

# GREEN GAP POLICY

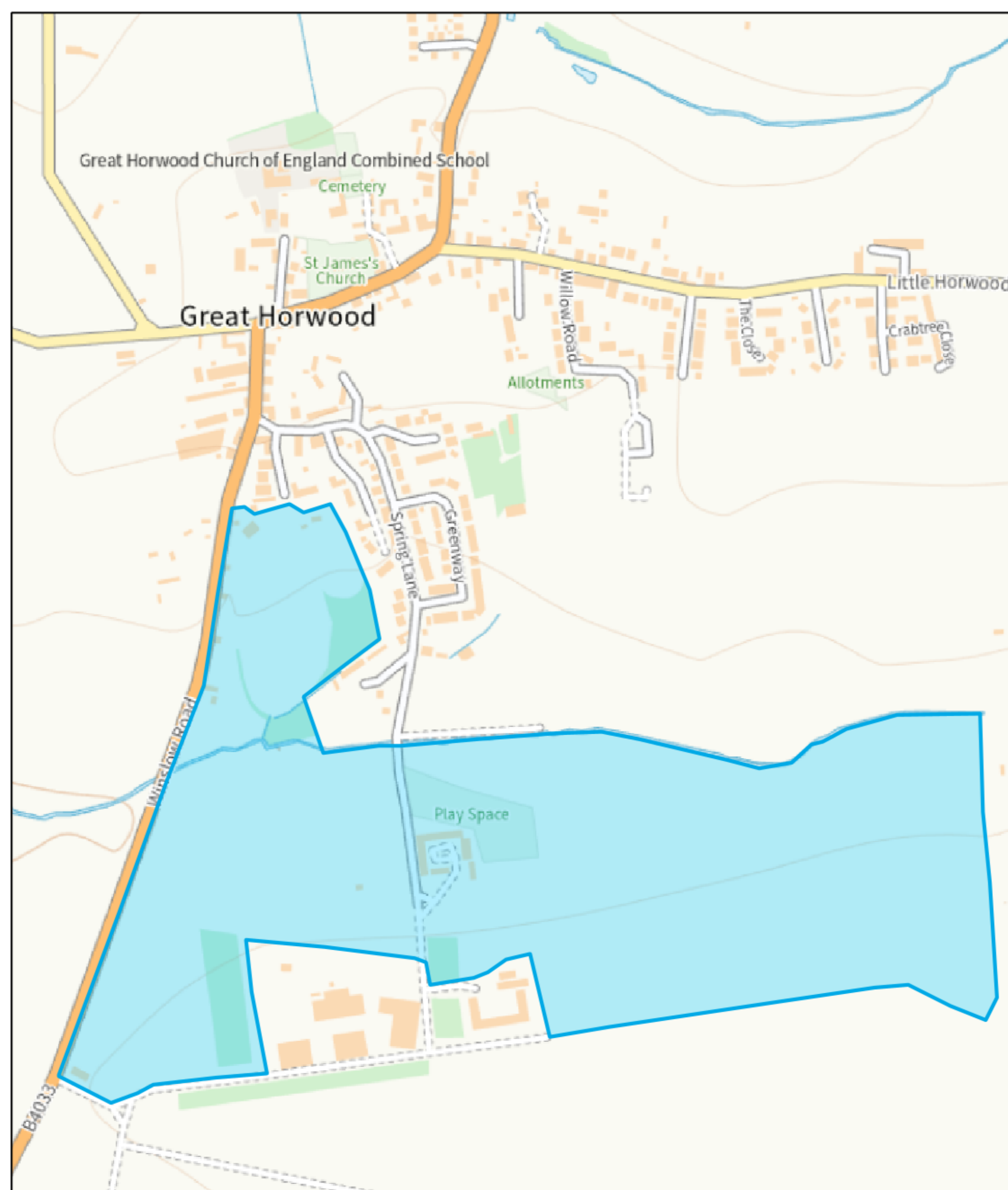
As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, the committee are considering creating a Green Gap Policy.

A Green Gap Policy is a spatial planning tool used to preserve open land between settlements and prevent urban sprawl.

Its core purpose is to maintain the physical and visual separation of towns, villages, and neighbourhoods, protecting their distinct identities and landscape settings to:

- Prevent coalescence: Avoid merging of nearby settlements due to unchecked development
- Preserve rural character: Maintain open countryside and natural buffers between built-up areas
- Support biodiversity and recreation: Encourage green infrastructure, wildlife corridors, and public access
- Guide sustainable development: Direct growth to appropriate areas while safeguarding strategic green spaces

This is the proposed Green Gap



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Local Gap

