

Norton Juxta Kempsey Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Evidence Base

GREEN SPACE BACKGROUND PAPER

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1.0 Introduction

1.1. This paper pulls together all the evidence associated with assessing the quality and the importance of areas of Green Space in the Parish of Norton Juxta Kempsey (NJK). The purpose of these assessments is to identify those areas that hold a particular importance to the community, which if designated as Local Green Space (LGS) in the NJK Neighbourhood Plan would be protected from inappropriate development.

1.2. LGS was introduced by the Government in 2012, and enables communities to protect green areas which are particularly significant to them. It does not mean that all areas of green space can be protected from development and Planning Practice Guidance is clear that any designation should be consistent with the strategic aims of the local plan which in this case is the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). This tool cannot be used as a means of preventing the wider development needs of the district.

1.3. Green space, also described as green infrastructure in planning terms, is really important and contributes to the quality and distinctiveness of the local environment. It creates opportunities for walking and physical activity, generally adding to quality of life. It can be diverse in character and can include formal parks and gardens, informal grassed areas, linear paths, sports pitches and various other kinds of landscaped area.

1.4. In considering the quality and significance of green infrastructure in NJK the Neighbourhood Plan Group has, under the guidance of Brodie Planning Associates, created a Green Space Audit (see appendix 2). This exercise was followed by a more detailed assessment of each site using a consistent and transparent methodology to evaluate its potential for allocating it as LGS (chapter 4 and appendix 2). All this information and the process the group have followed is published within this document and has informed the production of the Neighbourhood Plan and the rationale for the sites chosen to allocate as LGS.

2.0 Policy Background

National Planning Policy

2.1 National planning policy and guidance is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) respectively.

2.2 The NPPF (2018) at paragraph 99 allows local communities, through local and neighbourhood plans, to identify areas of Local Green Space which are important to them and which should be provided special protection. It makes it clear that:

- identifying land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services; and
- Local Green Space should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

2.3 Paragraph 100 of the NPPF (2018) sets out the criteria that green space must meet in order to be designated as 'Local Green Space', it makes it clear that it will not be appropriate to designate most green areas or open space.

"The designation should only be used:

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

2.4 Paragraph 100 of the NPPF (2018) states that *"Local policy for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with policy for Green Belts."*

2.5 Additional guidance on Local Green Space designation is provided in Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) ID: 37 Paragraphs 005-022. Of particular relevance to the Honeybourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan are the following paragraphs.

- *"Designating any Local Green Space 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 Local Green*

Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making.” [Reference ID: 37-007-20140306].

- *“Local Green Space 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”. [Reference ID: 37-008-20140306].*
- *“If land is already protected by designation (e.g. AONB, conservation area), then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.”[Reference ID: 37-011-20140306].*
- *“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.” [Reference ID: 37-013-20140306].*
- *“The proximity of a Local Green Space 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.” [Reference ID: 37-014-20140306].*
- *“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.” [Reference ID: 37-015-20140306].*
- *“Provided land can meet the criteria at paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework there is no lower size limit for a Local Green Space.” [Reference ID: 37-016-20140306].*
- *“Some areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may already have largely unrestricted public access, though even in places like parks there may be some restrictions. However, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (e.g. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty).” [Reference ID: 37-017-20140306].*
- *“Areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may be crossed by public rights of way. There is no need to designate linear corridors as Local Green*

Space simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation.”[Reference ID: 37-018-20140306].

- *“A Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership. However, the local planning authority (in the case of local plan making) or the qualifying body (in the case of neighbourhood plan making) should contact landowners at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan.” [Reference ID: 37-019-20140306].*
- *“Designating a green area as Local Green Space would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners.” [Reference ID: 37-020-20140306].*

Local Plan

2.6 The South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) was adopted on 25th February 2016. This is the Local Plan which is used to determine planning applications in the three local planning authority areas it covers – Wychavon District, Malvern Hills District, and Worcester City. It provides a set of rules which new development must follow, as well as allocating certain areas of land for new housing or employment.

