

# Harrogate District Local Plan: Local Green Space Assessments Update Report

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## 1 Introduction

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## Local Green Spaces

- 1.1** The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) allows local communities to identify green areas of particular local significance for allocation as Local Green Spaces. This allocation will provide special protection and only allow new development in very special circumstances.
- 1.2** Local Green Space can be allocated within the emerging Harrogate Local Plan or within neighbourhood plans.
- 1.3** The Local Green Space allocations will only be used where a green space is shown to be demonstrably special and of particular significance to the local community. Not all green spaces will be suitable for this type of designation. Existing green spaces which are currently protected and which are not suitable for Local Green Space allocation will continue to be provided protection against development by Policy HP6 of the Draft Local Plan, 'Protection of Existing Sport, Open Space and Recreation Facilities'.

## This report

- 1.4** This report provides an update to the previous Local Greenspace Assessment completed in 2016 as part of the evidence base to support the draft Local Green Space Policy and the draft allocations as set out within the draft Harrogate District Local Plan. The current updated assessment takes account of representations received to the draft Local Plan and forms the evidence to support the Harrogate District Local Plan Publication Draft 2018.
- 1.5** The following information can be found within this report:
  - The policy background relating to Local Green Space allocations.
  - An explanation of the process followed by the council to identify potential Local Green Space allocations.
  - The criteria for allocating Local Green Spaces.
  - The methodology followed to assess submitted sites.
  - The results of the updated assessment work undertaken to inform the Publication Draft Plan.
  - Information about alternative designations which may be appropriate for sites where a Local Green Space allocation is not considered suitable.
  - The draft Local Green Space policy.
  - Detailed assessment forms for sites assessed to inform the Publication Draft Plan.

## 2 Policy Background

- 2.1** The NPPF introduces a Local Green Space designation which allows local communities to identify green areas of particular local significance for designation as Local Green Spaces.

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- 2.2** Paragraph 76 of the NPPF states that local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of an area and sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and should be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

- 2.3** At paragraph 77: the NPPF states that the Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
- Where the green space will be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

- 2.4** Finally, at paragraph 78: the NPPF states that local policy for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with policy for Green Belts.

- 2.5** Additional guidance relating to the designation of Local Green Space is provided within the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). The following guidelines should be taken into account when designating Local Green Space:

- There are no restrictions on the type of green space that can be designated as Local Green Space.
- Local Green Space designations will rarely be appropriate where land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where the planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented.
- If land is already protected by Green Belt Policy or other designations such as being within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) or a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) then consideration should be given to whether any additional benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.
- The green area will need to meet the criteria set out within Paragraph 77 of the NPPF. Whether to designate land will be a matter for local discretion.
- The proximity of the Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is special.
- Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate - In particular the designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve a new area of what would amount to a Green Belt by another name.
- Land may be considered for designation if there is no public access (e.g. Where the site is valued for its wildlife, historic significance or beauty).
- There is no need to designate linear corridors to protect land which is already protected as a Public Right of Way (PROW).

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- Local Green Spaces do not need to be within public ownership.
- Management of land designated as Local Green Space will remain the responsibility of the landowner.

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**2.6** Local Green Space can be designated within the emerging Harrogate District Local Plan or within neighbourhood plans. A draft Local Green Space Policy (NE6; Local Green Space) was consulted upon during Winter 2016. This policy and the supporting justification text has been amended in light of comments received to the Draft Local Plan Consultation. The amended policy and justification can be found at section 7 of this document and will be consulted upon within the Harrogate District Local Plan Publication Draft in early 2018. Where relevant, an appropriate policy should also be included in neighbourhood plans.

### Criteria for Designation

**2.7** As highlighted above, there are no restrictions on the type of green space which can be designated as Local Green Space. Allotments or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis could be designated. Land which is partly developed with structures such as sports pavilions, boating lakes or war memorials could also be appropriate. The key characteristic for the designation should be the particular importance to the local community.

**2.8** The NPPG advises that land already subject to a designation could be proposed as Local Green Space, taking into consideration the benefits to be gained. Following this advice, Harrogate Borough Council does not envisage there would be a beneficial gain in identifying LGS within the following designations:

- Special Protection Areas: protected under the EC Birds Directive (79/409/EEC).
- Special Areas of Conservation: protected under the EC Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), transposed into UK law by the 'Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010'.
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest: protected under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- Local Nature Reserves: protected by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. These sites are owned, leased or managed by Harrogate Borough Council.
- Registered village greens and common land: protected by the Commons Act 2006.
- The Stray: protected by the Stray Act 1985.

**2.9** A site proposed as Local Green Space must meet the criteria set out within the NPPF. The land must meet all the following criteria:

- demonstrably special to the local community;
- reasonably close proximity to the community served;
- local in character and not an extensive tract of land; and
- not an area with extant planning permission within which the Local Green Space could not be accommodated.

**2.10** The land must hold particular local significance for at least one of the following reasons:

- beauty
- historic significance
- recreational value
- tranquillity
- wildlife
- other reason

**2.11** Designating land as Local Green Space should:

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- be consistent with local planning of sustainable development; and
- complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.

## 3 Identifying Local Green Spaces

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#### Identifying Local Green Space

- 3.1** As set out within section 2 of this report, the NPPF states that communities should be able to identify the green areas of particular importance to them for protection as Local Green Space. The aim of national policy and guidance is therefore to invite communities to identify green spaces, with communities being required to demonstrate how and why those spaces are special. In order to alert communities within Harrogate district to this opportunity to identify potential green spaces for protection, the following activities have taken place:

#### District Panel - April 2015

- 3.2** In order to develop an appropriate process for inviting submissions from the community, the council's Planning Policy team undertook initial consultation with the District Panel. The District Panel is made up of 850 Harrogate District residents from all backgrounds and age groups. The Panel is consulted by questionnaire (e-mail or paper) on a wide variety of topics. This aided officers by informing the development of consultation processes and the preparation of a suitable assessment methodology.

#### Parish Council Workshop - March 2015

- 3.3** Representatives of all parish councils across Harrogate district were invited to take part in a workshop run by the council's Planning Policy team. Representatives of residents associations and groups across the non-parished area of Harrogate town were also invited to attend the session.
- 3.4** The workshop provided participants with an introduction to the Local Green Space designation, an explanation of the criteria which Local Green Spaces must meet and also a toolkit which groups could use to aid them in preparing submissions for Local Green Space. A workshop exercise provided participants with the opportunity to work in a small group with a member of the Planning Policy Team, preparing a mock submission using the tool kit provided.
- 3.5** Participants were provided with toolkits to take away from the meeting and encouraged to work within their local communities to identify potential sites and prepare submissions.

#### Issues and Options Consultation - Summer 2015

- 3.6** In Summer 2015, the council published its Local Plan Issues and Options document for public consultation over six weeks. The document included 74 potential Local Green Space sites which had been submitted to the council following the Parish Council Workshop. Consultees were asked to select those sites which they supported for Local Green Space designation and to provide reasons why those sites were supported.
- 3.7** Consultees were also invited to submit further sites and further supporting information for sites during the Issues and Options Consultation. LGS75 – LGS112 were all submitted during the Issues and Options consultation.

#### Harrogate District Local Plan - Draft 2016

- 3.8** During November and December 2016 the Harrogate District Local Plan Draft 2016 was consulted upon. Over 600 comments were received in relation to the Draft Local Green Space policy. The comments received have been analysed and where required, additional assessment work has been undertaken. No new sites were identified for assessment. Representations were received in relation to sites previously submitted and not designated,



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however, having reviewed the representations received it was been determined that the following sites should be re-assessed to take account of the additional information submitted through the Harrogate District Local Plan Draft consultation 2016:

- LGS2 Beckwithshaw
- LGS22 Harlow Hill allotments
- LGS28 The Pinewoods
- LGS32 Bilton Fields
- LGS33 Bilton Triangle
- LGS34 Grange Quarry Park
- LGS81 Aspin Pond
- LGS91 Kirk Deighton Football Ground
- LGS100 Follifoot
- LGS101 Oatlands Allotments
- LGS102 Pine Street Allotments
- LGS103 Forest Avenue Allotments
- LGS104 North Outfall Allotments
- LGS106 Unity Allotments
- LGS108 Stonefall Allotments
- LGS109 Claro Road Allotments
- LGS110 Panhandle Park and Embankment

**3.9** Detailed assessment forms for the above sites are included within Appendix 1 and 2 of this document. A record of the key issues raised in relation to all sites through the consultation is available within the Harrogate District Local Plan Draft Consultation Statement 2017.

### Consulting Landowners

**3.10** During the Issues and Options consultation, landowners were consulted by letter where contact details had been provided through the submission process. A number of representations were received from landowners through the Issues and Options consultation. A full land registry search was then undertaken for all 112 submitted sites. A letter was sent to all identifiable landowners prior to the Draft Local Plan Consultation in Autumn 2016, giving notification that their site had been submitted for consideration as Local Green Space and setting out details of whether or not the site was recommended for designation. Landowners were invited to respond to the Draft Harrogate District Local Plan consultation.

## 4 Assessment Methodology

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- 4.1 A methodology has been developed to provide a clear framework for assessment of submitted Local Green Spaces. This is illustrated at figure 4.1.

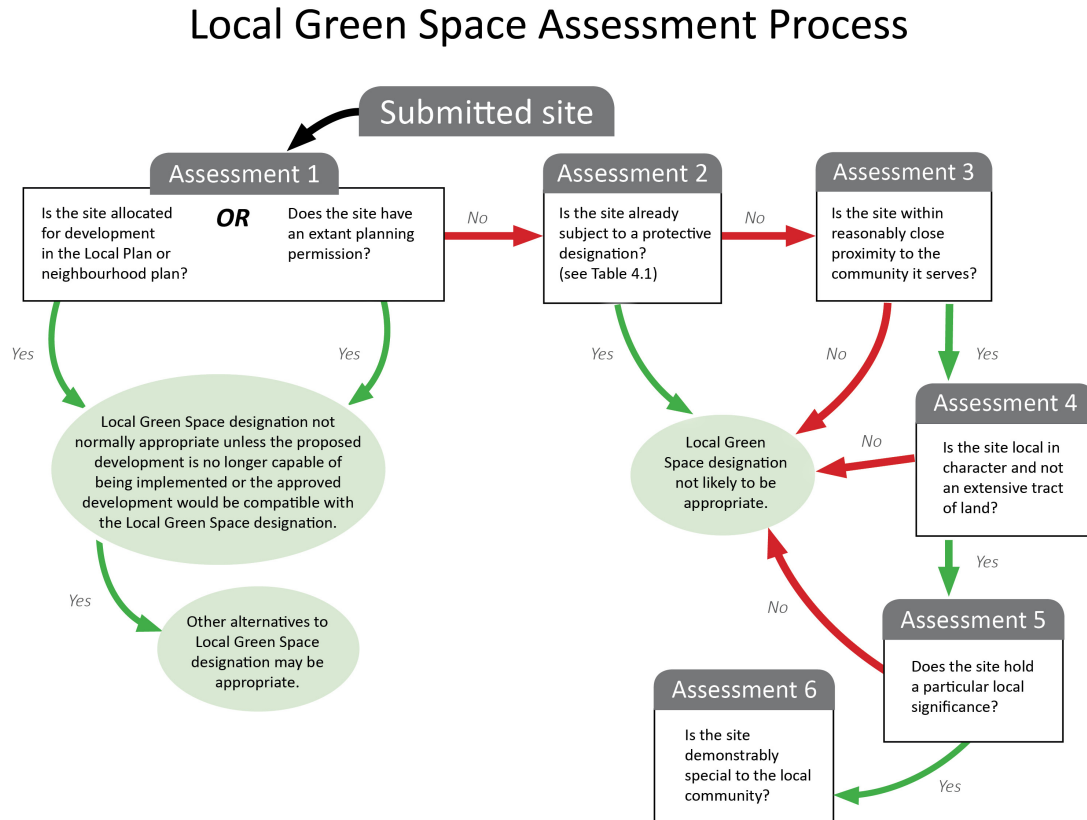


Figure 4.1 Local Green Space assessment process

- 4.2 Assessments 1 – 4 determine whether submitted sites are suitable for designation based on their planning status, their proximity to the community which they serve, whether they are protected under alternative designations and whether they are considered to be an extensive tract of land.
- 4.3 Sites which pass Assessments 1 – 4 will progress to detailed Assessment 5 to determine whether the site has been shown to be demonstrably special to a local community.
- 4.4 Where one or more of the criterion within Assessment 5 are met, the site will progress to Assessment 6.
- 4.5 Sites passing assessments 1 – 6 will be considered for designation within the context of wider local planning objectives. The NPPF states that identifying land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. The NPPG also states that Local Green Space designations should not be used in a way that undermines the aims of plan making.
- 4.6 As such, the decision to allocate Local Green Space will be taken alongside decisions to allocate land for development, (e.g. for housing, employment or other commercial need), within the emerging Local Plan. The allocation of land for development will be informed by a range of studies and assessments which will make up the evidence base for the Local

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Plan. The decision to designate areas for Local Green Space requires a balanced approach, considering all relevant criteria and needs within the district. This document forms part of the evidence base for the Local Plan.

Assessment 1: Does the site have an extant planning permission for an alternative use that would be incompatible with a Local Green Space designation? Is the site allocated within an existing Local Plan for an incompatible alternative use? Is the site likely to be allocated for an incompatible alternative use within an emerging plan?	
Method	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check site planning history</li> <li>● Check current Local Plan</li> <li>● Check SHELAA</li> </ul>	Scope out sites with extant planning permission/allocations/proposed allocations unless the proposed development is no longer capable of being implemented or the approved development would be compatible with the Local Green Space designation.

Assessment 2: Is the site already subject to a designation?	
Method	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check Current Local Plan</li> <li>● Check with Common Land and Village Green Officer</li> </ul>	Scope out any sites which are wholly designated as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Special Protection Areas: protected under the EC Birds Directive (79/409/EEC).</li> <li>● Special Areas of Conservation: protected under the EC Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), transposed into UK law by the 'Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010'.</li> <li>● Sites of Special Scientific Interest: protected under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</li> <li>● Local Nature Reserves: protected by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. These sites are owned, leased or managed by Harrogate Borough Council.</li> <li>● Registered village greens and common land: protected by the Commons Act 2006.</li> <li>● The Stray: protected by the Stray Act 1985.</li> </ul>

Assessment 3: Is the site within reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	
Method	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GIS mapping tool</li> </ul>	The following standards can be used to assess whether the site is considered to be within reasonably close proximity to the community it serves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parks and Gardens: 1 km</li> <li>● Natural and Semi Natural Greenspaces (includes Urban Woodlands): 3 kms</li> <li>● Outdoor Sports Facilities: 3 kms</li> <li>● Amenity Greenspace (includes green corridors): 1 km</li> <li>● Provision for children and young people: 1 km</li> <li>● Allotments and community gardens: 1 km</li> <li>● Cemeteries, disused churchyards and other burial grounds: 3 kms in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon, 1 km in all other areas.</li> </ul> <p>Sites not meeting these standards can be scoped out, unless evidence has been provided to show that the special characteristics and/or features of a site serve communities from a wider area.</p>

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Assessment 4: Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	
Method	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officer review of submission</li> <li>Site visit where required</li> </ul>	<p>The NPPF is clear that the Local Green Space designation should only be used where the site is not an extensive tract of land. Extensive tracts of land on the edge of settlements and blanket designations of open countryside will not be appropriate. Whilst there is no size limit on how small or large a Local Green Space can be, a judgement will need to be made to ensure that the proposed space is of a size that reasonably relates to the community that it serves. As such, we would expect the areas submitted to be fairly self-contained and to have clearly defined boundaries. Larger areas of the open countryside and long-distance green ways/river corridors will not generally be considered appropriate for Local Green Space designation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>How does the site relate to the local area?</b> Does the site feel part of the local area? Why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the area? Is the site distinct from surrounding countryside by virtue of its size, land type or landscape features?</li> <li><b>Is the site an extensive tract of land?</b> How large is the site in comparison to the community it serves and areas of land in the vicinity? Does the site surround all or part of the village/town/local area?</li> <li><b>How has the size of the site been decided?</b> Does the site follow natural features or existing constraints? Does the whole site justify designations or is some of the site unnecessarily included? Is the site unusually large for its use?</li> </ul>

Assessment 5: Does the site hold a particular local significance?	
Method	Assessment
Officer assessment	The proposed designation must be based on evidence to demonstrate why the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and is of particular local significance. To meet this requirement an area must fulfil one or more of the criteria below.
Officer assessment of whether the site holds particular local significance because of its beauty	<p>This criterion relates to the visual attractiveness of a site. To meet this criterion the site must be beautiful in its own right. Sites which allow views to other areas but are not beautiful in their own right will not meet this criterion. Sites which contribute to the character of the wider area but cannot be said to be beautiful in their own right are not appropriate for designation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?</b></li> <li><b>Site visibility</b> - Is the site visible from a public place? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</li> <li><b>Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments, conservation area appraisals or similar documents?</b></li> <li><b>Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?</b></li> <li><b>Does the site bring interest from further afield to the local area?</b></li> </ul>
Officer assessment of whether the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance	<p>In order to meet this criterion, there must be evidence to demonstrate that the site is of historic importance to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site?</b> For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.</li> <li><b>Are there any historic landscape features on the site?</b> For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features.</li> <li><b>Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?</b> For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.</li> <li><b>Did any important historic events take place on the site?</b></li> <li><b>Is there a longstanding event which takes place on the site?</b> For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg, plays, market.</li> </ul>
Officer assessment whether the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value	There must be evidence to show that the space has local significance for recreation and is of value to the community. Whilst a large number of green spaces will offer some form of recreational value, it will be necessary to identify why a particular space offers something unique that could not realistically be accommodated on other spaces that would serve the same community.

