

Huntington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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Submission Draft

Supporting Evidence – Local Green Spaces



1.0 Introduction

This supporting paper provides additional evidence to the proposed designation of Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out the background to Local Green Spaces and explains the methodology used.

2.0 Policy Context

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹ introduced the concept of Local Green Space (LGS) designation. LGS designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of importance to local communities.

Section 99 of the NPPF (2019) provides the following information on Local Green Space designations, *“The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them”*. The requirements of the Framework are developed in the National Planning Practice Guidance document Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space².

The protection of green spaces of importance to local communities is also supported through local planning policies. The draft York Local Plan³, makes specific reference in para 9.1 to, *“it is essential that the Local Plan conserves and enhances York's landscapes, geodiversity, biodiversity and natural environment, recognising the important role of green infrastructure”*, and includes policies in supporting of this aim.

3.0 Process for Designation

Whilst the NPPF establishes the concept of LGS designation and provides some guiding principles, it gives local communities preparing a Neighbourhood Plan some discretion to determine how to implement this at the local level.

A four-stage approach was adopted by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Step 1: Identification of potential sites.

The potential sites were derived from local knowledge including the outcomes from the community consultation events.

Step 2: Assessment against the NPPF criteria

The sites were then assessed to consider their suitability for LGS designation. To allow comparative assessment of the sites, a form was created based on the criteria in the NPPF. These are that the sites are:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

- demonstrably special to a local community
- holds a particular local significance, for example, because of its
 - beauty
 - historic significance
 - recreational value (including as a playing field)
 - tranquility or
 - richness of its wildlife
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

These criteria were used to create an LGS evaluation form. This enabled a consistent and transparent methodology for identifying LGSs in the Parish. Each potential site was assessed.

The Group, like most groups undertaking LGS analysis, faced challenges. In particular, the sheer number of potential local green spaces in the Parish of some significance. National planning policy enables a local plan to protect those of local significance. In addition, the absence of a statutory or commonly used definition of these terms, particularly what constitutes, 'special' or comprises an 'extensive tract of land'. A common-sense approach was taken, while at the same time having regard to good practice and the experiences of LGS designations in approved neighbourhood plans.

The Group were also mindful of the fact that several sites are already given some protection through the draft Green Belt and emerging designations in the York Local Plan. National Planning Practice Guidance on Local Green Space designation suggests that where land is already protected by another designation consideration should be given as to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

Through this process a small number of sites were identified which were considered to locally significant, valued by the community and met the tests set out in the NPPF to meet the test to be designated as a Local Green Space.

Step 3: Further review

All the proposed sites were then reviewed for their appropriateness for designation as LGS by the independent consultant helping prepare the Plan, acting in a 'critical friend' role.

These criteria were used to create an LGS evaluation table. This enabled a consistent and transparent methodology for identifying LGSs in the Parish.

Step 4: Consultation

Satisfied that the sites met in principle, the criteria for LGS designation and should be formally proposed for designation in the Plan, they were then "tested" through the Plan

¹https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779764/NPPF_Feb_2019_web.pdf

² <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space>

³ https://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/file/15869/cd001_-_city_of_york_local_plan_publication_draft_regulation_19_consultation_february_2018

process. Key milestone where when the proposed sites were set out for comment at the drop-in events held in 2017 and the consultation on the draft Plan in 2018.

4.0 Local Green Space Site Assessment Forms

Code	1.
Site	Land adjacent to the River Foss.
Address/location	Land off Church Lane and behind Drakes Close/ Linden Close, Huntington.
Description	Linear strip off land adjacent to River Foss.
Compliance with the NPPF/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes, includes public footpath alongside the river.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, at the rear of local housing and can also be accessed from the local church.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, provides a valuable amenity space allowing the public access to riverside walks and too more extensive countryside. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, situated along the historic River Foss which was used to transport coal and other materials.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal (includes a playground and Eco Park.) and informal (walking, sitting etc).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A tranquil area offering views of the surrounding countryside.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes, provides a green corridor and habitat for a variety of wildlife and animals (particularly birds), some of national and local importance. Its importance is reflected in its designation in part of it as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ⁴ . It is an important flood defence resource.



