

Seaton Valley 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') green areas for special protection. Once designated, areas of LGS 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 has led to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out the national and local backgrounds to LGS and POS and explains the methodology used in the assessments.

2. Planning policy background

National Planning Policy Framework

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF – 2019) 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 96 highlights 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 97 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 99 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 100 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 101 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 the 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 or in a neighbourhood in a town or city (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306);
- If land is already protected by another designation, then 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, or 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. In particular, 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 a LGS. (Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 37-016-20140306);
- Land can be designated as LGS even if there is no 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 land owners, 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, Seaton Valley Council (SVC) prepared a methodology to be followed alongside the preparation of the plan. The application of the methodology is described below.

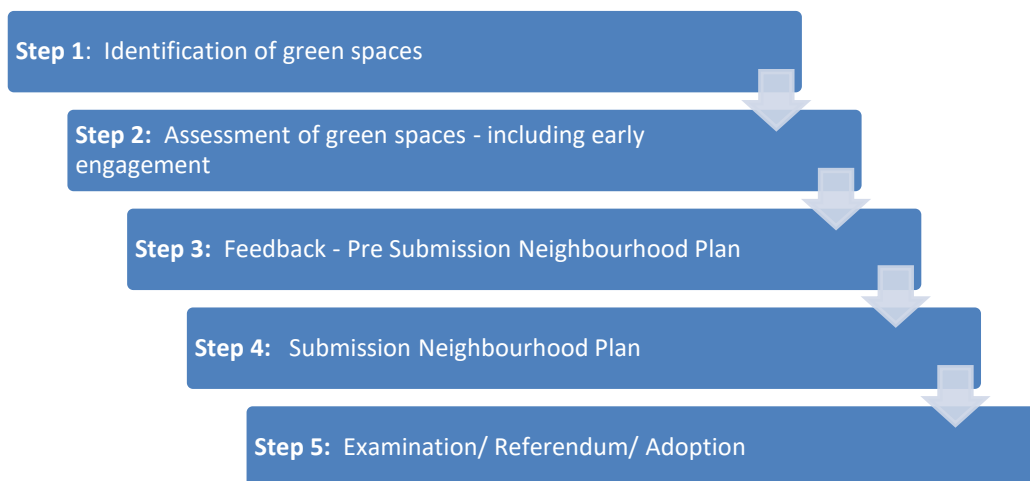


Figure 1: LGS identification process

Step 1: Identification of green 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 were used to inform this process:

- Sites allocated in the development plan;
- Sites proposed form 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 in February and March 2020, where a number of sites were identified as potential sites for protection.

Step 2: Assessment of green spaces

3.3 Once the list of green spaces had been collected from the sources listed in step 1, SVC assessed their suitability for designation as LGS against the criteria in the NPPF and NPPG as outlined in section 2 of this report.

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	LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where the land

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

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Criteria	Explanation
permission for development.	has planning permission for development. Exceptions 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’. An LGS should meet at least one of the criteria in the table below, although some spaces met 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.	<p>Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)</p> <p>Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)</p> <p>Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)</p> <p>Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	<p>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?</p> <p>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)</p> <p>What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)</p> <p>Is the space already identified in the Northumberland Open Space study?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	<p>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?</p> <p>Why is the space considered to be tranquil?</p> <p>Is the space used for quiet reflection?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	<p>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?</p> <p>Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or local nature reserve).</p> <p>Are any important habitats or species found in the space?</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?</p> <p>Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria above	<p>Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?</p>

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 was considered to be suitable as LGS. In addition, the assessment considered the location of the open space. As the villages are surrounded by the Green Belt the focus for allocation are those that lie within or directly adjacent

to the villages. Those that are distinctly separate from the villages have on the whole been excluded from designation, unless they are particularly important to the local community.

- 3.7 For sites that were not considered to meet the required LGS 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. As part of the assessment, SVC were mindful of proposed allocations within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan.
- 3.8 Prior to formal consultation on proposed areas for LGS and POS designation, contact was made with the owners of the sites where possible.
- 3.9 Following the completion of steps 1 and 2 the next stage is to obtain feedback on the proposed sites through the engagement on the pre-submission plan, described below.

Step 3: Feedback - Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan

- 3.10 The pre-submission neighbourhood plan proposed to designate 23 LGS sites and 64 POS sites. Feedback received informed changes to the proposed designations and the assessments have been updated to reflect the feedback received. Where new sites were proposed for inclusion or boundaries changed, contact was made with landowners of the sites where possible.

Step 4: Submission Neighbourhood Plan

- 3.11 The submission neighbourhood plan proposes to allocate 24 sites as LGS and 68 sites as POS. The sites that have been proposed for allocation have been informed by feedback on the draft plan. The submission draft plan will be subject to a further public consultation organised by Northumberland County Council.

Step 5: Examination/ referendum/ adoption

- 3.12 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 sites. Once the plan passes examination it will then go to referendum and will be formally ‘made’ by Northumberland County Council.

4. Conclusion and next steps

- 4.1 This background paper has explained the process which has led to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan. It has summarised the national and local background to LGS and POS and explained the methodology used in the assessments.
- 4.2 All of the sites that have been assessed for LGS designation are included in Appendix 1 – this provides a brief explanation of the reasons why a site has or has not been included in the submission draft neighbourhood plan. Further details on those that have proposed to be allocated 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.

Appendix 1: Local Green Space Assessment

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	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
H1	Play Park and surrounding area at Seaton Terrace	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	A small play park surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS. Proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3263).
H2	Holywell Pond	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Holywell Pond is a non-statutory nature reserve which is managed by Northumberland Wildlife Trust. It lies in the Green Belt and is proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3052). The pond is surrounded by grassland and some mature and semi-mature areas of woodland and scrub and used by overwintering migrant birds, which are attracted by the pond's proximity to the coast. The grassland supports populations of common spotted and norther marsh orchids. Breeding species include little grebe, pochard, greylag goose and sedge warbler. In winter, widgeon, goldeneye and tufted duck are joined by greenshank, green sandpiper, amongst other rarities. There are two hides on site, including a

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											public hide. The site is accessed via a public footpath. It is a tranquil location. Whilst the site is located within the Green Belt it is highly valued by the local community. Feedback from the consultation on the draft plan identified that the site boundary should be extended to the west to include further ponds. As it is demonstrably special, it is considered appropriate for designation as LGS.
H3	Coppergate allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. The allotments are leased from SVC by a formally constituted allotment association. The site is proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3283). Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
H4	Halls Farm allotment and Hollywell	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Small allotment site which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant

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	Veteran's Hut										physical and mental health benefits. Holywell Veteran's Hut is used as a community venue for groups to meet and socialise and hold events in the community. The site is proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3308). Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
H5	Land east of East Grange (old orchard site)	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	An important setting to the village. Used by local residents for recreation and as a place to sit and experience the tranquil location. The site is close to the Holywell Ponds Nature Reserve and the area was part of the old Watts Fruit Orchard that dates back to around 1857. Although the site lies within the Green Belt, it feels as though it is part of the settlement rather than the wider countryside.
H6	Land between the rear of Chatham Close and Sandown Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. As part of the consultation on the draft plan it was

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											suggested that the site should be extended to the south. It is agreed that the wider area is also important to the amenity of the local area. Appropriate to be allocated as POS.
H7	Land between the rear of Stamford Avenue and Brentwood Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
H8	Land between the rear of Denham Drive and Staward Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
H9	Land between the rear of Tillmouth Avenue and Denham Drive	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
H10	Land on Cheswick Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character

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H11	Land at west end of Northside Place	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS. The emerging NLP proposes to allocate the site as POS (3328).
H12	Land between the rear of Acomb Avenue and Swarland Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
H13	Land east end of Elsdon Avenue and Seaton Terrace Doctor's Surgery	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	The site is proposed for allocation within the emerging NLP as POS (3146) The site has an important local historic significance and was formed by the waste slag from the nearby colliery at East Holywell. It is also used by the local community for informal recreation.
H14	Bates Welfare Sports Ground	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Holywell was once known as Bates Cottages after the Bates family who

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											owned a lot of the land and the colliery in the area. Bates Welfare Sports Ground was land donated to the miners for recreational purposes by the Bates family. The sport ground, situated to the west of Holywell village, is the home of Bates Cottages Cricket Club. The cricket club was formed in 1902 and has played their games at the ground for over 100 years. In addition to the recreational benefits of the site, it has important historical connections. The site is proposed to be designated as POS within the emerging NLP (3038). Given its historic significance and recreational importance it would be appropriate to designate the site as LGS.
H15	Land adjacent to the Milbourne Arms	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Site suggested for inclusion as part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan. The area is used for informal recreation and is important to the character of the local area. It is therefore considered appropriate for designation as POS.

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NH1	New Hartley Memorial Recreation Field	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	The memorial field and play areas are next to the Memorial Hall in the centre of the village. The hall and fields were officially opened in 1927 to commemorate service personnel from the village who lost their lives in World War 1. The Memorial Field is used by the community for recreation and is the venue for the annual Village Fair. There are two play parks, a MUGA and the field is also used by New Hartley Football Club. The site is proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3001).
NH2	Hester Pit Memorial	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓	The memorial is at the site of the former Hester Pit of Hartley Colliery. It commemorates the 204 men and boys who lost their lives in the Hartley Colliery disaster in January 1862. The garden was renovated in 2012 to mark the 150 th anniversary of the disaster. This included creating a memorial pathway which displays the names and ages of all who lost their lives in the

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											disaster. It is a tranquil location. The site therefore meets the requirements for the designation as LGS.
NH3	Hastings Gardens Play Park	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	A small play park valued by the local community. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
NH4	New Hartley Nature Reserve	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Part of the site is identified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It includes six seasonal ponds, listed for their vegetation and newt population. The site is well used by the local community and highly valued. It is a tranquil site. It is located within the Green Belt and the emerging NLP proposes allocation as POS (3274). As a result of the importance of the site to the local community, wildlife value and recreational interests, it is appropriate that it is designated as LGS.
NH5	Gloria Avenue allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3297). Small allotment site which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health

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											benefits. As a result, it would be appropriate for designation as POS.	
NH6	Memorial field allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x		x	Small allotment site which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
NH7	Land on Bristol Street between Dorchester Court and Chipchase Court	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x		x	A large area of amenity greenspace with a number of mature trees. Proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3208). The site is important to the character of the area and used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SD1	Memorial Park, Double Row (Poppy Park)	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	Double Row was the centre of Seaton Delaval during the late 19 th century and the location of the school and other amenities for the families that worked at the nearby Seaton Delaval collieries. The Memorial Park, at the top of Double Row, was the location of the

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											War Memorial before it was moved to Astley Park in 1965. The Memorial Park was 'adopted' by the Seaton Delaval in bloom group in 2018 and given the name 'Poppy Park' as part of the 100-year commemoration of the end of WWI. Existing flower beds were upgraded and poppies were planted. Fountain planters, poppy sculptures and new benches were also added to allow people to sit and enjoy the small park. It is a tranquil location where members of the local community sit and enjoy peace and quiet and can reflect on the sacrifices of others. It is proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3048). Given the importance of the park to the local community, its historic significance and tranquillity, it is considered appropriate for LGS designation.
SD2	Lambley Crescent Play Park, Wheatridge	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (6234). A small play park surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of

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	Estate										the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
SD3	Mitford Avenue Play Park and Football Arena.	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3258). A small play park and football 'arena' surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
SD4	Cat Park, Avenue Head	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SD5	Astley Park	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	The park was created in the 1920s on land owned by the Hastings family of Seaton Delaval Hall. The park provided activities for the mining community. When the pit closed in 1960 the park suffered from a lack of investment. In early 2000 the Seaton Valley Community Assembly set up a steering group to redevelopment the park, securing funding for redevelopment. The park now provides a range of

