

Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space and Protected Open Space

Background Paper

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The local green space (LGS) designation is a way to protect green areas or open spaces against development where they are of particular importance to local communities. LGS designations are made for use in local plans or neighbourhood plans. These plans can identify on a map ('designate') areas for special protection. Once designated, LGSs receive protection consistent with national Green Belt policy.
- 1.2 Protected open space (POS) designation is a way to protect other areas of open space which are valued for their local amenity and for informal or formal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the full LGS criteria. Once designated, they should be safeguarded and only lost where a number of detailed criteria are met.
- 1.3 The purpose of this background paper is to explain the process which will lead to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan (HNP). It sets out the national and local backgrounds to LGS and POS and explains the methodology used in the assessments.
- 1.4 As part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan comments were invited on the background paper. The paper has been amended where appropriate informed by the comments received during the pre-submission draft plan consultation.

2. Planning policy background

National Planning Policy Framework

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF – 2021) sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. Section 8 of the NPPF highlights the important role the planning system can play in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities.

2.2 Paragraph 98 identifies that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities. Paragraph 99 states that:

‘Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or*
- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or*
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.’*

2.3 With regard to Local Green Space (LGS) designation, paragraph 101 states:

‘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. Designating 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. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.’

2.4 Paragraph 102 explains when the designation should be used:

‘The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*
- 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*
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.’*

2.5 Paragraph 103 identifies that local policy for managing development within a LGS should be consistent with policy for Green Belts. National Green Belt policy requires that inappropriate development, that which is harmful to the allocation, on land designated as LGS will only be permitted where very special circumstances can be demonstrated.

National Planning Practice Guidance

2.6 The NPPF is supported by guidance set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). With regard to LGS, NPPG identifies:

- Designating LGS needs to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. Plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the LGS designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making (Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306);

- LGS designation 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 planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306);
- LGS may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village, neighbourhood, town or city (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306);
- If land is already protected by another designation, consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as LGS (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-010-20140306);
- The LGS will need to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the NPPF (see paragraph 2.3 above). Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, as well as urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis (Paragraph: 013 Reference ID: 37-013-20140306);
- The proximity of a LGS to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served (Paragraph: 014 Reference ID: 37-014-20140306);
- There are no hard and fast rules about how big a LGS can be because places are different and a degree of judgment will inevitably be needed. However, paragraph 100 of the NPPF is clear that LGS designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently, blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. Designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name (Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306);
- Provided land can meet the criteria at paragraph 77 of the NPPF there is no lower size limit for an LGS (Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 37-016-20140306);
- Land can be designated as LGS even if there is not public access e.g. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty. Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with landowners, whose legal rights must be respected (Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 37-017-20140306);
- Areas that may be considered for designation as LGS may be crossed by public rights of way. There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation (Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306);
- A LGS does not need to be in public ownership. However, the qualifying body should contact landowners at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as LGS. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan (Paragraph: 019 Reference ID: 37-019-20140306);
- Designating a green area as LGS would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners (Paragraph: 020 Reference ID: 37-020-20140306);
- Management of land designated as LGS will remain the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is likely to be an important consideration. Local communities can consider how, with the landowner's agreement, they might be able to get involved, perhaps in partnership with interested organisations that can provide advice or resources (Paragraph: 021 Reference ID: 37-021-20140306); and

- Land designated as LGS may potentially also be nominated for listing by the local authority as an Asset of Community Value. Listing gives community interest groups an opportunity to bid if the owner wants to dispose of the land. (Paragraph: 022 Reference ID: 37-022-20140306).

2.7 POS designation can be applied to those areas of open space which are valued for their local amenity value and for informal or formal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the full LGS criteria. NPPG identifies that open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors and country parks. It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have an ecological value and contribute to green infrastructure, as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development.

3. Local green space and protected open space methodology

Background

- 3.1 In order to seek to identify areas of LGS and POS which meet the requirements of the NPPF and NPPG, Haydon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group prepared a methodology to be followed. The application of the methodology is described below.

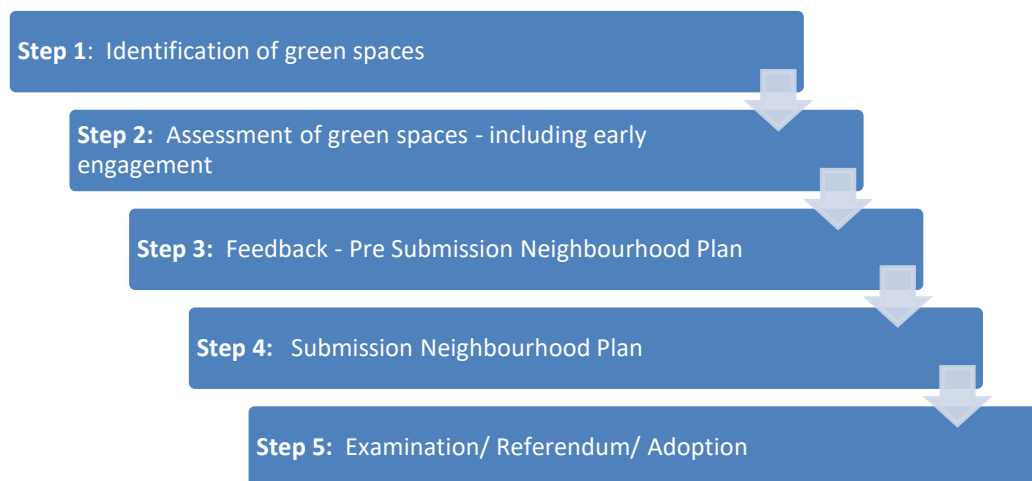


Figure 1: LGS identification process

Step 1: Identification of green/ open spaces, including early engagement

- 3.2 The first step was to identify a list of green areas and open spaces to assess as potential LGS and POS. A variety of sources of information will be used to inform this process:
- Sites allocated in the development plan;
 - Sites proposed for allocation within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan;
 - Northumberland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision Assessment (2011)¹;
 - Northumberland Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011)²;
 - Review of current information, such as local studies, character appraisal and the historic environment record; and
 - Feedback from early engagement on the neighbourhood plan.