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Assessment 5: Does the site hold a particular local significance?	
Method	Assessment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport?</b> <i>Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?</i></li> <li>● <b>Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation?</b> <i>Can the site be accessed easily?</i></li> </ul>
Officer assessment of whether the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity	<p>There must be evidence to show that the site submitted is viewed to be of importance to the local community because of the tranquillity it provides offering a place for reflection and peaceful enjoyment. This is a subjective assessment and the council will require clear justification as to why an area is of particular value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Is the site considered to be tranquil?</b> <i>What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?</i></li> </ul>
Officer assessment of whether the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	<p>There must be evidence to show that the site is viewed to be of local significance because of the wildlife it is home to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?</b></li> <li>● <b>If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site?</b> <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site? Has the site (or is it likely to be identified as being of local importance in the Local BAP or Local GAP?</i></li> <li>● <b>Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?</b> <i>For example, is there habitat on site which would support the presence of wildlife - are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i></li> <li>● <i>Is the site the focus of local community interest and concern for its wildlife/are the community involved in steering the sites development and management?</i></li> <li>● <i>Is the site reasonably close to schools/nurseries who may visit the site? Is there any on-site interpretation of the wildlife on site?</i></li> <li>● <i>Is the site in an area generally lacking in publicly accessible natural heritage?</i></li> </ul>
Officer assessment of whether the site holds particular local significance for any other reason	<p>There must be evidence that the proposed site holds particular local significance for the community for reasons other than those identified above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community?</b> <i>Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?</i></li> <li>● <b>What features make this site important?</b></li> </ul>

Assessment 6: Is the site demonstrably special to the local community?	
Method	Assessment
Evidence of local support	<p>Submitted evidence will be reviewed to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>How the site was identified?</b> <i>Was it instigated by the community or parish council? Or an individual? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has the site been subject to discussion or planning processes before?</i></li> <li>● <b>Is there a petition?</b> <i>Are the signatures from local people? Does the petition relate to just this one site? Is the purpose of the petition clear?</i></li> <li>● <b>Do the letters of support show that they clearly understand the justification for designating the site as a local green space?</b></li> <li>● <b>Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation?</b></li> <li>● <b>Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?</b></li> <li>● <b>Have there been any objections to the designation?</b> <i>Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?</i></li> <li>● <b>Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location?</b> <i>Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?</i></li> </ul>

## 4 Assessment Methodology

- 4.7** As highlighted within the Section 2 of this report, the NPPF states that Local Green Spaces should also only be designated where they are capable of enduring beyond the Local Plan period. This highlights the importance of ensuring that if a site is designated as Local Green Space, the reasons for its designation, (i.e. its special features and qualities), will not be lost or degraded in the future. As such it is important to understand the land owners current and longer term plans for the site. All landowners were notified of their sites submission for consideration as Local Green Space and were invited to comment in the draft designations included within the Draft Local Plan. Consultation responses will help to inform the council's final considerations of whether a site is capable of enduring as Local Green Space in the future.

## 5 Assessment Results

5.1 The following tables summarise the assessment results:

- Table 5.1 - **Sites recommended** for Local Green Space allocation.
- Table 5.2 - **Sites not recommended** for Local Green Space allocation.
- Table 5.3 - **Sites scoped out** under assessments 1 - 4 - **Not recommended for allocation**.

5.2 Detailed assessment forms are available for every site assessed (included at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of this report). The assessment forms clearly explain why a site has been assessed as being suitable for allocation or, conversely, why a site is not considered suitable for allocation.

5.3 The following abbreviations are used throughout the summary table and assessment forms:

- CA - Conservation Area
- SLA - Special Landscape Area
- TPO - Tree Protection Order
- AONB - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- PROW - Public Right of Way
- SINC - Site of Interest for Nature Conservation
- SSSI - Site of Special Scientific Interest
- GB - Green Belt

### Sites recommended for Local Green Space allocation

LGS Ref	Settlement	Site name	Assessment One		Assessment Two	Assessment Three	Assessment Four	Complete assessments 5 and 6?	Assessment Five						Assessment Six	Outcome summary				
			Planning Issues						Existing protective designations	Is the site within reasonably close proximity to the community serves	Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational value			Tranquillity	Wildlife	Any other reason	Is the site demonstrably special to the local community?
			SHELAA 2016	Recent relevant planning history																
LGS9	Burnt Yates	Community Amenity Area, Burnt Yates	n/a	none	R1	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Site recommended for LGS designation. Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value. Sufficient evidence has been submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS14	Grantley	Playing Field	n/a	none	R1	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Site recommended for LGS designation. Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value. The submitted form and additional evidence demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS22	Harrogate	Beckwith Avenue Allotments	n/a	none	R1	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds local significance for its recreational value, wildlife interest and for its role in encouraging social interaction within the local community. The submitted form, letters, emails and additional petition comments demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS.				
LGS25	Harrogate	Bachelor Field	n/a	none	R3b	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Site recommended for LGS designation. Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds local significance for its beauty, recreational value and wildlife interest. The submitted form and additional petition comments demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS28	Harrogate	The Pinewoods	n/a	1605254OUTMAJ Outline application for the extension to existing bottling facility and associated works with access considered.  Application permitted. (refers to part of Irongate field only)	SLA, Amenity Open Space (northern part), Green wedge (northern part), CA (northern part), R1 (Irongate field)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Site recommended for LGS designation. Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational and wildlife value as well as for its role as a location where young people can learn about nature, for the wide range of community activities and events it hosts and the role it plays environmentally in this area. Representations from the the local community show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community for these reasons. It is recommended that the site is designated in line with the revised boundary suggested by HBC Estates to reflect the fact that the majority of representations referred only to the mature woodland area of the site rather than the area known as Irongate field and to reflect the extant permission on this part of the site.				
LGS34	Harrogate	Grange Quarry Park	n/a	none	SLA/partly within HD11 Townscape and Environmental Improvement Area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Site recommended for LGS designation. Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is of particular local significance for its wildlife value and is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS35	Killinghall	Cautley Drive	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Site recommended for LGS designation. Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its historic significance. The site has also been shown to be demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS47	Masham	Masham allotments	M1	none	R1	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Site recommended for designation. Sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's recreational value and for its important role within the community, providing opportunities for social interaction and food production. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS48	North Deighton	The Green	n/a	none	Within the conservation Area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Site recommended for designation as LGS. Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds local significance for its recreational value and as a stopping/meeting place. The submitted form and additional				



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			Planning Issues						Existing protective designations	Is the site within reasonably close proximity to the community serves	Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational value			Tranquillity	Wildlife	Any other reason	Is the site demonstrably special to the local community?
			SHELAA 2016	Recent relevant planning history																
																letters demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS50	North Stainley	Community Garden	n/a	none	H3	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Recommended for designation as LGS. Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's beauty, tranquillity and recreational value. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS51	North Stainley	Recreation ground	n/a	none	R1 Existing recreation open space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Site recommended for designation as LGS. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS58	Scriven	Jacob Smith Park	n/a	none	CA, SLA, C9c	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Site recommended for designation as LGS. Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's beauty, recreational value and tranquillity. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS71	Spofforth	East Park Playground and Nature Reserve (Ginny Greenholes)	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Site recommended for designation as LGS. Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational and wildlife value and because the site holds particular significance as a focal point within the village. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS73	Spofforth	Millennium garden	n/a	none	CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Site recommended for designation as LGS. Sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's beauty, recreational value, tranquillity and as a stopping place/focal point within the village. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.				
LGS75	Knaresborough	Knaresborough House	n/a	none	HD12 Amenity Open Space, CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's beauty and recreational value. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS. The boundary has been amended in line with comments from the landowner, to exclude the built form of Knaresborough house and its curtilage from the designation.				
LGS81	Harrogate	Aspin Pond	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Site recommended for designation. Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is rich in wildlife and that the local community has played a significant role in restoring the site and maintaining it as a natural habitat to support wildlife. The site is of local significance for its wildlife value and is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS101	Harrogate	Oatlands Allotments	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the community for its recreational value and for its role in encouraging community interaction and the opportunities provided for plot holders to produce cheap vegetables and learn gardening skills from each other.				
LGS102	Harrogate	Pine Street Allotments	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the community for its recreational value and for its role in encouraging community interaction and the opportunities provided for plot holders to produce cheap vegetables and learn gardening skills from each other.				

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LGS103	Harrogate	Forest Avenue Allotments	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the community for its recreational value and for its role in encouraging community interaction.				
LGS104	Harrogate	North Outfall Allotments	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the local community for its recreational value and for the role it plays in bringing the local community together.				
LGS106	Harrogate	Unity Allotments	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value and its role as a hub for community interaction and learning and an accessible location for the community to grow healthy food cheaply. It has also been shown that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS108	Harrogate	Stonefall Allotments	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance due to its wildlife value and the role that it plays encouraging community engagement and allowing residents to grow healthy food - it has been shown that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS109	Harrogate	Claro Allotments	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational and wildlife value and it has been shown that the site is demonstrably special to the local community for its role in promoting community engagement.				
LGS 110	Harrogate	Panhandle Park and disused railway embankment	H15	16052010UTMAJ pending decision - application for 9 dwellings	HD12 Amenity Open Space, CA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Site recommended for designation as LGS. Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value and wildlife interest. The site has been shown to be demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS 111	Harrogate	Stonefall Park	n/a	none	R3e Additional Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Site recommended for LGS designation. Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				

Table 5.1 Sites recommended for Local Green Space allocation

## Sites not recommended for Local Green Space allocation

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LGS1	Arkendale	Clare How Close	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS2	Beckwithshaw	Highway verge and The Copse	None	Highway verge: No recent planning history. The Copse: 99/01399/COU - COU to public open space - application permitted.	The Copse: GB, SLA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS3	Beckwithshaw	Village Cricket Ground and Football Field	n/a	none	Local Plan R1 existing Recreation Open Space (cricket ground), Green Belt (football ground)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS4	Bishop Monkton	Field between Hall Farm and West View	BM1	none	HD3 Conservation Area - southern part of site	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS5	Bishop Monkton	The Copse	n/a	none	R1 existing Recreation Open Space, HD3 Conservation Area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS6	Bishop Monkton	Field opposite Little Orchard House and Cathedral View	BM5	none	HD3 Conservation Area - southern part of site	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS7	Bishop Monkton	Triangular field opposite Fern House	n/a	none	HD3 Conservation Area - southern part of site	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS8	Bishop Monkton	Primary School Field	n/a	none	Local Plan R1 existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS10	Clint	Clint Back Lane	n/a	15/04896/FUL - application for two dwellings refused	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS11	Farnham	Site adjacent to Conservation Area	FH2	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS12	Ferrensby	Village Pond	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS13	Ferrensby	Village Allotments	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS15	Great Ouseburn	Townend Field	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS16	Great Ouseburn	Hare Hill	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS17	Great Ouseburn	Keld Lane	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds				

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LGS19	Great Ouseburn	Old Chapel	GO3	16/01308/FULMAJ - Erection of Public House, car parking facilities, erection of 7 dwellings and 1 holiday let - pending determination.	TPOs at southern boundary of site.	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS20	Great Ouseburn	Seggans Field	GO2	14/04908/OUTMAJ 50 dwellings - refused.	TPOs at southern boundary of site.	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS21	Harrogate	Land south west of Cornwall Road	H19	15/05163/OUTMAJ - application pending decision	SLA/R1	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS27	Harrogate	Land to south of Stonecrop Avenue	H50	Permission granted for 600 Homes (14/02737/EIAMAJ)	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS29	Harrogate	Nursery Lane East	n/a	none	SLA, Green Wedge	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS30	Harrogate	Field adjacent to nursery lane	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS31	Harrogate	Harlow Hill Park and recreation field	n/a	none	R1 existing recreation open space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS32	Harrogate	Bilton Fields	n/a	none	R1 existing recreation open space (middle section), green belt (northern part), SLA, SINC - small area of northern part of site.	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Whilst it is acknowledged that the site is valued locally for its wildlife and that part of the site is likely to be part of an ecological corridor, this part of the site is within the Greenbelt and is also subject to a SINC designation in part. The site extends to 33 hectares and includes agricultural fields to the south which have no public access and which do not form a coherent or logical part of the submitted site, as such the site is also considered to form an extensive tract of land on the edge of a settlement. It is also apparent that a large amount of support for the designation has resulted from fears that the site could be developed for housing through the Local Plan or be located on the route of a new bypass. The site is a large area of land on the edge of the settlement, which is subject to existing protective designations (SINC, Green Belt, Policy HP6) within the Local Plan and is not considered that it would be appropriate for the site to be given an additional protective designation. It is not recommended that the site is designated as LGS.				
LGS33	Harrogate	Bilton Triangle	H24	none	C10 Green Wedge	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS49	North Stainley	North Stainley Playground	n/a	none	R3k Additional Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS53	Ripon	Land off Tower Street	R7/R12	15/00558/FULMAJ	CA, TPO	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS56	Roecliffe	Roecliffe Common	n/a	none	CA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds				

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LGS59	Sharow	Sharow Cricket Pitch	SH2 - part of site	none	R1, R3n, CF2e	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS61	Skelton	Town End Field and Millennium pond	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS62	Skelton	Retirement bungalow greens	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS63	Skelton	St Helen's Church Yard	n/a	none	HD12 Amenity Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS64	Skelton	Allotments near Crowgarth	n/a	none	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS65	Skelton	Skelton Playground	n/a	none	R1, R10	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS66	Skelton	Skelton Church Wood Footpath	n/a	none	R10, PROW	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS67	Skelton	Primary School Field	n/a	none	R1 (playing field)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS68	Skelton	Church of Christ Consoler, car park and cemetery	n/a	none	R10	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS70	Spofforth	Embankment	n/a	none	CA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS72	Spofforth	Clive Road Recreation Ground	n/a	none	R1, CA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS74	Spofforth	Land to the west of Massey Fold	SP5	none	HD3 Conservation Area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS79	Knaresborough	Conyngham Estate north of river	n/a	none	TR7b Tourism Priority Site, SLA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS82	Little Ouseburn	Fishpond Bridge Area	n/a	none	HD3 Conservation area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS83	Little Ouseburn	Pillory Tom Field	n/a	none	HD3 Conservation area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				

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LGS91	Kirk Deighton	Football ground and allotments	KD1	14/03805/OUT, 14/02239/PNH, numerous applications relating to works to trees subject to TPO's	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS94	Bishop Monkton	Old Hall and Manor	n/a	n/a	HD3 Conservation area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS98	Staveley	Moor End Meadow	n/a	n/a	none	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS99	Harrogate	The Oval Gardens	n/a	none	HD12 Amenity Open Space	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS100	Follifoot	The Garth	n/a	n/a	GB	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS105	Harrogate	Land at Throstle Nest Drive	n/a	none	SLA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS107	Harrogate	Beechwood Crescent	n/a	none	HD12 Amenity Open Space, CA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				
LGS112	Harrogate	Harrogate College Playing Field	H16	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Site not recommended for LGS designation. Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance or that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.				

Table 5.2 Sites not recommended for Local Green Space allocation

## Sites scoped out under assessments 1 - 4 - Not recommended for allocation.

LGS Ref	Settlement	Site name	Assessment One		Assessment Two	Assessment Three	Assessment Four	Complete assessments 5 and 6?	Outcome summary
			Planning Issues						
			SHELAA 2016	Relevant planning history					
LGS18	Great Ouseburn	South Branton	GO1	15/01020/OUTMAJ - 39 dwellings permitted	none	Y	Y	N	Scoped out - Extant planning permission for 39 dwellings.
LGS23	Harrogate	Play area at Hartley Road	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission.
LGS24	Harrogate	Area between Cardale Park, Beckwith Road and Lady Lane	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission/extensive tract of land.
LGS36	Masham	Shooting Holme, Recreation Ground, Tittybottle Park	n/a	none	R1 Existing Recreation Open Space, HD3 Conservation Area	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS37	Masham	Old Mill Field	n/a	none	HD3 Conservation Area	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS38	Masham	Nutwith House	n/a	none	HD3 Conservation Area	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS39	Masham	Glebe Field	n/a	none	HD3 Conservation Area	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS40	Masham	Bunker Field	M5/M7	none	none	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS41	Masham	Field south of Kings Head Farm	M4/M6	none	none	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS42	Masham	Field behind Park Street properties	n/a	none	HD3 Conservation Area	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS43	Masham	Field west of Swinburn Road	M8	none	TPOs at southern boundary of site.	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS44	Masham	West of Oaks bungalows	M11	none	R3i Additional recreation open space	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS45	Masham	Bellfield House	n/a	none	none	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS46	Masham	Three Bunkers Field	M3	none	TPOs at northern boundary of site.	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 35ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS52	North Stainley	Group of sites	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission.
LGS54	Roecliffe	Pond and woodland	n/a	None	SINC, CA Buffer	Y	Y	N	Scoped out - existing protective designation (SINC)
LGS55	Roecliffe	Village Green	n/a	n/a	Registered Village Green	n/a	n/a	n/a	Scoped out - registered Village Green
LGS57	Sawley Moor	Picking Gill	n/a	none	AONB, SCH6	N	N	N	Scoped out - site located in an isolated position in open countryside - not local in character or within reasonable proximity to the community it serves.
LGS60	Near Skelton	Newby Hall Cricket Pitch	n/a	none	R10, buffer HD7A Park or Garden of Historic Interest	Y	N	N	Scoped out - site located in an isolated position in open countryside - not local in character.
LGS69	Spofforth	Village Green	n/a	none	Registered Village Green, HD12 Amenity Open Space, CA, CAA (para 4.7, 7.2)	Y	Y	N	Scoped out - registered Village Green
LGS76	Knaresborough	Hay-a-Park Lagoon	n/a	none	NC2 SSSI - part of site	Y	Y	N	Scoped out - Extensive tract of land - part of the site protected by SSSI designation.
LGS77	Knaresborough	Birkham Wood	K5 (small area of site to north)	none	C9 SLA, SSSI - part, HD3 Conservation Area - part, GB - part	Y	N	N	Scoped out - Extensive tract of land - site protected by SSSI/GB designations.
LGS78	Knaresborough	Conyngam Estate South of river	None	none	GB, SLA	Y	N	N	Scoped out: Extensive tract of land. The area submitted covers numerous parcels of land, all of different landscape character - whilst the boundary drawn follows various field boundaries and the path of the river, it cannot be said that the area is self contained or that there is a clear logic for the inclusion of the parcels of land chosen.
LGS80	Knaresborough	Nidd Gorge	None	none	GB (whole site with exception of small part at north east of proposed LGS), SLA	N	N	N	Scoped out: Extensive tract of land measuring 100ha
LGS84	Thorpe Underwood	Early Romano field	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission.
LGS85	Thorpe Underwood	WW2 gun/searchlight platform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission.