2.7 Policy SWDP 2 (Development Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy) sets out the principles which should apply to new development in south Worcestershire. It also establishes a Settlement Hierarchy which steers future allocations and windfall development away from the open countryside and towards more sustainable settlements.

2.8 The parish of NJK contains the three villages of Norton, Littleworth and Hatfield and also includes the settlement of Brockhill Village. The parish boundary abuts Worcester City’s boundary to the north of Brockhill Village and as such the settlement of Brockhill falls within the allocated site SWDP45/1 Broomhall Community and Norton Barracks Community, which has been allocated as an area for urban extension.

2.9 The majority of the extension falls outside the parish of NJK, however a significant area does fall within the parish. As can be seen in the map overleaf the allocation washes over the existing settlement at Brockhill, identifies land for mixed use development and for commercial/ employment development, and more significantly for this background paper identifies areas of green space to be protected as local green network and a substantial area identified as a significant gap where a number of leisure facilities will be provided along with a small number of homes.

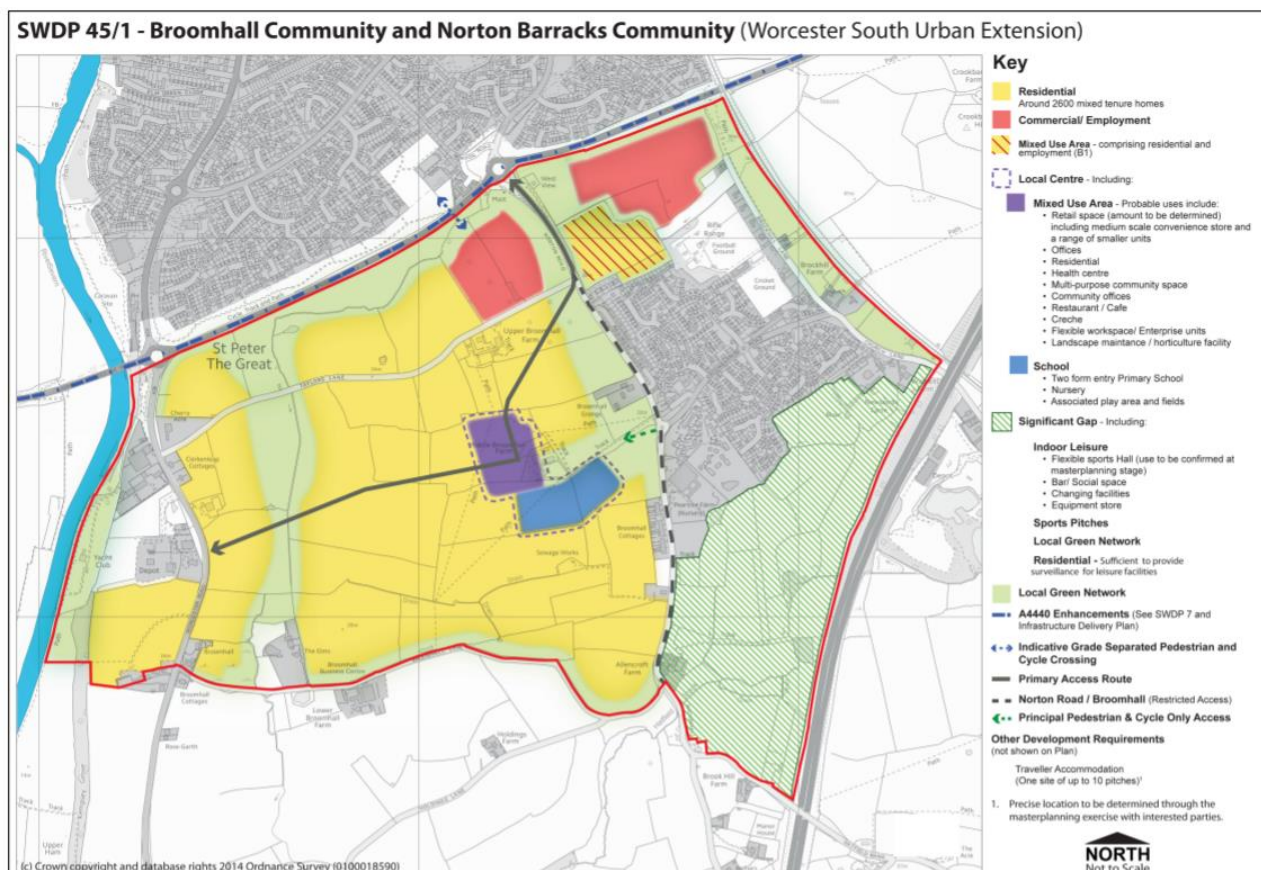


Figure 1 Extract from the South Worcestershire Development Plan

2.10 The importance of maintaining separation between settlements is recognised within the policy (SWDP45/1) and green space is being used to achieve this.

2.11 The smaller individual settlements of Norton and Littleworth have been identified as category 3 settlements within SWDP2, whilst Hatfield is classed as being in the open countryside. None of these villages have been allocated any development sites for the Plan period; however, all have development boundaries where the principle of infill development is acceptable subject to it meeting the requirements of other policies in the Plan. Any new development in these villages should predominately be aimed at meeting locally identified housing and employment needs.

2.12 The Policies Map for the SWDP shows the location of the development boundary for all of the settlements (SWDP 2), and a designated green space under (SWDP 38 Green Space) known as Littleworth School Playing Field.

2.13 In considering green space account has also been taken of other policies in the SWDP including SWDP 5 Green Infrastructure; and SWDP 39 Provision for Green Space and Outdoor Community Uses in New Development.



Figure 2 Extract from SWDP showing Green Space