Code	2.
Site	Recreation Ground off North Lane.
Address/location	Huntington Sports and Social Club, North Lane, Huntington.
Description	Sports Club with adjacent sports field in the middle of a residential area. Open grassed playing field surrounded by hedgerows and back gardens on East and South sides. Sports club lies within grounds.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework//why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes, can be accessed from several points on the periphery.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – main sports area for local teams and the community. It is important to the identity and character of the Parish. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	The open space provides some visual amenity to local residents.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular – long standing recreation area.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal (e.g. football pitches etc.) and informal (e.g. walking and seating). Very well used.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	To some extent.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not particularly – some trees and hedges on the perimeter of the site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.

Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ⁵ .
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Code	3.
Site	Playground on Garth Road.
Address/location	Garth Road, Huntington.
Description	A rectangular piece of land that contains a children's playground. Includes swings, slides and a small obstacle course.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. Surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, small well-equipped play area that it is used regularly by the community (particularly with it being so close to the primary school). Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Limited, provides some aesthetic value in the middle of a tightly built residential area, which has relatively little open space.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – both formal and informal (sitting and walking).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Not in particular.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Not particularly – some trees and hedgerows.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.

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Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ⁶ .



Code	4.
Site	Huntington Primary School Playing Field.
Address/location	Huntington Primary School, Huntington.
Description	Grass playing field that forms part of the local Primary School.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Some limited accessed after school hours.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, in the centre of a residential area.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Used extensively by pupils from the primary school and put forward by the community. Important for the visual amenity of the surrounding area, which has limited green space and relatively tightly developed.
Is it beautiful?	Of some visual amenity.
Does it have historic significance? I	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal and informal

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Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes, outside of school hours.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not particularly, partially surrounded by hedgerows and a variety of trees inhabit the area.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ⁷ .



Code	5.
Site	Land next to Manor House.
Address/location	At the junction of Huntington Lane and New Road, Huntington.
Description	Large roughly triangular semi-formal area of open space surrounded by urban housing.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	No.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Located in the heart of the village, and surrounded by residential development.

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Does the site have local significance?	Yes. It is a pleasant and long-standing area of open space that is an essential feature of the setting for the surrounding adjacent properties and the wider area. It contributes to a sense of place in an area that is characterised by limited open spaces. Its prominent location at the junction of two main roads adds to its value and function. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Yes, of some beauty. It's partial screening by fencing and limited tree coverage helps to create a sense of separateness and place.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	No.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not particularly – various mature trees.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	6.
Site	Allotments off Huntington Road/Pollard Close.
Address/location	Off Huntington Road/Pollard Close Huntington.
Description	Allotment Site.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes, but limited.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes (adjacent to the main road through village).
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. A valuable amenity space used as an allotment site and put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Of limited beauty.
Does it have historic significance? I	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Well used and popular allotment site (has a waiting list).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not particularly, some wildlife and wildflowers, plus the crops grown on the site
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes, relatively small and compact in size.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ⁸ .



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Code	7.
Site	Sports Ground and Playing Fields off Huntington Road.
Address/location	480, Huntington Road, Huntington.
Description	Astroturf, all-weather playing field plus traditional playing field, both used for a variety of sports.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes. The all-weather pitch is floodlit to enable its use in the evening.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. In a residential area.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Well equipped and well used by the community including the local secondary school and local sports groups. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Not in particular.
Does it have historic significance?	No in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, primarily formal. The all-weather playing field and playing field are used for multiple sports.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Not in particular.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not in particular.– some trees and hedges on the perimeter of the site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes. Relatively compact.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ⁹ .



Code	8.
Site	Huntington Secondary School Playing Fields.
Address/location	Huntington School, Huntington Road, Huntington.
Description	Grass playing fields used for various sports and during lunch hours by school children.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Some limited public access outside of school hours.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, used extensively by pupils from the secondary school and put forward by the community. It is important to the character and setting of the area in an area with limited and relative under provision of amenity open space.
Is it beautiful?	Limited, large open area to the rear of urban housing.
Does it have historic significance? I	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal and informal.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Limited (after school hours).
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Not particularly.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open



Code	9
Site	Land between the Entrance to the Portakabin Site and the Meadows New Lane
Address/location	In between the Portakabin Site and the newly built residential site 'The Meadows'.
Description	Roughly rectangular shaped area of meadow/green space. Mainly grassland, has a few trees with hedgerows surrounding the perimeter. It is of significant biodiversity interest as reflected in its designation as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, Located on the edge of a residential area.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – put forward by the community. Important for the visual amenity and character of the surrounding area. Is a haven for wildlife and wildflowers as reflected in its designation ('New

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	Lane Meadows) in 2010 by the City of York as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
Is it beautiful?	Of limited beauty.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, it is an excellent small rigg and furrow field aligned east west and is part of a remnant but still well established and almost intact enclosure landscape
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	It is a visual amenity rather than useable public space.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of limited.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Yes, it is of significant biodiversity interest. Supports some important habitats and species. It is a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	The ownership of the site has been transferred over to the Parish Council who are developing the site as local wildlife site.