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											activities for people of all ages with its pavilion, play areas, bowling green, tennis courts and gardens with seating. The war memorial is located at the southern boundary of the park and commemorates the fallen of both world wars. It was moved to this location in 1965 from memorial park. The site is proposed for designation as POS within the emerging NLP (3047). As a result of the significance of the site and importance to the local community, it is considered that it would be appropriate to designate it as LGS.
SD6	Hallington Drive Play Park	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed for allocation within the NLP as POS (3148). A small play park surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
SD7	Ancroft Road allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed for allocation within the emerging NLP as POS (3281). Small allotment site which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their

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											families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SD8	Seghill Road allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3281). Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as protected open space.
SD9	Baxter Terrace allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3282). Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SD10	Dartford Close allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3303). Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be

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SD11	Seaton Terrace allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3303) Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SD12	Victoria Close allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3303) Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SD13	Land between the rear of Avenue Road and Glanton Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SD14	Land on Western Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more

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SD15	Land between the rear of Western Avenue and St Stephen's close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SD16	Land on entrance to Blackhaugh Drive	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Feedback received as part of the consultation on the draft plan identified that the proposed use of this site was as a doctors surgery identified within the Blyth Valley Local Plan. Development is likely to take place on the site in the future, therefore it is not appropriate to allocate it as LGS or POS.
SD17	Land at St Stephen's Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SD18	Land behind Melrose Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more

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SD19	Land behind Newburgh Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS. Feedback from the consultation on the draft plan identified that the site should be extended to the north to include further amenity green space. This has been included as part of the submission draft plan.
SD20	Land behind Thornhill Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SD21	Ambridge Way and Jackson Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of tree belt which forms an important visual buffer between the A192 and residential development on Jackson Close and Cleveland Crescent. Important to the character of the local area. The site forms part of a wider area that is proposed for designation as

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											POS within the emerging NLP (3345).
SD22	Denham Drive	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3213) Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SD23	Football ground, Wheatridge Park	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Well used football ground. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3010) Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SD24	Wheatridge allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3292) Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SD25	Rear of Acomb Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity open space. The site was suggested for protection as part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan. As it is important to the amenity of the local area and used for

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SS1	The Dunes Play Park and land between Links Road and the dunes	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	A play park surrounded by amenity green space. Forms part of a wider proposed designation of POS within the emerging NLP (3062). The park and surrounding green space are very well used by both local children and visitors to the area. The site lies within the wider Northumberland Shore area and is therefore rich in wildlife. It provides an important entrance to Seaton Sluice from the north. As a result of all of these features it is considered that it would be appropriate for designation as LGS.
SS2	Sunken Garden, The Links	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3202). It is used for informal recreation. Given its close

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											proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS.
SS3	Land between the Melton Constable and Seaburn Grove	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. The area includes the slipway down to the Seaton Burn and harbour area and the access road to the old Seaton Lodge site. The lodge dated back to 1670 and was said to have the largest thatched roof in England. The lodge was demolished in the 1960s but the servant's cottage still remains. The area is on the bank opposite the burn to where the old Bottle works once stood. It is used for informal recreation. Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife

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											significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS. The site is proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3203).
SS4	Land at the Harbour and along Seaton Burn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	This area is on the south of the harbour. Just over 200 years ago, Seaton Sluice harbour became the centre of a flourishing coal and glass trade, exporting to Western Europe. For its size, Seaton Sluice was the centre of greater commercial activity than any other town on the North East coast, with ships of up to 300 tons burden visiting the tiny harbour. It was from the 30-odd pits in the district near Hartley Township where the coal was mined. Employing hundreds of seamen, and providing a living for miners, rope makers, sailmakers, shipbuilders, insurance brokers, and also investment opportunities for numerous shareholders, trade at Seaton Sluice once rivalled that of North Shields and

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											Blyth, and its success was entirely due to the entrepreneurial and engineering skills of the Delaval family. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. It is used for informal recreation, it is a tranquil location. Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS. The site is proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3206).
SS5	Rocky Island	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Until "The Cut" was dug and built in 1764, Rocky Island was an integral part of the mainland of Seaton Sluice. Today, there is one house on Rocky Island and the Watch House Museum. However, back in 1901 there were 63 people living on the Island in 16 houses (1901

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											Census). The houses, built in the 18th century, were owned by Lord Hastings as part of the Delaval Estate. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. It is used for informal recreation. Given the relationship with the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS. The site is proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3055).
SS6	Ballast/Sandy Island	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Situated on the north side of the harbour is Ballast Hill, also known as Sandy Island. The hill was built up from the ballast of ships entering the harbour and loading with cargo. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of

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											the village. It is used for informal recreation. Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS. The site is proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3204).
SS7	Headland behind The Kings Arms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The headland is to the south of The Cut and the harbour and is behind the Kings Arms Public House that was built in 1764. The area was once used as part of the harbour to load and unload cargo and goods from the ships. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. It is used for informal recreation. Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife

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											significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS. The site is proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (6256).
SS8	Memorial Park, Collywell Bay Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	The war memorial is grade II listed and is situated at the southern end of a green park near to the harbour. It commemorates the impact of world events in the local community and the sacrifice it made in the conflicts of the twentieth century. The memorial was unveiled in September 1921. It is overlooked by the houses of West Terrace that were built in the early 1800's. The grassed area is also the site for the annual Harbour Day that is organised by the Boating Association. It is a tranquil site for quiet reflection. The site is proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3205). As a result of the historical and recreational importance, as well as its tranquillity, it is considered that the site would be appropriate for

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SS9	Play Park at Beresford Welfare and adjacent land	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3049). A play park surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
SS10	Seaton Sluice Memorial Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	The Memorial Park on Beresford Road is the home of Seaton Sluice Bowling Club. The Bowling Clubhouse has a memorial that commemorates the men and women of Seaton Sluice who were killed in World War 1 and World War 2. The memorial park also has a tennis court and a MUGA and is a popular leisure location for families in the village. The site is proposed to be designated as POS within the emerging NLP (3049). As a result of the historical and recreational importance, as well as its beauty and tranquillity, it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS.

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SS11	Crag Park Sports Ground	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3051). The site has a full-sized grass football pitch. It would be appropriate to designate it as POS.
SS12	Hartley Square Play Park and adjacent land	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3150). A play park surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
SS13	Beresford Road allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3285) Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SS14	West Terrace allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3299) Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.

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SS15	Dene Top allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Well cared for allotments which are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. Would be appropriate for designation as POS.
SS16	Land at the east end of Derwent Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3201) Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SS17	Land between Westlands and Easedale	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SS18	Land to the east of Collywell Bay Road to Crag Point and along headland to Old Hartley – Local Green	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	During World War 1 the headland was the location of a gantry that was used as part of the construction of a Roberts Battery which utilised turret and guns from HMS Illustrious. The Battery itself was decommissioned and scrapped around 1926. The listed structures to the east of the Delaval Arms; namely

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	Space										the water tower; latrine/pillbox and Fort House were part of accommodation for the battery personnel. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. It is used for informal recreation. Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS.
SS19	Paddock to the south on Collywell Bay Road	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3051). Large paddock which is important to the amenity of the local area. Feedback from Historic England highlighted that the site contains unrecorded archaeological remains of a WWI and WWII coastal defence gun battery. It is also important to the neighbouring listed building, Fort House. As a result,

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											it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS.
SS20	Land at East Farm Cottages, Eastcroft to Old Hartley Car Park	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3051). Grassed area which is important to the amenity of the local area. As part of the consultation on the draft plan, it was suggested that the site should be extended to the west. As this land is also important to the amenity of the local area, the site boundary has been amended. Appropriate for designation as POS.
SS21	Old Hartley Caravan and Motorhome site	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3051). Site used for touring caravans. Important to the amenity of the local area. Appropriate for designation as POS.
SS22	Land to the south of East End adjacent to Old Hartley Car Park	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	In the early 1800s the south end of Seaton Sluice was known as Hartley and was a separate village. The area around the Delaval Arms is now known as Old Hartley. Hartley was an independent community with cottages, farm, public

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											houses, a Methodist Chapel and a workhouse. The area has a popular caravan park with views out across the sea to Collywell Bay in the north and St Mary's lighthouse and the Tyneside coast to the south. There is also a popular footpath and cycle path that links Old Hartley to Whitley Bay. As a result of its historical importance, it is appropriate for designation as LGS.
SS23	Land between Beresford Road and The Crest, Dereham Road and Granville Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. As part of the consultation on the draft plan, it was suggested that the site should be extended to the south. It is agreed that this area is also important to the amenity of the local area. Appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SS24	Land west of Millfield	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3199) Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be

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											allocated as POS.
SS25	Land between the rear of Southward Close and Millfield	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3199) Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SS26	Land on Southward Close	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	This area was part of the sight of the Royal Hartley Bottle works that by 1777 produced a staggering 1,740,000 bottles a year. The bottle works were closed in 1871. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. It is used for informal recreation. Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands, as well as the Seaton Burn Estuary it has wildlife significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS. The site is

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3063).
SS27	Land on Melton Crescent	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SS28	Land on west side of Simonside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Green open space that runs through and along the top of Hollywell Dene along the route of the Seaton Burn. This is a popular location for walking along the Burn and appreciating the views and the wildlife of the Dene. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. It is used for informal recreation. Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands, as well as the Seaton Burn Estuary it has wildlife significance. As a result of these important features it is considered that the site would be appropriate for

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											designation as LGS.
SS29	Land south of Rosewood Crescent	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SS30	Land at the rear of the Harbour View	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
SS31	Land to the east of Clarence Street	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S1	Denside Play Park and adjacent land	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	A play park surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
S2	Welfare Recreation Ground	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	The recreation ground is home to Seghill Rugby, Football and Bowling clubs. The ground is also the location for the annual Seghill Gala that has been a village tradition for over 100

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											years and has close ties back to their proud mining history. The ground also has a wheeled recreation park, a MUGA, tennis court and children's play park and is well used by the local community for recreation. It is proposed for allocation as POS within the emerging NLP (3013). Given the historical and recreational important to the local community, it is appropriate to be designated as LGS.
S3	The Crescent Play Park and surrounding grassed area	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	A play park surrounded by amenity open space which is important to the character of the local area. Would be appropriate to designate as POS.
S4	Land between the rear of The Crescent and shops on Main Street South	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S5	Land between Front Street and Northcott Gardens	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3216) Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation.

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S6	Land at the west end of Reid's lane next to Annitsford Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area, particularly the approach to the village. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S7	Land at the rear of houses on Laycock Gardens and Barrass Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S8	Land at the rear of Burnlea Gardens	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3214) Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S9	Land between Station Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3215) Area of


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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
	and Barrowburn Place										amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S10	Land in the middle of Barrowburn Place	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S11	Land between Station Road and Blaketown	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.
S12	Esmeralda Gardens	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Proposed to be allocated as POS within the emerging NLP (3151) Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Important to the character of the local area. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as POS.

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
S13	Brickwork Reclamation Site	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Suggested for allocation as part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan. The site is proposed for allocation within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan (3349). Given its recreational value, it is considered appropriate to include the site as POS to reflect the proposed local plan allocation.
S14	Mill Lane Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Suggested for allocation as part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan. Small allotment site owned by North Tyneside Council. They are used on a daily basis by allotment holders and their families, providing significant physical and mental health benefits. As a result, it would be appropriate for designation as POS.
S15	Land on the junction of Backworth Lane and Annitsford Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Suggested for allocation as part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft plan. Small area of amenity green space which is important to the amenity of the local area, therefore appropriate to designate as POS.

