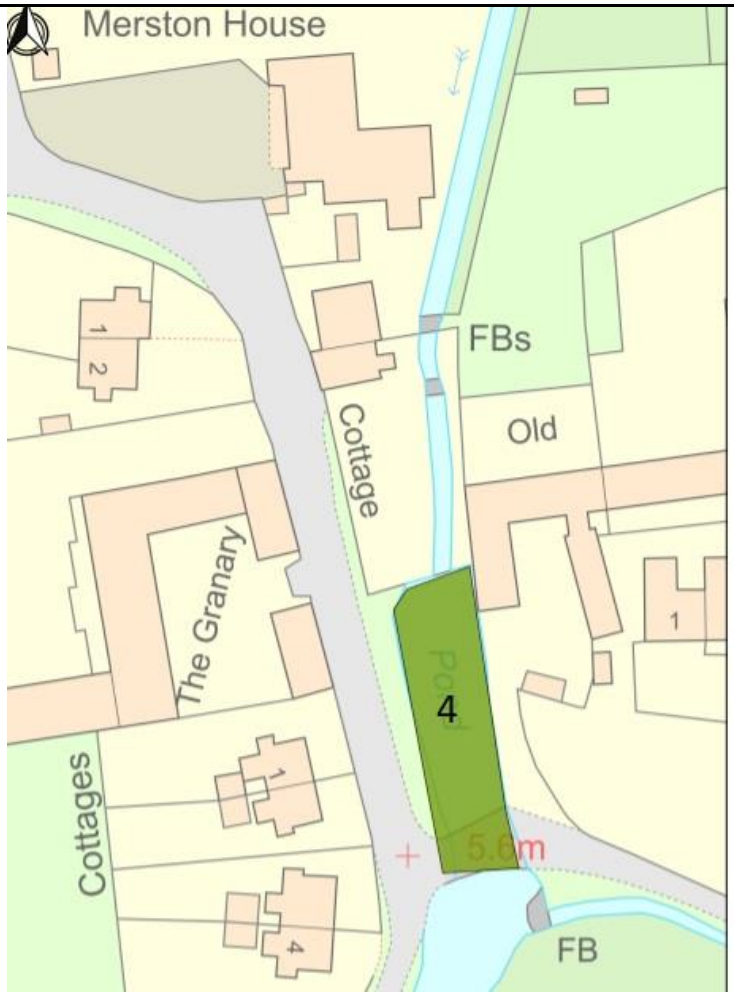
Full Assessment and Summary of Evidence

Site name	**Merston 4**
Site location	Merston duck pond, bank and bridge, OS Ref: SU 89504 02837
Landowner	Ashmarden Ltd
Description of Green Space	A duck pond created in the C19th with veteran trees bordering.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS criteria	
In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves	Central to the village.
Local character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes. Partially defines the village with the main cluster of dwellings surrounding the pond.

Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic value, recreational value (including as a playing field), sense of tranquillity, richness of wildlife	Located between two sharp bends in Marsh lane, surrounded by dwellings of the same Victorian period, the pond offers a tranquil spot with wildlife, though admittedly spoilt by the current excess of through traffic.