Code	10.
Site	Allotments Adjacent to Sleeper Path, Huntington Rd.
Address/location	472 Huntington Road, Huntington.
Description	A rectangular piece of land used as an allotment site.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes, but limited during the evening and night time.

Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. On the edge of the village.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – highly popular with residents and provides a valuable amenity and recreation space. Also, put forward by the steering group.
Is it beautiful?	Of limited beauty.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – well used and extremely popular (has a waiting list)
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A nice place to reflect. Pleasant views.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Not in particular, large variety of crops grown on site. Also, home to small wildlife and contains varies trees and hedgerows.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	11.
Site	Land off Stratford Way.
Address/location	Land off Stratford Way.

Description	This is a roughly irregular area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This roughly rectangular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant amenity area within a residential area. It is important to the setting and character of the area. It is in an area that is rather denser developed than most of the village. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Includes a footpath. Popular with dog walkers.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded spot.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not especially, some trees and shrubs.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ¹¹ . Site ID 674.

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Code	12.
Site	Land Adjacent to St Andrews Church.
Address/location	402, Huntington Road, Huntington.
Description	Small thickly wooded area adjacent to the Church.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes. It can be accessed from several points.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, on the edge of the Village.
Does the site have local significance?	In a prominent location, it is important to the setting and character of the area, as well as providing an important amenity space. Yes, put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Yes, an attractive woodland comprising a mix of mature and non-mature trees.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, well used for used for informal recreation such as walking etc. including local youth groups.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. Has a feel of a secret hideaway away from the urban area.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes – a large variety of vegetation and small wildlife inhabits the area. Action has been taken to improve its biodiversity value.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.

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Code	13.
Site	Land adjacent to Foss River.
Address/location	East side of the Foss River from the rear of Meadowsfield Drive to the rear of Pollard Close Allotments, Huntington.
Description	A large stretch of land alongside the east of the Foss River. Includes river banking and public footpath.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, close to residential areas.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, valuable amenity space alongside an attractive and scenic river bank. Put forward by the community, it creates a network, which provides links for people and wildlife.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, situated along the historic River Foss which was used to transport coal and other materials.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, used for (scenic) walks, dog walking etc.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A tranquil area offering views of the surrounding countryside.

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Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Yes, various vegetation and wildlife inhabit the area. Supports some important species. Its importance is reflected in its designation as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ¹³ . It is important to flood defence.



Code	14.
Site	Orchard Park.
Address/location	Playing Field off Kestrel Wood/Badger Paddock, Huntington.

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Description	Playing fields located to the side of Orchard Park Community Centre. Mainly grassed but some trees, hedges and shrubs. It has a number of recreational facilities including a children's play area.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes. Located in the centre of the Parish and adjacent to Orchard Park Community Centre.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. Surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Well used, well equipped safe amenity space, which contains a community centre. It is a put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Limited. Large open area in the middle of urban housing.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal (including playing fields and children's play area) and informal (walking and seating).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. Important green spaces within a tight residential development.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not especially, some trees around the perimeter.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ¹⁴ .



Code	15.
Site	Land off Jockey Lane.
Address/location	Threes areas of land off Jockey Lane.
Description	Three areas of landscaped amenity space off Jockey Lane. Includes a small children's play area and seating area.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	These comprise three prominent areas of maintained grass in front of a group of a residential development. They are very pleasant and an essential feature of the setting and character for this housing development. It includes a seating area and small, equipped children's play area. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Of some attractiveness.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Mainly for visual amenity rather recreational value. Includes some seating. Understood to be used for some sports e.g. football on an informal basis.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A quiet place to reflect.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	ONot especially, some trees and shrubs on site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.