Step 2: Assessment of spaces, including further engagement

- 3.3 Once the list of green spaces and maps have been collected from the sources listed in step 1, members of the steering group assessed their suitability for designation as LGS against the criteria in the NPPF and NPPG as outlined in section 2.
- 3.4 In order to be identified as LGS all of the following criteria, identified in figure 2 below were required to be met:

Criteria	Explanation
Land is not subject of a planning permission for	LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions

¹ <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Reports.aspx>

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development.	could be where the designation would be compatible with the planning permission or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented. (NPPG Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306) Q: Does the space have planning permission?
Land is not allocated or proposed for development in the local or neighbourhood plan. Unless it can be shown that the LGS could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development.	LGS should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services (NPPF Paragraph 99) Designating any LGS will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the LGS designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making (NPPG Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306) The space should be capable of enduring beyond the plan Period (NPPF Paragraph 99) Q: Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Development Plan?
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	LGS designation should only be used where the green area is not an extensive tract of land. Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. (NPPG Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306) Q: How close is the space to the community it serves? Q: Where are the nearest centres of population?
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	LGS may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or a neighbourhood in a town. (NPPG Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306) The space must be demonstrably special by meeting at least one of criterion in the following table. Q: Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the town council, ward member(s)?

Figure 2: LGS criteria required to be met by all potential sites

- 3.5 The criteria in figure 3 below then seeks to draw out what it is about the space that makes it 'demonstrably special to the local community'. A LGS should meet at least one of the criteria in the table below, although some spaces will meet more than one of the criteria:

Criteria	Explanation
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. conservation area)
The proposed space is of particular local historic	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?

Criteria	Explanation
significance.	Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation. (NPPG Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306) What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation) Is the space already identified in the Northumberland Open Space study?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? Why is the space considered to be tranquil? Is the space used for quiet reflection?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or local nature reserve). Are any important habitats or species found in the space? Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the red, amber or green lists of species of conservation concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria above	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?

Figure 3: Criteria that identify why the space is demonstrably special to the local community

- 3.6 The assessment then concluded whether all of the nationally required criteria have been met and listed the relevant local criteria and whether the space is considered to be suitable as LGS.

- 3.7 For sites that were not considered to meet the required criteria, consideration was then given to whether they should be allocated as protected open space. This considered whether the space was valued for its local amenity and/ or informal recreation. In addition, consideration was given to whether another, alternative allocation would be more appropriate such as allotment or open countryside designation. Sites that were already protected in other ways, for example graveyards owned and protected by the Anglican Church and designated wildlife sites/ nature reserves, were not proposed for further protection. As part of the assessment, the steering group were mindful proposed allocations within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan.
- 3.8 Prior to formal consultation on proposed areas for designation contact was made with the owners of the sites where ownership information was available.

Step 3: Feedback - pre-submission neighbourhood plan

- 3.9 The pre-submission neighbourhood plan proposed the allocation of nine sites as local green space and six protected open space sites. Through consultation on the plan, the parish council sought further feedback on the proposed designations.

Step 4: Submission neighbourhood plan

- 3.10 Responses received to the consultation on the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan were considered and informed the preparation of the submission plan. This will be subject to a further eight-week public consultation organised by Northumberland County Council.

Step 5: Examination/ referendum/ adoption

- 3.11 Following the submission of the neighbourhood plan, it will then be examined by an independent examiner. The examiner will review the evidence base for the plan – including whether there is evidence to justify the allocation of LGS and POS. Once the plan passes examination it will then go to referendum and will be formally ‘made’ by Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park Authority.

4. Conclusion and next steps

- 4.1 This background paper explains the process which has led to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the Haydon Neighbourhood Plan. It summarises the national and local background to LGS and POS and explained the methodology that has been used in the assessments.
- 4.2 All of the sites that have been assessed for designation are included in appendix 1 – this provides a brief explanation of the reasons why a site has or has not been proposed to be included in the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan. Further details on those that have proposed to be allocated as LGS is included within Appendix 2 and site maps included within Appendix 3.
- 4.3 Appendix 4 contains the assessment for the areas of POS proposed to be allocated within the neighbourhood plan, with maps included within Appendix 5.
- 4.4 Responses received to the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan informed the preparation of the submission draft neighbourhood plan which has now been submitted to Northumberland County Council. The county council will now organise a further public consultation and then the plan will be subject to examination.

Appendix 1 All sites assessed – summary

Site Ref	Site name	The space is not designated for development/ has planning permission	The space is not an extensive tract of land	The space in close proximity to the community it serves	The space is demonstrably special for any of the following reasons?					The space should be designated as Local Green Space	Comments
					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife		
1	Land south of Belmont Gardens and west of Belmont	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	An area of woodland and grassland within the village settlement boundary, which is important to the character of the local area. Used historically by the community as a nature and recreation site. Lies within the conservation area. A tranquil site which includes mixed native woodland and therefore has a value for wildlife. Part of a wider site that is proposed for designation as protected open space within the emerging NLP (5003). Whilst the site meets a number of the LGS designation criteria it is considered that as it is no longer accessible by the local community it should not be designated as LGS and would be more appropriate to designate it as POS given its amenity value.
2	Land from Anchor Hotel to Spa Well	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Used regularly by the local community. The sound of the river makes the site very tranquil. Important to the amenity

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											of the local area. Numerous species of birds are observed at the site, there are otters in the river and deer, badgers, hares and rabbits are regularly seen. Proposed for designation as protected open space within the emerging NLP (5028). It is considered that the site meets all of the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.
3	Strother Close Green	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Area of green space located within a housing estate used for informal recreation. Used regularly for village events. Supported for protection by the local community. Proposed for designation as protected open space within the emerging NLP (5010). As a result of its historic and recreation significance, it is proposed that the site is designed as local green space.
4	Land from Old Bridge to Brigwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The site extends from the centre of the village and runs along the north bank of the river. Highly valued by the local community. Widely used for

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											recreation. Important to the setting of the village. A tranquil site, especially with the sound of the river. Rich in wildlife, particularly as a result of its position next to the river. Proposed for designation as protected open space within the emerging NLP (5028). It is considered that the site meets all of the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.
5	Riverside Picnic area/ The Eland	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	An area of riparian habitat and woodland – bordered by housing, road and the River Tyne. Within the village settlement boundary. Highly valued and well used by the local community. A peaceful and tranquil location beside the river. Rich in wildlife as a result of its location next to the river. Proposed for designation as protected open space within the emerging NLP (5029). It is considered that the site meets the required LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.