LGS Ref	Settlement	Site name	Assessment One		Assessment Two	Assessment Three	Assessment Four	Complete assessments 5 and 6?	Outcome summary
			Planning Issues						
			SHELAA 2016	Relevant planning history					
LGS86	Kirk Deighton	Land north of Ashdale Lane	n/a	none	n/a	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 30ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS87	Kirk Deighton	Land north of Lime Kiln Lane	n/a	none	n/a	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 30ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS88	Kirk Deighton	Land east of Knaresborough Road	n/a	n/a	NC3 Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (western part of site)	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 30ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS89	Kirk Deighton	Land north of Mark Lane	n/a	none	n/a	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 30ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS90	Kirk Deighton	Land south of Mark Lane	n/a	none	n/a	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 30ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS92	Kirk Deighton	Land south of Ashdale Lane	KD4 (part site)	none	n/a	Y	N	N	Multiple sites submitted surrounding settlement, combining to over 30ha of land. Extensive tract of land. Purpose of LGS is not to perform Green Belt function.
LGS93	Knaresborough	Abbey Road	K2/K13	n/a	HD3 Conservation area	Y	N	N	Extensive tract of land - almost 20 hectares of land wrapping round the southern edge of the settlement boundary.
LGS95	North Rigton	Hill Top Common	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission.
LGS96	North Rigton	The Village Garden	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission. No form or evidence.
LGS97	North Rigton	The Village Green	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out - incomplete submission. No form or evidence.
LGS98	Staveley	Town End Field	n/a	n/a	SINC	n/a	n/a	N	Scoped out: Existing designation (SINC).

Table 5.3 Sites scoped out under assessments 1 - 4 - Not recommended for allocation



## 6 Alternative Designations

### Alternatives to Local Green Space

- 6.1** Where submitted sites have not been allocated as Local Green Space, it may be appropriate to consider alternative designations to help protect or enhance the features which a local community values.
- 6.2** As highlighted within the introduction to this report, a Local Green Space will only be allocated where a green space is shown to be demonstrably special and of particular significance to the local community. Not all green spaces will be suitable for this type of designation. Existing green spaces which are currently protected and are not suitable for Local Green Space designation will continue to be provided protection against development by Policy HP6, 'Protection of Existing Sport, Open Space and Recreation Facilities'. Policy HP6 provides protection against development that would involve the loss of facilities for a wide range of indoor and outdoor sport, open space and recreation facilities in public ownership or in educational use, including parks, gardens, allotments, playing fields, tennis courts, cricket grounds, bowling greens, sports halls, swimming pools, gyms, natural and semi-natural green spaces (including urban woodland), play areas, and golf courses.
- 6.3** The following designations may also be suitable:

### Assets of Community Value

- 6.4** Parish councils or local community groups can nominate both privately and publicly owned assets which meet the definition of community value. This is now a legal right due to the introduction of the Community Right, (sometimes called the "Community Right to Bid"). If an asset is listed and then comes up for sale, the new right could give communities a total of six months to put together a bid to buy it, (including a six-week cut-off for an initial proposal to be put forward). For further information please see:
- <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/community-rights/assets-community-value>
  - <https://mycommunity.org.uk/affordable-and-community-led-housing>

### Agreements with land-owners

- 6.5** It may be possible for local communities to reach either formal or informal agreements with the owner of the site to ensure access to the site for local people. This may be an appropriate option where the site owner has a long-term connection with the local area, for example the owner of a large historic estate. It may be possible for the land-owner to dedicate the site as "open access land". Further information can be found as follows:
- Guidance note on the dedication of land under the countryside and rights of way act 2000: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

### Community Purchase

- 6.6** In some instances local communities have purchased important sites to ensure that they remain in community control in perpetuity. The ownership can lie with the town or parish council or with a specific trust. Examples of how communities have purchased sites can be found at:
- [mycommunity.org.uk/](http://mycommunity.org.uk/)

## 6 Alternative Designations

### Local Nature Reserves

- 6.7** A Local Nature Reserve (LNR) provides people with special opportunities to study or learn about nature or simply to enjoy it. Local Nature Reserves are designated by district or county councils and the local authority must control the LNR through ownership, lease or agreement with the owner.

### Village Green status

- 6.8** Anyone can apply to register land as a village green if it has been used by local people for lawful sports and pastimes “as of right”, i.e without permission, force or secrecy, for at least 20 years.
- 6.9** Further information on how to register a site can be found at:
- [www.gov.uk/town-and-village-greens-how-to-register](http://www.gov.uk/town-and-village-greens-how-to-register)
  - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/land-and-waterways/common-land-and-village-greens>

## 7 Draft Local Plan Policy

The following draft Local Green Space policy has been included within the Harrogate District Draft Local Plan.

### Draft Policy 6

#### NE6: Local Green Space

The sites in Table 10.1, and as identified on the Policies map, are proposed for allocation as Local Green Space:

Site Ref	Settlement	Name
LGS22	Harrogate	Beckwith Avenue Allotments
LGS25	Harrogate	Bachelor Fields
LGS28	Harrogate	The Pinewoods
LGS34	Harrogate	Grange Quarry Park
LGS101	Harrogate	Oatlands Allotments
LGS102	Harrogate	Pine Street Allotments
LGS103	Harrogate	Forest Avenue Allotments
LGS104	Harrogate	North Outfall Allotments
LGS106	Harrogate	Unity Allotments
LGS108	Harrogate	Stonefall Allotments
LGS109	Harrogate	Claro Allotments
LGS110	Harrogate	Panhandle Park and railway embankment
LGS111	Harrogate	Stonefall Park
LGS75	Knaresborough	Knaresborough House
LGS81	Knaresborough	Aspin Pond
LGS58	Scriven	Jacob Smith Park
LGS47	Masham	Masham Allotments
LGS9	Burnt Yates	Community Amenity Area
LGS14	Grantley	Playing Field
LGS35	Killinghall	Land at Cautley Drive
LGS48	North Deighton	The Green
LGS50	North Stainley	Community Garden
LGS51	North Stainley	Recreation Ground
LGS71	Spofforth	East Park Playground and Recreation Park

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Site Ref	Settlement	Name
LGS73	Spofforth	Millennium Garden

**Table 10.1 Local Green Spaces**

Development will not be permitted within a Local Green Space allocated either within the Harrogate District Local Plan or an approved Neighbourhood Plan, unless there are very special circumstances where the public benefits of the development proposed would outweigh the harm that would be caused by development within the Local Green Space.

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## Burnt Yates: Local Green Space Assessment



Map 1.1 LGS9, Community Amenity Area, Burnt Yates

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## LGS9: Community Amenity Area, Burnt Yates

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Detailed assessment
Date Entered	16/06/2016
Settlement	Burnt Yates
Site Name	Community Amenity Area
Site Code	LGS9

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	No details submitted.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible from the public highway.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	Y	The local cricket club and teams from the surrounding area use the site. The site is the only recreation site within the village. A letter has been received from the chairman of the local cricket club in support of the designation and explaining that the pitch supports 4 teams, playing an important role in Nidderdale Evening Cricket League and also supporting visitn teams during summer months.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The site includes allotment gardens and a children's play area. The annual village bonfire is held on the field. Letters of support from local residents indicate that the site is used

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		and valued for both formal and informal recreation. The site is accessible and open to the public.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	The site is of significance in that it is the only recreation facility of this nature within the village. It is also used by cricket teams travelling to the village from the surrounding area. Evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its richness in wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	The submission form states that the activities taking place in the amenity area bring the community together within the village. Whilst it is evident from the submission that the site is used and valued by the community for a range of activities, insufficient additional evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is valued for this particular reason.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site offers opportunity for community activities.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission indicates that the site was identified by the parish council as a site which serves the whole community. There is no explanation of whether this decision took place at a parish council meeting or how the wider community may have been consulted on their views.



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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		However, a good level of community support has been shown (see below) demonstrating that this site is held to be of important to the local community for its recreational value.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters from individual members of the community have been received demonstrating that the site is considered to be special. A letter has also been received from the chairman of the cricket club, indicating that the site is used by four local cricket teams, as well as teams travelling from outside of the local area and demonstrating the significance of the site for recreation. Indications of support were also received through the Issues and Options consultation. The support received demonstrates that community members value the site and support its designation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	None received to date. The site is owned and managed by Clint-cum-Hamlets Parish Council, who submitted the application - this clear indication of the landowners intentions for the site demonstrates that a LGS designation on this site would be capable of ensuring beyond the plan period.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	This is the only identified green space for both formal and informal recreation within the village of Burnt Yates. Burnt Yates has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in certain types of open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011), including provision of allotments, provision for children and young people, parks and gardens.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional community support demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and give clear reasons to support it's designation.
	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for designation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value. Sufficient evidence has been submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

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## Grantley: Local Green Space Assessments



Map 1.2 LGS14, Playing Field, Grantley

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## LGS14: Playing Field, Grantley

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Detailed assessment
Date Entered	16/06/2016
Settlement	Grantley
Site Name	Playing Field
Site Code	LGS14

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than surrounding areas.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible from the public highway. The submission highlights that Grantley village is on the route of a number of walking and cycling routes and that the playing field provides an ideal stopping point for visitors to enjoy picnics whilst taking in the local scenery.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	Y	The submission highlights that the settlement of High Grantley is located within, and specifically mentioned as one of the main villages in the Upper River Skell Valley landscape character area within the Harrogate District Landscape Character Assessment (2004), although the submitted site is not referenced specifically within the assessment. The landscape character assessment seeks to maintain, manage and repair field boundaries, particularly close to the settlement and at the moorland edge. The submitted site is an open field on the immediate edge of Grantley village, with traditional dry stone boundary walls, as such, it can be said that the type of landscape is mentioned within the assessment.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than surrounding areas or to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for this reason.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its historic significance.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	Y	The submission states that the site is used for informal sports, such as rounders matches and kick-about football. This is supported by comments from users of the park.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The site contains Grantley playground. The submission demonstrates that the playground is well used and valued by the children of the village and surrounding area. The equipment in the playground is well maintained and up to date, including items installed by the parish council to make the site attractive to children from two years up to adulthood. An annual rounders match is held on the site and the village BBQ.  The submission states that there are picnic benches which allow for more prolonged use of the site during school holidays. Benches also provide a stopping point for the large numbers of ramblers who come through the village which is named in a number of local walking guides. The submission has been supported by a survey of park users, which includes comments from individual users of the space, demonstrating that the site is held to be of importance to the local community for its recreational value. Photographs of the playing field and play equipment have been submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	The submission has demonstrated that the site is well used for informal recreation. Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is well supported and used by local children and adults and that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the site is shown as being within an 'undisturbed area' on CPRE's 2007 map for the Yorkshire and Humber region. There is however no supporting evidence from users of the space to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular significance for its tranquillity.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for the tranquillity that it offers.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its richness in wildlife.

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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	No details submitted.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance for any other reason.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The site was identified as being special by parish councillors at their meeting on 26 May 2015. A survey of users was also undertaken to support the submission.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	A survey of park users has been submitted, indicating that users enjoy visiting the park for informal recreation. An indication of support was also received through the Issues and Options consultation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	None received to date. The site is owned by Grantley Village Hall Management committee
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	The submission indicates that this is the only recreational space with public access within the village. The space serves users who live within surrounding settlements, who use the park after school. Grantley has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011), in particular for parks and gardens.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and support it's designation.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for designation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value. The submitted form and additional evidence demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

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## Harrogate: Local Green Space Assessments



Map 1.3 LGS22, Beckwith Avenue allotments, Harrogate

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## LGS22: Beckwith Avenue Allotments

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Detailed assessment
Date Entered	18/05/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Becwith Avenue Allotments
Site Code	LGS22

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	Whilst a small number of responses to the Draft Local Plan consultation have commented on the beauty of the site, insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is discernibly more beautiful than other spaces within the area or that the site is held to be of local significance for this particular reason.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible from the public highway.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Not details submitted.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	Yes, it is clear from the site submission form, comments on the local residents petition and letters from allotment holders that the site is used and valued by local residents for the opportunities that it provides for informal recreation. Non-plot holders have also written in support of the sites recreational value, with the wider community attending open days and events at the site.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	Y	The submission states that the allotment is a tranquil area, away from the noise of busy roads, creating a peaceful haven. Letters from plot holders support this and demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular value for this reason.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance because of it's tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	Photographs have been submitted of insect hotels, a pond, beehives (bees) and an area of natural habitat marked out as a wildlife area on the site, demonstrating that plot holders actively enjoy and encourage wildlife on the site by providing suitable habitats. Letters from local residents refer to these features and the associated wildlife to be found on the site (in particular, bees and frogs, hedgehogs and birds). Letters also refer to the role the site plays in improving the biodiversity of the wider area and linkages to other natural habitat in the neighbourhood. It is clear from representations to the draft plan that plot holders hold the site to be of particular local significance for its wildlife value and work actively together to encourage further biodiversity.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	The submission gives details of a range of wildlife to be found on the site. The submission provides details wildlife habitats on the site, including ponds and beehives on the site, a specific wildlife area and border areas surrounding the plots which provide appropriate habitat for the local priority species identified on the site. Comments from local residents within the submitted petition and many letters support this statement and show that these features are locally valued and recognised. Plot holders refer to the site as being of ecological importance and the allotment association actively encourages further biodiversity within the site.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.



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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<p>What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important?</p> <p>Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?</p>	Y	<p>A large number of submissions refer to the importance of the site as a catalyst for social interaction within the community. Letters have been received from a wide range of residents explaining the social value of the site and the importance of the activities undertaken on site to encourage this.</p> <p>The site is also held to be of local significance for the opportunities it provides to children to experience and learn about nature and wildlife and for older generations to learn new gardening skills.</p> <p>Numerous representations refer to the value of the site for allowing plot holders to grow food cheaply and to learn gardening techniques and skills from each other.</p> <p>Representations also widely refer to the importance of the site in allowing residents to maintain good health and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>The submission and supporting letters highlight the important work undertaken by plot holders in raising money for a number of local charities through fund raising events held annually.</p> <p>Representations highlight the importance of the role that the allotment plays in hosting a wide range of Flora and Fauna - playing a role in the conservation of many heritage varieties of fruit, veg and ornamental flowers which is important for genetic diversity.</p>
<p><b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b></p>	Y	<p>Information has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance and is valued for its role in encouraging and hosting social interaction within the local community.</p>

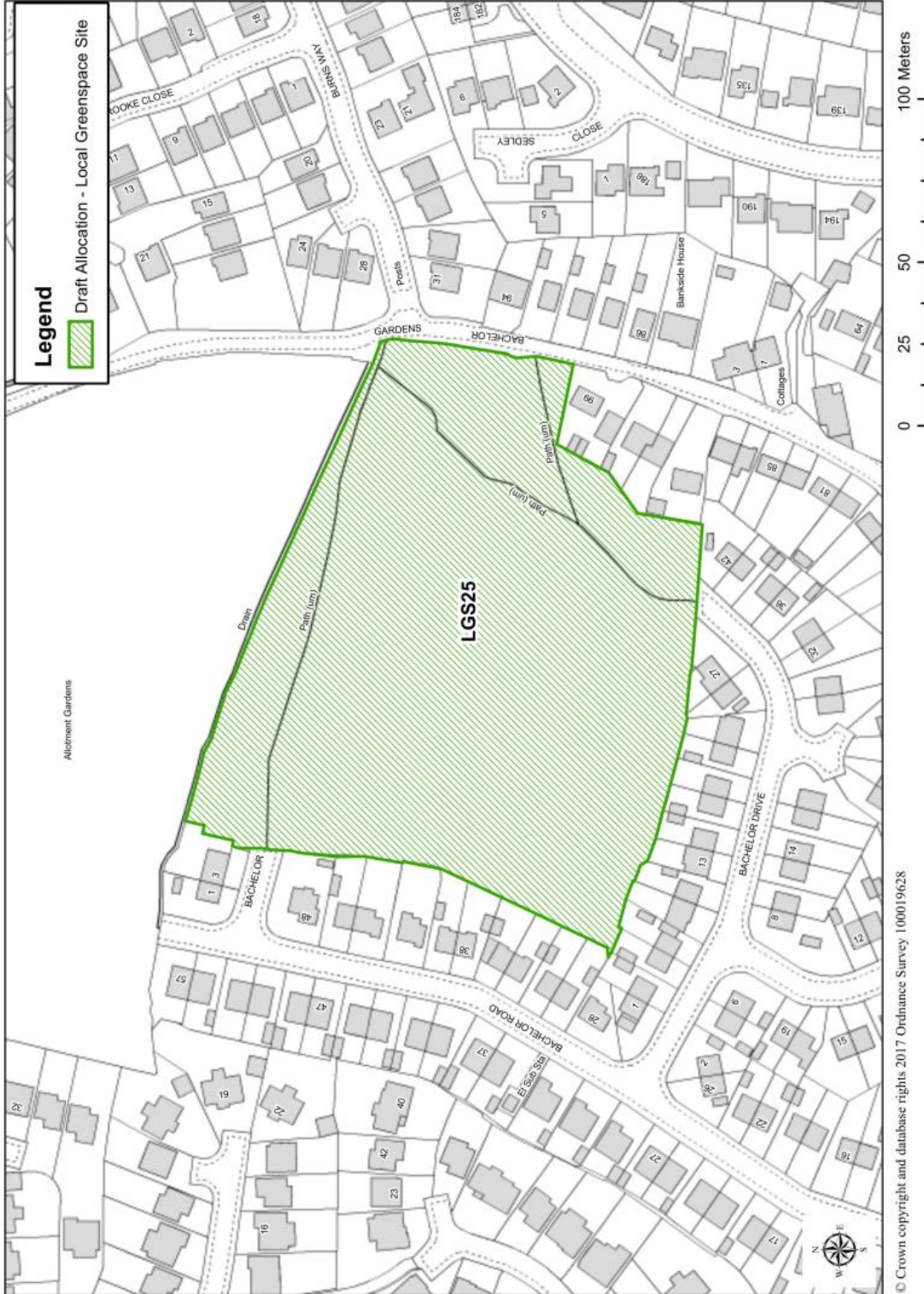
Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<p>How was this site identified as being special? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?</p>	Y	<p>The site has been submitted by the Harlow Allotment Association. It is not clear whether consultation with members took place in relation to the decision to make this submission but a large number of allotment holders have written in support of the designation, along with member of the local community.</p>
<p>Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?</p>	Y	<p>A petition has been submitted with comments from local residents along with numerous letters. Comments support the designation, showing understanding of the reasons for designation and showing that the community values and uses the site widely.</p>
<p>Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?</p>	N	<p>No landowner objection received.</p>
<p>Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?</p>	Y	<p>Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). The subject site is located within a sub area where there is an identified shortfall in provision of Parks and Gardens, amenity greenspace and provision for children and young people.</p>

