

# Halewick Lane: The Site

The site has been used as waste facility which closed in 2006 and before this the surrounding area was used for landfill which ceased in in the 1990s. The landfill areas were restored by 1993 and have a gas management system, which was updated in 2012, with gas monitoring boreholes along the eastern edge of the site, along the access road and around the perimeter of the landfill.

The site became part of the South Downs National Park when it was formed in 2011 and this type of use would not be acceptable or suitable in a National Park.

Located on the northern edge of Sompting, the site has an existing access from Halewick Lane and it has the potential to be a gateway to the Park.

Between the edge of Sompting and the site there are a number of open spaces such as the allotments, the playground and recreation field, a parking area and the Lancing Ring, all of which could play a part and benefit from the development of this site.

The previous use of the site and the surrounds along with the existing empty buildings and the local landscape mean there are likely to be issues of contamination, demolitions and ecology which may affect how the site can be developed.

The setting within the National Park will also be an important consideration and will require a sensitive and high quality design.

The site provides an opportunity to connect Sompting to the South Downs National Park