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6	Shaftoe Green Picnic Area and Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Important recreational site which lies to the south of the river, close to the Primary School and the Showfield Estate. It includes a sports field for the primary school and play areas for younger and older children, as well as a picnic site. It is highly valued by the community for its setting close to the primary school and to open countryside as well as for its beauty and tranquillity. It would not be possible to re-provide it elsewhere as its setting is part of what makes it special. This is the only such facility in this part of the village, apart from a very small play area on the Showfield Estate, which is suitable for younger children only. Proposed for allocation as protected open space in the emerging NLP (5041). It is considered that the site meets all of the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.
7	Geeswood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	Geeswood is an old and historic woodland area close to the village, but outside the settlement boundary. It

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											offers recreational opportunity for walkers and is potentially rich in wildlife. The site can be accessed from both the village and also from the Langley Road. It is an ancient semi-natural woodland. It is considered that the site meets the required LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.
8	Cemetery on Cemetery Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	The site includes the existing graveyard and an additional field that is used as a green burial site which has been sown as a wildflower meadow. It is important to the setting of the village and has historical importance as a result of its use as a burial site for over 60 years. The site is proposed to be allocated as protected open space within the emerging local plan (5214). This site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.
9	Allotments on Station Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	An allotment site which has been in use since the mid-19th century. That there is a waiting list for this site is testament

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											to its importance to local residents. Important to the character of the local area. The site attracts and supports a number of bird species. The site is proposed to be allocated as protected open space within the emerging local plan (5221). This site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.
10	Cricket pitch at Haydon Bridge High School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	This is primarily a sports field but one that has very great historical significance to the village (home of the cricket club since 1910). There is also a memorial seat on the site, so it clearly has some special meaning. The site also includes some nice mature trees and habitat. The site can accessed via a footpath from the north, from the school site and from the footpath over the railway line but it is not clear whether it is freely accessible for public use other than for organised sporting purposes. The site is proposed to be allocated as protected open space within the emerging local plan (6343). This site meets the criteria to be

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											designated as LGS.
11	Langley and Greenwich Gardens play area	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	<p>Whilst there are other green areas within the same housing estate this is the only area that has been specifically developed and set aside for the purposes of safe play – being equipped with play equipment, seating, rubbish bins etc. The grassed area to the east of the site is also used for play (ball games) which are not practical within the main site itself.</p> <p>Part of this site is allocated as protected open space in the Tynedale Local Plan, this is proposed to continue in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan (5007). Appropriate for designation as protected open space rather than local green space.</p>
12	Haydon Bridge High School rugby pitches	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	<p>Primarily a sports field used by the school and rugby club. It is also used by residents for play, personal sports/training and dog walking. This site is allocated as protected open space in the Tynedale Local Plan and</p>

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											this designation is proposed to continue in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan (5051). Appropriate for designation as protected open space rather than local green space.
13	Haydon Bridge Athletic Football Club grounds	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	There are over 200 active members of the football club. The two grass pitches are well used and the artificial pitch is used on average 6 days/evenings a week. The football club us a key recreational facility both for the village, and for surrounding clubs and groups who also use the artificial pitch. The site is already allocated as protected open space and this is set to continue (5059). Appropriate for designation as protected open space rather than local green space.
14	Innerhaugh play area	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	This is the only green area within this housing estate and it has been specifically developed and set aside for the purposes of safe play – being equipped with play equipment, seating, rubbish bins etc. There is no other play



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											area within the Innerhaugh Estate and the nearest other play area at Langley Gardens is a significant walk away across the main road. It is an important facility to the community living in Innerhaugh. Appropriate for designation as protected open space rather than local green space.
15	Showfield play area	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	<p>This is the only green area within this housing estate and it has been specifically developed and set aside for the purposes of safe play for young children – being equipped with play equipment, seating, rubbish bins etc.</p> <p>There is no other play area within the Showfield Estate and the nearest other play area at Doorstep Green, is across a main road out of the village where the traffic speeds up. Doorstep Green is seen as very muddy in the winter and therefore the Showfield area is a good alternative. It is an important facility to the community living in the Showfield, which is now a large estate comprising</p>

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											3 phases of housing. Appropriate for designation as protected open space rather than local green space.
16	St Cuthbert's Church graveyard on Church Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	Whilst the site meets a number of criteria to support its designation as local green space, it is protected by the Anglican Church. Therefore, no designation is required.
17	St John's Cemetery/St Cuthbert's Churchyard extension, north of Alexandra Terrace	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	Whilst the site meets a number of criteria to support its designation as local green space, it is protected by the Anglican Church. Therefore, no designation is required.
18	Haydon Old Church graveyard in the former hamlet of Old Haydon, around 1.5 miles north of	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	Whilst the site meets a number of criteria to support its designation as local green space, it is protected by the Anglican Church. Therefore, no designation is required.


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	Haydon Bridge										
19	Tony's Patch	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x	Tony's Patch, situated 2km north west of Haydon Bridge, is a nature reserve owned by the Northumberland Wildlife Trust. It is described as a small, species-rich haven of ancient, semi-natural woodland along the line of the Honeycrook Burn, especially beautiful in spring when the bluebells are in flower. Whilst it is highly valued by the local community and meets a number of the local green space allocation criteria, as it is designated as a county wildlife site, it is protected from future development and therefore local green space allocation is not necessary.
20	Walk west of Haydon Bridge from the bottle bank to Limestone rock	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	The proposal does not comprise a physical site, it is an informal walking route that is not yet designated as a public footpath, although the parish council intends to apply for formal designation. Not appropriate for local green space designation as it is a route rather than a site.

Site Ref	Site name	The space is not designated for development/ has planning permission	The space is not an extensive tract of land	The space in close proximity to the community it serves	The space is demonstrably special for any of the following reasons?					The space should be designated as Local Green Space	Comments
					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife		
21	Walk east of the village, going east from Spa Well along the route of the old A69	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	The proposal does not comprise a physical site, it is an informal walking route that is not yet designated as a public footpath, although the parish council intends to apply for formal designation. Not appropriate for local green space designation as it is a route rather than a site.
22	Land to the rear of 30-48 Ratcliffe Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	The site was proposed for designation as part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan. It is an area of amenity open space which was formerly the playground for Hordley Acres. It is used for informal recreation and is important to the visual amenity of the local area. The site is owned by Karbon Homes. Appropriate for designation as protected open space rather than local green space.