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds local significance for its recreational value, wildlife interest and for its role in encouraging social interaction within the local community. The submitted form, letters, emails and additional petition comments demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

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Map 1.4 LGS25, Bachelor Field, Harrogate

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## LGS25: Bachelor Field, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Detailed assessment
Date Entered	30/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Bachelor Field
Site Code	LGS25

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	Y	The submission states that the site has a diverse range of well managed micro-habitats with regular sightings of mammals, birds, wildflowers, butterflies and other flora and fauna. This is evidenced by photographs, the site's management and maintenance plan and maps of protected trees and wildflower areas on the site. Comments from local residents within the petition submitted petition demonstrate that the site is held to be of significance for its beauty locally.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible from surrounding areas and is publicly accessible.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be of local significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	Y	The submission states that the field contains one of the oldest well heads in Harrogate, dating back to the c1600's. A photograph of the well head is submitted. The management plan refers to a public consultation exercise where residents indicated that the well head should be uncovered and preserved.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission states that the field is recorded on the earliest maps of the local area. The field is also said to form part of the estate which formed the original endowed school, now known as Richard Taylor School. No evidence or mapping has been supplied to demonstrate this however.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	The submission states that the field hosts regular and one-off events but no evidence has been supplied to support this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Whilst the submission has identified historic structures within the site and also states that the site forms parts of a historic estate, insufficient supporting evidence has been supplied to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	Y	The submission states that sports are played on the field - this is supported by the management plan and a plan showing an area of grass specifically mown to enable sports to be played in this area. Comments from residents also demonstrate that the site is valued for this use.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	Yes, comments on the local residents petition provide evidence that the area is widely used and valued by residents for informal recreation.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that Bachelors Field is a tranquil area, with trees protecting the site from noise and creating a peaceful haven, however no additional evidence is submitted to support this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	The submission highlights a range of wildlife to be found on the site (including a range of birds, bats, hedgehogs and frogs) and states that a full survey of the fields flora and fauna is currently being commissioned. Comments from local residents within the submitted petition support this statement and show that these features are locally valued and recognised. The management plan refers to the site as being of ecological importance and proposals within the plan aim to encourage further biodiversity within the site.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	A tree survey indicates that there are numerous species within the site, a large number of which are subject to protection orders. Comments on the local residents petition demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community for its richness of wildlife. Photographs of the habitats on site have been submitted. The management plan summarises the nature conservation features of the site, including providing the areas of the site which are tree plantation areas, wildflower/bramble areas, and a small pond. The management plan refers to the importance of the biodiversity of the site close to an urban area. The management plan clearly states the objective of encouraging further diversity within the site.  It has been demonstrated that the site is clearly a focus of local community concern in relation to its wildlife interest and that the community are heavily involved in the management and maintenance of the site, with voluntary groups such as the Friends of Bachelors Field and BCG having been actively involved in supporting its enhancement and maintenance.

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Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	The submission states that the site is an important community resource for social interaction and brings a sense of community cohesion to the neighbourhood. Insufficient evidence has been submitted to support this.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	Insufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for other reasons.

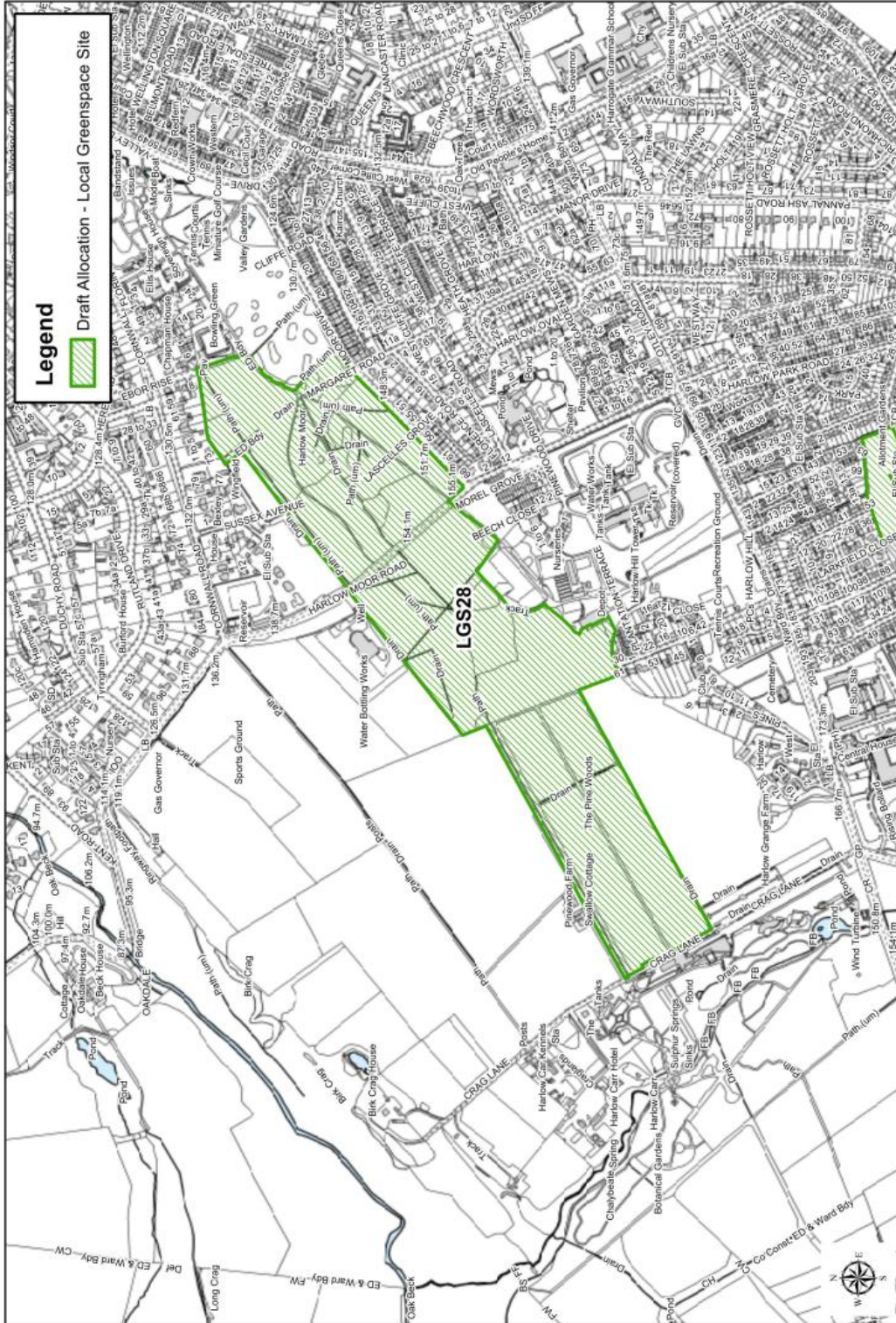
Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The site has been submitted by the Bachelor Gardens Residents Action Group. The site has been the subject of planning processes before. Residents campaigned in 1998 to prevent housing development on Bachelor Field by its then owners. The planning application was refused consent and Harrogate Borough Council subsequently purchased the site and designated it as Recreational Open Space within the Local Plan.  The submission states that Bachelor field is supported by a wide range of community groups, including the Friends of Bachelors Field group. The management plan reports that a large number of these groups came together previously in order to protect the field from development and to ensure it's long term management as a recreation facility and ecological asset. The field is considered to be an important community focal point which has brought local residents within the area together. The management plan reports the outcome of consultation with local groups including the Friends of Bachelor fields and gives details of partnerships which have been formed with other local groups such as the Bilton Conservation Group, the local police, local schools and Youth Groups.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	A petition has been submitted with comments from local residents. Comments support the designation, showing understanding of the reasons for designation and showing that the community values and uses the site widely. Additional support has been received at the Draft Local Plan consultation stage.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No landowner objection has been received.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). The subject site is located within a sub area where there is an identified shortfall in provision of Parks and Gardens, amenity greenspace and provision for children and young people.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds local significance for its beauty, recreational value and wildlife interest. The submitted form and additional petition comments demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS.

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Map 1.5 LGS28, The Pinewoods, Harrogate



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## LGS28: The Pinewoods, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	18/05/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	The Pinewoods
Site Code	LGS28

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the site is home to a wide range of trees, wild flowers and wildlife. Supporting comments have been submitted through the consultation on the Draft Local Plan, a number of which state that the woods are considered to be beautiful. There is no evidence to demonstrate that the site is intrinsically beautiful.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	Yes the site is publicly accessible and can be viewed from a public place.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	The site is referenced within the HBC Landscape Character Assessment, as falling within Area 59 'Harlow Hill'. Whilst the assessment does mention the presence of the Pinewoods within this area, they are not recognised as being of particular beauty or landscape quality.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Whilst representations submitted through the Draft Local Plan consultation may show that the site is considered by some residents to be beautiful, its has not been demonstrated that the site is of particular local significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No information submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	The submission states that the original Scots Pines, were planted in 1796 as part of the Kings Plantation and originally covered six acres in the area, although it is unlikely that any of the originals exist. Insufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that there are trees that are held to be of particular local historic significance on the site.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission made by the Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG) states that Thorpe's Guide (1891) describes the site as 'the rough moor where firs, gorse and heather abound in profusion forming a capital protection for the ground game and feathered tribe', with the land itself purchased from the Earl of Harewood by the Corporation in 1898 - the land has since developed, both naturally and through the assistance of planting schemes, into a semi-natural woodland of mixed native, deciduous and evergreen species. Reference to the site in this guide does not illustrate that the site has played an important role in the historic development of the town.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No information submitted.

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History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No information submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Whilst it is noted that the woodland is a well established woodland, it has not been demonstrated that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	The submission form indicates that the site is not used for formal sport.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	<p>The submission states that the site is publicly accessible and is used extensively by the public for recreation. This statement is supported by a large number of representations made by the Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG), The Harlow Moor Drive Residents Association, The Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents Association and members of the public. A wide range of annual events are held within the woods to encourage visitors. These include an annual open day with many activities, teddy bears picnics, Easter egg hunts and Halloween walks. Evidence submitted by the PCG, a forest school and local Scout and orienteering groups shows that many groups use the woods for many reasons– from orienteering, to nature watching and supporting the Pinewoods by planting bulbs, wildflowers and litter picking.</p> <p>A number of submissions refer to the work of the PCG volunteers and the enjoyment taken from the voluntary activities by members of the community who are involved.</p> <p>Numerous submissions refer to the number of visitors attracted to the woods from further afield than the immediate local community to undertake recreation, including reference to a recent survey of visitor numbers, demonstrating that the site is valued by a large number of people.</p>
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance to the local community for its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	A small number of representations have been submitted which refer to the peace and tranquillity of the woods and the value placed on these attributes by those visiting the woods. No additional evidence has been submitted to support these comments.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	No evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

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Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	<p>The submission records a range of species which are said to be found within the woods, many of which are highly untypical of this habitat.</p> <p>The Pinewoods Conservation Group undertakes voluntary work to improve biodiversity for key species and habitats and the Pinewoods Management plan refers to bat and bird boxes which are maintained throughout the woods. The Pinewoods Conservation group also maintain birdfeeders. No additional information has been submitted to support the presence of all the species listed within the submission however.</p>
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	<p>Numerous representations have been submitted by members of the public, reporting wildlife sightings within the woodland (owls, hedgehogs, deer, bats, butterflies, various birds) and explaining the value of wildlife within the woodland to the local community. Reference is made to the importance of the woods as a wildlife corridor and the importance of the sites role in encouraging greater biodiversity within the local area. It has been demonstrated that the site is clearly a focus of local community concern in relation to its wildlife interest and that the community are involved in the management and maintenance of the site.</p> <p>The Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG) work alongside the council and other volunteers to maintain and manage the woods and to enhance the ecological diversity of the site. A management plan is in place which clearly sets out aims to promote the long term sustainability of the woodland and habitat through ecological diversity enhancement, protection and conservation. The woodland is carefully managed and there is an aim to restore the semi-natural woodland status of the site by encouragement of native species. Other efforts to enhancement relate to the introduction of additional wildflower planting areas, provision of bat boxes and bird feeders throughout the site, along with interpretation boards.</p> <p>Reference has also been made to the habitat within the woodland, with PCG volunteers and residents referring to the range of trees within the woods and also commenting on the varied flora and fauna to be found. Representations from youth groups and residents refer to the Pinewoods where children can be taught about wildlife, with local brownie and scout groups using the woods, along with a forest school.</p> <p>The biodiversity list supplied by the Pinewoods Conservation Group is well documented with photographs taken by their members. The photographs and documentation are sufficiently detailed to demonstrate specific support for the Pinewoods woodlands themselves, although the evidence supplied also relates to the wider site initially put forward by the PCG. This evidence attests not only to the intrinsic wildlife value of the site, but also to the value of that wildlife for the people who regularly visit this urban-fringe plantation woodland and have taken the photographs. Most of the observations submitted are of relatively common mammal, butterfly, bird and wildflower species, although a number of these such as the bats, song thrushes and hedgehogs are Harrogate District Biodiversity Action Plan (HDBAP) priority species and the custodianship of this site contributes to their conservation in the district. Woodland and urban wildspace are also HDBAP priority habitats with objectives that are contributed to by the site and by the active involvement of PCG, for</p>

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Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		example, in providing bat and nest boxes, controlling native species, maintaining paths etc. through working in partnership with Harrogate Borough Council. The Pinewoods Conservation Group also effectively promote environmental education and conservation through their work-days, websites and twitter-feed.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	Information submitted has demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance for its wildlife interest, with the community actively involved in the on-going maintenance and enhancement of habitats within the site.

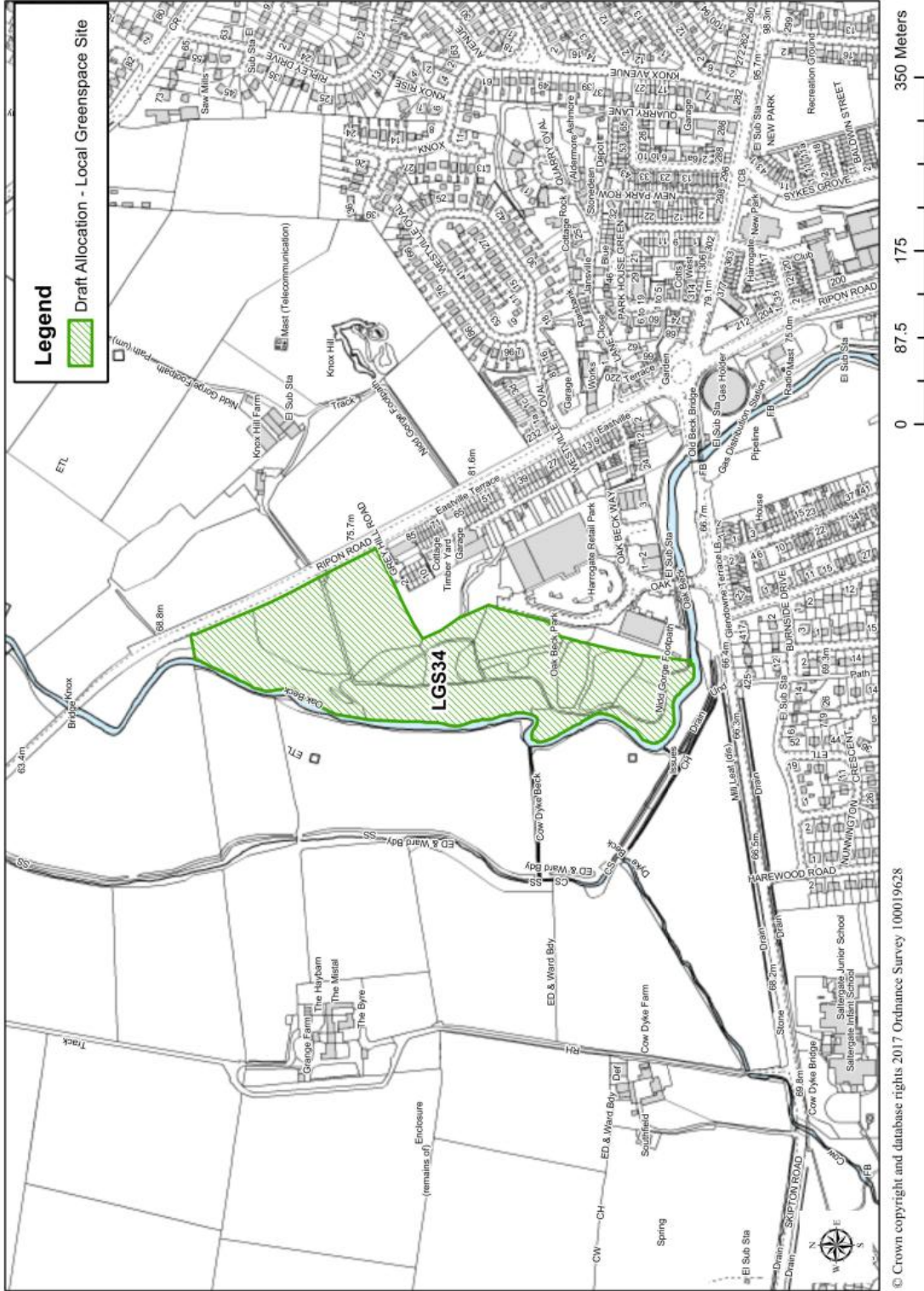
Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	Submissions from the Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG) and the public state that a number of schools now use the Pinewoods as a location for forest school lessons, with the woods being seen as a special and unique location in the area to hold such classes. The site is also used by Scout and Brownie groups, encouraging children to learn about the natural habitat in their area. The site hosts numerous community events, with representations from the public demonstrating the importance of these events to the wider community. Numerous representations also refer to the importance of the site locally for its role in improving air quality and improving the wider ecosystem within this area.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its role as a location where young people can learn about nature, for the wide range of community activities and events it hosts and the role it plays environmentally in this area.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission indicates that the site was proposed by the Pinewoods Conservation Group (PCG) and the Harlow Moor Drive Association (HMDA), after consultation with members and residents. The submission also highlights that the site has recently been registered as an Asset of Community Value.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters of support received from the PCG, HMDA, Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents Association and the Duchy Residents Association. Numerous representations from the public to the Draft Local Plan consultation have been received in support of the site's designation as Local Green Space.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	The landowner (HBC Estates) has requested an amended site boundary to take account of the extant planning permission on the area of land known as Rotary Wood.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1- Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

