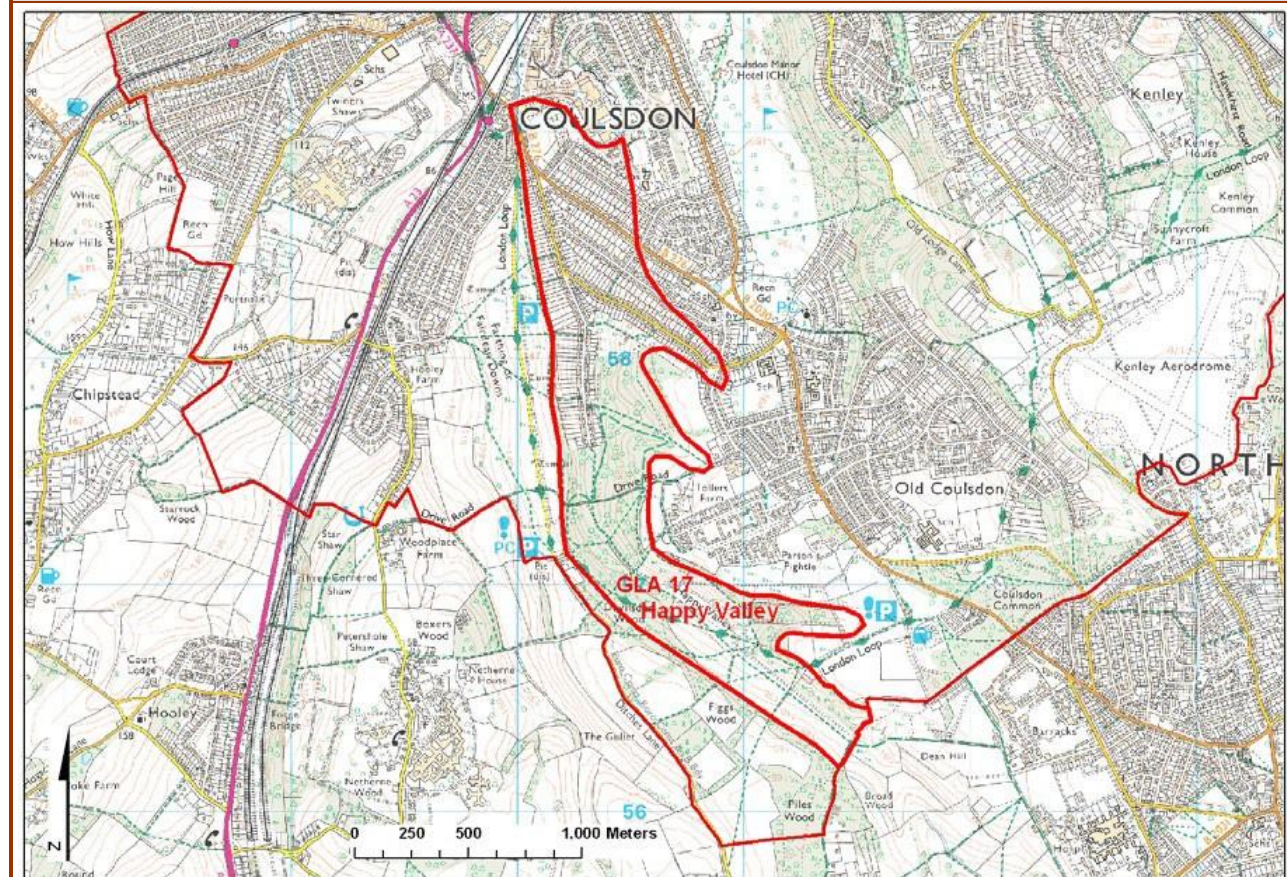


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Grid Reference: TQ 304 577	Site Type: Natural Landform
Site Area (hectares): 142.21	Current use: Recreational land
Site ownership: London Borough of Croydon	Borough: London Borough of Croydon
Field surveyor: Joanna Brayson Revisited: Paul Rainey	Date: January 2008 Date: 2008
Current geological designation: RIGS	Other designation: SSSI (Biological); NNR (South London Downs); Metropolitan SINC (Farthing Down, Devilsden Wood and Happy Valley)

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Stratigraphy and Rock Types

Time Unit: Late Cretaceous	Rock Unit: Lewes Nodular Chalk Formation, Seaford Chalk Formation and Newhaven Chalk Formation Undifferentiated, Chalk Group
Rock Type: Chalk	Details: Chalk

Site Description


Dry valley in the Chalk. Much of the valley is open access land with footpaths and woodland. Excellent views from the higher parts.

Assessment of Site Value

Geodiversity topic: Geomorphology.

Access and Safety

Aspect	Description
Safety of access	Footpaths cover area, some steep and slippery.
Safety of exposure	N/a.
Permission to visit	Open access.
Current condition	Well maintained as Happy Valley Park.
Current conflicting activities	None.

Restricting conditions	None.	
Nature of exposure	Landform.	
Culture, Heritage & Economic		
Aspect	Description	Rating
Historic, archaeological & literary associations	Nearby Saxon settlement.	4
Aesthetic landscape	Valuable open space with great views and topography.	8
History of Earth Sciences	Position of water courses.	6
Economic geology	None.	0
GeoScientific Merit		
Geomorphology	Excellent example of a dry valley.	6
Sedimentology	None.	0
Palaeontology	None.	0
Igneous/mineral/ Metamorphic Geology	None.	0
Structural Geology	None.	0
Lithostratigraphy	None.	0
Potential use	Research; school education; on-site interpretation.	
Fragility	Well maintained.	
Current Site Value		
Community	Well used by the local community for exercise/dog-walking etc. Neighbouring downland on west is managed by City of London Corporation. Area is crossed by London Loop footpath.	10
Education		6
Geodiversity value		
RIGS:	Excellent feature with good access and well used by local community.	6
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View of trees in bottom valley from valley side		