Appendix 2 Detailed Assessment of proposed LGS

Site Ref	LGS01 (3048)	
Site Name	Memorial Park , Double Row, (Poppy Park)	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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 POS within the emerging NLP (3048)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.21ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built-up area, adjacent to residential properties.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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 poppy park was created by the Seaton Delaval in bloom group in 2018. It was created as part of the 100-year commemoration of the end of WWI. Existing flower beds were upgraded, and poppies were planted. Fountain planters, poppy sculptures and new benches were also added to allow people to sit and enjoy the small park.
The proposed space is of particular	✓	Used for informal recreation.

local significance because of its recreational value.		
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	It is a tranquil location where members of the local community sit and enjoy peace and quiet and can reflect on the sacrifices of others.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
Conclusion		
Given the importance of the park to the local community, its historic significance and tranquillity, it is considered appropriate for LGS designation.		


Site Ref	LGS02 (3047)
Site Name	Astley Park, Seaton Delaval




All the following criteria must be met		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 as POS within the emerging NLP (3047)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	2.60ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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 park was created in the 1920s on land owned by the Hastings family of Seaton Delaval Hall. The park provided activities for the mining community. When the pit closed in 1960 the park suffered from a lack of investment. In early 2000 the Seaton Valley Community Assembly set up a steering group to redevelopment the park, securing funding for redevelopment. The war memorial is located at


		<p>the southern boundary of the park and commemorates the fallen of both world wars. It was moved to this location in 1965 from the memorial park on Double Row.</p> <p>The war memorial is located at the southern boundary of the park and commemorates the fallen of both world wars. It was moved to this location in 1965 from memorial park.</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The park now provides a range of activities for people of all ages with its: pavilion, play areas, bowling green, tennis courts and gardens with seating.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	Seating allows the local community to sit and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
Conclusion		
As a result of the significance of the site and importance to the local community, it is considered that it would be appropriate to designate it as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS03 (3062 – part)	
Site Name	The Dunes Play Park and land between Links Road and the dunes, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within the Green Belt. Forms part of a wider proposed designation of POS within the emerging NLP (3062).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small site on the edge of the built-up area.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Adjacent to residential properties.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	It provides an important entrance to Seaton Sluice from the north.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The park and surrounding green space are very well used by both local children and visitors to the area.
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.	✓	The site lies directly adjacent to the Northumberland Shore SSSI.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		


Site Ref	LGS04 (3202)	
Site Name	Sunken Gargen, The Links, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the NLP (3202)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1.55ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location despite its proximity to a busy road.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
<p>As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS05 (3203)	
Site Name	Land between The Melton Constable and Seaburn Grove, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3203)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	1.12ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. The area includes the slipway down to the Seaton Burn and harbour area and the access road to the old Seaton Lodge site. The lodge dated back to 1670 and was said to have the largest thatched roof in England. The lodge was demolished in the 1960s but the servant's cottage still remains. The area is on the bank opposite the burn to where the old Bottle works once stood.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location despite its proximity to a busy road.
The proposed space is of particular	✓	Given its close proximity to the Northumberland


local significance because of its richness of wildlife		Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		


Site Ref	LGS06 (3206)	
Site Name	Land at the harbour and adjacent to the Seaton Burn, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3206)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	0.81ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	This area is on the south of the harbour. Just over 200 years ago, Seaton Sluice harbour became the centre of a flourishing coal and glass trade, exporting to Western Europe. For its size, Seaton Sluice was the centre of greater commercial activity than any other town on the North East coast, with ships of up to 300 tons burden visiting the tiny harbour. It was from the 30-odd pits in the district near Hartley Township where the coal was mined. Employing hundreds of seamen, and providing a living for miners, rope makers, sailmakers, shipbuilders, insurance brokers, and also investment opportunities for numerous shareholders, trade at Seaton Sluice once rivalled that of North Shields and Blyth, and its success was entirely due to the entrepreneurial and engineering skills of the Delaval family. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its	✓	Used for informal recreation.


recreational value		
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS07 (3055)	
Site Name	Rocky Island, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3055)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	1.79ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	Until "The Cut" was dug and built in 1764, Rocky Island was an integral part of the mainland of Seaton Sluice. Today, there is one house on Rocky Island and the Watch House Museum. However, back in 1901 there were 63 people living on the Island in 16 houses (1901 Census). The houses, built in the 18th century, were owned by Lord Hastings as part of the Delaval Estate. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Given the relationship with the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance.


Conclusion
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.


Site Ref	LGS08 (3204)	
Site Name	Ballast/Sandy Island, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3204)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	0.77ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	Situated on the north side of the harbour is Ballast Hill, also known as Sandy Island. The hill was built up from the ballast of ships entering the harbour and loading with cargo. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Given the relationship with the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS9 (6256)	
Site Name	Headland behind The Kings Arms, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (6256)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	On the edge of the built-up area.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	See below.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	The headland is to the south of The Cut and the harbour and is behind the Kings Arms Public House that was built in 1764. The area was once used as part of the harbour to load and unload cargo and goods from the ships. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Given the relationship with the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		


Site Ref	LGS10 (3205)	
Site Name	Memorial Park, Collywelll Bay Road, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3205)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	0.46ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Within the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village. The war memorial is grade II listed. It commemorates the impact of world events in the local community and the sacrifice it made in the conflicts of the twentieth century. The memorial was unveiled in September 1921. It is overlooked by the houses of West Terrace that were built in the early 1800's. The grassed area is also the site for the annual Harbour Day that is organised by the Boating Association.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location for quiet reflection.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its	x	

richness of wildlife		
Conclusion		
As a result of the historical and recreational importance, as well as its tranquillity, it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS.		


Site Ref	LGS11 (3049)	
Site Name	Seaton Sluice Memorial Park	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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 POS within the emerging NLP (3049).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	0.89ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Within the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	A prominent site which is important to the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	The Memorial Park on Beresford Road is the home to Seaton Sluice Bowling Club. The Bowling Clubhouse has a memorial that commemorates the men and women of Seaton Sluice who were killed in World War 1 and World War 2.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Well used for recreation – it has a tennis court and a MUGA and is a popular leisure location for families in the village.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	x	
Conclusion		
As a result of the historical and recreational importance, as well as its beauty and tranquillity, it is considered that the site would be appropriate for designation as LGS.		


Site Ref	LGS12 (3051)	
Site Name	Land to the east of Collywell Bay Road to Crag Point and along headland to Old Hartley, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within Seaton Delaval Conservation Area. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3051)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Adjacent to the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	During World War 1 the headland was the location of a gantry that was used as part of the construction of a Roberts Battery which utilised turret and guns from HMS Illustrious. The Battery itself was decommissioned and scrapped around 1926. The listed structures to the east of the Delaval Arms; namely the water tower; latrine/pillbox and Fort House were part of accommodation for the battery personnel. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location.
The proposed space is of particular	✓	Given its close proximity to the Northumberland


local significance because of its richness of wildlife		Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS13	
Site Name	Land to the south of East End, adjacent to Old Hartley Car Park, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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	✓	
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Adjacent to the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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	✓	In the early 1800s the south end of Seaton Sluice was known as Hartley and was a separate village. The area around the Delaval Arms is now known as Old Hartley. Hartley was an independent community with cottages, farm, public houses, a Methodist Chapel and a workhouse. The area has a popular caravan park with views out across the sea to Collywell Bay in the north and St Mary's lighthouse and the Tyneside coast to the south. There is also a popular footpath and cycle path that links Old Hartley to Whitley Bay.
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	x	



The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	x	
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value and importance to the local community, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS14 (3063 – part)	
Site Name	Land at Southward Close, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Forms part of a wider site that is proposed for designation as POS within the emerging NLP (3063)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Adjacent to the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	This area was part of the sight of the Royal Hartley Bottle works that by 1777 produced a staggering 1,740,000 bottles a year. The bottle works were closed in 1871. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil site adjacent to the estuary.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands, as well as the Seaton Burn Estuary it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		


Site Ref	LGS15	
Site Name	Land at west side of Simonside, Seaton Sluice	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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	✓	
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Adjacent to the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	Green open space that runs through and along the top of Hollywell Dene along the route of the Seaton Burn. A prominent site which is important to the significance of the Seaton Delaval Conservation Area and the beauty of the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation. This is a popular location for walking along the Burn and appreciating the views and the wildlife of the Dene.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil site adjacent to the estuary.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Given its close proximity to the Northumberland Shore SSSI and Northumbria Coast Ramsar Conservation wetlands, as well as the Seaton Burn Estuary it has wildlife significance.
Conclusion		
As a result of the sites beauty, historic value, importance to the local community and richness in wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		


Site Ref	LGS16 (3051)	
Site Name	Paddock to the south of Collywell Bay Road	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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 POS within the emerging NLP (3051)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	14.20ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Adjacent to residential properties.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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.	✓	Feedback from the engagement of the pre-submission draft plan from Historic England advised that the site has sufficient historical significance to be proposed as LGS rather than POS. The site contains the unrecorded archaeological remains of a World War I and World War II coastal defence gun battery and related infrastructure, a site associated with the neighbouring Fort House and its important listed buildings.
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.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its	x	


richness of wildlife.		
Conclusion		
Given the historic significance of the site, it is considered appropriate for LGS designation.		

Site Ref	LGS17 (3052)	
Site Name	Holywell Pond	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Lies within the Green Belt. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3052).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	14.19ha – whilst the site is one of the largest proposed for designation, it is not considered extensive when considered against the size of the adjacent settlement.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Connected to the adjacent settlements by public footpaths.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	The site is well used by the local community for informal recreation. There are two hides on site, including a public hide. The site is accessed via a public footpath.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	Given the nature of the site, it is very tranquil.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Non statutory nature reserve, managed by Northumberland Wildlife Trust. The pond is surrounded by grassland and mature and semi-mature areas of woodland and scrub, it is used by over-wintering migrant birds, which are attracted by the pond's proximity to the coast. The grassland



		supports populations of common spotted and norther marsh orchids. Breeding species include little grebe, pochard, greylag goose and sedge warbler. In winter, widgeon, goldeneye and tufted duck are joined by greenshank, green sandpiper, amongst other rarities.
Conclusion		
Whilst the site benefits from other designations, including being located within the Green Belt, it is highly valued by the local community. As it is demonstrably special, it is considered appropriate for designation as LGS.		

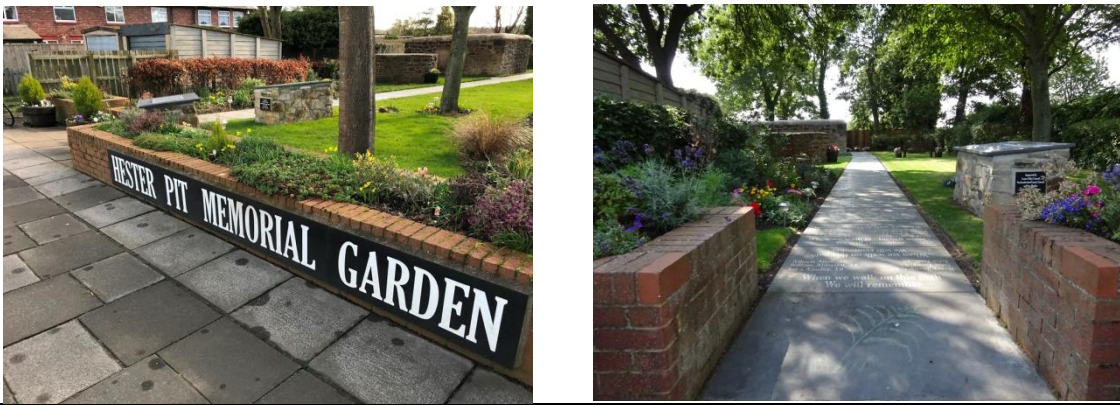
Site Ref	LGS18	
Site Name	Land east of East Grange (old orchard site), Holywell	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Lies within the Green Belt.
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	Small site, local in character.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of Holywell, adjacent to residential properties.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	An important setting to the village.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	The area was part of the old Watts Fruit Orchard that dates back to around 1857.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used by residents for informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A place to sit and experience the tranquil surroundings.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	The site is close to the Holywell Ponds SSSI.
Conclusion		
<p>Although the site lies within the Green Belt, it feels as though it is part of the settlement rather than the wider countryside. Given the beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity and richness of wildlife, it is considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS19 (3146)	
Site Name	Land east of Elsdon Avenue and Seaton Terrace Doctor's Surgery, Holywell	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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 as POS within the emerging NLP (3146)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	0.69ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Within the settlement.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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 an important local historic significance and is formed by waste slag from the nearby colliery at East Holywell. It therefore has an important local historic interest as a result of linkages with the areas mining past.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used by the local community for informal recreation.
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		
The site has an important local historic significance. It is also used by the local community for informal recreation.		