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	Yes/No	Justification
<p><b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b></p>	Y	<p>Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational and wildlife value as well as for its role as a location where young people can learn about nature, for the wide range of community activities and events it hosts and the role it plays environmentally in this area. Representations from the the local community show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community for these reasons. It is recommended that the site is designated in line with the revised boundary suggested by the landowner (HBC Estates) to reflect the removal of the Plant Nursery and also to reflect the fact that the majority of representations received referred only to the mature woodland area (known as the Pinewoods) of the site rather than the nearby area known as Irongate field. The boundary should also be refined to reflect the extant permission on the part of the site known as Rotary Wood.</p>

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Map 1.6 LGS34, Grange Quarry Park, Harrogate

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## LGS34: Grange Quarry Park, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	06/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Grange Quarry Park
Site Code	LGS34

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	No details submitted.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	N	No details submitted.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of particular local significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission states that the site was once a significant sandstone quarry but no additional information has been submitted to demonstrate this and no support has been received to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of particular local significance for this reason.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of particular local significance for its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission states that the area is an informal mountain biking and BMX area used by walkers and runners. Only

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		a small number of responses to the Draft Local Plan have demonstrated that the site is used for informal recreation by walkers and residents enjoying the natural environment.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of particular local significance for its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the roar of traffic from the A59 cannot be heard within the site, providing tranquillity. Whilst a small number of representations were submitted to the Draft Local Plan consultation stating that the site was tranquil/peaceful, it is not considered that sufficient evidence has been received to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of particular local significance for this reason.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	The submission states that a case has been made for the site to be declared a nature reserve. It is acknowledged that the site may meet the criteria for Local Nature Reserve designation but the site is not currently formally designated.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	The submission states that the site has trout, bullhead, stone loach, minnow, stickleback, otters, badgers, herons, kingfishers, rabbits, owls, and sparrow hawks. A records of species recorded within the site has been submitted by Bilton Conservation Group. Photographs of the woodland, ponds and wildflowers have been submitted, demonstrating habitats important to wildlife on the site. Riparian woodland and hay meadow represent valuable biodiversity action plan (BAP) priority habitats.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	Submissions to the Draft Local Plan consultation by local residents refer to wildlife found on the site. The submission made on behalf of Bilton Conservation Group details the wildlife recorded on site.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	No details submitted.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of particular local significance for any other reason.

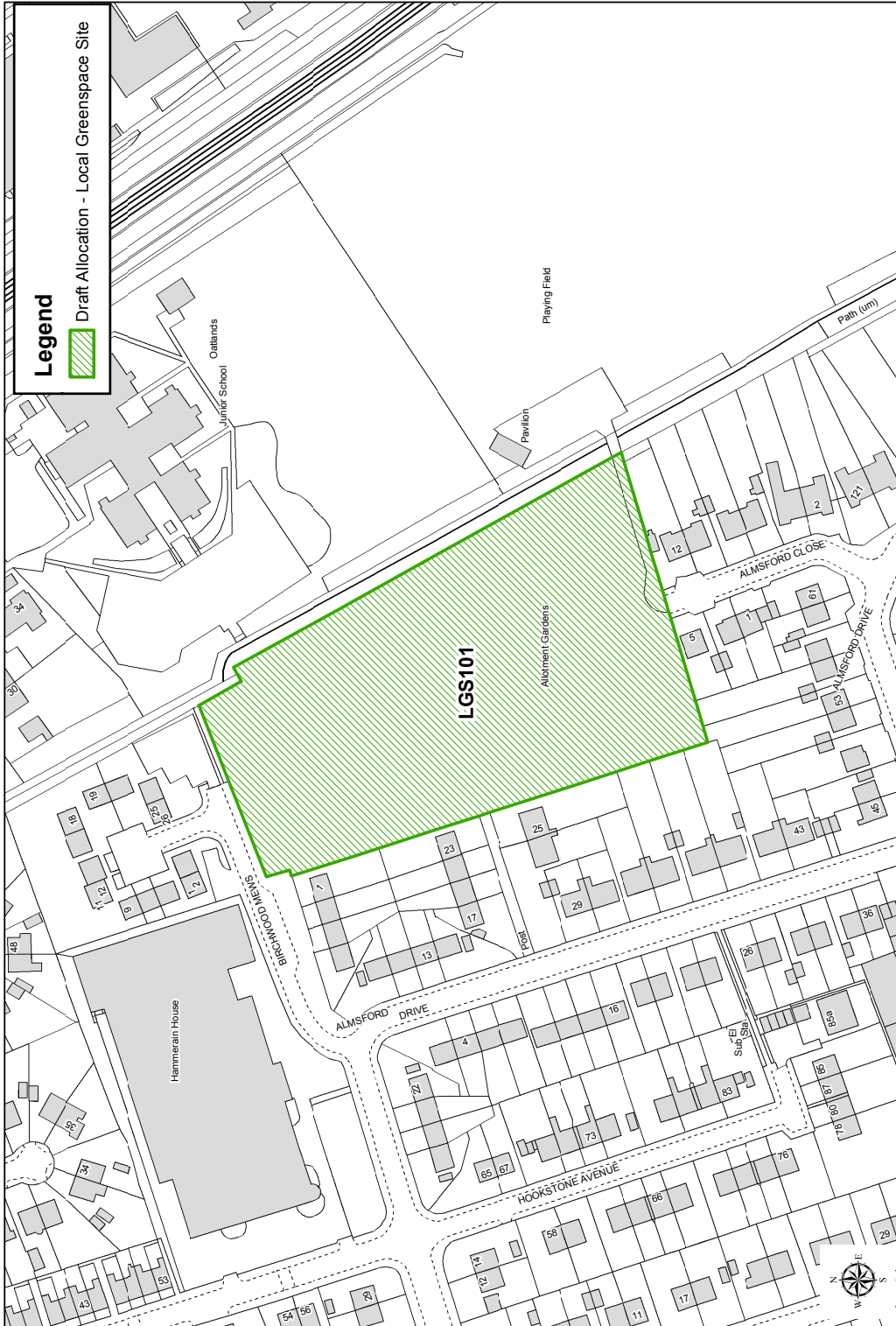


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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	N	The submission has been made by Bilton Conservation Group- it is not clear from the submission how it was agreed that the site should be submitted. Support for the site's designation has however been received through the Draft Local Plan consultation.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	The submission demonstrates that volunteers in the Bilton Conservation Group have put considerable time and effort into enhancing the site through planting work and other activities. There have also been a small number of representations in support of the site's designation from members of the community.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection has been received from the landowner (HBC Estates), however, they have requested that a small area of land adjacent to the northern end of the retail park is excluded from the designation.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1- Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is of particular local significance for its wildlife value and is demonstrably special to the local community. It is recommended that the site is designated in line with the revised boundary suggested by the landowner (HBC Estates).

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Map 1.7 LGS101, Oatlands allotments, Harrogate

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## LGS101: Oatlands Allotments, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	23/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Oatlands Allotments
Site Code	LGS101

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	No details submitted.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	N	No details submitted.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	Whilst the original submission did not provide details of the site's recreational value, numerous representations received in response to the Draft Local Plan consultation set out the important role the site plays in providing

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		recreational activity for members of the local community. Representations refer to the importance of the allotment in helping the community to maintain health, fitness and wellbeing.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that gardening is a tranquil activity and highlights the fact that the site is located in an otherwise busy urban area. As such the submission indicates that the site is a haven of tranquillity. No additional information has been submitted to support this or to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular significance for this reason however.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient information is submitted to demonstrate that the sites holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	The submission indicates that the following are present on the site: bees, cared for by a registered bee-keeper, a wildlife pond with frogs and newts. The submission states that the association is keen to encourage wildlife, having built the pond on site and is hoping to introduce hedgehogs to the site. No photographs or other evidence has been provided to demonstrate that these features are present on the site. Only a limited number of representations received in response to the Draft Local Plan consultation refer to the presence of wildlife on the site however.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	The submission states that a pond has been built to attract wildlife. Whilst it is acknowledged that the Allotment Association states that it is working to encourage wildlife on the site, insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate this and it has not been shown that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its wildlife value.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	A large number of representations received refer to the importance of the site as a catalyst for social interaction within the community. Letters have been received from a wide range of residents explaining the social value of the site.  The site is also held to be of local significance for the opportunities it provides to children to experience and learn about nature and wildlife and for older generations to learn new gardening skills.

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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		Numerous representations refer to the value of the site for allowing plot holders to grow food cheaply and to learn gardening techniques and skills from each other.  Representations also widely refer to the importance of the site in allowing residents to maintain good health and mental wellbeing.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance for its role in encouraging community interaction and the opportunities provided for plot holders to produce cheap vegetables and learn gardening skills from each other.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission has been made by the allotment association and whilst it is not clear how the site was identified as a potential Local Green Space, it is clear that the submission is well supported by plot holders and the wider community.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	The submission indicates that the allotment association has 66 members, with 36 names on the waiting list, demonstrating that the site is well used by the community. Numerous letters of support have been received from plot holders and also the wider community, including the local vicar.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection received from landowner.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the community for its recreational value and for its role in encouraging community interaction and the opportunities provided for plot holders to produce cheap vegetables and learn gardening skills from each other.

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Map 1.8 LGS102, Pine Street allotments, Harrogate

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## LGS102: Pine Street Allotments, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	23/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Pine Street Allotments
Site Code	LGS102

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	No details submitted.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	N	No details submitted.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	The submission states that there is an allotment open day but there is no additional information submitted to support this or to demonstrate that the site is held to be of historic significance for this reason.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	Representations have been submitted to the Draft Local Plan consultation which demonstrate that the site is of recreational value to the local community, with plot holders

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		writing to the Council to explain the importance of the site in providing them with an opportunity for exercise/recreational activity in an urban area where many of the houses do not have any garden space.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	The submission states that beehives are located on the site.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	The submission states that beehives (photographs of which have been provided) are located on the site and a small number of representations refer to the wildlife value of the site. The submission also states that there are hedgehogs on the site, however no additional information is provided to support this and the submission does not indicate that any other habitat or species are found on the site. Whilst it is acknowledged that the site provides habitat which supports wildlife interest, insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its richness of wildlife.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission indicates that there is an open day and that the allotment invites local schools to visit the site. The submission also indicates that the site raises money for Bilton Library and Bilton Hospital and many other charities. Submissions made by local residents to the Draft Local Plan demonstrate that the site is valued for the role it plays encouraging social interaction and community spirit, and for the support provided to local charities by the allotment.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance for the role it plays encouraging social interaction and community spirit, and for the support provided to local charities by the allotment. .



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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	Whilst there is no information to explain how the site was identified as being special by the community/how it was chosen for submission as a potential designation, support for the designation through the Draft Local Plan consultations demonstrates support for the submission from plot holders and the wider local community.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Numerous submission have been made in support of the designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection received from landowner.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance or to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the community for its recreational value and for its role in encouraging community interaction and the opportunities provided for plot holders to produce cheap vegetables and learn gardening skills from each other.

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Map 1.9 LGS103, Forest Avenue allotments, Harrogate

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**LGS103: Forest Avenue Allotments, Harrogate**

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green space
Date Entered	05/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Forest Avenue Allotments
Site Code	LGS103

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	No details submitted.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	N	No details submitted.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	Submissions to the Draft Local Plan consultation have demonstrated that the site is valued for the opportunities

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		for recreational activity which it offers to the local community.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	The submission states that the site is of local significance because of its recreational value and representations received to the Draft Local Plan consultation demonstrate that the site is held to be of recreational value to plot holders.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the site is of local significance because it is considered to be tranquil but no explanation of how the site meets this criteria is provided and no additional supporting information is provided to demonstrate this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	Whilst a number of representations to the Draft Local Plan refer to the habitat on the site which supports wildlife interest, no additional information has been provided to support this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission indicates that a plot is let to Mind charity and to Spring Water Special School and a number of representations to the Draft Local Plan have referred to the value of these plots to those organisations/schools.  Numerous submissions to the Draft Local Plan demonstrate that the site is valued for the role it plays encouraging social interaction and community spirit, and for the support provided to local charities by the allotment.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance for any other reason.

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site is well used by the community. There is no explanation of how the site was identified as being special by the community/how it was chosen for submission as a potential designation, however, a good level of support has been shown for the designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Numerous emails of support and a petition have been received in support of the designation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection has been received by landowner.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011)
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the community for its recreational value and for its role in encouraging community interaction.

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Map 1.10 LGS104, North Outfall allotments, Harrogate

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## LGS104: North Outfall Allotments, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	05/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	North Outfall Allotments
Site Code	LGS104

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	Certificates awarded to the site through the Harrogate in Bloom competition for 'Best Allotment site' have been provided, along with photographs of members receiving awards and newspaper cuttings detailing the events. Whilst it is acknowledged that an 'in bloom' award will require horticultural achievement, this does not necessarily require allotments sites to be 'beautiful' and no additional information has been provided to demonstrate that the site is discernibly beautiful. Comments received in support of the designation refer to other criteria and do not demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its beauty.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	N	The site is visible from neighbouring Bachelors Field and the Nidd Gorge footpath (photographs have been submitted to illustrate this).
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	Y	The submission states that the site contains a historic Zeppelin lookout post from WW1, along with a Nissan Hut from WW2. Photographs of the Zeppelin lookout and Nissan Hut have been provided. The structures are not examples of rare historic significance and their condition/the fact that they have been altered also erodes their historic significance. Whilst it is acknowledged that the structures may be of genuine interest to those preparing the submission, there have been no comments from plot-holders/the wider community to support the suggestion that the look-out/Nissan Hut are held to be of particular local significance for their historic significance.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	The submission states that the Old Barber Line runs along the north side of the site but no additional information is provided. It is not clear from the submission whether this is located within or outwith the site boundary.

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History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	Information submitted by the Allotment Association sets out the recreational value of the site. This is supported by comments from plot holders made through the Draft Local Plan consultation, who set out the recreational value of the site.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the site is a tranquil place for plot holders to relax. The site is identified as being away from busy roads and as being surrounded by neighbouring green spaces. A small number of comments from plot holders have been submitted which suggest that the site is tranquil but there has not been sufficient information submitted to demonstrate that this particular site is held to be of particular local significance for its tranquillity.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	The submission indicates that a range of birds are found on the site and that bats are located near to the site. The submission also indicates that rare Dead Head Hawk moths, Elephant Hawk Moths and crested newts are found on the site. Photographs of moths and butterflies have been submitted. Photographs of birds have also been submitted. There have been a number of supporting comments made which refer to the wildlife enjoyed at the site and whilst it is acknowledged that wildlife is present on the site, it is not clear whether specific areas of wildlife habitat (such as ponds, insect hotels, wildflower areas) are pro-actively encouraged on the site by the association/plot holders. It is also noted that the majority of comments received in relation to this site were submitted jointly with comments on sites LGS32 and LGS33, with it sometimes being unclear which of the sites was being referred to.



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Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	As set out above, there have been a number of supporting comments made which refer to the wildlife enjoyed at the site and whilst it is acknowledged that wildlife is present on the site, however it is not clear whether specific areas of wildlife habitat (such as ponds, insect hotels, wildflower areas) are pro-actively encouraged on the site by the association/plot holders. It is also noted that the majority of comments received in relation to this site were submitted jointly with comments on sites LHGS32 and LGS33, with it sometimes being unclear which of the sites was being referred to.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission indicates that the site is a meeting point for gardeners who can grow healthy food for themselves and their families at a fraction of the cost of shops. The submission also indicates that local walkers often stop to look at the plots. Social opportunities are also available at the site where barbecues, picnics and coffee mornings take place. Photographs of community events have been submitted and a number of representations made through the Draft Local Plan consultation also refer to the sites importance as a community meeting place.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance for the opportunities it provides for social interaction and learning.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission states that the site is well used by the community, with a waiting list in place. A petition in support of the designation has been submitted and numerous representations were made through the Draft Local Plan consultation.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	A petition in support of the designation has been submitted and numerous representations were made through the Draft Local Plan consultation. Whilst a large number of representations made through the consultation related to other sites and did not specifically mention the allotment sites, a number did refer to the site and provided detailed comments on why the site was held to be of value.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection has been received from landowner.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

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	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the local community for its recreational value and for the role it plays in bringing the local community together.

