

Local Green Spaces Assessment – Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan Feb 2021



Introduction

Policy LNP6 of the Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan designates two areas as Local Green Spaces. Each space is described and assessed below.

Note: Thank you to Norma Sadler, who provided all of the local history information for this report.

LGS1: Mature Woodland

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| Name of space | Mature Woodland |
| Policies Map reference | LGS1 |
| Space description | Area of mature woodland between Embleton Hall and Lightpipe Farm |
| Has a map been provided? | Yes – see Policies Map in LNP |

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Local Green Space Criteria – LGS1

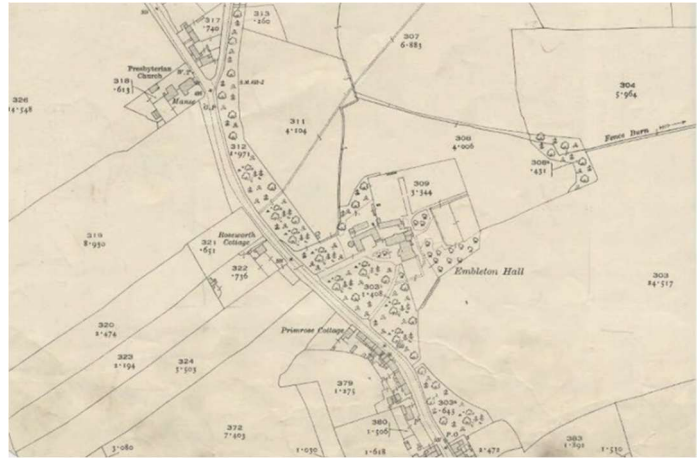
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| Is the land subject to a Planning Permission? | 19/02085/OUT covers this site, but leaves the woodland intact. |
| Is the space allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan? | No |
| Is the space an extensive tract of land? | No, 1.56 hectares. |
| Does the space feel local in character and have a physical, visual and social connection with the local area? | Yes |
| Is the space in close proximity to the Community it serves? | Yes |
| Is the space demonstrably special or holds particular significance for the local community? | Yes |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of its beauty? | Yes |
| Is the space of particular historic significance? | Yes. This area of woodland has been shown on maps since at least 1897, more details below. |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of its recreational value? | Yes |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of its tranquillity? | Yes |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife? | Yes. The area is part of a Woodland Priority Habitat Network (high spatial priority) and a Woodland Improvement area. It is a priority species target site for Lapwing and Red Squirrel. It is also a Woodland Bird Assemblage Priority woodland bird species buffer zone. (Information taken from MAGIC website, including map below.) |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by the criteria above? | No |

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History of LGS1



Trees are first shown in the area on the 1897 OS map.



'The Plantation' was even more extensive by 1823.

This photograph from 1909 shows the young trees at the side of the road.



It is believed that Canadian troops were stationed in huts built on the area, known locally as The Plantation, during the First World War. The Plantation was used as a playground for local children over the years, and is still used by locals enjoying a peaceful walk amongst the trees.

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Photos of LGS1



LGS1, from A697, looking east



LGS1, from A697, looking north

Conclusion of Assessment – LGS1

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| Have all of the LGS criteria in the previous sections been met? | Yes |
| Is the space suitable as a Local Green Space? | Yes |
| What are the landowner's details? | The Armstrong Family |
| Has the landowner been informed at an early stage about the proposal to designate any part of their land? | Yes, prior to the Regulation 14 Consultation |

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LGS2: Onstead Quarry

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| Name of space | Onstead Quarry |
| Policies Map reference | LGS2 |
| Space description | Old quarry site, to the north of Longframlington village |
| Has a map been provided? | Yes – see Policies Map |

Local Green Space Criteria – LGS2

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| Is the land subject to a Planning Permission? | No |
| Is the space allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan? | No |
| Is the space an extensive tract of land? | No, 1.19 hectares. |
| Does the space feel local in character and have a physical, visual and social connection with the local area? | Yes |
| Is the space in close proximity to the Community it serves? | Yes |
| Is the space demonstrably special or holds particular significance for the local community? | Yes |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of its beauty? | Yes |
| Is the space of particular historic significance? | Yes, see below. |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of its recreational value? | No – the quarry itself is currently inaccessible although the walk around the perimeter is pleasant. |

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| Is the space of particular local significance because of its tranquillity? | Yes |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife? | Yes. The area is a Woodland Improvement Category with a high spatial priority. Main habitat is deciduous woodland. It is in the National Forest Inventory as 1.19 hectares of deciduous woodland. It is a target site (and the area around it) for Lapwing and Red Squirrel. (Information taken from MAGIC website, including map below.) |
| Is the space of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by the criteria above? | No |

History of LGS2

1897 OS Map showing LGS2 ('Freehold Quarry'), circled in red.

The stone was used locally, for building houses, roads, and other purposes. Anecdotally it is thought that the stone may have been used for the building of St Mary's Church in the 1100's.



Photos of LGS2

Inside the remains of the quarry.



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Onstead Quarry, looking east



View of Simonside from Onstead Quarry, looking west



Dense planting of
trees and shrubs (in
winter)

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View across Onstead Quarry (in winter) to the south, with Fenwick Park and Armstrong Grove in the background



Southern perimeter of quarry, with United Reformed Church, Land North of Fairfields (18/03231/FUL), and Fenwick Park, visible to the right



Northern perimeter of quarry, with St Laurence Court visible to the left

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Conclusion of Assessment – LGS2

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| Have all of the LGS criteria in the previous sections been met? | Yes |
| Is the space suitable as a Local Green Space? | Yes |
| What are the landowner's details? | No clear ownership could be found by the Land Registry. Consequently, it is under the protection / control of the local authority (i.e. Parish Council). |
| Has the landowner been informed at an early stage about the proposal to designate any part of their land? | N/A |

Extract from MAGIC website showing LGS1 and LGS2