2.14 Other designations have also been considered aside from those already mentioned above including conservation designations. There is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in the parish at Cooksholme Meadows, and a site of local or regional wildlife importance, called Norton Brickpits. Public Rights of Way crisscross the parish and the relevant maps have been reviewed on the Worcestershire County Council website.

Local Plan Evidence

2.15 As well as considering policies in the adopted Local Plan account has also been taken of its evidence base. This is so that when considering whether a site and its characteristics are locally significant or distinctive for example, there is some robust evidence to support this assumption and if necessary provide a reasoned justification for policies requiring any enhancements.

2.16 The parish of Norton Juxta Kempsey falls into three landscape types: Principal Settled Farmlands, Principal Timbered Farmlands and Wooded Estatelands as defined by the Worcestershire Landscape Assessment. These identify the important characteristics within these areas as well as setting out guidance for the future maintenance and enhancements of these areas.

2.17 Principal Settled Farmlands (shown in pink overleaf) have the following primary characteristics: hedgerow boundaries to fields, and moderate-to-high density settlement pattern of farmsteads and rural dwellings dispersed throughout the area. With secondary characteristics including mixed farming land use and rolling lowland with occasional steep-sided hills and escarpments.

2.18 Principal Timbered Farmlands (shown in green overleaf) also include hedgerow boundaries to fields, but have a more obvious ancient wooded character with a notable pattern of hedgerow trees, predominantly oak. The secondary characteristics include an organic enclosure pattern, a small-scale landscape, with hedgerow trees creating filtered views and rolling lowland with occasional steep-sided hills and low escarpments.

2.19 Wooded Estatelands (shown in yellow overleaf) are a large scale landscape of farmed land and woodland. Woodland including large discrete blocks of irregularly shaped woodland is a primary characteristic. The topography is rolling with occasional steep-sided hills and low escarpments and a semi-regular pattern of large hedged fields.

2.20 These documents are useful to understand the important features of the area and the conservation and enhancement opportunities to focus on when considering future development. The area is also covered by Natural England's Severn and Avon Vales Character Area.