Site Ref		LGS20 (3038)
Site Name		Bates Welfare Sports Ground, Holywell
		
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All the following criteria must be met		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 designation as POS within the emerging NLP (3038)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	2ha.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built-up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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.	✓	Holywell was once known as Bates Cottages after the Bates family who owned a lot of the land and the colliery in the area. Bates Welfare Sports Ground was land donated to the miners for recreational purposes by the Bates family. The sport ground, situated to the west of Holywell village, is the home of Bates Cottages Cricket Club. The cricket club was formed in 1902 and has played


		their games at the ground for over 100 years.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Includes a well-used cricket pitch and senior football pitch that is used by a local pub team for their home games.
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		
Given its historic significance and recreational importance it would be appropriate to designate the site as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS21 (3001)	
Site Name	New Hartley Memorial recreation field,	
 		
All the following criteria must be met		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 POS within the emerging NLP (3001)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	3.37
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Within the built-up area, adjacent to residential properties.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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 memorial field and play areas are next to the Memorial Hall in the centre of the village. The hall and fields were officially opened in 1927 to commemorate local service personnel who lost their lives in World War 1.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	The Memorial Field is used by the community for recreation and is the venue for the annual Village Fair. There are two play parks, a MUGA and the field is also used by New Hartley Football Club.
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		
A site of historic significance and well used by the local community for recreation. It is therefore appropriate to designate it as LGS.		

Site Ref		LGS22
Site Name		Hester Pit Memorial, New Hartley
		
All the following criteria must be met		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	✓	Small site within the village.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Adjacent to residential properties.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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 memorial is at the site of the former Hester Pit of Hartley Colliery. It commemorates the 204 men and boys who lost their lives in the Hartley Colliery disaster in January 1862. The garden was renovated in 2012 to mark the 150th anniversary of the disaster. This included creating a memorial pathway which displays the names and ages of all who lost their lives in the disaster.
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	✓	A place for tranquil reflection.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	x	
Conclusion		
The memorial has significant local historic interest as it commemorates local people who lost their lives		

in the Hartley Colliery disaster. It is also a place for tranquil reflection. It therefore demonstrably special to the local community and appropriate for designation as LGS.

Site Ref	LGS23 (3274)	
Site Name	New Hartley Nature Reserve	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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.	✓	Within the Green Belt. SSSI. Proposed as POS within the emerging NLP (3274)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	5.71ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of the built-up area, separating New Hartley and Seaton Delaval.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	The site is well used by the local community and highly valued.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	Part of the site is identified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It includes six seasonal ponds, listed for their vegetation and newt population.
Conclusion		
As a result of the importance of the site to the local community, wildlife value and recreational interests, it is appropriate that it is designated as LGS.		

Site Ref	LGS24 (3013)	
Site Name	Welfare Recreation Ground, Seghill	
		
All the following criteria must be met		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 POS within the emerging NLP (3013)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	5.42ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Within the built-up area
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
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 ground is the location for the annual Seghill Gala that has been a village tradition for over 100 years and has close ties back to their proud mining history.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	The recreation ground is home to Seghill Rugby, Football and Bowling clubs. . The ground also has a wheeled recreation park, a MUGA, tennis court and children's play park and is well used by the local community for recreation.
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		
As a result of the historical and recreational important to the local community, it is appropriate to be designated as LGS.		

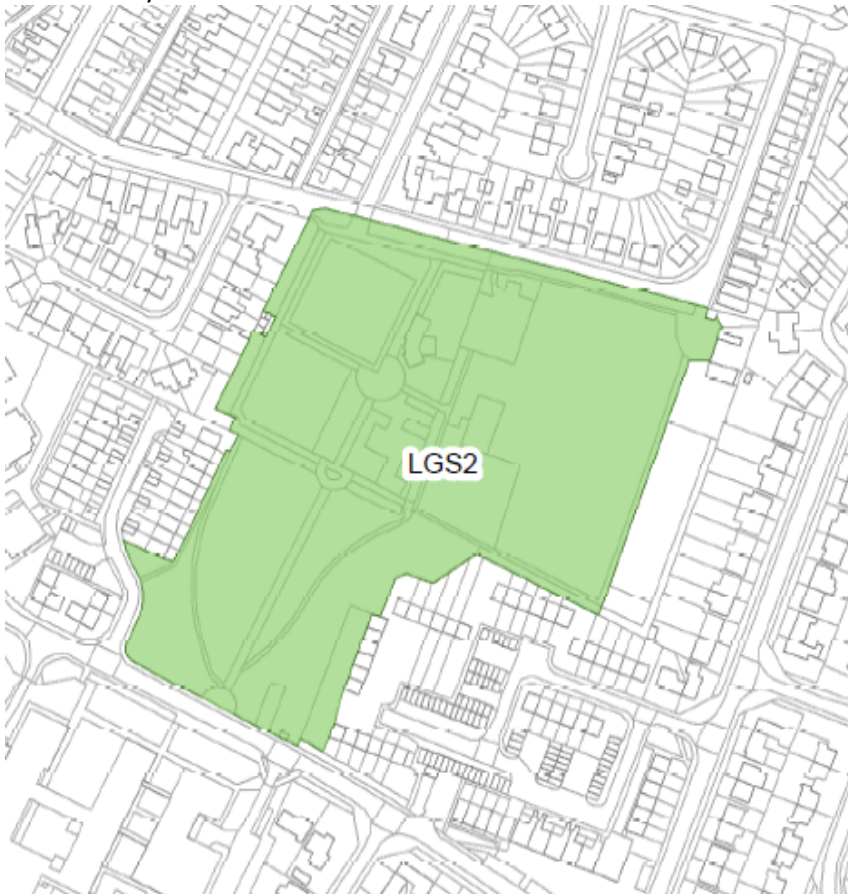
Appendix 3 Maps of proposed LGS designations

Seaton Delaval:

LGS1 Memorial Park, Double Row (Poppy Park)

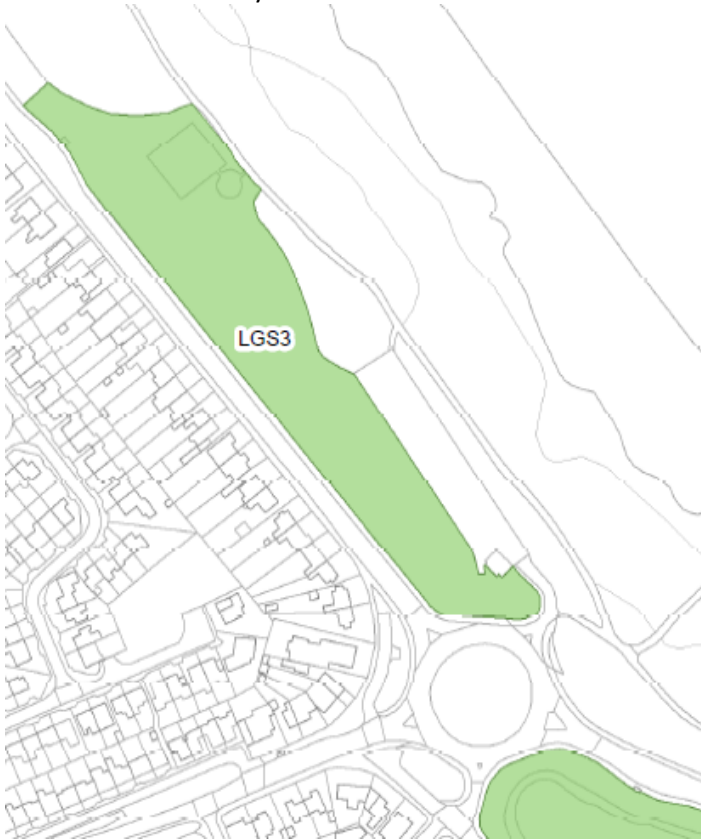


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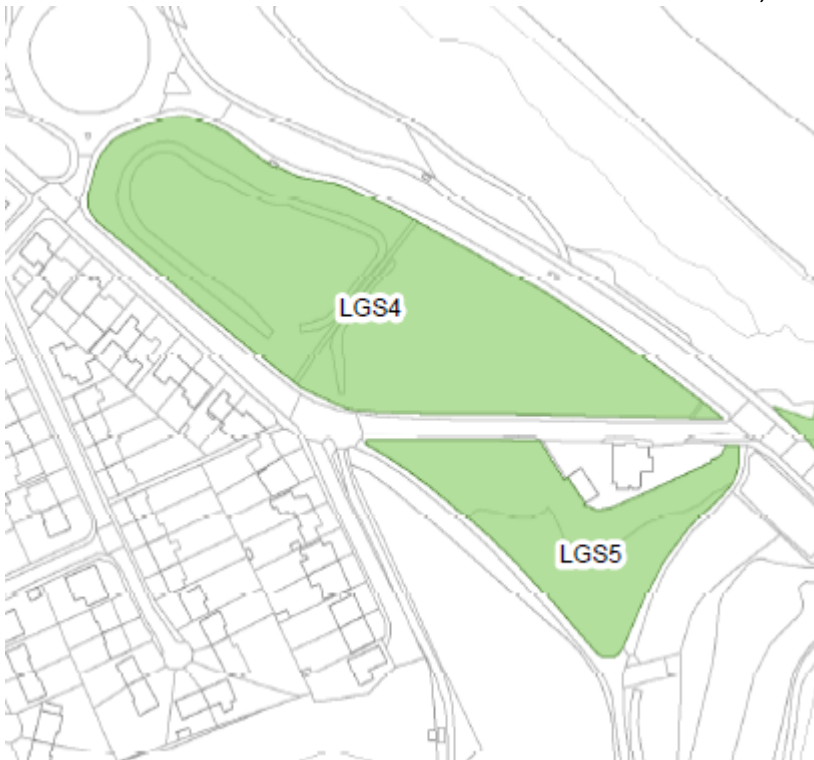
Seaton Sluice:

LGS3 The Dunes Play Park and land between Links Road and the dunes;



LGS4 Sunken garden, The Links;

LSG5 Land between The Melton Constable and Seaburn Grove;



- LGS6 Land at the harbour and adjacent to the Seaton Burn;
- LGS7 Rocky Island;
- LGS8 Ballast/Sandy Island;



