



**Keep Rookwood  
Green!**





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## Who are the Keep Rookwood Green Alliance?

- We are campaigning to retain Rookwood Golf Course as public green space
- Some experienced campaigners, some doing this for the first time
- Supported by many individuals and organisations
  - Friends of Warnham Local Nature Reserve
  - Friends of Horsham Park
  - Horsham Society



Watching Over The Interests of Horsham



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LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

## We need a Local Plan

- UK Government: Councils must have a local plan
  - Horsham District's plan expires in November 2021
  - If there is no local plan, it is very difficult to prevent inappropriate development
- UK Government: Centrally imposed targets
  - Horsham District's target: 19,000 additional dwellings by 2039
  - Approximately one "North Horsham" development every 3 years
  - HDC has identified 9 "Strategic Sites" - 1000 or more dwellings each
- Rookwood Golf Course is one of the strategic sites



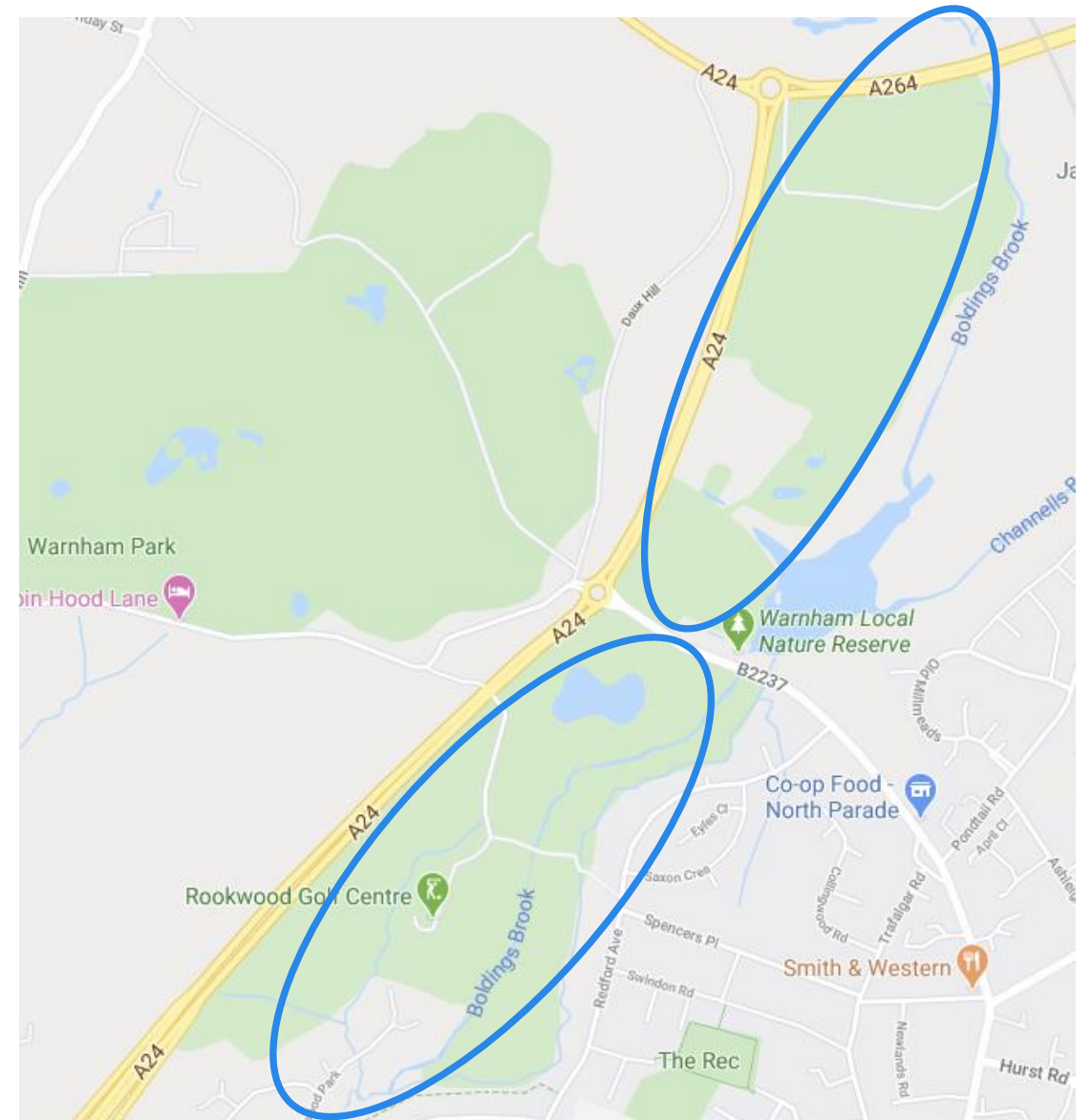
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## Where is Rookwood?