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Map 1.11 LGS106, Unity allotments, Harrogate

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## LGS106: Unity Allotments, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	06/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Unity Allotments
Site Code	LGS106

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the site is beautiful but no additional information is submitted to support the suggestion that the site is discernibly more beautiful than surrounding areas.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	Visible from public highway.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	The submission states that the site has ancient hedgerows but no additional information is provided to demonstrate or support this.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission states that the site provides recreational pursuits and this is supported by representations to the

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		Draft Local Plan - plot holders have made representations setting out the recreational value of the site.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	The submission states that the site is of local significance because of its recreational value and representations from plot holders demonstrate this.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the site is a tranquil place for plot holders to relax. The site is identified as being away from busy roads and as being surrounded by neighbouring green spaces. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate or support this and only a very limited number of representations made through the Draft Local Plan referred to the site as a tranquil location.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	The submission states that bats are found on site, along with roe deer, birds and bees. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate or support this. Whilst a number of representations show an appreciation of the wildlife which is apparent on the site, with a small number of representations referring to the presence of ponds and a beehive, it is not apparent that the site is held to be of particular local significance for this reason.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission indicates that the site is important due to its location in close proximity to the community it serves and this particular attribute is mentioned in a number of the representations received through the Draft Local Plan consultation. Many of the representations received refer to the site's value as a hub for community interaction and as a place where people can learn from each other about gardening. The opportunity that the site plays in allowing people to access healthy fruit and vegetable cheaply is also referred to in many representations.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance because of its role as a hub for community interaction and learning and as an accessible location where the community can grow healthy food cheaply.

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	It is not clear how it was decided that the site should be submitted, however, there is clear support for the designation from plot holders and the wider community.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	The site is fully tenanted and has a waiting list for plots. Representations in support of the designation have been made through the Draft Local Plan consultation by plot holders and members of the wider community.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection received from landowner.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Representations to the Draft Local Plan consultation have shown that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value and its role as a hub for community interaction and learning and an accessible location for the community to grow healthy food cheaply. It has also been shown that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

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Map 1.12 LGS108, Stonefall allotments, Harrogate

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## LGS108: Stonefall Allotments, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	12/06/2017
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Stonefall Allotments
Site Code	LGS108

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the site is beautiful but no additional information is submitted to support the suggestion that the site is discernibly more beautiful than surrounding areas.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	N	The submission states that the site is visible only to those houses which overlook the site. The site is not visible from the public highway.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the subject site is beautiful or discernibly more beautiful than the surrounding fields.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	The submission indicates that the hedgerows on the site are in excess of 100 years old. No additional information has been provided to demonstrate or support this.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission indicates that the site was part of the original 'dig for victory' movement during the second world war. No additional information has been provided to demonstrate or support this.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	The submission states that annual events are held including 'best plot' competitions, sunflower competitions and participation in Harrogate in Bloom. No additional information has been provided to demonstrate or support this however.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport?	N	No details submitted.



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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?		
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	N	The submission states that the allotment provides physical exercise for plot holders, thus contributing to the positive mental wellbeing of those who use the site. A letter received from a local resident highlights the importance of the site as a space for recreation and exercise but no further evidence of community support has been received to demonstrate that the site is of particular significance for this reason.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission indicates that the site is a peaceful area within the local neighbourhood. One letter from a local resident has been received, which highlights the site as being a place of tranquillity. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate or support this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	The submission indicates that hedgehogs, frogs, toads, birds, small mammals, insects and invertebrates are found on the site. Plot holders encourage wildlife by providing habitats to encourage the presence of various species on the site. Photographs of insect 'hotels', ponds and bird feeders. A letter from a local resident supports the submission, commenting on the variety of wildlife to be found on the site. There has been additional support from plot holders through the Draft Local Plan consultation to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for this reason.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	The submission indicates that hedgehogs, frogs, toads, birds, small mammals, insects and invertebrates are found on the site. Plot holders encourage wildlife by providing habitats to encourage the presence of various species on the site. A letter from a local resident supports the submission, commenting on the variety of wildlife to be found on the site. There has been additional support from plot holders to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for this reason.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	It is evident from the information submitted that the site is home to a wide variety of wildlife. This has been demonstrated by photographs of habitats created to encourage wildlife by plot holders. Support has also been received from plot holders to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<p>What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important?</p> <p>Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?</p>	Y	The submission indicates that the site encourages community spirit and community cohesion, with people of all ages and backgrounds using the site. Representations received in response to the Draft Local Plan consultation indicate that the site is valued because of the role it plays in encouraging social engagement within the local community and because of the opportunities it provides to people to grow healthy produce and to share and learn about gardening. The submission also states that the plot holders on the site donate produce to a local project for vulnerable and homeless people.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	Information has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for any other reason.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<p>How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly?</p> <p>Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?</p>	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site is well used by the community, with all plots fully occupied and a waiting list in place. There is no explanation of how the site was identified as being special by the community however or how it was chosen for submission as a potential designation, however there has been support for the sites designation shown through responses to the Draft Local Plan consultation.
<p>Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals?</p> <p>What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?</p>	Y	Representations to the Draft Local Plan show that there is support for the designation from plotholders.
<p>Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?</p>	N	No objection has been received from the landowner.
<p>Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location?</p> <p>Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area?</p> <p>Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?</p>	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance due to its wildlife value and the role that it plays encouraging community engagement and allowing residents to grow healthy food - it has been shown that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

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Map 1.13 LGS109, Clairo Road allotments, Harrogate

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## LGS109: Claro Road Allotments, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	06/09/2016
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Claro Road Allotments
Site Code	LGS109

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the site has an eclectic mix of flowers, fruit trees and vegetables and is widely recognised as one of the most beautiful allotment sites in Harrogate. The submission indicates that the site has been recognised as such by Harrogate in bloom. Photographs of the many flowers and shrubs on the site have been provided to demonstrate the sites beauty. There has not been any evidence of support from allotment holders or the wider community however, to demonstrate that the site is held to be of local significance to the community.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible from the public highway.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport?	N	No details submitted.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?		
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission indicates that the footpath through the site is used by the local community. Plot holders have responses to the draft Local Plan consultation explaining the recreational value of the site and writing in support of the LGS designation. Newsletters from the allotment have been submitted which illustrate activities taking place at the allotments.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquility.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission indicates that the site is a peaceful area within the local neighbourhood and that a communal tranquil area for use by plot-holders is being developed. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate or support this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	The submission indicates that birds nest in the trees and hedgerows on the site and that there are ponds with frogs. The submission includes photographs of the trees, flowers bushes and other vegetation within the site which would provide a habitat for wildlife.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	The submission indicates that foxes, hedgehogs, frogs, toads, birds, butterflies, bees and other insects are found on the site. Submissions to the draft Local Plan by plot holders refer to the wildlife value of the site and the work of plot holders to support this on their own plots and through the development of a pond.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	Information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission indicates that the site encourages community spirit and community cohesion, with people of all ages and backgrounds using the site. The submission also indicates that local hospices, church groups and charities, as well as local people benefit from free produce provided by plot-holders. Representations submitted by plot holders to the Draft Local Plan refer to the community engagement which occurs on the site. Newsletters give further information about activities taking place on the site and a case study has also been submitted, detailing how

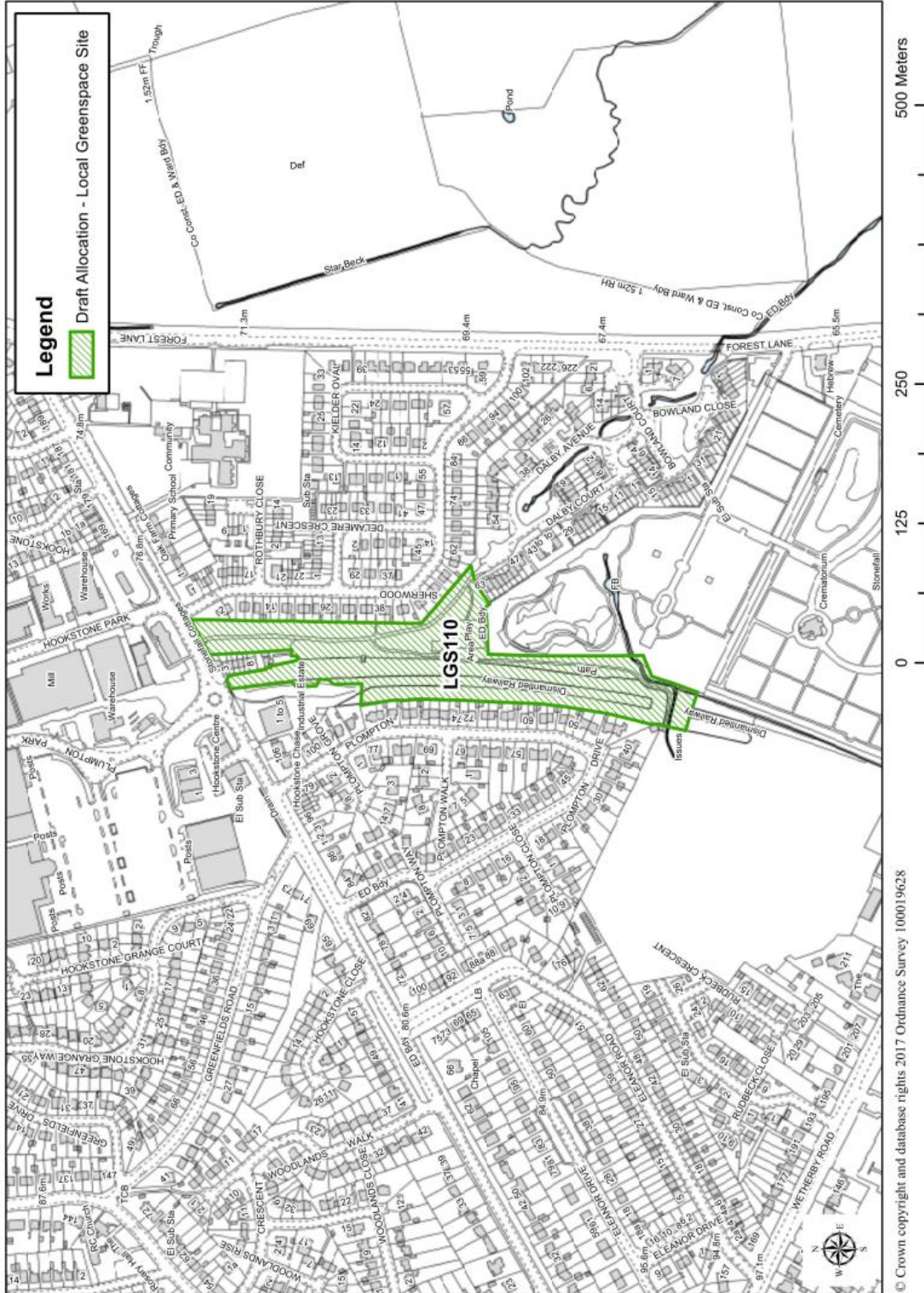
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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		plot holders came together to design and create a communal area in support of a plotholder who suffered a serious accident.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	Information has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for the role it plays in encouraging community cohesion.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission states that informal discussions were held with plot-holders on the site prior to submission. Representations in support of the designation of the site have been submitted to the Draft Local Plan consultation.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	N	Letters of support have been received for the designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection has been received to date.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational and wildlife value and it has been shown that the site is demonstrably special to the local community for its role in promoting community engagement.

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Map 1.14 LGS110: Panhandle Park and Disused Railway Embankment, Harrogate

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### LGS110: Panhandle Park and Disused Railway Embankment, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	30/07/2016
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Panhandle Park and Disused Railway Embankment
Site Code	LGS110

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission indicates that the site is well landscaped, with groups of trees. Photographs are submitted showing the trees on the site. A letter from SOERAG (residents group) and a further letter from a resident refer to the visual amenity provided by the area. There has been no evidence of wider community support provided or any other evidence to demonstrate that the site is considered to be discernibly more beautiful than surrounding areas however.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is publicly accessible, although the embankment area is in private ownership.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	The submission indicates that the site contains the old railway embankment, built in the 1840's and discussed since then. There is no additional information submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local historic significance.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission indicates that the railway line from Pannal to Starbeck ran along the now disused railway embankment. There is no additional information submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local historic significance.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.



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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission indicates that the site is used extensively for informal recreation, including dog walking and walking/cycling by local people. Letters from local people and community groups and the local school highlight the significance of the site for its recreational value.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission indicates that the site is a tranquil space away from main roads. A letter of support also states that the site is tranquil. No additional information or evidence of support has been provided to demonstrate that the site is tranquil.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	A short report dated 2015 outlining the ecological value of the disused railway embankment had been submitted. The report indicates that the embankment is home to a wide range of wildlife and indicates that the site is an important wildlife habitat. A recent planning application for development on one part of the embankment was recently withdrawn after officers recommended the application for refusal on ecological grounds. The submission states that the site forms an important green corridor in an urban environment. This is supported by a letter from the local residents action group (Save our Embankment) who refer to the importance of the embankment as part of a wildlife corridor and a further letter from a local resident highlighting the importance of the site as a wildlife corridor.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	A number of trees on the site are subject to Tree Protection Orders. The ecological report submitted refers to the vegetation and planting present on the site, which provides a habitat for wildlife.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important?	N	The submission states that the site forms an important green corridor in an urban environment. This attribute has already been assessed under 'Wildlife' above.

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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?		
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for any other reason.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The site has been submitted by the Hookstone and Stonefall Action Group (HASAG). Whilst the submission demonstrates that the site is well used by the community, there is no explanation of how the site was identified as being special by the community/how it was chosen for submission as a potential designation. There are however a number of letters of support from community groups and residents supporting the submission for designation of the site.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters have been received from the local school, the local cub/scout leader, a local residents group (SOERAG), and a number of local residents. The submission is made by the residents group Hookstone and Stonefall Action Group (HASAG).
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	There has been an objection to the designation from the landowner of the embankment - in light of this the area of the land at the northern end of the site has been removed from the designation to reflect the application for development on this part of the site.  There has been no objection from the landowner of the panhandle park area of the site.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has not been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space overall, however within this particular sub area of Harrogate there is an identified shortfall in amenity greenspace and provision for children and young people (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). The letters of supports received demonstrate that the site is well used by the public.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value and wildlife interest. The site has been shown to be demonstrably special to the local community.

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Map 1.15 LGS111: Stonefall Park, Harrogate

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## LGS111: Stonefall Park, Harrogate

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	30/07/2016
Settlement	Harrogate
Site Name	Stonefall Park
Site Code	LGS111

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission indicates that the site is well landscaped with groups of trees, shrubs, grassed areas and wild flowers. No additional information is submitted to demonstrate that the site is discernibly more beautiful than the surrounding areas.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is publicly accessible, although the embankment area is in private ownership.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission indicates that the site is used extensively for informal recreation, including dog walking and walking/cycling by local people. Letters from local people and community groups/ the local school highlight the significance of the site for its recreational value.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission indicates that the site is a tranquil space away from main roads. A letter of support also states that the site is tranquil. No additional information or evidence of support has been provided to demonstrate that the site is tranquil.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	No details submitted.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for any other reason.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site is well used by the community. The site was submitted by the Hookstone and Stonefall Action Group (HASAG). There are also a number of letters of support from community groups and

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		residents supporting the submission for designation of the site.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters have been received from the local school, the local cub/scout leader, a local residents group (SOERAG), and a number of local residents. The submission is made by Hookstone and Stonefall action group (HASAG).
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	There has been no landowner objection.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Harrogate has not been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space overall, however within this particular sub area of Harrogate there is an identified shortfall in amenity greenspace and provision for children and young people (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). The letters of supports received demonstrate that the site is well used by the public.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.
	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Justification</b>
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its recreational value. The site has been shown to be demonstrably special to the local community.

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## Killinghall: Local Green Space Assessments



Map 1.16 LGS35: Island at Cautley Drive, Killinghall

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## LGS35: Island at Cautley Drive, Killinghall

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	14/06/2017
Settlement	Killinghall
Site Name	Island at Cautley Drive
Site Code	LGS35

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission demonstrates that the site has been planted with spring bulbs and specimen trees to replace landmark trees lost in gales previously. The site is a small green space within a residential area, offering rural character to a village receiving a heavy through flow of traffic. Photographs of the site/planting have been submitted, however the petition submitted has not highlighted the beauty of the site as being the reason why the site holds particular local significance.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is publicly accessible and visible from the B6161 and regularly passed by walkers.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	None.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	Specimen trees have been planted to replace historic trees lost to age and winds but there are no original features or remains on the site.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site previously formed part of the estate of the Victorian manor house which once stood close to the site and was a landmark feature within the village. Whilst there is no extant physical evidence of the sites former role, local school children have dedicated a plaque to the site, which explains it's historical significance. Clippings from two local newspapers, Killinghall's Millennium book, 'Reflections of Killinghall' and the Parish Magazine demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for its historic significance. The petition submitted in support of designation states that the site is held to be of historical significance.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be of local significance for its historic significance.



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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	N	Whilst the submission indicates that the site is a landmark site at the beginning of a popular village walk, there is no suggestion that the site itself is used for informal recreation.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the site provides a rare opportunity for tranquillity in an urban area with high levels of traffic. The petition which has been submitted indicates that this is one of the reasons why the site is held to be of local significance but no additional evidence has been submitted to demonstrate this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its richness in wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	The submission states that residents and walkers regularly stop on the site to read the plaque, to learn more about the history of the village. No additional evidence has been submitted to demonstrate this.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance for any other reason.

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	N	The site was submitted by the Killinghall Village Protection Group and the submission is supported by a petition from local residents setting out why the site holds particular significance locally, along with letters but there is no explanation of how the group identified the site.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	A petition from local residents has been submitted, setting out why the site holds particular significance locally, along with letters.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	None to date.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Killinghall has not been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). However, the support from local residents demonstrates that this particular area of amenity green space is highly valued by residents in this location.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and petition in support demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community.
	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for its historic significance. The site has also been shown to be demonstrably special to the local community.