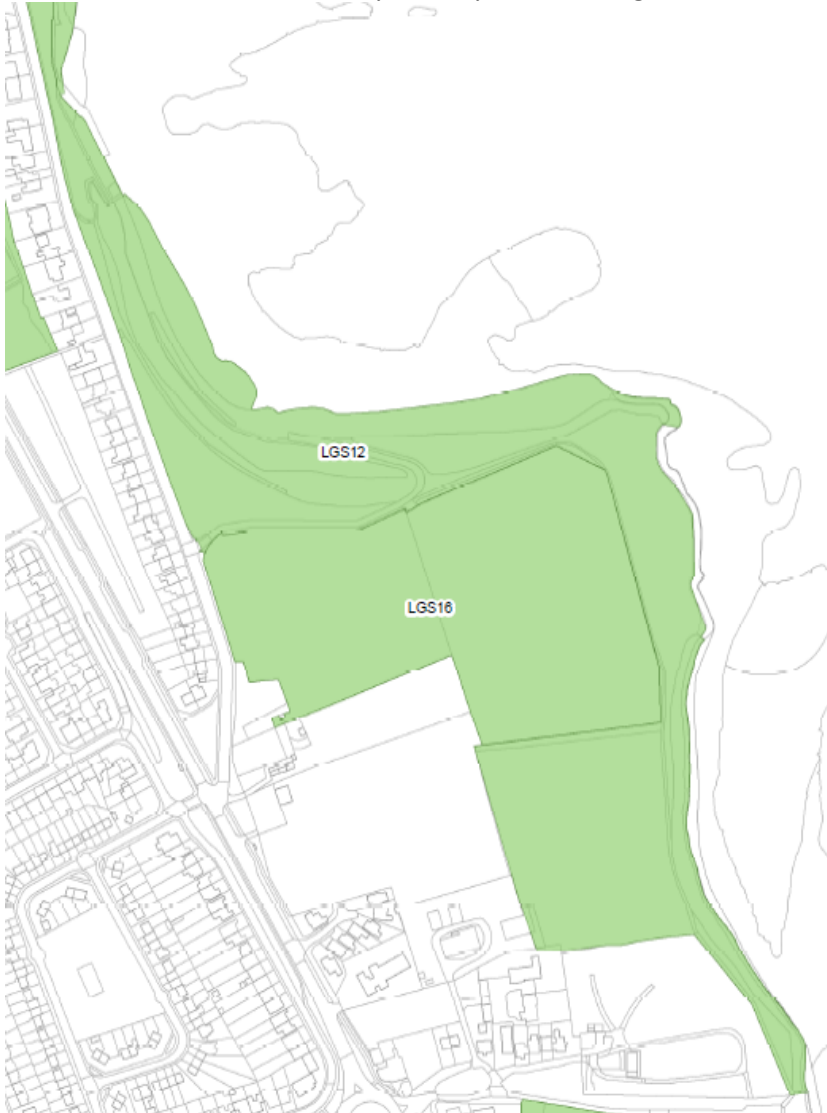
- LGS9 Headland behind The Kings Arms;
- LGS10 Memorial Park, Collywell Bay Road;



LGS11 Seaton Sluice Memorial Park;



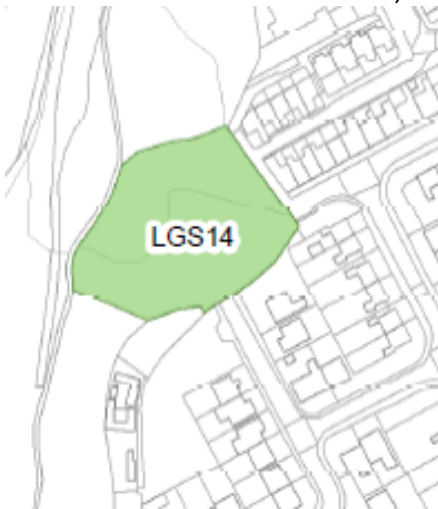
LGS12 Land to the east of Collywell Bay Road to Crag Point and along headland to Old Hartley;



LGS13 Land to the south of East End, adjacent to Old Hartley Car Park;



LGS14 Land at Southward Close;



LGS15 Land at west side of Simonside.

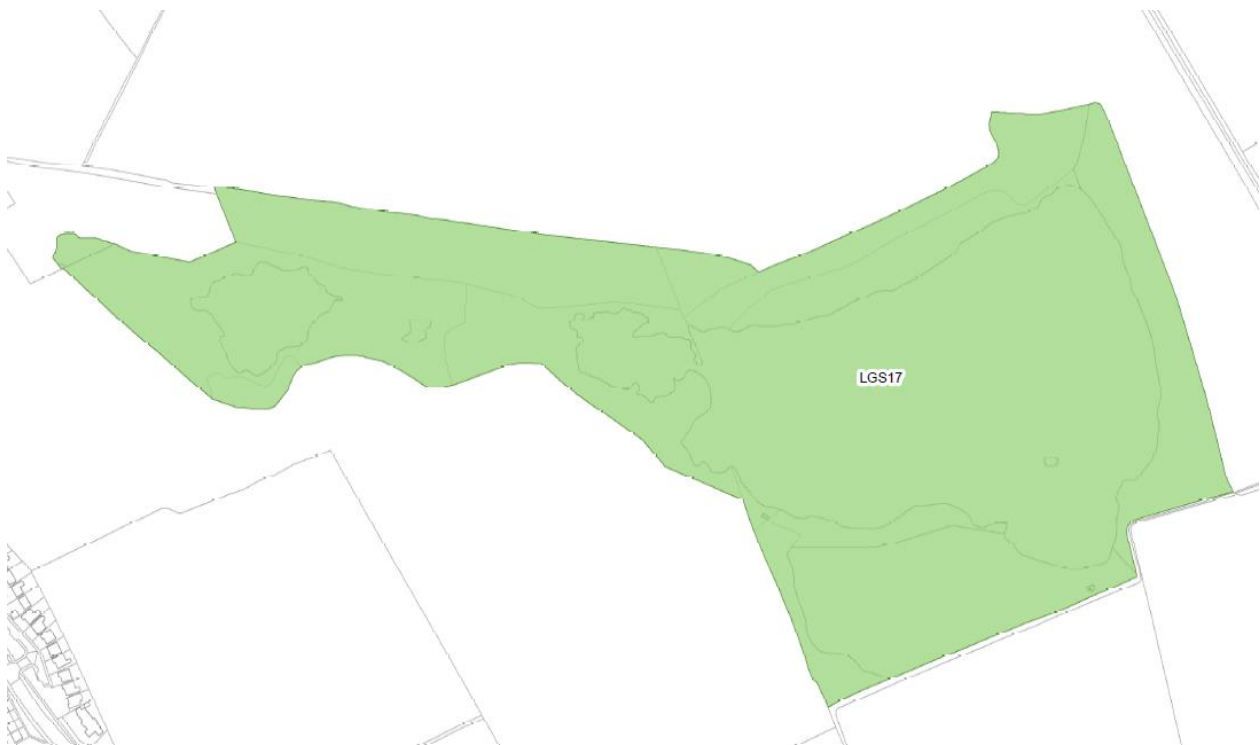


LGS16 Paddock to the south of Collywell Bay Road



Holywell:

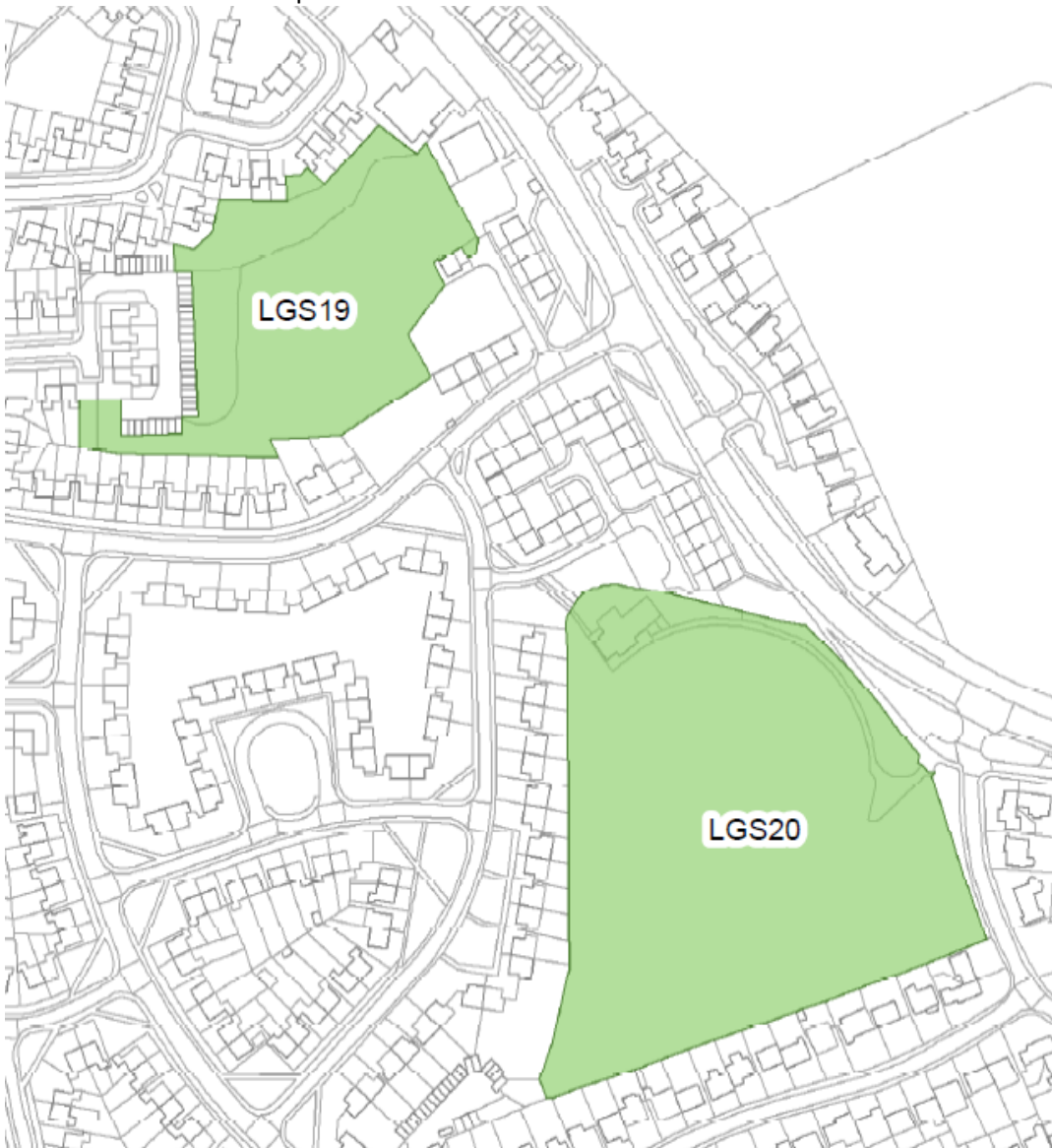
LGS17 Holywell Pond



LGS18 Land east of East Grange (old orchard site);



LGS19 Land east of Elsdon Avenue and Seaton Terrace Doctor's Surgery;
LGS20 Bates Welfare Sports Ground