Appendix 2 Detailed Assessment of proposed LGS

Site Ref	LGS1		
Site Name	Land from Anchor Hotel to Spa Well		
Ownership	Riparian ownership by houses whose land went down to the riverbank, Langley Estates, football club/ NCC, Alastair McDonald, Peter McDonald, Charles McDonald.		
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All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments	
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓		
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as protected open space in the Tynedale Local Plan and proposed to be protected open space in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 - 5028).	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	2.54ha The site follows the south bank of the river, most of it being within the village and within the settlement boundary.	
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	The site extends from the middle of the village, from the old bridge and is easily accessible to walkers.	
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	Community consultation highlighted that the riverside and riverside walks were the most important green spaces for local residents. The site extends from the village to the football ground and is used as a route by those not wishing to drive. It then extends to Spa Well.	
At least one criterion must be met		Comments	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its	✓	The site follows the bank of the River South Tyne, winding its way from the delightful aspect of the	

beauty.		old bridge and then through trees, passing small sandy beaches until it emerges into a large open meadow. Views right across the valley are afforded from this point onwards.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site extends to Spa Well. Haydon Spa has a historical significance to the parish as a grade II listed building.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Parents and children play in the river and picnic on the banks in the summertime. People with dogs walk along this pathway all year round and young people from the village find many ways to enjoy the riverside area. South Tyne Angling Club fish from the bank during the fishing season.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	The sound of the river blocks out the noise from the A69 trunk road giving the impression of being totally “away from it all”. In the summer when the leaves are on the trees one can feel quite solitary, yet other people will also be enjoying this aspect of the pathway. It is a very calming area.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The species of birds seen from this pathway are numerous and include kingfisher, merganser, treecreepers plus all the usual endemic and migratory species. Otters are present but rarely seen. Roe deer, badgers, hares, rabbits are frequently spotted as are many invertebrates such as mayflies, caddis flies and all the other insects which spend their time as nymphs in the river. The river is also rich in fish life with minnows, stone loach and salmon.
Conclusion		
<p>The site includes a designated public footpath / right of way. The land is owned by the riparian owners of the houses along the riverbank. The car parking area at the end of Martins Close is owned by the Langley Estates and is an essential resource to the local community.</p> <p>The footpath is identified as protected open space in the current development plan and the emerging local plan proposes to retain this designation. Given its importance to the local community as a riverside walk this site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS2	
Site Name	Strother Close Green	
Ownership	Karbon Homes	
		
All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as protected open space within the Tynedale Local Plan as protected open space and this designation is proposed to continue in the Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 - 5010).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.24ha An area of green space located within a housing estate, which lies within the village settlement boundary.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within a housing estate.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	This site is special to the community as it has been used regularly for village events, including the Millennium party. It was supported for protection through the community consultation.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site has historic significance as it has been used for village events, during the millennium celebrations, and for smaller local events both before and after that.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.		This site is special to the community as it was regularly used for village events, including the Millennium party. The future cost by the NCC of street closures is likely to mean this area will be

		used more regularly for village events. This is the largest green space in the village and is used for informal recreation, including children's play and picnics.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	X	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
Conclusion		
<p>This is a large, grassed area which is valued and used by local residents for informal recreational purposes as shown in the community consultation for the plan. It is not equipped with any play equipment. The site is well maintained and there is no evidence of misuse.</p> <p>This site is special to the community for reasons outlined above and is likely to become more significant due to rising cost of street closures. This is the largest green space in the village and is important to keep as such. It is allocated in the Tynedale Local Plan as protected open space and the emerging local plan continues with this allocation. Due to its important historic and recreational value, it is considered that the site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS3	
Site Name	Land from Old Bridge to Brigwood	
Ownership	Riparian ownership by houses whose land went down to the riverbank (or halfway into the river)	
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All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as protected open space in the Tynedale Local Plan and proposed to be protected open space in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 - 5028).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.94ha. The site includes a footpath that runs along the north bank of the river, all of it being within the village and within the settlement boundary.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	The site is accessed from the West corner of the old bridge and extends along the North bank of the River South Tyne along the backs of houses and a public house. The starting point of the public footpath is almost in the centre of the village.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	Community consultation showed that the riverside and riverside walks were the most important natural environment feature for local residents. The site is widely used by the local community for recreation, including walks and picnics. There is a local flock of geese on the river which use the riverbank beside this path. Local people are protective of these geese and take pleasure in feeding them as with the wild duck which are also





		present. Because the geese are special to the village it goes to say that where the geese are is also special.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	The river is very attractive at this point with overhanging willows. The water is quite shallow and tumbles over the stones in a delightful way. The old bridge arches over the river lending a very pleasing picture to the observer. The site is an important part of the character of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site winds its way between the river and the backs of some of the oldest buildings in the village. The start of the footpath is behind a house at which the poet Phillip Larkin used to come and stay with a friend. There is a blue plaque stating this on the front of the house.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The local people walk along the path through the site as is signified by its obvious delineation, dog walkers use it to exercise their dogs as well. As mentioned above people come to feed the geese and ducks often bringing their children. It provides a decent flat pathway for those who do not wish to walk too far.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	Parts of the site are tranquil with just the meandering river, but some areas can be quite busy, for example the General Havelock public house has tables and seating outside in the summer. Whilst the levels of noise and activity can be high here, the customers can also enjoy the space.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	Because the site is within the village the wildlife is mostly connected to the river. The geese, mallard and other river birds are always there. Mammalian wildlife may be subject to disturbance due to the proximity of the houses.
Conclusion		
<p>The site includes a public footpath which is a designated right of way. It is owned by the riparian owners of the houses along the riverbank. The public footpath is not accessible beyond Brigwood because one of the owners sold their land down to the river to another householder and it is now blocked off to the public as private land meaning that walkers cannot access the full length of the footpath.</p> <p>The site is allocated as protected open space in the Tynedale Local Plan and Northumberland County Council propose to retain this designation in the emerging Local Plan. As a result of the importance to the local community as well as its beauty, tranquillity and richness in wildlife, the site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS4
Site Name	Riverside Picnic area/ The Eland
Ownership	Greenwich Hospital – leased to the parish council






All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as protected open space in the Tynedale Local Plan, this allocation is proposed to continue in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 - 5029).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1ha An area of riparian habitat and scrubby woodland – bordered by housing, public road and the River Tyne.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the village settlement boundary.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	The riverside and riverside walks and facilities were seen as the most valued aspect of the natural environment in the consultation work for the plan. The site is well used and valued by residents for recreation (walking/dog walking) and as a picnic area, being furnished with car parking, benches, picnic tables and barbeque stations.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	A lovely area of riparian habitat adjacent to the River Tyne.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Extensively used by local residents for recreation. The site has been the subject of funding specifically to provide new picnic tables and benches, as well as new BBQ stations.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A lovely area of riparian habitat and scrubby woodland adjacent to the River Tyne. A peaceful and tranquil site by the river.




