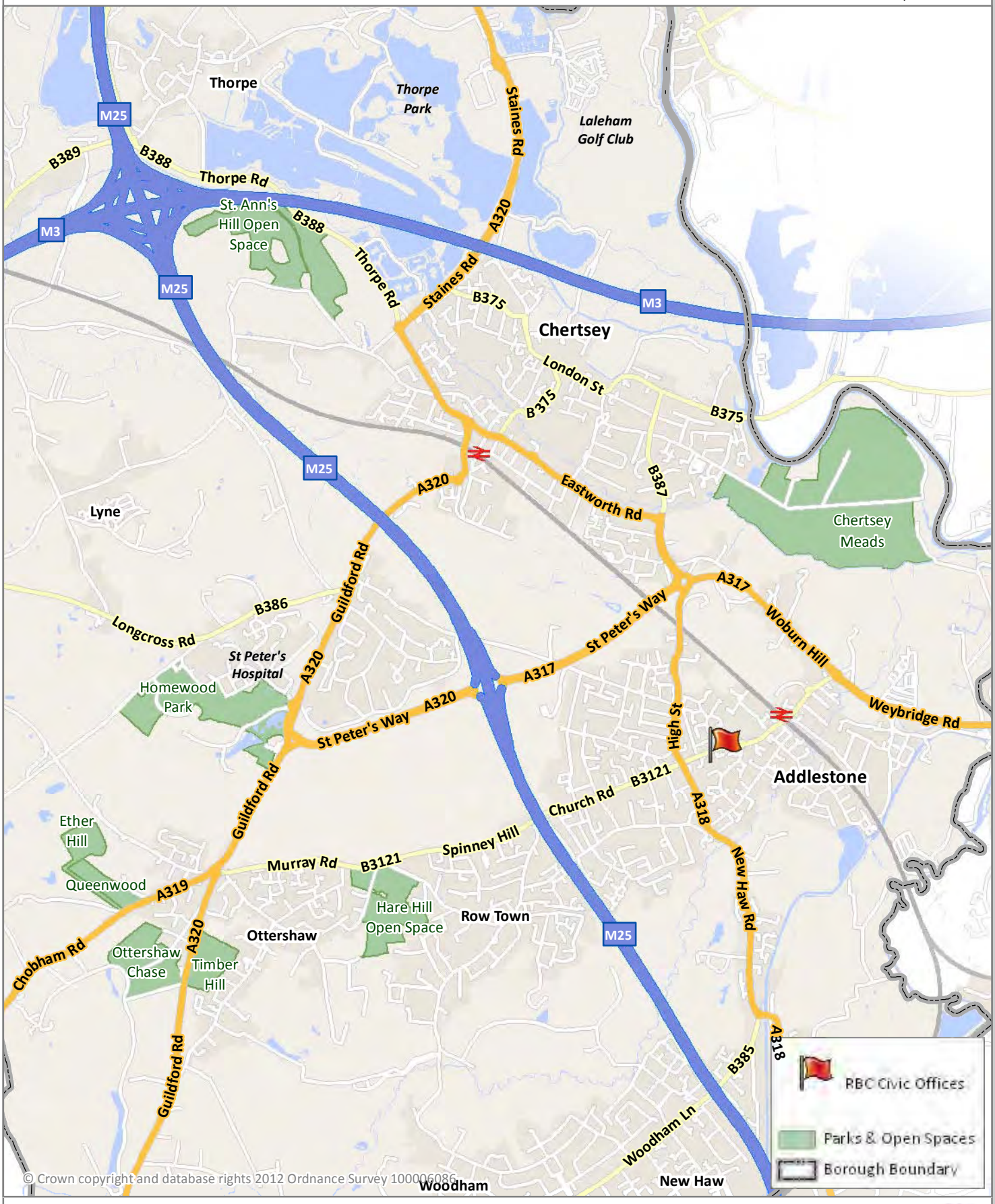
After an unsettled start to July with cool, cloudy conditions and some high rainfall totals in the first half of the month, Thursday the 19th onwards was much warmer and settled, with a number of surveyors reporting families picnicking.

In August the South-East of England saw the driest and warmest weather. However, Thundery downpours occurred on Thursday 16th August and the day was generally overcast. However the weekend was a marked difference with temperatures peaking at 30- 33 °C.

Appendix 1: Location of SANG sites

Date: 26/06/2012

Runnymede Borough Council
Runnymede Civic Centre
Station Road
Addlestone
Surrey KT15 2AH



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Appendix 2: SANGS Information Form – Chertsey Meads

This form is designed to help you gather information about any potential SANGS. For more guidance on the creation of SANGS, please also refer to the relevant Borough Council's Thames Basin Heaths SPA Interim Avoidance Plan.

Natural England, Local Planning Authorities, and other organisations will then be able to consider the potential suitability of the proposed SANGS based on this initial information.