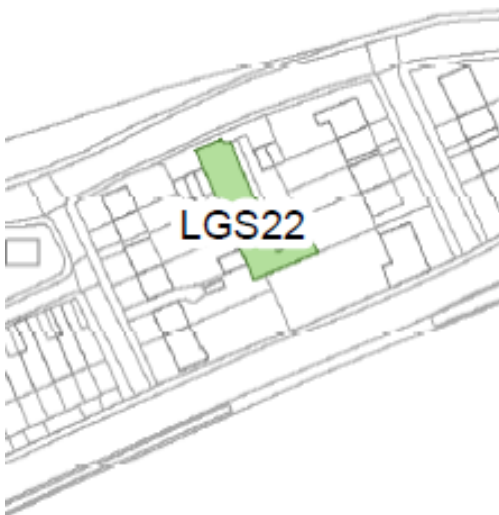


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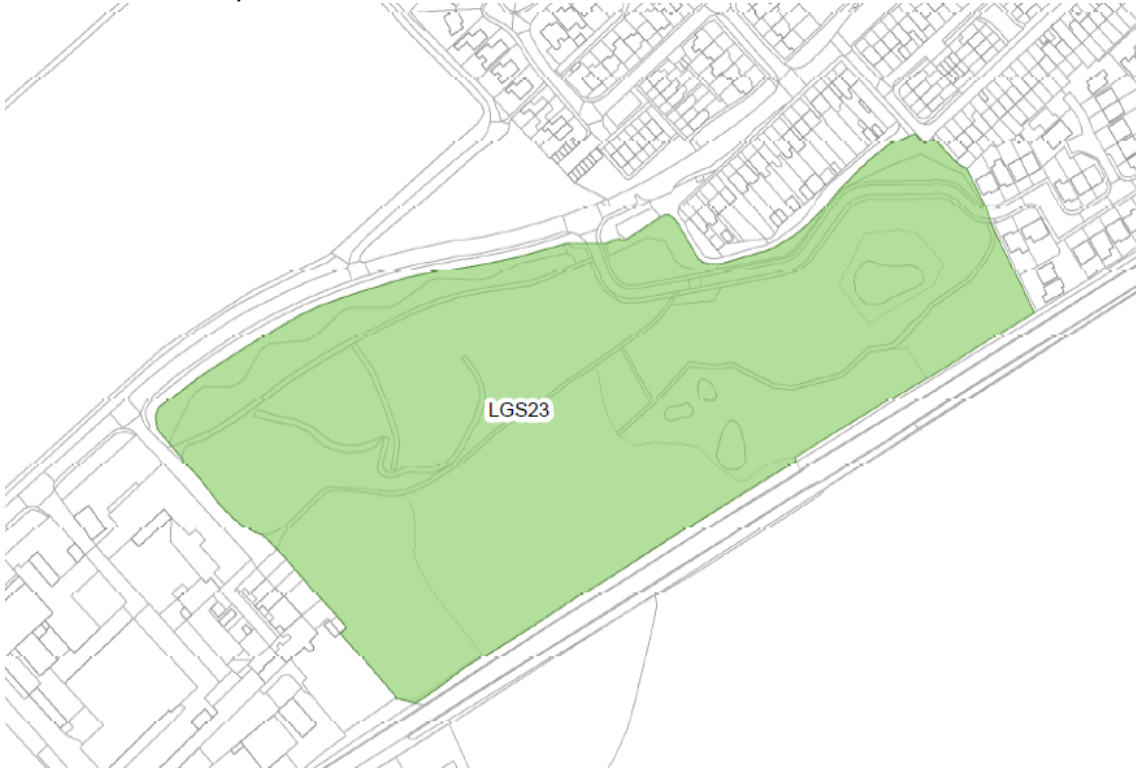
LGS21 New Hartley Memorial Recreation Field;



LGS22 Hester Pit Memorial;

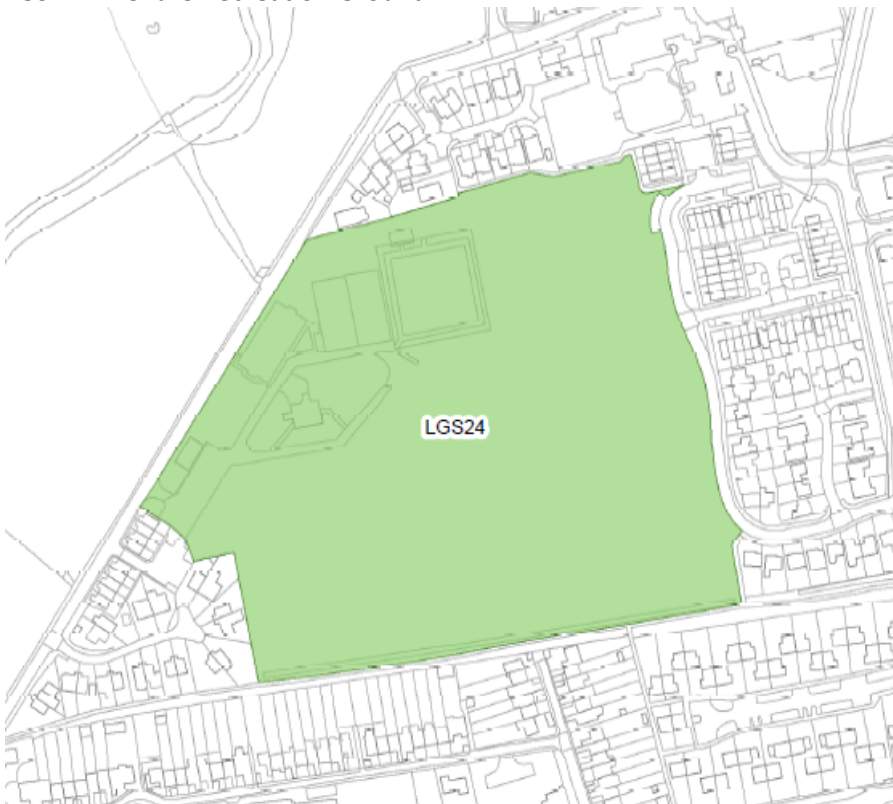


LGS23 New Hartley Nature Reserve;



Seghill:

LGS24 Welfare Recreation Ground.



Appendix 4 Protected Open Space Assessment

SVNP ref	NCC Ref	Site	Description of amenity value
Seaton Delaval			
POS01	6234	Lambley Crescent Play Park (Wheatridge Estate)	Amenity greenspace
POS02	3258	Mitford Avenue Play Park and Football Arena	Play area and outdoor sports
POS03	-	Cat Park, Avenue Head	Amenity greenspace
POS04	3148	Hallington Drive Play Park	Play area and amenity greenspace
POS05	3281	Ancroft Road allotments	Allotment
POS06	3281	Seghill Road allotments	Allotment
POS07	3282	Baxter Terrace allotments	Allotment
POS08	3303	Dartford Close allotments	Allotment
POS9	3303	Seaton Terrace allotments	Allotment
POS10	3303	Victoria Close allotments	Allotment
POS11	-	Land between the rear of Avenue Road and Glanton Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS12	-	Land on Western Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS13	-	Land between Western Avenue and St Stephen's Close	Amenity greenspace
POS14	-	Land at St Stephen's Close	Amenity greenspace
POS15	-	Land behind Melrose Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS16	-	Land behind Newburgh Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS17	-	Land behind Thornhill Close	Amenity greenspace
POS18	3345	Land at Ambridge Way and Jackson Close	Natural and semi-natural greenspace
POS19	3213	Land at Denham Drive	Amenity greenspace
POS20	3010	Football ground, Wheatridge Park	Outdoor sports
POS21	3292	Wheatridge allotments	Allotment
POS22	-	Rear of Acomb Avenue	Amenity green space
Seaton Sluice			
POS23	3049	Play Park at Beresford welfare and grassed areas	Play area and amenity greenspace
POS24	3051	Crag Park Sports Ground	Outdoor sports
POS25	3150	Hartley Square Play Park	Play area and amenity greenspace
POS26	3285	Beresford Road allotments	Allotment
POS27	3299	West Terrace allotments	Allotment
POS28	-	Dene Top allotments	Allotment
POS29	3201	Land at east end of Derwent Road	Amenity greenspace
POS30	-	Land between Westlands and Easedale	Amenity greenspace

SVNP ref	NCC Ref	Site	Description of amenity value
POS31	3051	Land at East Farm Cottages, Eastcroft to Old Hartley Car Park	Natural and semi-natural greenspace
POS32	3051	Old Hartley Caravan and Motorhome site	Natural and semi-natural greenspace
POS33	-	Land between Beresford Road and The Crest, Dereham Road and Granville Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS34	3199	Land west of Millfield	Amenity greenspace
POS35	3199	Land between the rear of Southward Close and Millfield	Amenity greenspace
POS36	-	Land on Melton Crescent	Amenity greenspace
POS37	-	Land south of Rosewood Crescent	Amenity greenspace
POS38	-	Land at the rear of the Harbour View	Amenity greenspace
POS39	-	Land to the east of Clarence Street	Amenity greenspace
Holywell			
POS40	3263	Play Park and land at Seaton Terrace	Play area and amenity greenspace
POS41	3283	Coppergate allotments	Allotment
POS42	3308	Halls Farm allotments and Holywell Veteran's Hut	Allotment
POS43	-	Land between the rear of Chatham Close and Sandown Close	Amenity greenspace
POS44	-	Land between the rear of Stamford Avenue and Brentwood Close	Amenity greenspace
POS45	-	Land between the rear of Denham Drive and Staward Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS46	-	Land between the rear of Tillmouth Avenue and Denham Drive	Amenity greenspace
POS47	-	Land on Cheswick Road	Amenity greenspace
POS48	3328	Land at west end of Northside Place	Amenity greenspace
POS49	-	Land between the rear of Acomb Avenue and Swarland Road	Amenity greenspace
POS50	-	Land adjacent to the Milbourne Arms	Amenity greenspace
New Hartley			
POS51	-	Hastings Gardens Play Park	Play area
POS52	3279	Gloria Avenue allotments	Allotment

SVNP ref	NCC Ref	Site	Description of amenity value
POS53	-	Memorial field allotments	Allotment
POS54	3208	Land on Bristol Street between Dorchester Court and Chipchase Court	Amenity greenspace
Seghill			
POS55	-	Deneside Play Park	Play area and amenity greenspace
POS56	-	The Crescent Play Park	Play area and amenity greenspace
POS57	-	Land between the rear of The Crescent and shops on Main Street South	Amenity greenspace
POS58	3216	Land between Front Street and Northcott Gardens	Amenity greenspace
POS59	-	Land at the west end of Reid's lane next to Annitsford Road	Amenity greenspace
POS60	-	Land at the rear of houses on Laycock Gardens and Barrass Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS61	3214	Land at the rear of Burnlea Gardens	Amenity greenspace
POS62	3215	Land between Station Road and Barrowburn Place	Amenity greenspace
POS63	-	Land in the middle of Barrowburn	Amenity greenspace
POS64	-	Land between Station Road and Blaketown	Amenity greenspace
POS65	3151	Esmeralda Gardens	Amenity greenspace
POS66	3349	Brickwork Reclamation site	Amenity greenspace
POS67	-	Mill Lane Allotments	Allotments
POS68	-	Land on the junction of Backworth Lane and Annitsford Road	Amenity greenspace

Appendix 5 Protected Open Space Maps

Seaton Delaval:

POS1 Lambley Crescent Play Park (Wheatridge Estate);



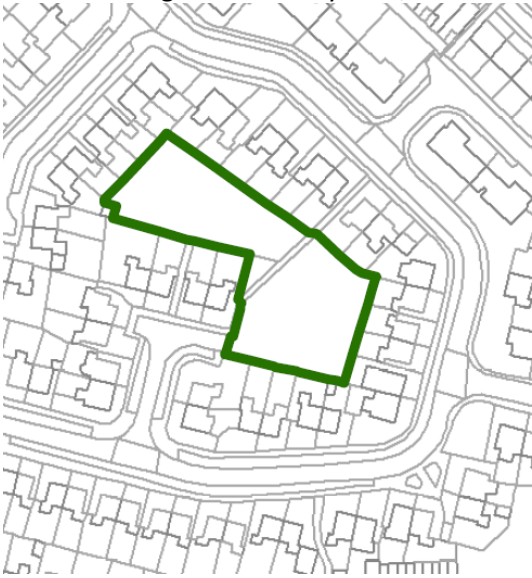
POS2 Mitford Avenue Play Park and Football Arena;



POS3 Cat Park, Avenue Head;



POS4 Hallington Drive Play Park;



