Wiltshire Council

Nomination for listing as an Asset of Community Value

Nominated land

Area to be covered Please describe the nominated land including its proposed boundaries and exact location, address, postcode and a map attachment.	Land at Fitzgerald Farm Bemerton, Salisbury, Wilts. SP2 9NG 13.5 hectares of land at Fitzgerald Farm as outlined in red on the plan attached to this application. There are no buildings on the land but it is crossed by pubic footpath NHAM4 and adjoins Byway Open to all Traffic NHAM11.

Ownership Please state all the information you have on: (i) the names of current occupants of the land, and (ii) the names and current or last known addresses of all those holding a freehold or leasehold estate in the land; Please include a copy of the land registry entry.	i) Not Known? ii) Current owner Nigel Harris-Smith Title Number WT460252. Copy of Land Registry entry attached

Community value Your reasons for thinking that Wiltshire Council should conclude that the land is of 'community value', having regard to the definition in the Localism Act: • current primary use of the building/ land or use of the building/ land in the recent past furthers the social well-being or social interests (cultural, recreational, or sporting interests) of the local community • it is realistic to think that now or in the next five years there could continue to be primary use of the building/land which will further the social well-being or social interests of the local community (whether or not in the same way as before)	The proposed Nature Reserve lies to the west of Salisbury between West Harnham and Lower Bemerton on the right bank of the River Nadder Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The area lies on the floodplain is approx.13.5 hectares in size and includes a variety of habitats from floodplain meadows, wood pasture and carr woodland with small islands and backwaters along the river. The area is rich in wildlife including some protected species of mammals, birds and plants. The land is crossed by the popular Broken Bridges footpath, an important link between Harnham and Lower Bemerton, which has fallen into disrepair over the years due to erosion from floodwaters. The site has barely been farmed in recent years with just a few cattle grazing at a very low stocking rates. The high nature conservation value of the site together with its, historic use as drowned water meadows and visual charm as a highly rustic open space make the site a valuable asset for the residents of the adjoining settlements of Bemerton and West Harnham as well as all users of the popular public right of way that crosses the land. The public footpath is currently becoming of greatly increased community value with the large-scale additional housing being erected in Harnham and Netherhampton. The footpath provides vital direct access to the Churchfields Industrial estate (a major source of local employment), schools and the railway station. Sympathetic improvement of this while retaining the rural character will significantly reduce regular car mileage on very overcrowded roads by providing a healthy alternative. The management of the site as a nature reserve, rich in wildlife and cultural heritage, adjacent to these communities will ensure that it will remain a valuable green space for local residents and walkers alike. The social benefits of access to nature and green space are now well documented. This site will provide opportunities for people to connect with nature and bring associated benefits to physical health, mental health, and general wellbeing.	

Eligibility to nominate Please provide evidence that you meet the definition of a community nominator as set out in the regulations (i.e. a parish council or voluntary or community body with a local connection). If an unincorporated group please provide a list of 21 names on the local electoral register.	The Broken Bridges Trust was formally incorporated as a Limited Company on 16th October 2008. The Certificate of Incorporation is attached to this application. The objects of the Company are: • to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment (by promoting biological diversity); • to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment; and • to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life. The Organisation's Memorandum of Association does not geographically define its area of operation but it was established with the main purpose of acquiring land at Fitzgerald Farm and to manage it as a nature reserve for public benefit. All of the Directors live in the parishes adjoining the nominated site.

Your details

Parish	Parish of Netherhampton
Community area	Fisherton & Bemerton Village and West Harnham
Your organisation	Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Trust
Contact name	Trevor Austreng
Position held	Company Secretary
Address	Fawcetts Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors Windover House, St Ann Street, Salisbury, SP1 2DR
Telephone	01722 420920
Email	trevor.austreng@fawcetts.co.uk