<p>The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>The rich wildlife of the site is displayed by an interpretation board, this includes reference to important birds (dippers, grey wagtails, kingfishers, sand martins and swallows) and plants (lesser stitchwort, red campion, forget me nots, and cuckoo pint). Being adjacent to the River Tyne it offers a buffer to a number of river dwelling bird species that are known to breed in this location – some of which are birds of conservation concern.</p>
<p>Conclusion</p>		
<p>An area rich in wildlife but which also offers important recreational opportunities for local families and visitors. The site is accessed from the village and a subway from Station Road under the railway line. Having been in receipt of funding to develop the site it offers a picnic and barbeque area, areas of hardstanding and parking spaces - making the site accessible. The picnic area is well-managed. The wooded area beyond appears to be unmanaged. There is no evidence of misuse.</p> <p>It is an important area of green space at the heart of the village which has multiple uses and wildlife value. It is allocated as protected open space in the Tynedale Local Plan and this designation is proposed to continue in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan. The site therefore meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS5	
Site Name	Shaftoe Green Picnic Area and Park	
Ownership	Langley Estates	
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All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	The site is proposed to be designated as protected open space in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 - 5041)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1.7ha The space is not an extensive tract of land. It has fencing round it which provides clear boundaries. It is local in character as a community playground and sports field.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	The site sits just above the village Primary School and the Shaftoe Terrace almshouses. It is therefore in close proximity to the community.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	The outer ring of this site has been on a 25-year lease from the Langley Estates to the parish council since 2003. Part of the area is a playground for young children, and a larger area is an adventure type playground area for older children. It is also a picnic area for families. The inner area is used on occasions as a sports field by the Primary School,


		through an agreement between the school and the Langley Estates. It is also used as a recreation area by the wider community and for some community events. The site is now well established for community use and was supported in the community consultation as a key leisure and recreational resource for the community.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	The site is important to the character of this area of the village and enhances views from the village looking outwards. It provides an important linkage between the village and the surrounding countryside.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	This site has become an important recreational space for the south side of the village since before the millennium. This historical role has become even more important since the building of all three phases of the nearby Showfield development, of well over 100 new homes.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The site provides the only recreation area in the village with a tailor-made adventure and play area for older children. The site also provides the only purpose-built picnic area for families south of the river. The sports field provides the only easily accessible games and sports area for children at the Primary School. The site therefore has a very important recreational value to the local community. Its protection was supported in the community consultation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	It is an open, yet tranquil location, which is a pleasant area for picnicking and other leisure pursuits.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The site is framed by trees to the northern end and the boundaries attract birds and other wildlife, making this makes this area of local significant for wildlife.
Conclusion		
<p>This a large and important recreational site south of the river, close to the Primary School and the Showfield Estate, comprising a sports field for the primary school and play areas for younger and older children and a picnic site. The community consultation also showed that it is also valued by the community for its setting close to the primary school and to open countryside and for its beauty and tranquillity. It would not be possible to re-provide it elsewhere as its setting is part of what makes it special. This is the only such facility in this part of the village, apart from a very small play area on the Showfield Estate, which is suitable for younger children only. The footpath in the site from the cemetery to the steps going down to the primary school is a designated footpath.</p> <p>The site is proposed for allocation as protected open space in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19). As a result of the recreation value, beauty, historic significance, tranquillity and richness of wildlife means that this site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS6	
Site Name	Geeswood	
Ownership	Langley Estates	
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All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1ha. Local in character.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	The site is just outside the settlement boundary but close to the village and connected via a footpath to the central area of the village
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	This is long-standing woodland and of historic importance to the local community. The site was recognised in the local consultation as being of great importance and value to the community both for its history and its setting.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	An attractive wood clinging to the steep sides of the Langley Burn, it is an important setting to the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Ancient woodland
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Local people use the wood for walking and exercising their dogs.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	Was a very tranquil area, until the building of the by-pass in 2008. There is now regular and quite loud traffic noise that has reduced the local amenity value of this woodland. Whilst it is acknowledged that some could find the site tranquil.


The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	As an ancient woodland Geeswood attracts both birds and other animals.
Conclusion		
<p>Geeswood is an old and historic woodland area close to the village, but outside the settlement boundary. It offers recreational opportunity for walkers and is potentially rich in wildlife. The site can be accessed from both the village and also from the Langley Road. The land is owned by the Threepwood Hall Estate. It is an important green space on the edge of the settlement boundary. Geeswood is classed as ancient semi-natural woodland (woodlands that have developed naturally and have had continuous woodland cover for over 400 years). Such longevity allows for the development of special communities of plants and animals not found elsewhere, therefore important habitats in need of protection (Woodland Trust). It is proposed to designate the area as Local Green Space.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS7		
Site Name	Cemetery on Cemetery Road		
Ownership	Parish council		
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All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments	
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓		
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Proposed to be allocated as protected open space in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 - 5214).	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.70ha. The space is local in character and though sizeable is not an extensive tract of land when compared to the size of the village.	
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	The cemetery is just up the road from the primary school, opposite a school playing field and young and older children's play and adventure areas. It is also close to a housing estate.	
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	The space has a special social and religious connection to the local community because it is the cemetery that is currently in use for the village, together with a part that is now used for green burials and as a wildflower meadow.	

At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important setting to the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	It is historic as the current burial site for the village, which it has been for over 60 years, with graves of families that have a historic connection with the parish over many generations.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	As a graveyard it is a place for quiet and tranquil place for contemplation
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The field for green burials has been sown as a wildflower meadow and will result in an increasingly rich and diverse habitat.
Conclusion		
The site includes the existing graveyard and an additional field that is used as a green burial site which has been sown as a wildflower meadow. It is important to the setting of the village and has historical importance as a result of its use as a burial site for over 60 years. The site is proposed to be allocated as protected open space within the emerging local plan. This site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS8	
Site Name	Allotments on Station Road	
Ownership	Greenwich Hospital	
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All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Proposed for allocation as protected open space within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 – 5221).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1.22ha Allotment site located within (and surrounded by) housing and Station Road, sitting within the village settlement boundary.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the village settlement boundary.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	Used as an allotment site by local residents – providing opportunities for gardening and recreation and sustainable food production. There is currently a waiting list and the consultation for the plan highlighted its popularity amongst residents.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its	✓	The allotments are of huge importance to the character of the area and are seen as part of the