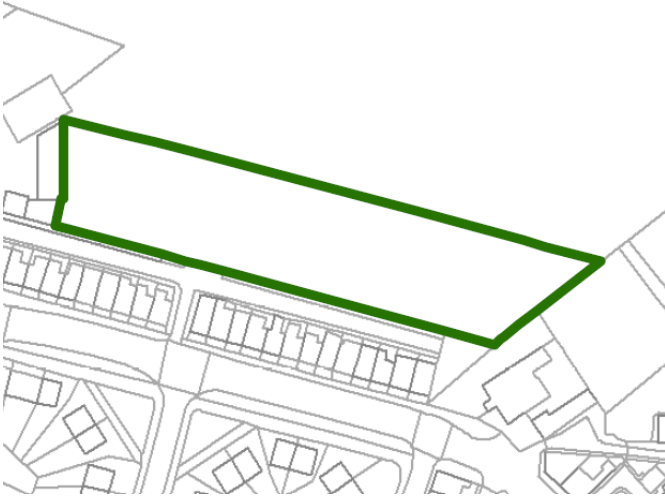
POS5 Ancroft Road allotments;



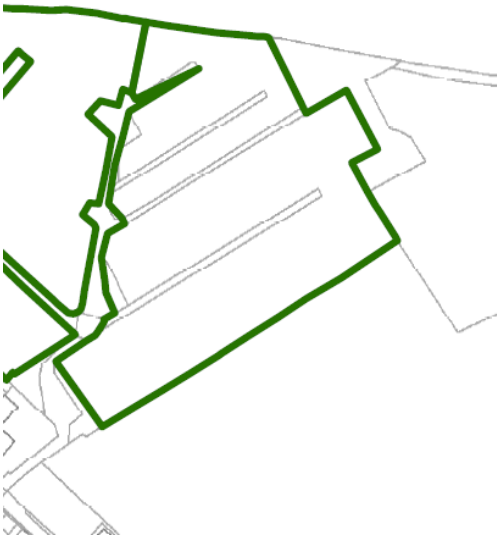
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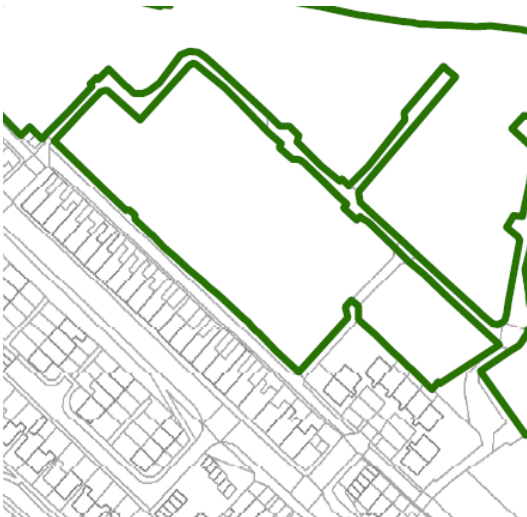
POS7 Baxter Terrace allotments;



POS8 Dartford Close allotments;



POS9 Seaton Terrace allotments;



POS10 Victoria Close allotments;



POS11 Land between the rear of Avenue Road and Glanton Avenue;



POS12 Land on Western Avenue;



POS13 Land between Western Avenue and St Stephen's Close;



POS14 Land at St Stephen's Close;



POS15 Land behind Melrose Avenue;



POS16 Land behind Newburgh Avenue;



POS17 Land behind Thornhill Close;



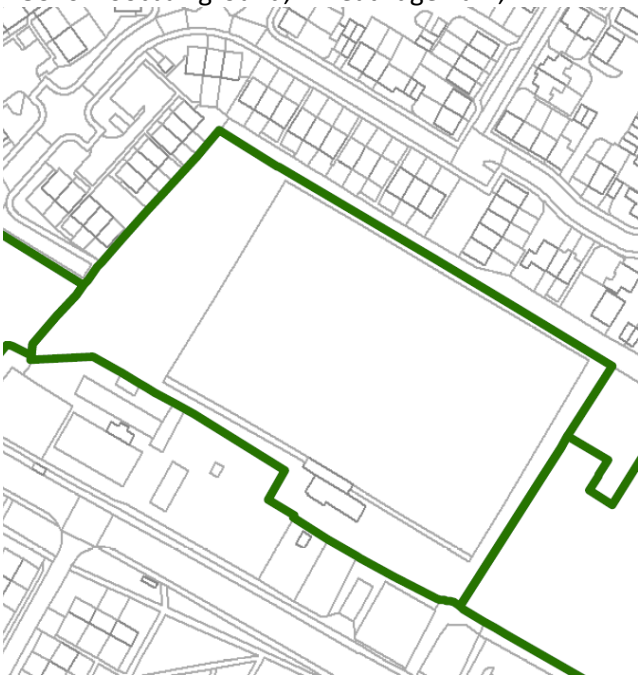
POS18 Land at Ambridge Way and Jackson Close;



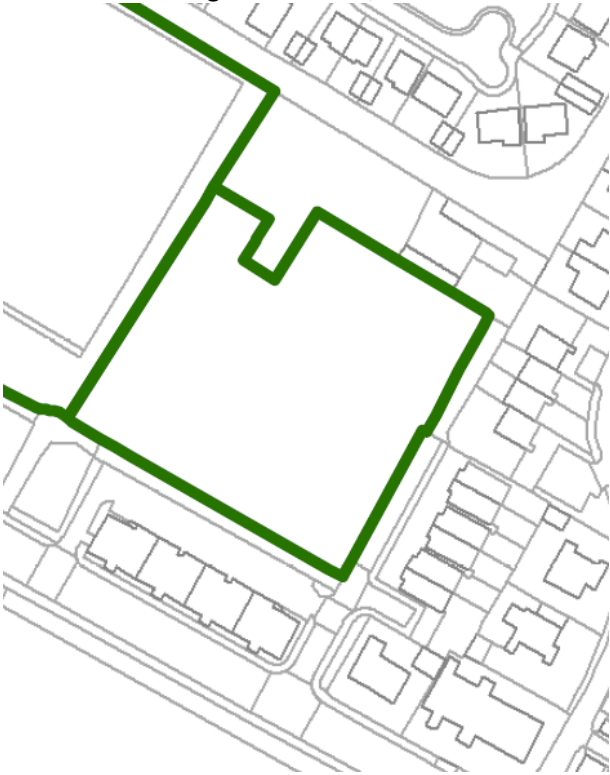
POS19 Land at Denham Drive;



POS20 Football ground, Wheatridge Park;



POS21 Wheatridge allotments;



POS22 Rear of Acomb Avenue;

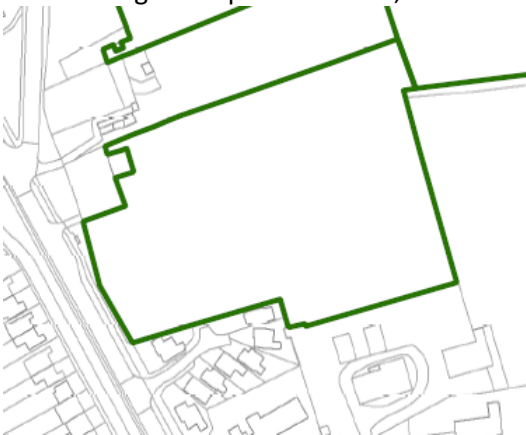


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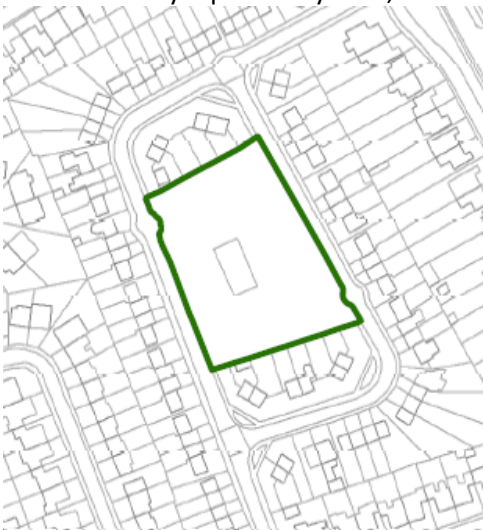
POS23 Play Park at Beresford welfare and grassed areas;



POS24 Crag Park Sports Ground ;



POS25 Hartley Square Play Park;



POS26 Beresford Road allotments;



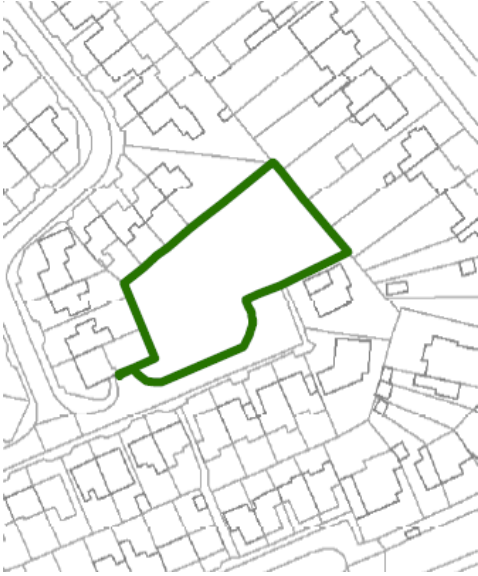
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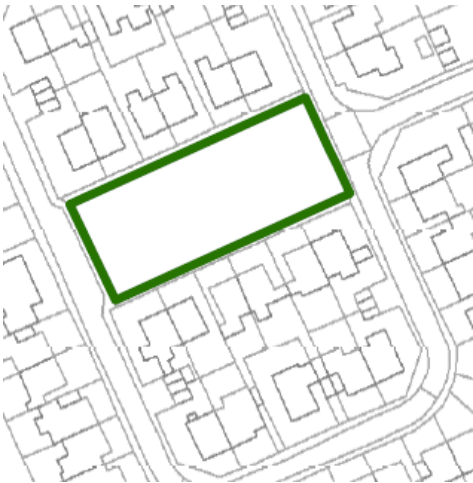
POS28 Dene Top allotments;



POS29 Land at east end of Derwent Road;



POS30 Land between Westlands and Easedale;



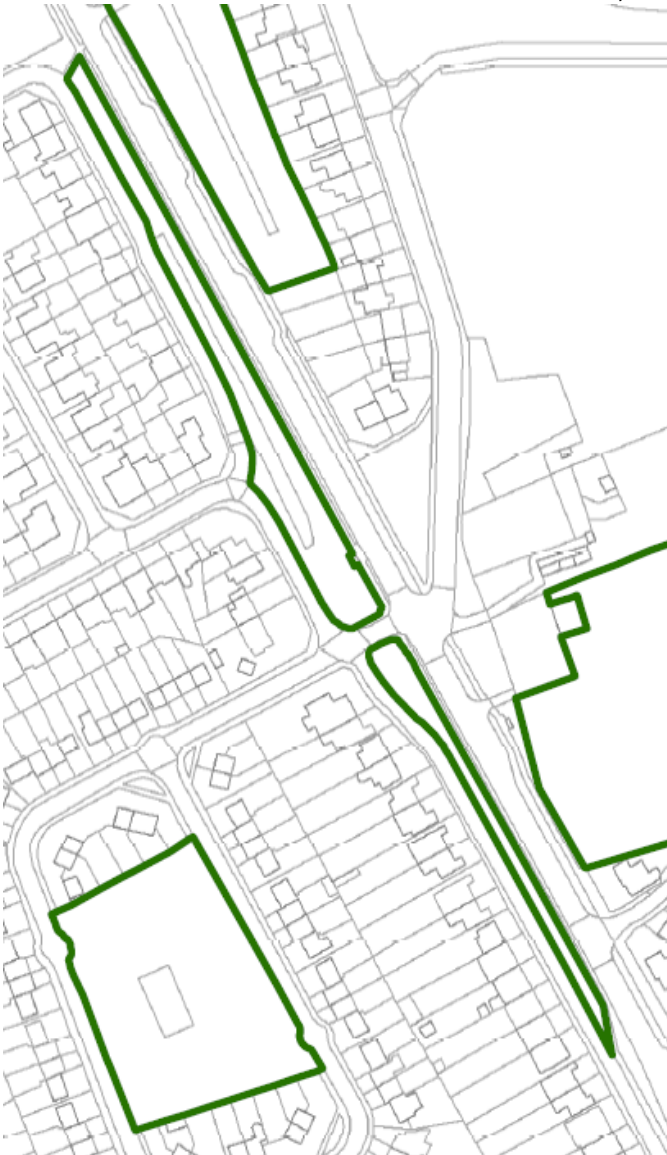
POS31 Land at East Farm Cottages, Eastcroft to Old Hartley Car Park;



