

South Downs Local Plan Examination

Statement of clarification following discussion of Site Allocation SD89 Pulens Lane, Sheet

DATE: 6 December 2018

1. The field referred to this afternoon at Pulens Lane is not recorded on the South Downs Historic Landscape Character Assessment as being a medieval assart¹
2. Medieval assarts were one of the sensitivity factors considered as part of the settlements and their setting as set out in the Settlement Context Study (CDL reference TLL 03). There are large tracts of assarts in both West Sussex and Hampshire which the SDNPA seeks to protect where possible although they do not have any statutory protection. The point made during the discussion about the land at Pulens Lane being unique is not accurate, however this is not to say either that it is of lesser value because of that.

¹ Assart - an area of land that has had trees and undergrowth removed and the ground broken up in preparation for cultivation
(<http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/assart>)