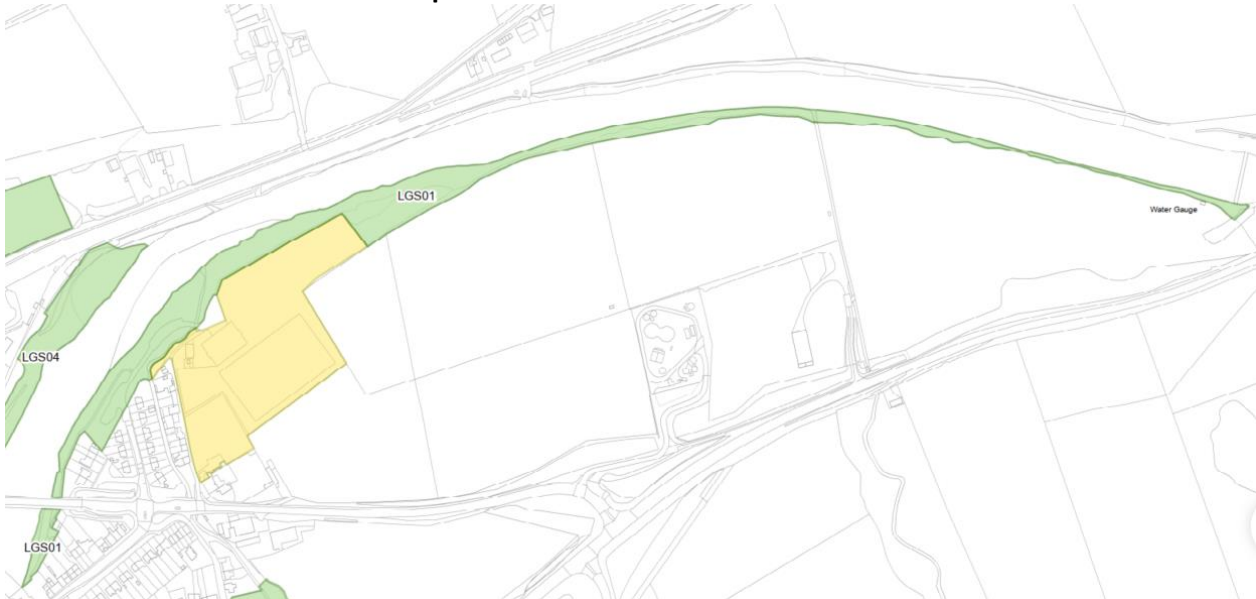
beauty.		fabric of this part of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site has been used for allotments for some considerable time – local knowledge has the allotments being established between 1841 and 1879 (probably around 1850) and can, therefore, be considered historically significant.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used as an allotment site by local residents – providing opportunities for gardening and recreation and sustainable food production. There is currently a waiting list, demonstrating indicating its popularity amongst residents. The allotments also provide wider physical and mental well-being benefits to local people who rent one.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	Although the site is bordered by Station Road it offers allotment holders the opportunity to be outdoors and connected to the land.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments attract and support a number of bird species.
Conclusion		
<p>This is an allotment site which has been in use since the mid-19th century. That there is a waiting list for this site is testament to its importance to local residents. Indeed, responses to the November 2020 neighbourhood plan household survey demonstrated a high level of community support for allotments and smallholdings. This site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS9	
Site Name	Cricket pitch at Haydon Bridge High School	
Ownership	NCC	
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All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Proposed for allocation as protected open space within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft Plan (Reg 19 - 6343).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1.8ha An area of green space used primarily as a sports field - located within (and surrounded by) the school site, and scrub land, mature trees and a water course (Glen Burn) and within the village settlement boundary.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the village settlement boundary.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	In addition to use by the school for sports purposes, the site is home to the local cricket club and this use pre-dates the building of the school, having been in use as a cricket pitch for 111 years.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	The site is very important to the character of the local area, having been a cricket pitch long before the building of the High School around this site. It is framed by trees and is a very beautiful setting.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Historical and current use by the local cricket club. The site has been a cricket field for over 111 years, the first game being held in 1910.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used extensively by the school and local cricket club.

The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	There is a memorial bench on the site, so it clearly has some special meaning as a place for reflection/remembrance.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The site itself is surrounded by mature trees and a water course (Glen Burn) and therefore attracts birds and wildlife.
Conclusion		
<p>This is primarily a sports field but one that has very great historical significance to the village (home of the cricket club since 1910). There is also a memorial seat on the site, so it clearly has some special meaning. The site also includes some nice mature trees and habitat. The site can accessed via a footpath from the north, from the school site and from the footpath over the railway line but it is not clear whether it is freely accessible for public use other than for organised sporting purposes. This site meets the criteria to be designated as LGS.</p>		