POS32 Old Hartley Caravan and Motorhome site;



POS33 Land between Beresford Road and The Crest, Dereham Road and Granville Avenue;



POS34 Land west of Millfield;



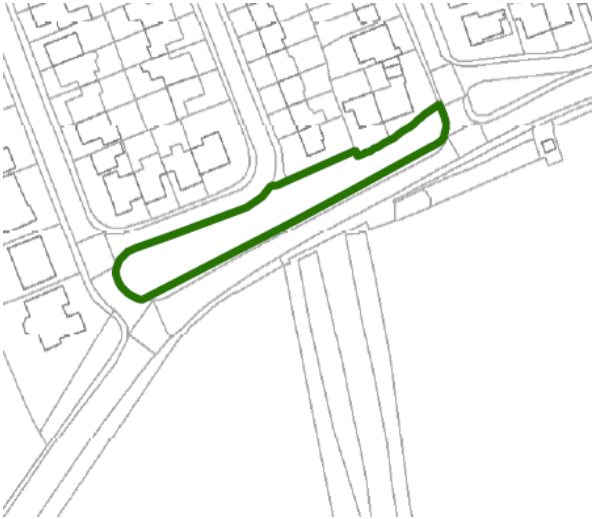
POS35 Land between the rear of Southward Close and Millfield;



POS36 Land on Melton Crescent;



POS37 Land south of Rosewood Crescent;



POS38 Land at the rear of the Harbour View;



POS39 - Land to the east of Clarence Street

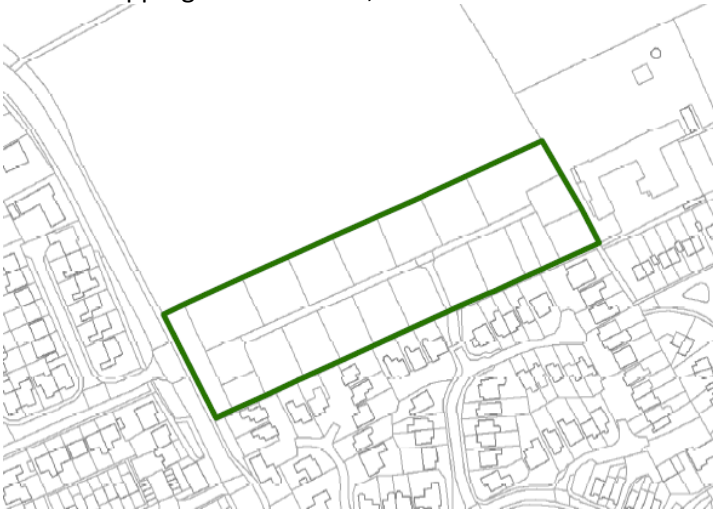


Holywell:

POS40 Play Park and land at Seaton Terrace;



POS41 Coppergate allotments;



POS42 Halls Farm allotments and Hollywell Veteran's Hut;



POS43 Land between the rear of Chatham Close and Sandown Close;



POS44 Land between the rear of Stamford Avenue and Brentwood Close;



POS45 Land between the rear of Denham Drive and Staward Avenue;



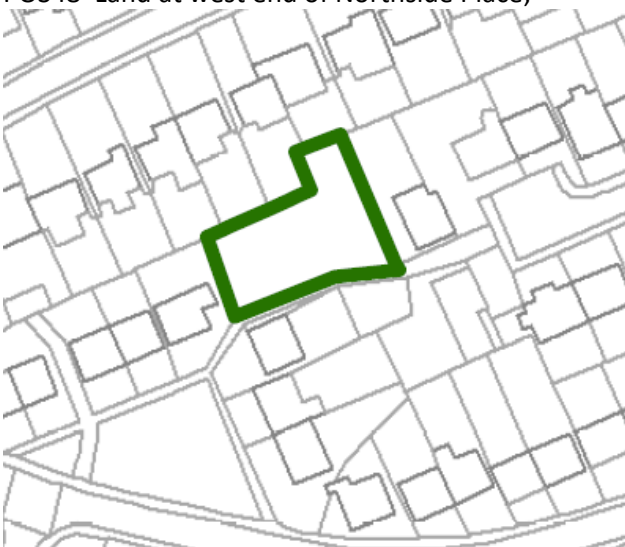
POS46 Land between the rear of Tillmouth Avenue and Denham Drive;



POS47 Land on Cheswick Road;



POS48 Land at west end of Northside Place;



POS49 Land between the rear of Acomb Avenue and Swarland Road;



POS50 Land adjacent to the Milbourne Arms



New Hartley:

POS51 Hastings Gardens Play Park;



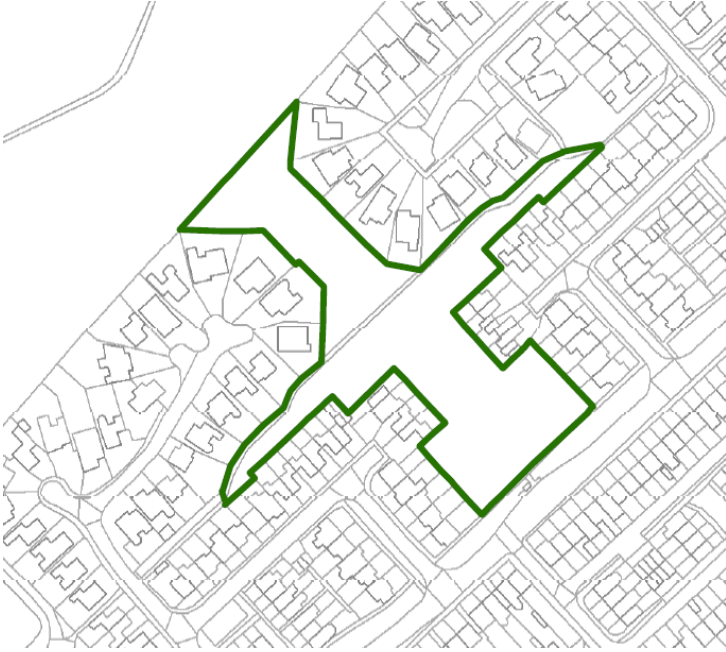
POS52 Gloria Avenue allotments;



POS53 Memorial field allotments;

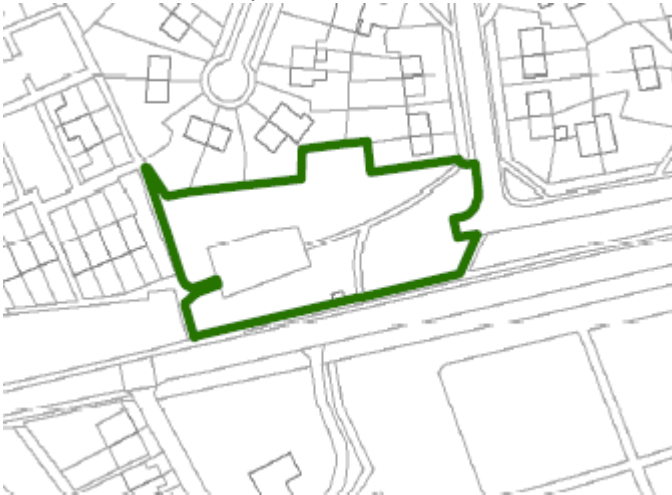


POS54 Land on Bristol Street between Dorchester Court and Chipchase Court;



Seghill:

POS55 Deneside Play Park;



POS56 The Crescent Play Park;



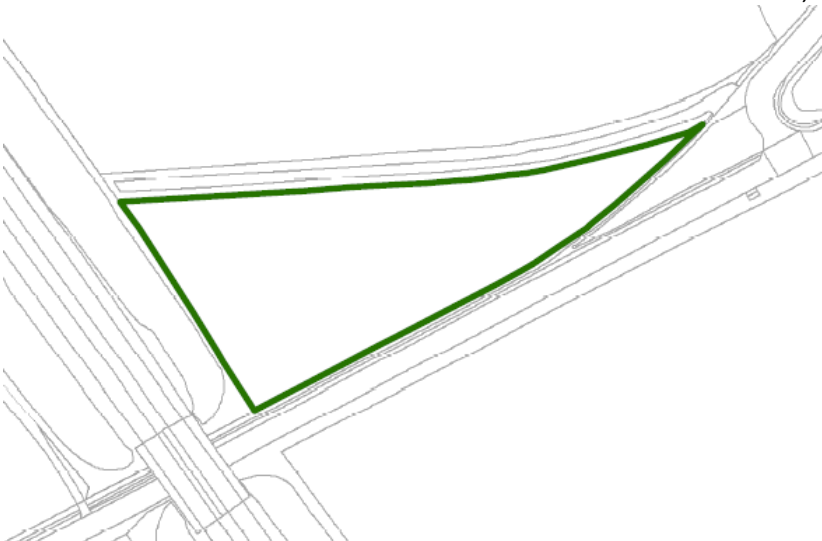
POS57 Land between the rear of The Crescent and shops on Main Street South;



POS58 Land between Front Street and Northcott Gardens;



POS59 Land at the west end of Reid's lane next to Annitsford Road;



POS60 Land at the rear of houses on Laycock Gardens and Barrass Avenue;



POS61 Land at the rear of Burnlea Gardens;



POS62 Land between Station Road and Barrowburn Place;



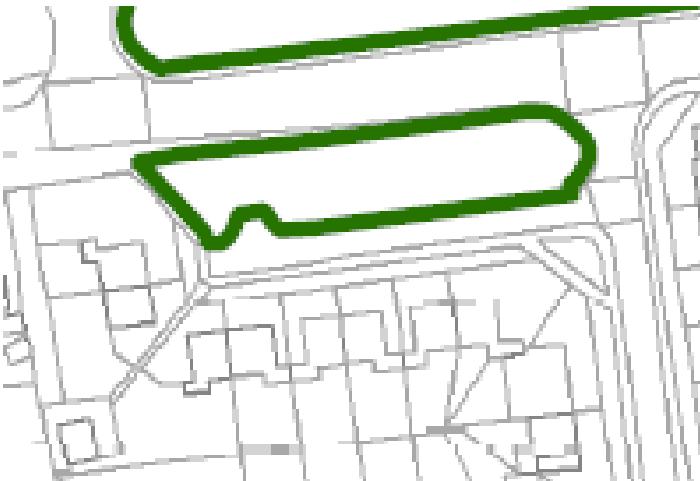
POS63 Land in the middle of Barrowburn Place;



POS64 Land between Station Road and Blaketown;



POS65 Esmeralda Gardens.



POS66 Brickwork Reclamation site



POS67 – Mill Lane Allotments



POS68 – Land on the junction of Backworth Lane and Annitsford Road