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## Knarborough/Scriven: Local Green Space Assessments



Map 1.17 LGS58, Jacob Smith Park, Scriven

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## LGS58: Jacob Smith Park, Scriven

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	06/06/2017
Settlement	Knaresborough
Site Name	Jacob Smith Park
Site Code	LGS58

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	Y	The submission states that the site has local significance for its beauty because of the historic oak trees and interesting contours of the parkland which create a very interesting and peaceful landscape in an urban setting. The submission goes on to state that it provides a beautiful escape from the urban development that surrounds it. Comments from the public during the Issues and Options consultation and Draft Local Plan consultation include paintings and photographs and demonstrate that the site is valued locally and held to be of particular local significance for its beauty.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is surrounded by a high stone wall, however, the public have full access to the site.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	Y	The site forms part of the Scriven Conservation Area and is also listed as part of Area 52 of the North Knaresborough Improved Grassland in the council's Landscape Character Assessment 2004.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	The submission states that it is believed that the higher ground in the south west corner of the park was once the site of an Iron Age settlement in 500BC, stating that the protective ditch earthworks have been positioned by survey and that likewise, the remains of a 17th century farmstead have been defined in the same area. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate or support this however.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	The submission states that the park was originally farmland and that the line of boundaries of the old fields can be determined by lines of old oak trees and that this evidence is supported by old maps. No additional information is submitted to demonstrate or support this however.  The submission also states that the site was part of the grounds of Scriven Hall, which was destroyed by fire in December 1952. No additional information is submitted to demonstrate or support this however.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission states that the site was part of the grounds of Scriven Hall, which was owned by the Slingsby family. No additional information is submitted to demonstrate or support this however.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.

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History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	The submission states that various annual events such as bat walks take place on the site but no evidence has been submitted to demonstrate and support this and no evidence to suggest that this is a long-standing/historic event.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	The submission states that football games and training take place on the park but no additional evidence has been submitted to demonstrate and support this.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission states that the site is used widely by the community for informal recreation and this is supported by a large number of responses to the council's Issue and Options consultation.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	Y	The submission states that the enclosure of the park limits the noise from nearby traffic and people sit on old tree trunks and enjoy the peace of the park in an otherwise busy urban environments. This is supported by comments submitted through the Issues and Options consultation.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	The submission states that various birds such as barn owls and tawny owls nest on the site and that other breeding pairs of birds have been identified by local naturalists. The submission also states that bats are very common in the park and the management of the grassland is designed to encourage a greater diversity of insect life to provide encouragement for visiting bats. Numerous photographs of wildlife habitat have been submitted along with photographs of butterflies, moths, bumble bees, dragonflies, a tawny owl, and insects.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	The submission states that wild bees populate the root structure of some oak trees and decaying trunks of fallen trees. Numerous photographs of wildlife habitat have been submitted along with photographs of butterflies, moths, bumble bees, dragonflies, a tawny owl, and insects. The site supports an important local assemblage of veteran trees which are a very valuable wildlife resource.

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Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	Evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	No details submitted.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for any other reason.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The site has been submitted by the parish council with a good level of community support demonstrated. A 'friends group' was formed in 2008 with the aid of HBC. The group is still active and takes an interest in all aspects of the parks management.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	A large number of submissions in support of the LGS designation were made through the council's Issues and Options consultation in June 2015. A large number of submissions in support of the designation were again made at the Draft Plan consultation in Autumn 2016.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No landowner objection has been received.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	N	Knaresborough has not been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its beauty, recreational value and tranquillity. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS.

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Map 1.18 LGS75, Knaresborough House

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## LGS75: Knaresborough House

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	14/06/2017
Settlement	Knaresborough
Site Name	Knaresborough House
Site Code	LGS75

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	Y	The submission states that the community feel that the space is well looked after and provides beautiful garden areas as well as open lawns. This is supported by letters from members of the community and also by photographs submitted with the application, which show that space is valued for its beauty.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site itself is a public place and it is also visible from the main A59 road, and from Church Lane.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	Y	The site is located within the Conservation area and identified within the Conservation Area Character Appraisal as an Important Open Space, with Key Views across the site from Church Lane.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	Y	Knaresborough House is a Listed Building. Letters of support from the community demonstrate an appreciation of the historic significance of the site. The identified area encompasses the historic grounds to Knaresborough House, a grade II listed building. The area forms a very important part of the setting of the listed building, which incorporates a large grassed area, significant mature trees, flower beds and historic boundary walls. The area is also part of a wider network of open / green spaces in the vicinity of St John's church, which as a whole, form the setting to a number of heritage assets in this part of the conservation area (and also therefore contribute positively to the conservation area's character and appearance) - these spaces are identified as 'important open space' in the Knaresborough Conservation Area Character Appraisal.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	Y	The submission states that the Great Knaresborough Bed Race has used this land as a key spectator area for over fifty years.



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History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	Y	Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be of local significance for its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	Y	The submission indicates that the space is informally used by families to play sports and this is supported by letters submitted in support of the designation.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission indicates that the site is used widely by the community for informal recreation and this is supported by letters submitted in support of the designation.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

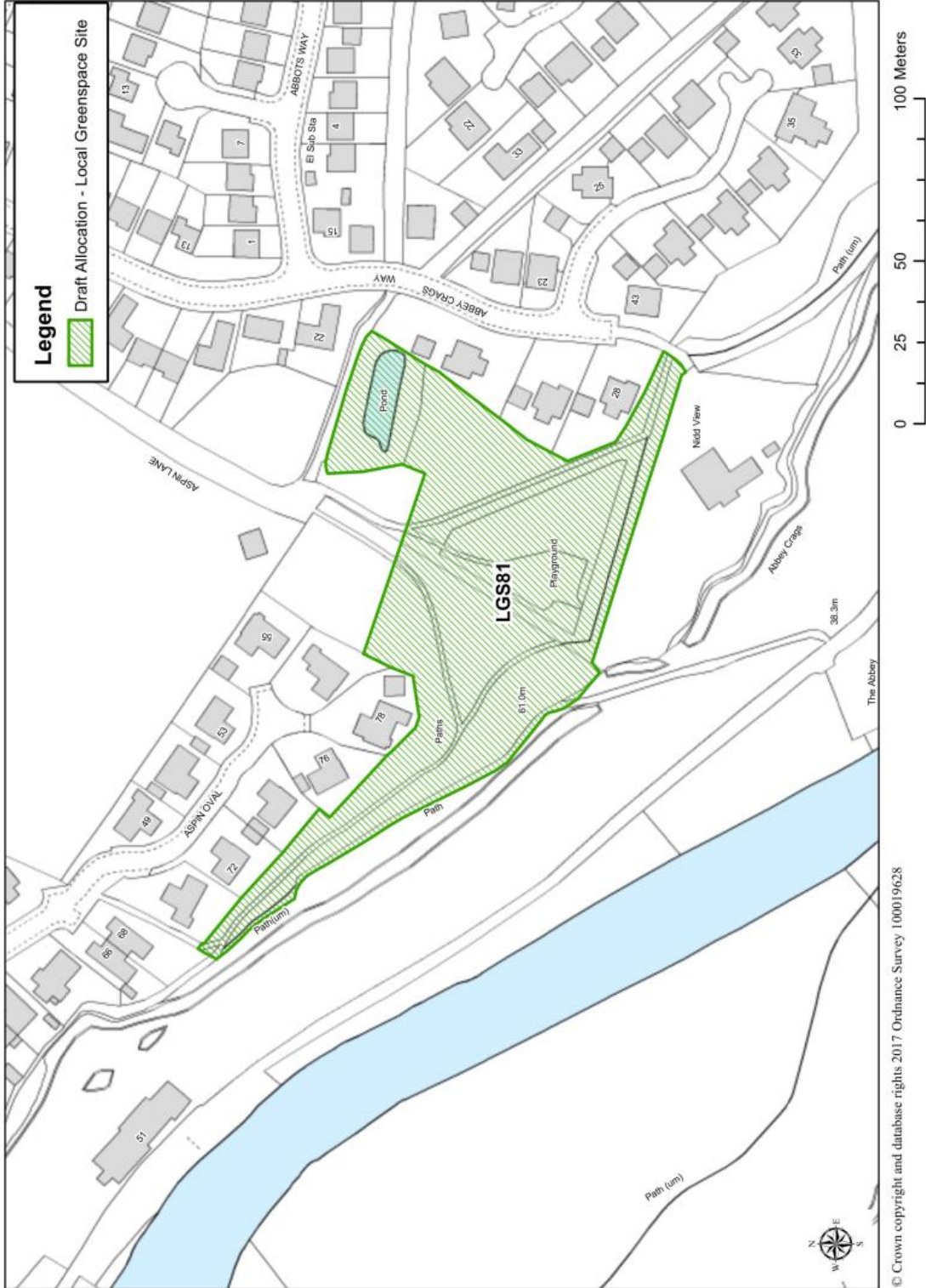
Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	The submission states that the central location of the site within the town makes it locally significant. Insufficient additional information is submitted to support this.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for any other reason.

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	N	The site has been identified by Knaresborough Parish Council. The submission indicates that the land is used by the public extensively each day by many local people and visitors to the district but no additional information has been submitted to demonstrate how the site was identified and whether wider community has been shown for the submission of the designation.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters of support have been received from the community, which show understanding of and support for the reasons for the sites designation. Further support was received at the Draft Local Plan consultation 2016.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	The landowner has requested a change in boundary to exclude the built form and curtilage from the designation.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Knaresborough has not been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). The submission indicates that the site is valued and used extensively by the local community.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its beauty and recreational value. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS. The boundary has been amended in line with comments from the landowner, to exclude the built form of Knaresborough house and its curtilage from the designation.

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### LGS81: Aspin Pond, Knaresborough

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	06/06/2017
Settlement	Knaresborough
Site Name	Aspin Pond
Site Code	LGS81

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the site is discernibly more beautiful than the surrounding areas, as the pond, its trees, flora and fauna and the meadowland are situated in close proximity to housing and that as such they enhance the area. The pond site was awarded Gold in the Britain in Bloom Open Spaces category in 2015 and was part of Knaresborough's Yorkshire in Bloom gold winning entry in the same year. The submission highlights the fact that many wildflowers and herbs flourish at both the pond site and in the wildflower meadow - a photograph of the wildflower area has been submitted. Only a small number of representations received in support of the sites designation refer to the site as being held to be of particular local significance for its beauty however.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible and easily accessible from a children's playground and footpaths and is close to Aspin Lane, Knaresborough Cricket Club and the Crag Top.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	The submission states that there is evidence of human occupation at the site - in an archaeological test dig at the site remains of medieval pottery and 16th century slipware were discovered and an intact stoneware Victorian inkwell (details of this find have been provided). Further investigation work is planned by the Friends of Aspin Pond group but at this stage only limited information is available and it is not apparent that the pond is held to be of particular local significance for its historic significance from the submission and representations made at this stage.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	The submission states that there are old hedgerows and the pond is a naturally occurring pond, believed to date back to the last Ice Age and to possibly have had a connection to the priory on Abbey Road. The Friends of Aspin Pond are to carry out further archaeological investigations in 2017 to establish whether ancient watercourses ran from the pond, across the meadowland to the Crag Top and down to the priory. The ponds are present on historic maps but no information has been provided to show the significance of the ponds. Further investigation work is planned by the Friends of Aspin Pond group but at this stage only limited information is available and it is not apparent that the pond is held to be of

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History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		particular local significance for its historic significance from the submission and representations made at this stage.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission includes a summary of the history of Aspin ponds. Letters of support for the restoration works which have been undertaken make reference to the history of the site and the Friends of Aspin Pond leaflet provides further reference to the historic importance of the site. No further information has been provided to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular significance by the local community for this reason however.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	N	The paths around the site and across the meadow are used daily by dog walkers and walkers. The site is easily accessible from Aspin Lane, which is on a bus route, 15 minutes by foot from the town centre and links to the footpaths leading to Abbey Road via Crag Top and through a modern housing estate. Children do enjoy visiting the site and going on the bat walks hosted by the Friends. Insufficient additional support has been received to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for this reason.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the pond and meadow are urban oases, away from traffic, where one can hear the sound of birdsong and see birds, wildflowers and pond life. Many people have remarked on how peaceful and beautiful the site is. The submission states that those who knew the pond site before FOAP started work on its restoration appreciate how much the site has improved, as for many years it was derelict and used as a tip - with an absence of lighting the area is good for bat watching, stargazing and listening to the nightlife, particularly owls. Insufficient additional support has been received to demonstrate that the site is held to be of particular local significance for this reason.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient information is submitted to demonstrate that the sites holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

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Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	<p>The submission includes a letter from the Councils Ecologist, which confirms the sites importance as a habitat of importance and confirms that the restoration of the pond will help to meet the objectives of the district's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), Great Crested Newt Species Action Plan (SAP) and Urban Wildspace Habitat Plan (HAP). The submission states that a colony of Great Crested Newts is present on the site, along with a variety of other wildlife.</p> <p>A survey of birdlife recorded at the pond has been submitted.</p> <p>A survey of trees found at the Pond has been submitted, providing details of the wildlife supported by the trees present on site.</p> <p>A survey of wildflowers and herbs found on the site has been provided.</p> <p>A certificate for the Big butterfly Count has been submitted.</p> <p>A Gold Award certificate form Britain in Bloom indicates that the site received commendation for adopting a holistic and historical approach by researching and preserving wildlife (including the Great Crested Newt) and natural vegetation. Comments received from the local community through the Draft Local Plan consultation show support for the sites designation and refer to the importance of the wildlife on the site.</p>
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	<p>The submission states that there is a pond on the site, a meadow and a number of trees. The submission states that the site is home to various species of birds, frogs and toads, damsel flies, water beetles, bumble bees, many varieties of butterflies and many species of wildflower. A leaflet written by the Friends of Aspin Pond gives further details about the wildlife importance of the site and letters of support for the restoration works undertaken on the site from the local MP and Councillor support the presence of the sites wildlife and natural features. The site is not formally designated for its wildlife value, although Great Crested Newts, of which there is a colony at the pond, are a protected species. The submission states that HBC's Ecologist has confirmed that the wildflower meadow is a valuable habitat for a wide variety of insects, which are a rich food source for several species of bats which visit both the pond and the meadow. The mammals in the long meadow grass are a food source for birds of prey, such as owls, sparrow hawks and red kites, and larger mammals, such as foxes.</p> <p>Aspin Brownies visit and sow wildflower seeds and have fun doing nature walks around the site and quizzes, based on the walks. FOAP also give talks to the Brownies. The Aspin Brownie pack leader has written in support of the submission, explaining the way in which the brownies use the site and the importance and value of the site to the local brownies.</p> <p>Posters have been submitted which advertise a mini beast hunt event which was held at the pond for the local community.</p>

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Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?	Y	Information has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<p>What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important?</p> <p>Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?</p>	Y	<p>The Friends have held four Big Lunches there and annual Pond Dipping and Bat Walk events – the walks beginning at the pond and wildlife meadow.</p> <p>The submission states that a large proportion of the community supports the work of FOAP through helping at or attending coffee mornings, quiz nights, the Big Lunch, car boot sales, afternoon teas, market stalls and the Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church. The Aspin Park WI has for many years done a monthly litter pick at the site.</p> <p>In 2017 an interpretation board is to be installed at the site. The board has been paid for using funds raised with the help of the community. FOAP have improved the paths at the pond site, making it more accessible, again using funds from community events. A Friends of Aspin Pond Newsletter provides details and photographs of the various initiatives taking place at the pond.</p> <p>The submission states that artwork, by pupils at Aspin Park School, based on the topic of the pond, was displayed at Knaresborough Library. FOAP also displayed information about the pond there. The committee meets monthly and carries out monthly working parties at the pond, with other volunteers. The volunteer time of the six members of the committee alone was 1,670 hours for the year 2013-14.</p> <p>The site was commended by Britain in Bloom for excellent results from fund raising and involving the local community in a project.</p>
The site holds particular local significance for another reason	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance for its role in involving the local community in a project.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<p>How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly?</p> <p>Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?</p>	Y	The submission does not make clear how the site was identified for submission as a potential LGS but does explain how the site has been identified as being special to the local community in relation to the restoration work that has taken place on the site. The submission indicates that a public consultation was held in 2011 to gauge community support for the restoration and ongoing management of the pond - following on from this the Friends of Aspin Ponds Group was formed in 2012. The site received a Gold award from Britain in Bloom for involving the local community in a project and planning more publicity to foster community interest.
<p>Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals?</p> <p>What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?</p>	Y	Letters of support for the restoration and future maintenance of the site were provided by Knaresborough in Bloom, Andrew Jones MP, the Councils Ecologist and Harrogate Biodiversity Group. Photographs of volunteers working to restore the site have been submitted and the Friends of Aspin Pond Group leaflet states that the site is

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		supported by the local community including Aspin WI, Harrogate and District Biodiversity Action Group, Knarborough in Bloom, Aspin Park Primary School and Aspin Brownies. Representations in support of the designation have been received through the Draft Local Plan Consultation, demonstrating that this site is valued and that designation of the site is supported by the local community.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection has been received from the landowner.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Knarborough has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011).
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to show that the site is demonstrably special to the local community.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Site recommended for designation. Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is rich in wildlife and that the local community has played a significant role in restoring the site and maintaining it as a natural habitat to support wildlife. The site is of local significance for its wildlife value and is demonstrably special to the local community.