Other	No.
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Code	16.
Site	Land on the corner of Yearsley Grove.
Address/location	Corner of Yearsley Grove and Huntington Road.
Description	Small amenity green space at the end of a housing development. Mainly grassed but also some planting.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, in a residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. It provides an attractive green space within an area of residential development that is rather

	denser than most of the village while at the same time contributing to local connectivity. Includes village notice board. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Well maintained.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Mainly informal and visual. It provides a pleasant green and pedestrian link between Huntington Road and a housing area.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Not in particular.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not especially - a handful of trees and potential for nesting birds.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	17.
Site	Land on the corner of Birch Park.
Address/location	Corner of Birch Park and Huntington Road.
Description	Small amenity green space left at the end of a housing development. Roughly square in shape and is mainly grassed.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – It an attractive green space, which is important to the character and setting of the area. It contains a footpath which is well used by residents. Put forward by residents.

Is it beautiful?	No.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	It is a visual amenity space rather than useable public space. Does include a footpath which promotes walking and connectivity.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	No.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Not especially – a handful of trees and potential for nesting birds.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No
Other	No.



Code	18.
Site	Play Ground and nature park off Birch Park.
Address/location	Birch Park, Huntingdon.
Description	Enclosed, landscaped area of land that contains a children's playground. Includes swings, slides and a seating. Includes small enclosed nature area.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. Surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, small, well equipped safe and well-used play area. Put forward by the community.

Is it beautiful?	Limited, of some aesthetic value in the middle of a tightly built residential area, which has relatively little open space.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – both formal (includes equipped children's play area) and informal (sitting).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Yes, includes small enclosed dedicated pocket nature area.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ¹⁵ .



Code	19.
Site	Land off Nightingale Close.
Address/location	Land at the junction of Nightingale Close between Birch Park and Victoria Way.
Description	This is an area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.

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Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This irregular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant green pedestrian link between residential areas. It provides green space within an area of residential development that is rather denser than most of the village while at the same time contributing to local connectivity. Put forward by the community, it is important to the setting and character of the area.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Popular with dog walkers.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded area surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not especially, some trees.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	20.
Site	Yearsley Grove Primary School Playing Field.
Address/location	Yearsley Grove Primary School, Yearsley Grove, Huntingdon.
Description	Grass recreation field that forms part of the Primary School.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/Why is it special?	
Public Access	Cannot be accessed outside of school hours.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, surrounded by residential development.

Does the site have local significance?	Yes – put forward by the community. Important for the visual amenity and character of the surrounding area, which has limited green space and relatively tightly developed. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Limited - large open area to the rear of urban housing.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – both formal and informal.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Limited – outside of school hours.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Not in particular – some trees and hedgerows.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ¹⁶ .



Code	21.
Site	Land off Geldoff Road/Andrew Drive.
Address/location	Land off Geldoff Road/Andrew Drive.

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Description	This is a small area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/Why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This roughly triangular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant green pedestrian link and amenity space between residential areas. It provides green space within an area of residential development that is rather denser than most of the village while at the same time contributing to local connectivity. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Of some beauty. Well maintained.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded area surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Not especially, some trees.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	Identified as an important green space as part of the Local Plan Evidence Base Study: Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Update (September 2017) ¹⁷ .

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Code	22
Site	Land off Disraeli Close.
Address/location	Land off Disraeli Close and Victoria Way.
Description	This is a roughly circular area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This irregular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant amenity area within a residential area. It is an area that is rather denser developed than most of the village. It is important to the character of the surrounding housing as well as acting as an important amenity space. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Includes a footpath. Popular with dog walkers. Includes a dog bin.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not especially.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	23.
Site	Land off Darwin Close.
Address/location	Area of landscaped amenity space off Darwin Close.
Description	Stretch of amenity land to the front of Darwin Close.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This area of grass in front of a group of flats. It is a very pleasant and quiet place that is an essential feature of the setting for these flats. In an area with limited green space. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Mainly for visual and informal amenity rather recreational value. Includes a seating area.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A quiet place to reflect.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity ?	Not especially. Some trees and shrubs on site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	24.
Site	Land off Victoria Way.
Address/location	Land off Victoria Way.
Description	This is an irregular shaped area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework/why is it special?	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This roughly rectangular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant amenity area within a residential area. It an area that is rather denser developed than most of the village.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Includes a footpath. Popular with dog walkers.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded spot.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not especially, some trees and shrubs.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.