Appendix 3 Maps of proposed LGS designations

LGS01 Land from Anchor Hotel to Spa Well



LGS02 Strother Close Green



LGS03 Land from Old Bridge to Brigwood



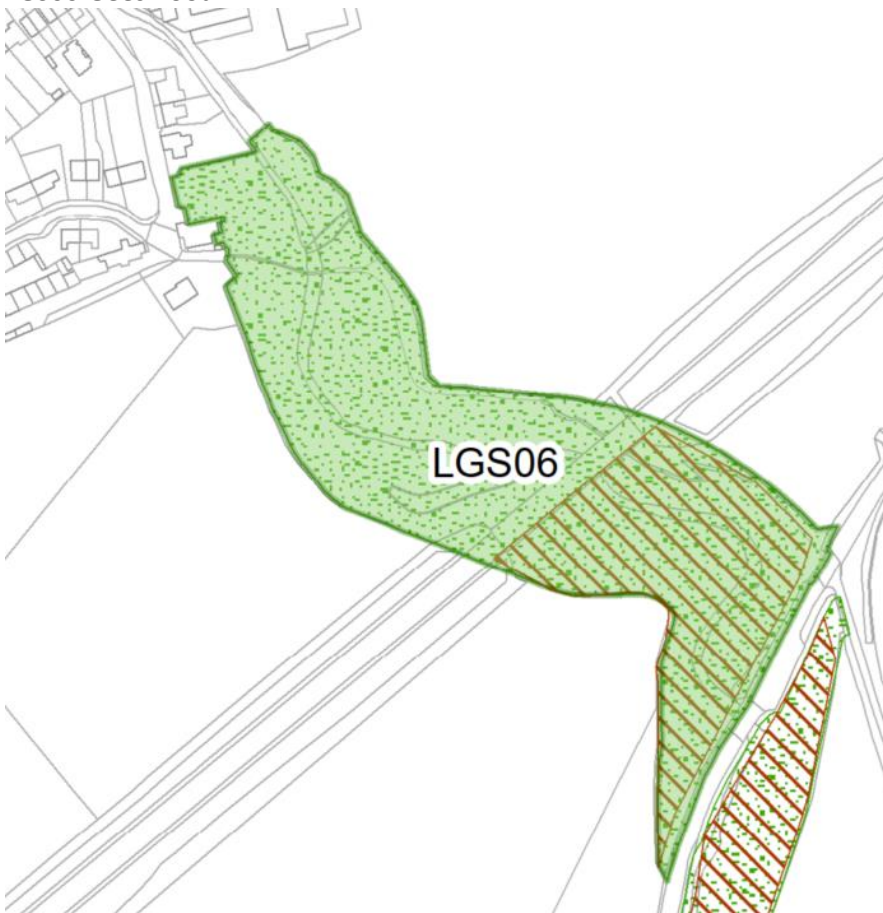
LGS04 Riverside Picnic area/ The Eland



LGS05 Shaftoe Green Picnic Area and Park



LGS06 Geeswood



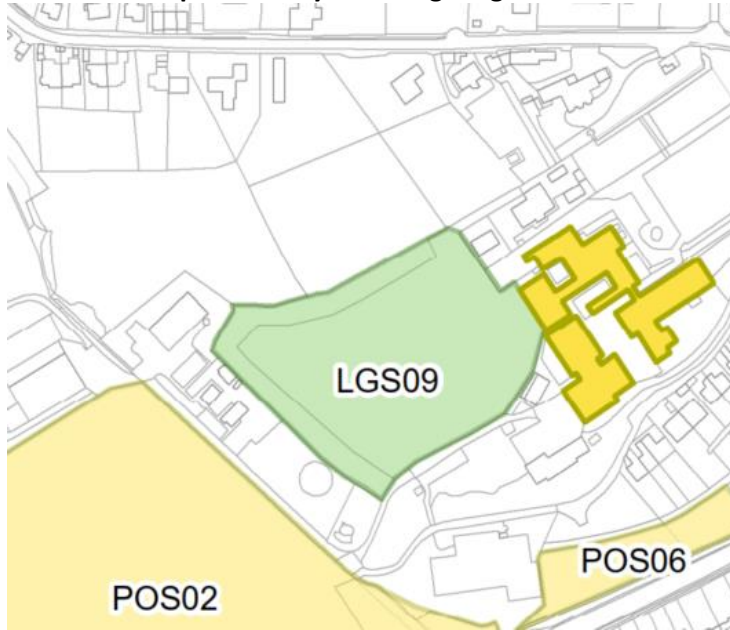
LGS07 Cemetery on Cemetery Road






LGS08 Allotments on Station Road




LGS09 Cricket pitch at Haydon Bridge High School



Appendix 4 Protected Open Space Assessment

Reference		Site	Description of amenity value
HNP	NCC		
POS01	5007	<p>Langley and Greenwich Gardens play area – owned by Karbon Homes</p> 	<p>Whilst there are other green areas within the same housing estate this is the only area that has been specifically developed and set aside for the purposes of safe play – being equipped with play equipment, seating, rubbish bins etc. The grassed area to the east of the site is also used for play (ball games) which are not practical within the main site itself. Also important to the character of the local area.</p>
POS02	5051	<p>Haydon Bridge High School rugby pitches – owned by NCC</p> 	<p>Primarily a sports field used by the school and rugby club. It is also used by residents for play, personal sports/training and dog walking. Also important to the character of the local area.</p>
POS03	5059	<p>Haydon Bridge Athletic Football Club grounds – owned by the football club</p> 	<p>There are over 200 active members of the football club. The two grass pitches are well used and the artificial pitch is used on average 6 days/evenings a week. The football club is a key recreational facility both for the village, and for surrounding clubs and groups who also use the artificial pitch. The constitution of the football club states that if it closes down for any reason then the land should be used for other sporting and recreational activity. The site is very actively used by football players. The east end of the site beyond the football fields has potential to host more wildlife. Also important to the</p>

Reference		Site	Description of amenity value
HNP	NCC		
			character of the local area.
POS04	x	<p>Innerhaugh play area – owned by the parish council</p> 	<p>This is the only green area within this housing estate and it has been specifically developed and set aside for the purposes of safe play – being equipped with play equipment, seating, rubbish bins etc. There is no other play area within the Innerhaugh Estate and the nearest other play area at Langley Gardens is a significant walk away across the main road. It is an important facility to the community living in Innerhaugh.</p>
POS05	x	<p>Showfield play area – owned by the parish council</p> 	<p>This is the only green area within this housing estate and it has been specifically developed and set aside for the purposes of safe play for young children – being equipped with play equipment, seating, rubbish bins etc. However, the site looks to be well maintained and valued.</p> <p>There is no other play area within the Showfield Estate and the nearest other play area at Doorstep Green, is across a main road out of the village where the traffic speeds up. Doorstep Green is seen as very muddy in the winter and therefore the Showfield area is a good alternative. It is an important facility to the community living in the Showfield, which is now a large estate comprising 3 phases of housing.</p>
POS06	5003	<p>Land south of Belmont Gardens and west of Belmont – owned by Duffy family (part) and NCC (part)</p> 	<p>An area of woodland and grassland within the village settlement boundary, which is important to the character of the local area. Used historically by the community as a nature and recreation site. Lies within the conservation area. A tranquil site which includes mixed native woodland and therefore has a value for wildlife. Important to the character of the local area.</p>

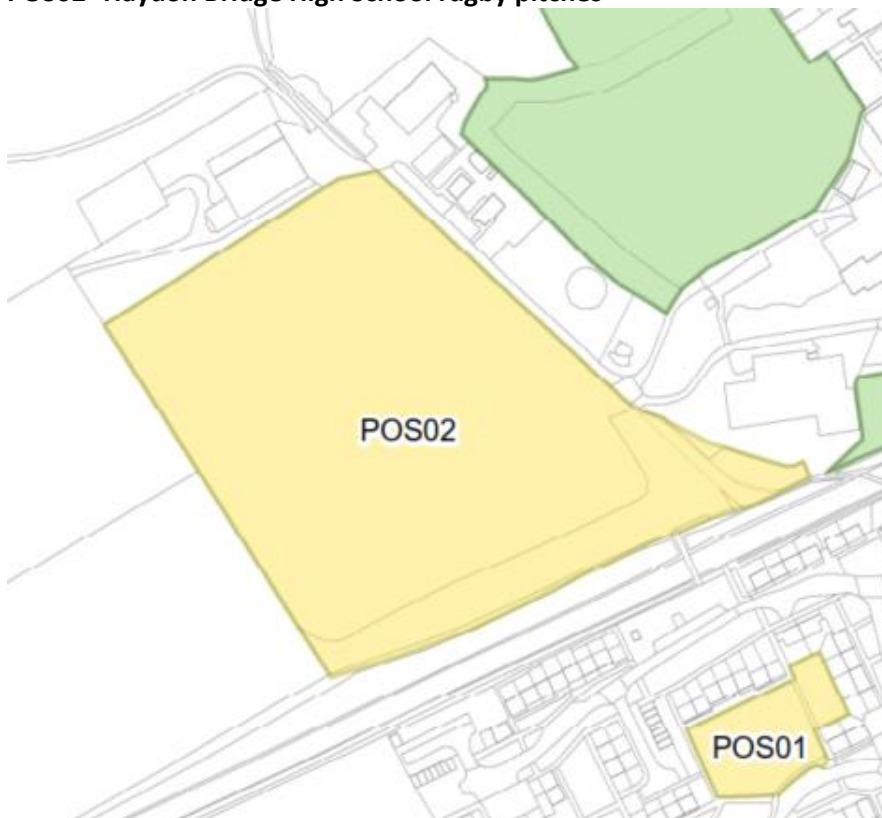
Reference		Site	Description of amenity value
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POS07	x	<p>Land to the rear of 30-48 Ratcliffe Road – owned by Karbon Homes</p> 	<p>An area of amenity open space which was formerly the playground for Hordley Acres. Part of the site is used for informal recreation and is important to the visual amenity of the local area. However, the remaining part of the site is run down and the county council is in discussion with the landowner regarding improvements to the site. It was proposed for designation through the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan. The landowner has been made aware of the proposed designation as protected open space.</p>