- North west quadrant of Horsham Town
- The northern land is adjacent to Warnham Local Nature reserve
- The Riverside walk and the Literary Trail pass through the southern land.





## How did Rookwood come to be?

- 1987: Land purchased by HDC for public use and was designated as a Local Nature Reserve
- 1991: Half the land was undesignated to create the golf course, leaving the Warnham reserve as we know it today



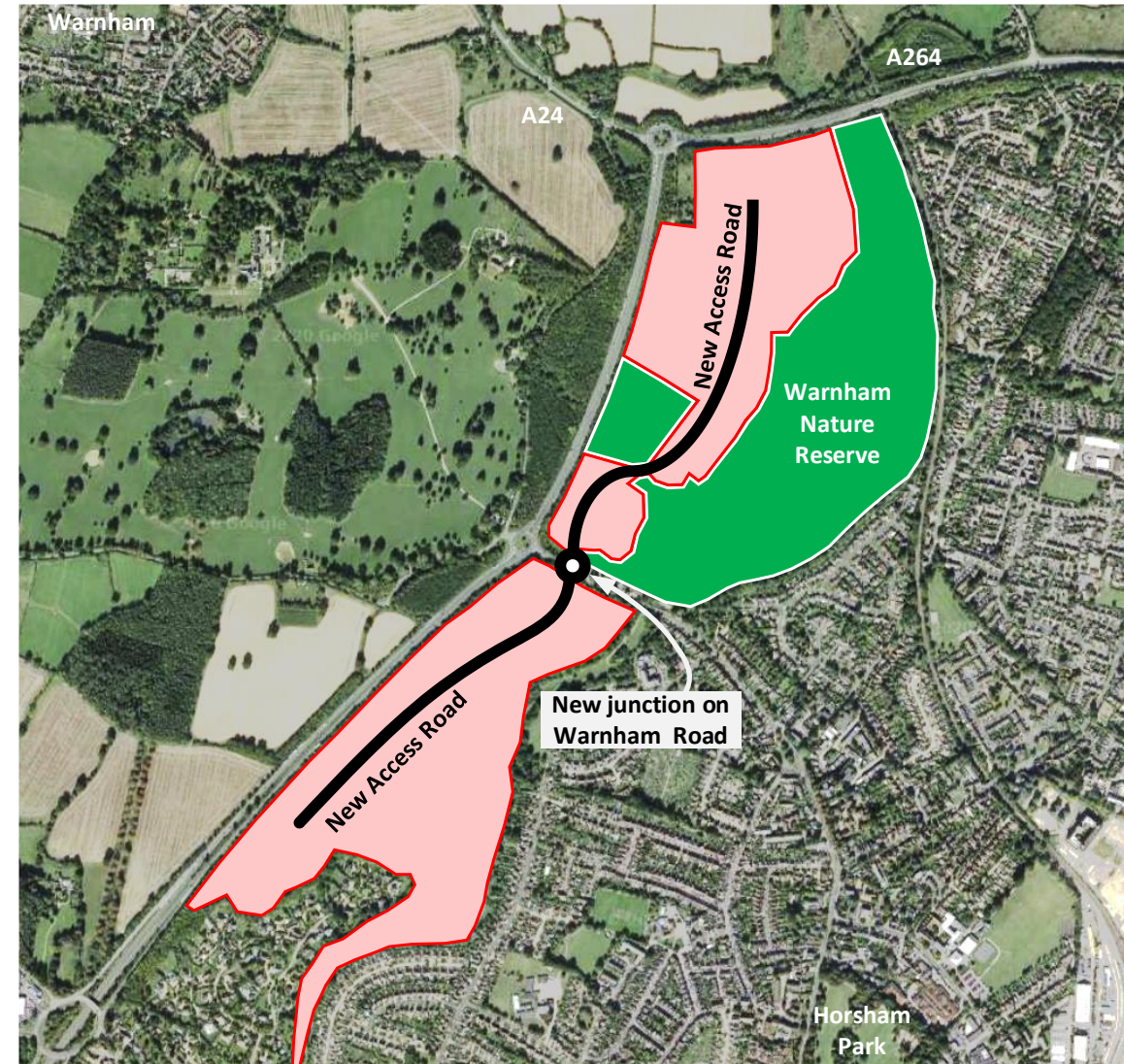






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## HDC's Proposal

- Build 1,100 dwellings
- Build up to 5 storeys high
- Build both sides of Warnham Road
- Build a new traffic junction
- 35% affordable housing
- High quality design principles
- Preserve the Riverside Walk
- 10% biodiversity nett gain