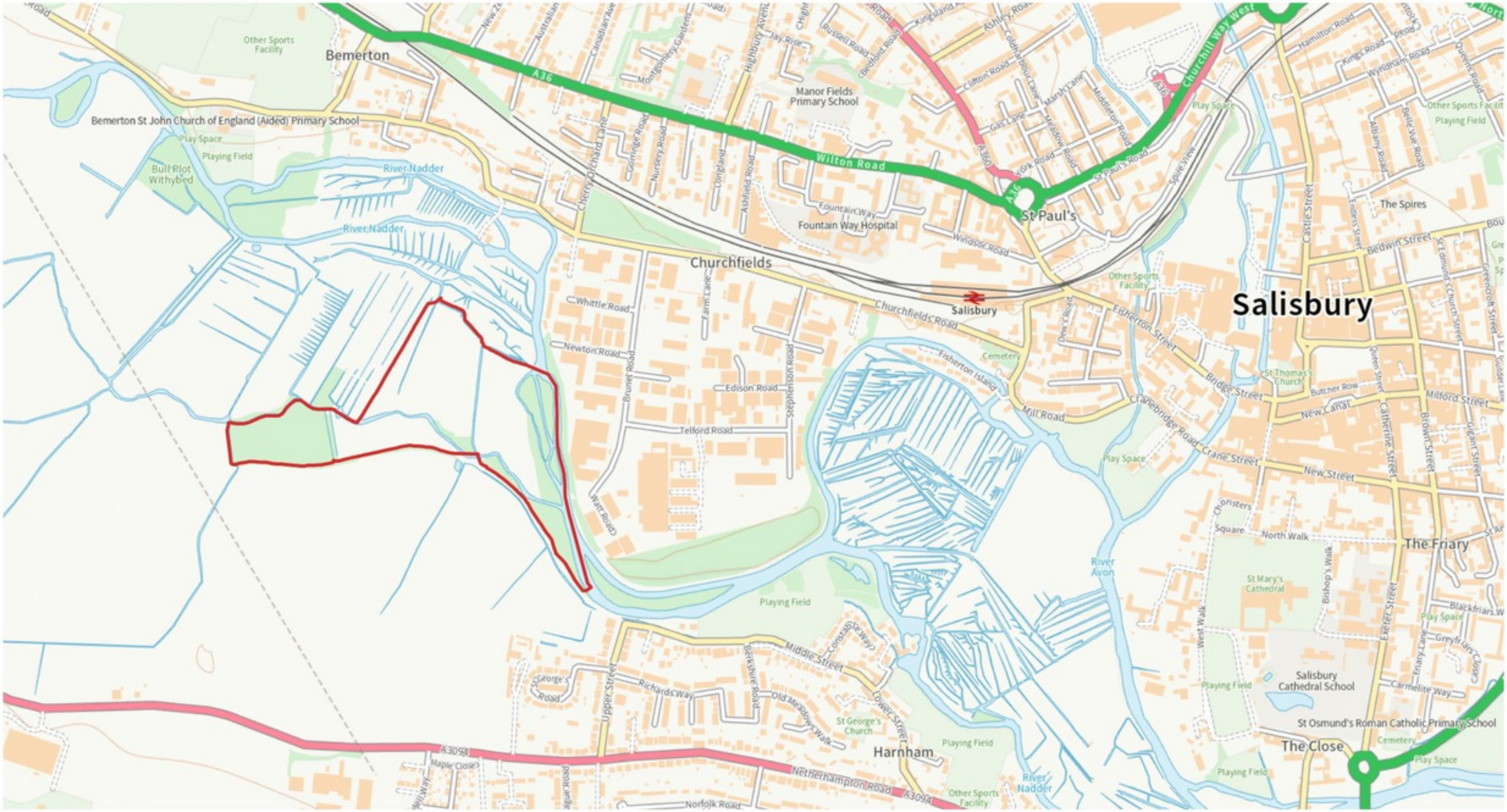
I confirm that all information provided is accurate and complete

Name	Trevor Austreng
Date	09/11/23

Please return to assetsofcommunityvalue@wiltshire.gov.uk (scanned attachments can be accepted).

Land at Fitzgerald Farm, Bemerton, Salisbury

Land App



Produced on Nov 4, 2023.
© Crown copyright and database right 2023 (licence number 100059532)

200 m
Scale 1:11000 (at A4)

N