Appendix 5 Protected Open Space Maps

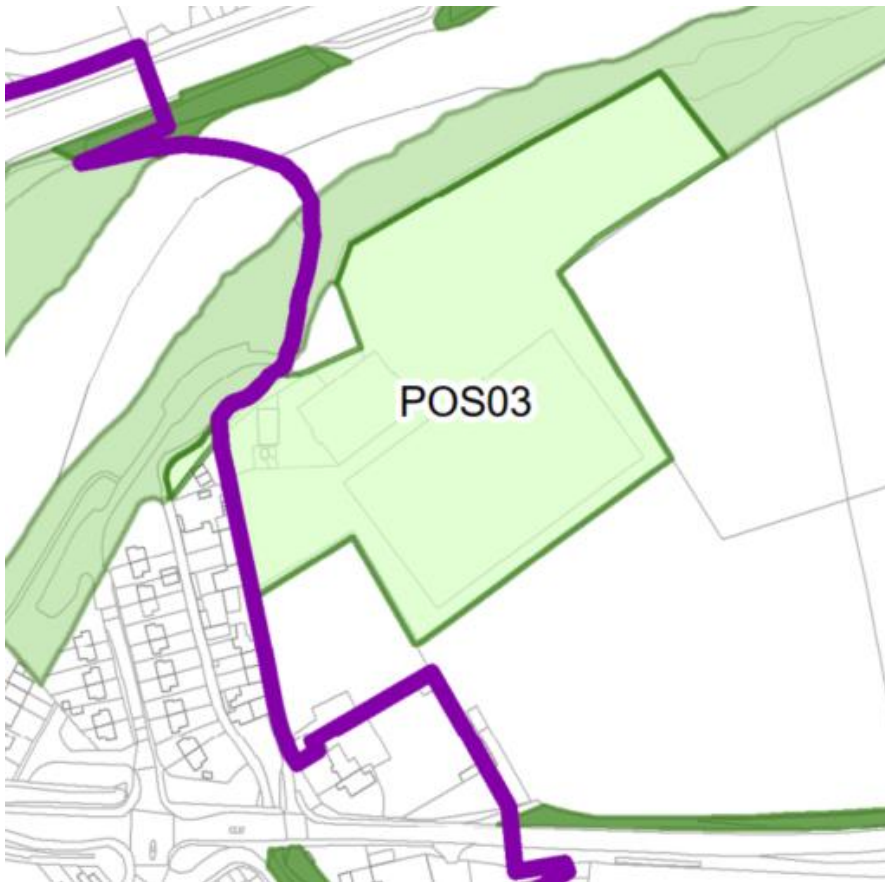
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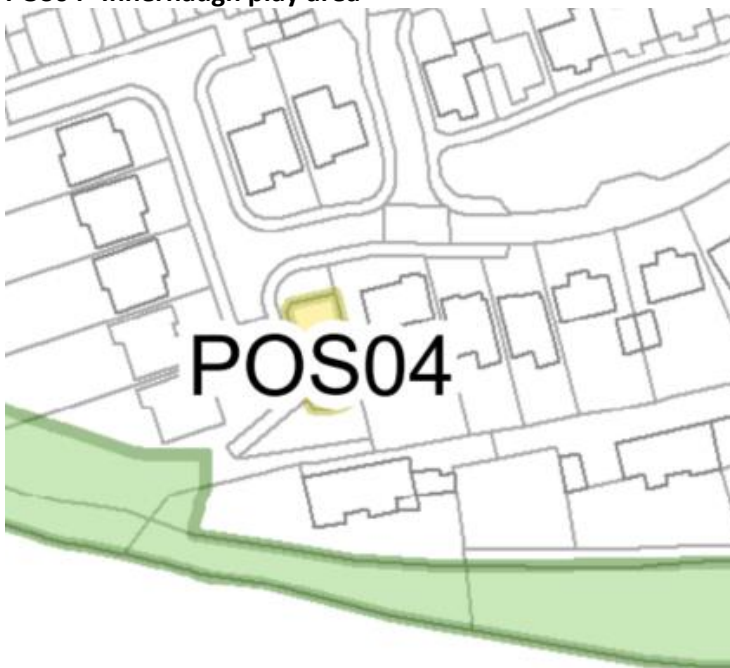
POS02 Haydon Bridge High School rugby pitches



POS03 Haydon Bridge Athletic Football Club grounds



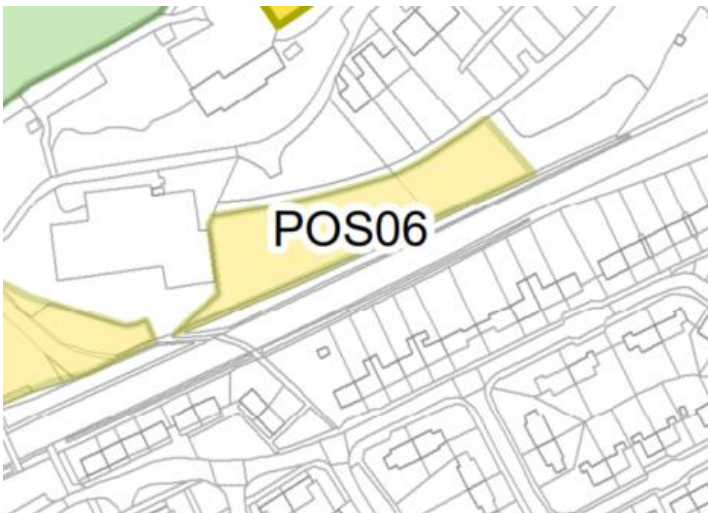
POS04 Innerhaugh play area



POS05 Showfield play area



POS06 Land south of Belmont Gardens and west of Belmont



POS07 Land to the rear of 30-48 Ratcliffe Road