 Warnham Reserve

 Proposed Rookwood development  
by Horsham District Council



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## Ecological Impact

- Warnham Reserve is one of the most bio-diverse in Sussex, literally hundreds of species have been recorded on site
- HDC Parks and Countryside commissioned an independent report identifying:
- Light and noise pollution
- Cat predation – 6,000 to 12,000 prey per year!
- Severing of wildlife corridors
- Shading from buildings
- Increased human activity

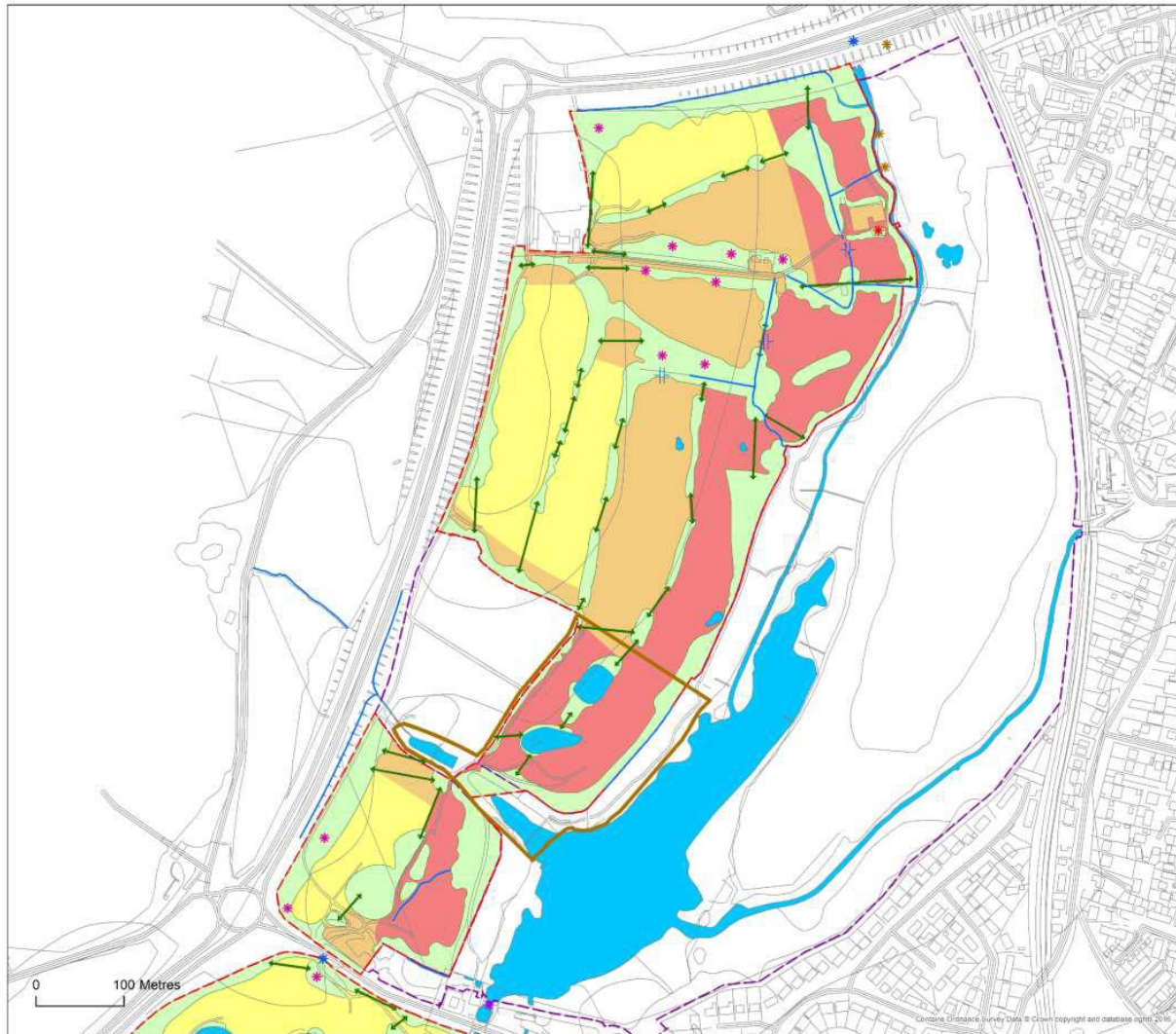




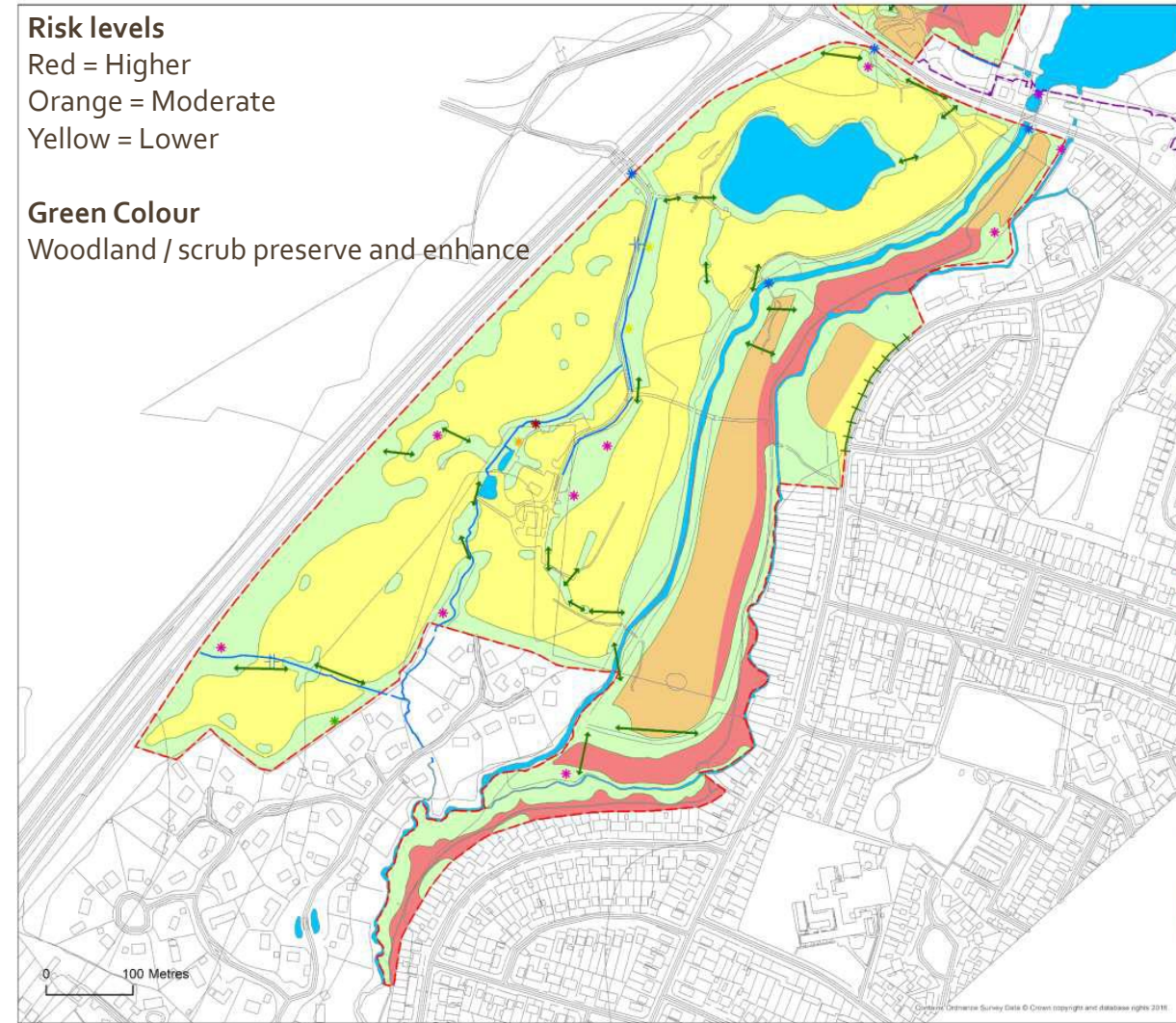
# Ecological Risk from Development



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Land north of Warnham Road







Land south of Warnham Road





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## What are we doing?

- Writing to councillors - see our web site for help  
 [keeprookwoodgreen.org/howtorespond](https://keeprookwoodgreen.org/howtorespond)
- Campaigning through social media  
 [twitter.com/keeprookwoodgrn](https://twitter.com/keeprookwoodgrn)  
 [facebook.com/keeprookwoodgreen](https://facebook.com/keeprookwoodgreen)  
 [Instagram.com/keeprookwoodgrn](https://Instagram.com/keeprookwoodgrn)
- Asking what you think should happen
  - [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KRGAGJune20](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KRGAGJune20)
- Petitioning the council— Now over 6000 voices!
  - [www.change.org/p/horsham-district-council-no-to-rookwood-golf-course-future-development-for-housing](https://www.change.org/p/horsham-district-council-no-to-rookwood-golf-course-future-development-for-housing)





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## What else can we do?



Recent sightings on Rookwood Golf Course!





Thank you!