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## Masham: Local Green Space Assessments



Map 1.20 LGS47, Allotments, Masham

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## LGS47: Masham Allotments

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Detailed Assessment
Date Entered	27/06/2016
Settlement	Masham
Site Name	Masham Allotments
Site Code	LGS47

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission indicates that the site contains and is surrounded by English deciduous hardwood trees. The submission includes photographs of the site. Whilst a number of letters of support have been received, only one letter refers to the beauty of the site. No additional information is submitted to demonstrate that the site is held to be discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than surrounding areas.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is publicly accessible, with public footpaths running through the space.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	The submission indicates that the site was part of the history of civilian life during world war one. No additional information is submitted to demonstrate or support this.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport?	N	No details submitted.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?		
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission refers to the pathways through the site which provide an opportunity for informal recreation. A number of letters of support have been received from allotment holders, who refer to the recreational value of gardening and of this allotment site in providing that opportunity. Details of the Hope Project highlight the recreational value of becoming part of the Masham allotment community, with areas for informal recreation identified on a submitted plan. The submission demonstrates that that demand for plots on the site is high.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission indicates that the garden has a tranquil area for sitting, surrounded by a commemorative rose garden. It also states that the site is quiet, with bird song clearly heard. A plan showing the layout of the gardens, including the sitting area has been provided. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate that users of the site value the site for its tranquillity however.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	The submission states that the site is populated by a considerable number of bees, attracted by the wild and cultivated flowers on the site. No additional information has been submitted to support this or to demonstrate that there are important habitats or species on the site.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	The submission states that breeding birds nest on the site, including swifts. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate or support this.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Whilst a number of letters have been submitted which refer to the presence of bees in the site, no additional information has been submitted to demonstrate that there are important habitats or species on the site or that a wider range of users of the site consider the site to hold significance for its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission indicates that the site is an integral part of the local community, not only as an allotment but as a place for meeting and for producing food cheaply. Letters from allotment holders clearly demonstrate that the site is valued for its role in providing a place for the community to meet and work together. A note submitted by the chair man of the allotments association sets out the ways in

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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		which the site is used by the community as a social meeting place and information is also submitted in relation to the Hope Community project, which provides small, accessible plots to members of the community who may not be able to take on the full commitment of an allotment but who may wish to take on a smaller plot, work as part of team or simply come to the allotment to enjoy socialising with members of the community.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance for its social role as a meeting place and for allowing the all members of the community to access manageable plots where they can produce food cheaply.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The site has been identified by the Masham Allotment Holders Association who have identified that the site is in full use with a waiting list for plots in place.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	The chair of the Allotment Association has written on behalf of the holders of the 80 allotment plots. Letters from individual plot holders have also been received, along with a supporting statement from the Hope Project (Masham Methodist Church) who have access to plots on the site. Further support has been received through th Draft Plan consultation 2016.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	Y	An objection was received during the Issues and Options Consultation in summer 2015, which stated that it had not been made clear how sites proposed for LGS designation met the criteria set out in the NPPF. The objection stated that without such a justification, the designation of these sites would be contrary to the aims of the NPPF.  The objection states that LGS47 is currently used for allotments, which although offering community value, could be otherwise re-provided elsewhere if necessary. It goes on to state that it is not therefore of such a special character as to warrant a substantially restrictive policy allocation.  The submission demonstrates that demand for plots on the site is high. Whilst the objection states that the allotments could be relocated elsewhere, no alternative site has been identified for re-provision of the allotments. There is no information submitted to suggest that a site of comparable size, accessibility and convenience can be provided or that a site with a soil quality and condition comparable to or superior to that of the existing allotments can be provided.  The site in question has been demonstrated to hold local significance for its recreational value and for its role as a social meeting place where residents can produce food economically. A LGS designation would give the allotments long term protection to ensure that the recreational and social value of this site is maintained.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Masham has not been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011), however, there are no other allotment plots currently available within the settlement and demand for the existing site is demonstrated to be high. The submission indicates that the allotment site

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		currently has a waiting list, providing evidence of demand for the site.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's recreational value and for its important role within the community, providing opportunities for social interaction and food production. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.



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## LGS48: The Green, North Deighton

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	30/06/2016
Settlement	North Deighton
Site Name	The Green
Site Code	LGS48

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the green is an attractive focal point, with mature trees and recently planted saplings and grassland. No additional information has been submitted to demonstrate this and only one letter of support refers to the attractiveness of the site.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The village green is located within the centre of the village and is accessible and clearly visible.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	Y	The site is located within the conservation area and is referred to within the Conservation Area Character Appraisal as a focal point within the village which is fundamental to the character and form of the village.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted demonstrates that the site holds local significance for its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	No evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission states that the site is used by dog walkers and letters from the community state that the green is used for informal recreation and valued for this reason. The landowner has stated that the community have full use of the site.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds local significance for its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission states that the site provides a tranquil space within the heart of a busy village, however no evidence has been submitted to support the submission.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	The submission states that barn owls are located within mature trees on the site. No additional supporting information is provided to demonstrate this however.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission highlights that the houses and farm buildings of the village are arranged around the green, which is a focal point. The submission states that the Green is fundamental to the character of the village, as supported by the Conservation Area Character Appraisal and by letters of support which refer to the site as a focal point.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site holds particular significance as a focal point within the village.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission states that the proposal to submit the site as a potential LGS was raised by the community at a meeting of the Parish Council.



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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters of support for the LGS designation have been received from members of the community and from the landowner. Historic England have also shown support for the designation at the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	None to date.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	As a small settlement not covered within the settlement hierarchy as defined within the Core Strategy, the open space needs of North Deighton were not assessed as part of the Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011. The submission states that the green and playground are the only two publicly accessible spaces for informal recreation within the village and letters from residents show demand for this open space.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional letters demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds local significance for its recreational value and as a stopping/meeting place. The submitted form and additional letters demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

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## North Stainley: Local Green Space Assessments



Map 1.22 LGS50: Community Garden, North Stainley

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**LGS50: Community Garden, North Stainley**

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Detailed Assessment
Date Entered	23/06/2016
Settlement	North Stainley
Site Name	Community Garden
Site Code	LGS50

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the site contains the following beautiful features: dry stone walling, grass meadow areas, sculptures, planting areas. Photographs and a newspaper article have been submitted to demonstrate these features, however there is no evidence that the local community view the site as being of particular significance for its beauty.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible from the highway (Watermill Lane).
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	No, insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The site is used for walking and sitting in by the community and for younger children to play informally. Letters of support demonstrate that the site is of significance for these activities.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site is shown as being within an 'undisturbed area' on CPRE's 2007 map for the Yorkshire and Humber region. The submission states that the site is tranquil because it is located away from the main road and provides an area for quiet reflection and contemplation. A number of benches have been provided within the garden so that people can sit among the plants. The site has been used as a memorial site by members of the community for deceased relatives.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	No details submitted.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance for any other reason.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The parish council canvassed public opinion on which sites should be put forward via its regular newsletter and by contacting local community organisations. A number of people and groups responded to the parish council and

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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
		suggested that the Community Garden should be designated. The parish council agreed to proceed with the application at it's meeting on 21 April 2015.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	There is a letter of support from the North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust. The submission states that the site is maintained by the Trust and other organisations and groups such as the WI and the school. A petition by the local community has also been submitted in support of the designation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	None to date.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	North Stainley has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space, in particular parks and gardens and outdoor sports facilities (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). The submission states that the site is the only available formal garden area within the village which is not used for sport and demonstrates that the site is well used.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's beauty, tranquillity and recreational value. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.



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## LGS51: Recreation Ground, North Stainley

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	10/07/2016
Settlement	North Stainley
Site Name	Recreation Ground
Site Code	LGS51

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	No details submitted.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	N	No details submitted.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of it's beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	No details submitted.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of it's historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	Y	The submission shows that site is the home of North Stainley Cricket Club, which has many members both within North Stainley and from further afield. The submission states that the club has been established for over 200 years and now has a junior section of over 70 children regularly attending their coaching sessions. The local school also uses the school field several times a week for recreational purposes and holds it's annual sports day there, as demonstrated within a letter form the head teacher of the local primary school. A letter form the North Stainley Sports and Recreation Trust has also been received.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission states that the site has been used for informal recreation purposes such as rounders, football etc since it was gifted to the village in 1928. A site plan has been provided, illustrating the use of the space.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	It has been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	Y	The submission states that the site is shown as being within an 'undisturbed area' on CPRE's 2007 map for the Yorkshire and Humber region. No further information is submitted to demonstrate that the site is considered to be of local significance for its tranquillity.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance because of its wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	N	No details submitted.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	N	It has not been demonstrated that the site holds particular significance for any other reason.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The submission states that the parish council canvassed public opinion on which sites should be put forward via its regular newsletter and by contacting local community organisations - a number of people and groups responded to the parish council and suggested that the Recreation Ground should be designated. The parish council agreed to proceed with the application at its meeting on 21 April 2015.

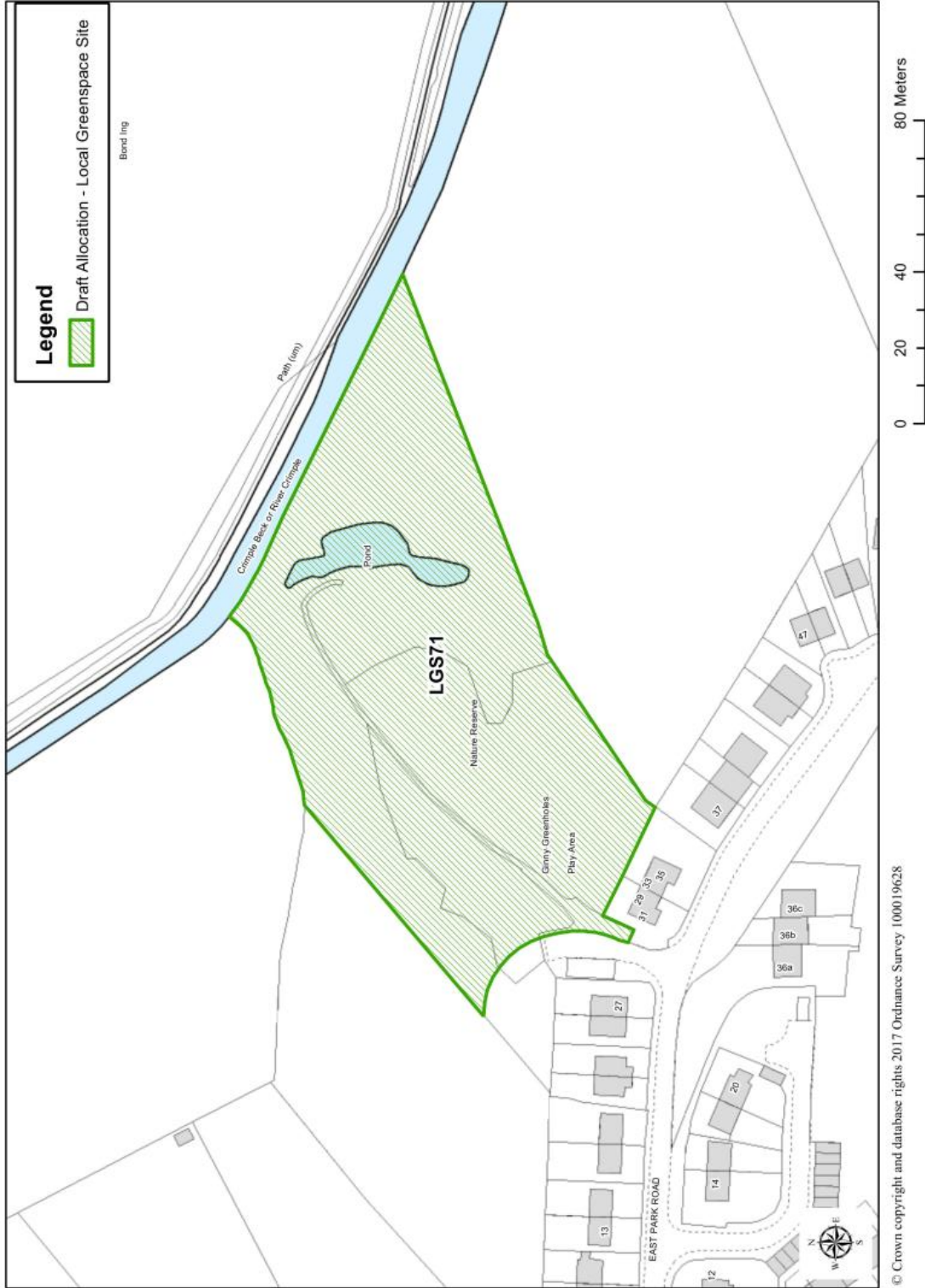


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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters of support have been received from the North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust, North Stainley Brownies and the local school. The submission states that the site is maintained by the Trust and other organisations and groups such as the WI and the school. A petition by local community has also been submitted.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	None to date.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	North Stainley has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space, in particular parks and gardens and outdoor sports facilities (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). The submission states that the site is the only available site for outdoor recreation within the centre of the village. The letters of support demonstrate that the site is heavily used, with the local school indicating that the space is required by the school for its daily outdoor activities.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS.
	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for its designation as LGS.

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## Spofforth: Local Green Space Assessments



Map 1.24 LGS71: East Park Playground and Nature Reserve (Ginny Greenholes), Spofforth

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**LGS71: East Park Playground and Nature Reserve (Ginny Greenholes), Spofforth**

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	06/06/2017
Settlement	Spofforth
Site Name	East Park Playground and Nature Reserve (Ginny Greenholes)
Site Code	LGS71

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission states that the site is a nature reserve with wild flowers and trees. However the letters submitted in support of the designation of the site do not refer to it as being of particular significance for its beauty.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is accessible/visible from the public highway and the Conservation Area Appraisal highlights key views across the site from within the village and from outside of the village.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	Y	The site lies outside of the conservation area and is referred to within the Conservation Area Appraisal as an attractive area but it was not included within the CA boundary due to its location away from the existing conservation area.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	N	The submission does not include sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the local community considers the site to hold particular significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	Y	The submission refers to significant field boundaries as highlighted within the Conservation Area Appraisal. Field boundaries on three sides of the site are highlighted within the CAA as being significant. The CAA states that field boundaries are important to the landscape setting of the village and area a valuable resource in providing physical and visual connectivity to the countryside. Whilst the CAA highlights that the boundaries of the site as being of significance, no further evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site is recognised as holding particular significance for this reason.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its historic significance.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?	N	No details submitted.
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site is used for informal recreation, with letters of support from community groups highlighting the sites use as a play area and an area used by the local school children.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	N	The submission indicates that the site is a quiet area away from traffic. Insufficient additional evidence has been provided to demonstrate this however.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	N	Insufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	Y	The submission indicates that the site is recognised locally as a nature reserve and that additional work is being undertaken to improve the habitats provided for wildlife within the site. Letters of support demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community as an area where wildlife can be experienced, with the local school taking habitat walks within the site and school children helping with planting in the area. The site has insect hotels and wildlife interpretation boards in place to further encourage wildlife and o aid the community in enjoying wildlife within the space.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	Y	Spofforth in bloom have identified and recorded over 120 wild flowers on the site and have written in support of the sites designation stating that the site contains important wildlife habitats. The submission states that moles, rabbits and insects have been found on the site.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	Y	Evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission states that the site is an important focal point and stopping place. This is supported by letters from Spofforth Youth Club, Spofforth in Bloom and Spofforth Women's Institute who all highlight the sites significance as a stopping/focal point for visitors to the area/cyclists.

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Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	The submission demonstrates that the site holds particular significance as a focal point within the village.

Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The site has been identified and submitted by Spofforth Parish Council. The site has been developed as a play area and nature reserve as part of a community driven project.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters have been received from Spofforth Youth Club and Spofforth in Bloom. Only one response received through the Issues and Options consultation. Additional support was received through the Draft Plan consultation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No landowner objection has been received.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Spofforth has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space, in particular provision for children and young people and parks/gardens (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). Submissions from community groups indicate that the site is highly valued as an area of open space within the village.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational and wildlife value and because the site holds particular significance as a focal point within the village. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

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## LGS73: Millennium Garden, Spofforth

Title	Local Green Space
Type	Local Green Space
Date Entered	28/06/2017
Settlement	Spofforth
Site Name	Millennium Garden
Site Code	LGS73

Beauty	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?	N	The submission indicates that garden is considered to be a beautiful space. Photographs have been submitted to support this. Letters received in support of the submission support this, including a letter from Spofforth In Bloom, which gives details of the gardens features and a letter from Spofforth Youth Club which describes the area as beautiful.
Site visibility: is the site visible from a public place; are there views of the site from any key locations?	Y	The site is visible from the public highway, at the centre of the village and is accessible by the public.
Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	Y	The site is located within the Conservation Area.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its beauty?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its beauty.

History	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials.	N	No details submitted.
Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	N	The submission indicates that a historic sundial is located on the site but no additional information is provided to support this.
Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N	No details submitted.
Did any important historic events take place on the site?	N	No details submitted.
Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market.	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its historic significance?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its historic significance.

Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport?	N	No details submitted.

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Recreation	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required? Is it good quality? Are there better facilities nearby?		
Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily?	Y	The submission indicates that the site is used for informal recreation and this is supported by the letters submitted in support of the designation, which set out the ways in which the site is used by the community.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its recreational value?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its recreational value.

Tranquillity	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness? Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting?	Y	The submission indicates that the space provides a tranquil green space and this is supported by letters from local community groups.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its tranquillity?</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its tranquillity.

Wildlife	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N	No details submitted.
If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site? <i>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? Could it form part of an ecological network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</i>	N	No details submitted.
<b>Does the site hold particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife?</b>	N	Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.

Other	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? What features make this site important? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	Y	The submission indicates that the space is a focal point and stopping place and this is supported by letters from local community groups.
<b>The site holds particular local significance for another reason</b>	Y	Yes, sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance for other reasons.



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Demonstrably Special	Criterion met (Yes/No)	Comment
How was this site identified as being special? Is it used regularly? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	Y	The site is identified within the Parish Plan and letters of support have been received. The site has been submitted by the Parish Council.
Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? What letters of support, petitions, surveys etc. have been submitted? Was the site received favourably during Issues and Options Consultation? Does the evidence show that a large proportion of the community use or value the site?	Y	Letters of support for the designation have been received from Spofforth Youth Club, Spofforth In Bloom and Spofforth Women's Institute. The site was also supported by a community member through the Issues and Options consultation. The site has received further support at the Draft Local Plan consultation.
Have there been any objections to the designation? Who are these from and on what grounds is the objection made? Do their comments undermine or cast doubt on how special the site may be to the wider community?	N	No objection received.
Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need for this kind of space in particular? Could the use of the green space be replicated elsewhere in the vicinity?	Y	Spofforth has been identified as an area where there is an existing shortfall in open space, in particular provision for children and young people and parks/gardens (Harrogate Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Village Halls Study: Part 1 - Standards Assessment HBC, 2011). However, submissions from community groups indicate that the site is highly valued as an area of open space within the village.
<b>The site is demonstrably special to the local community?</b>	Y	The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.

	Yes/No	Justification
<b>Should the site be recommended for allocation as Local Green Space?</b>	Y	Sufficient evidence submitted to demonstrate that the site holds particular local significance because of it's beauty, recreational value, tranquillity and as a stopping place/focal point within the village. The submitted form and additional evidence of community support and use demonstrate that the site is valued by the local community and that there is local support for it's designation as LGS.