Background information

Name and location of proposed SANGS	**Name: Chertsey Meads**
Size of the proposed SANGS (hectares), excluding water features	**71 ha**
Any current designations on land - e.g. LNR / SNCI	**Open Space**
Current owners name and address. **(If there is more than one owner then please attach a map)**	**Runnymede Borough Council** **Civic Centre** **Station Road** **Addlestone** **Surrey** **KT15 2AH**
Who manages the land?	**Runnymede Borough Council (in association with……)**
Legal arrangements for the land – e.g. how long is the lease?	**Owned by the Council in perpetuity**
Is there a management plan for the site? (if so, please attach)	**Yes**

Current visitor arrangements

Is the site currently accessible to the public?	**Yes**
Does the site have open access?	**Yes**
Has there been a visitor survey of the site? (If so, please attach)	**Summer 2012**
If there has been no visitor survey, please give and indication of the current visitor levels on site	
Does the site have existing car parking?	**Yes** **How many car parks 2** **How may car parking spaces 60+**
Are there any existing routes or paths on the site?	**Yes**
Are there signs to direct people to the site? (Please indicate where and what type of sign)	**Yes**

Appendix 2 (continued) Site quality checklist – Chertsey Meads

This checklist is intended to help identify what is already present on the site and what needs to be developed for the SANGS to be suitable.

Must/should haves – these criteria are essential for all SANGS			
	Criteria	**Current**	**Future**
1	Parking on all sites larger than 4ha (unless the site is intended for use within 400m only)	Two car parks	
2	Circular walk of 2.3-2.5km	Yes there are linking circular routes exceeding 2.5km	
3	Car parks easily and safely accessible by car and clearly sign posted	Yes	
4	Access points appropriate for particular visitor use the SANGS is intended to cater for	Yes	
5	Safe access route on foot from nearest car park and/or footpath	Yes	
6	Circular walk which starts and finishes at the car park	Yes	
7	Perceived as safe – no tree and scrub cover along part of walking routes	Yes	
8	Paths easily used and well maintained but mostly unsurfaced	Yes (but some upgraded needed)	Yes (but some upgraded needed)
9	Perceived as semi-natural with little intrusion of artificial structures	Yes	
10	If larger than 12 ha then a range of habitats should be present	Yes	
11	Access unrestricted – plenty of space for dogs to exercise freely and safely off the lead	Yes	
12	No unpleasant intrusions (e.g. sewage treatment smells etc)	Confirmed	
13	Clearly sign posted or advertised in some way	Yes (but can be improved)	Yes (but can be improved)
14	Leaflets or website advertising their		To be prepared

	location to potential users (distributed to homes and made available at entrance points and car parks)		
Desirable features			
	Criteria	**Current**	**Future**
15	Can dog owners take dogs from the car park to the SANGS safely off the lead	Yes	
16	Gently undulating topography	Yes	
17	Access points with signage outlining the layout of the SANGS and routes available to visitors		To be provided
18	Naturalistic space with areas of open (non-wooded) countryside and areas of dense and scattered trees and shrubs. Provision of open water is desirable	Yes	
19	Focal point such as a view point or monument within the SANGS	Yes	

Annex A

Assessment of Runnymede Visitor Survey data – with update for Chertsey Meads 2012

Introduction
The Visitor survey data from the sites for Runnymede Borough Council Interim Advice Note have been compared with sites within the Thames Basin Heaths SPA. The methodologies in the surveys were identical and the numbers of surveying hours (sample time) were 16 hours for both surveys. Therefore the data was considered compatible for a comparison of use levels

Methodology
The number of sample points varied from site to site so to compensate for this the number of visitors to all sample points were summed, and totals divided by number of entrance points. Then the number per entrance point was then divided by site size to give the number per entrance point per hectare. The data for 2012 is compared to 2010 (in brackets). The only significant change is for Hare Hill but this is still within the previous guidelines.
Chertsey Meads has potential for 1276, but this is to be discussed further with Natural England.

Site – Data for 2012 (2010 in brackets)	Number of Visitors surveyed	Total number of entrance points	Site size ha	No. per entrance per ha data for 2012 (2010 in brackets)	Site Use	% of site available	Total Accommodated (agreed with Natural England)
EitherHill/Queenwood	376 (313)	2	9.2	20 (17)	V.High	25%	301
Timber Hill/Ottershaw Chaes/Chayworth Copse	216 (212)	4	17.9	3 (2.9)	Moderate	50%	533
Hare Hill	525 (263)	3	13.5	12.9 (6.5)	V.High	25%	165
St Ann's Hill	384 (343)	2	21.5	8.9 (8.08)	V.High	25%	274
Homewood	239 (291)	2	23.4	5.1(6.2)	V.High	25%	300
Chertsey Meads *(candidate)	304	2	71	2.14	Moderate	50%	1276 (To be agreed)

***Note**
Chertsey Meads Calculation:
35ha @ 8ha per 1000.
35/8 = 2.80
1000 people = 456 (1000/2.2people per dwelling) dwellings
2.8 x 456 = 1276 potential units to be accommodated.

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