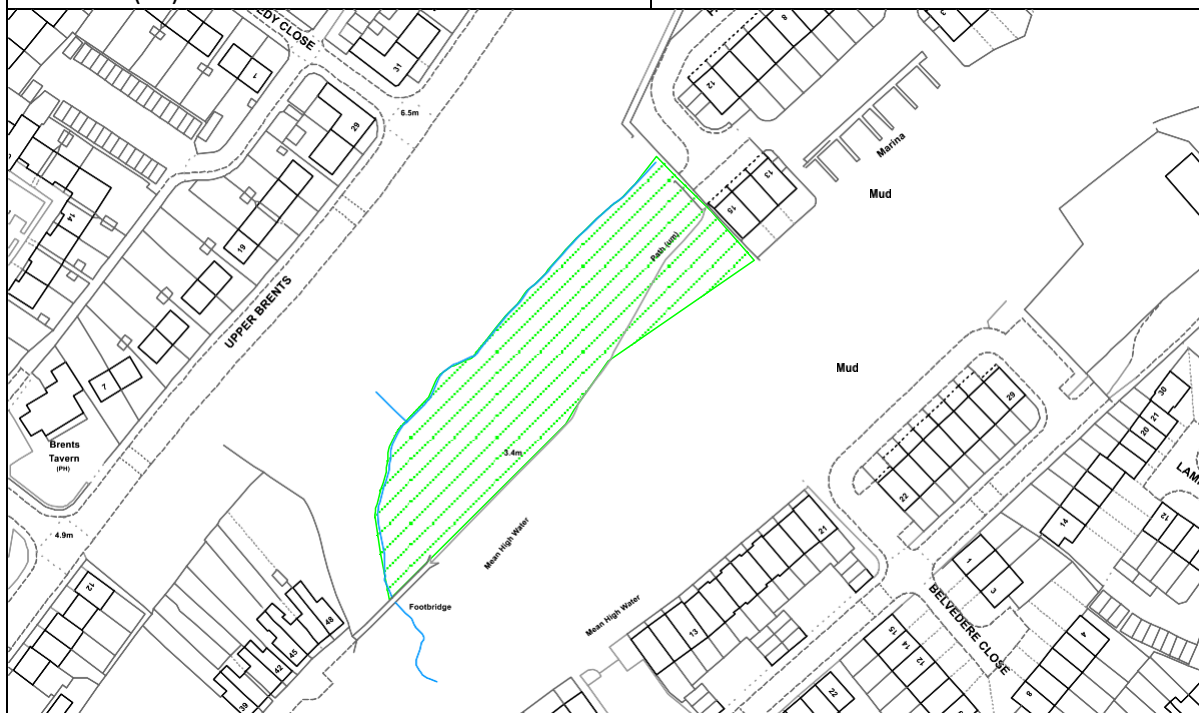


Site reference	LGS/004
Site name and settlement	Crab Island, Front Brents, Faversham
Site area (ha)	0.3



Is the green space:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves? 	Yes – within Faversham town.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrably special to a local community and of particular local significance? (For example, because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, or richness of its wildlife.) 	<p>Yes – Known locally as Crab Island it is the only tidal marsh within the boundary of the town.</p> <p>It is of historic importance as a manmade horse shoe lake bearing testament to the straightening of Faversham Creek in the 19th century. As a tidal marsh it provides a wide range of ecosystem services, including habitat for wildlife and the provision of nutrients to marine organisms, that are exceeded only by coral reefs.</p> <p>Crab island is used frequently by local residents accessing the town centre for domestic trips. It is also used for leisure for walkers to access the creek.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local in character and not an extensive tract of land? 	Yes – modest and contained.
Would designation conflict with the overall Local Plan strategy for delivering sustainable development?	No.
Could designation endure beyond the end of the plan period?	Yes.
Is the land already protected by another type of designation? If so, would any additional local benefit be gained by its designation as a Local Green Space?	No current designation.

Designate as a Local Green Space?	Yes
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