



# Ore Community Land Trust

Saving and enhancing green spaces in the upper Ore Valley

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## Save Speckled Wood: under threat again!

Speckled Wood is a **much loved local woodland**, valued for **wildlife, public access, community value** and its role in managing surface water and flooding.

It is **used every day** by local people for walking, fresh air, and time in nature. Children explore its paths, neighbours meet there, local Forest School learn there and volunteers have **cared for it for years**.

In a built up part of Hastings, green spaces like this are **rare and irreplaceable**. Speckled Wood is the 'green lung' in a densely built up area and benefits from considerable community support to preserve it as urban green space.



In the Draft Hastings Local Plan, land on Graystone Lane is identified for housing - in red on the map. The plan says this land is 'next to' Speckled Wood. That is not correct. Council policies maps and Land Registry plans show the **land sits within Speckled Wood** itself. Building here would mean cutting into the woodland, not building beside it!

At the last Local Plan examination in 2015, the Planning Inspector accepted that Hastings needs more homes, but still concluded that Speckled Wood is:

***“demonstrably special to the local community”***

***“the wider public interest lies with the land remaining open”***

Because of this, housing sites within Speckled Wood were removed and the area was protected as **Local Green Space**.

**Local people saved Speckled Wood before.  
We can do it again!**

In an area where green spaces are **rare and irreplaceable**, Speckled Wood stands out as a **vital community asset**.

### Get Involved

- attend our public meeting

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3pm**

**Salvation Army Cabin, behind the shop. Old London Rd**

- take part in the Local Plan consultation
- sharing this with neighbours and friends



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**Woodland once lost is gone for good  
Wildlife habitats would be damaged  
Public green space would be reduced  
Flood risk and drainage problems could increase  
Poor access and road safety pressures**

**Together, we can ensure that Speckled Wood remains a thriving green space for generations to come.**



**Save**

**Speckled**

**Wood**

**Local Green Space  
NOT Development  
Land!**



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