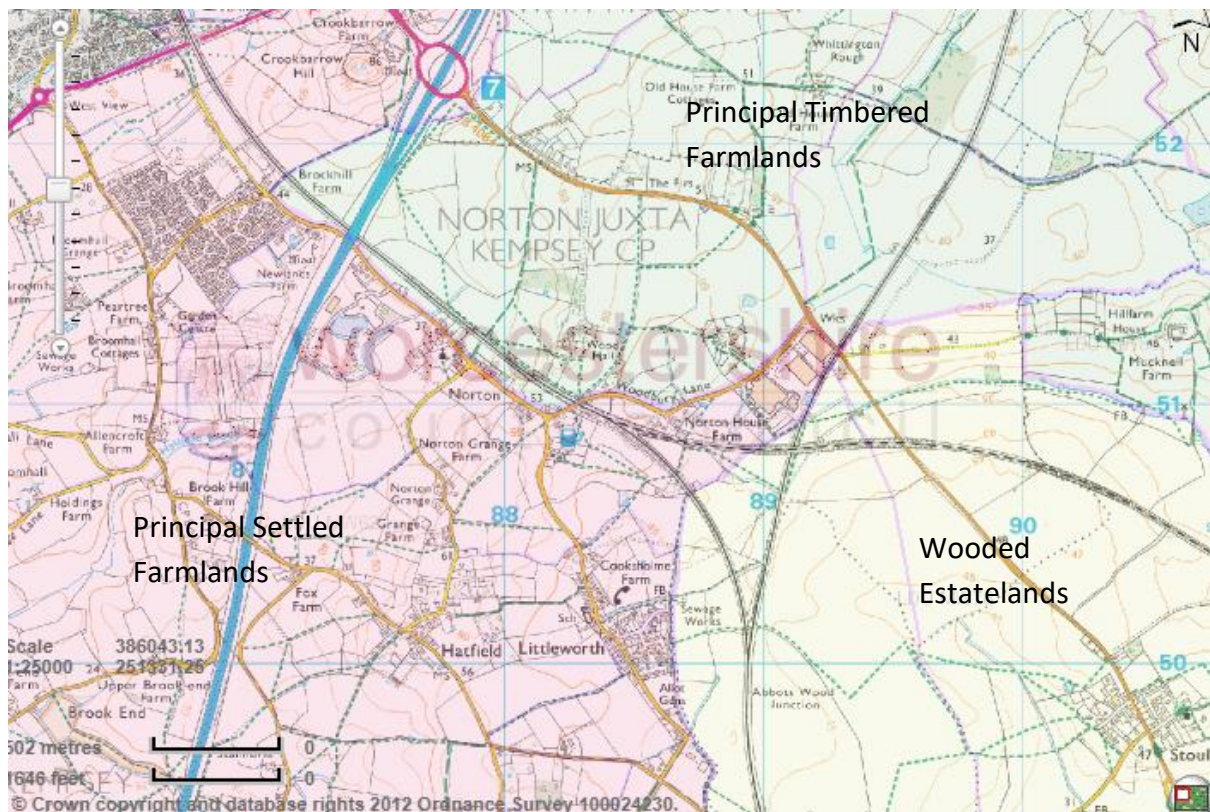


Figure 3 Landscape Character Area Map extract taken from Worcestershire County Council Landscape Character Area Interactive Map¹

2.21 In terms of SWDP Green Infrastructure Environmental Character Areas the parish is defined as Protect and Restore. This means that any development would not be permitted that has a detrimental impact on important GI attributes unless it can be demonstrated that it surplus to requirements or a replacement will be provided.

2.22 The Wychavon Sports Facilities Strategy 2015-30, August 2016² looks at built facilities and also sports pitches. Norton Juxta Kempsey has a football field and tennis court – the strategy states that the football pitch should be protected and enhanced. In terms of future supply there is also a requirement as part of the urban extension at Brockhill for further sports provision including pitches and multi-use games area (MUGA).

¹ <http://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/LandscapeCharacter/>

² <http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Wychavon-Sports-Facility-Strategy-Aug-2016.pdf>

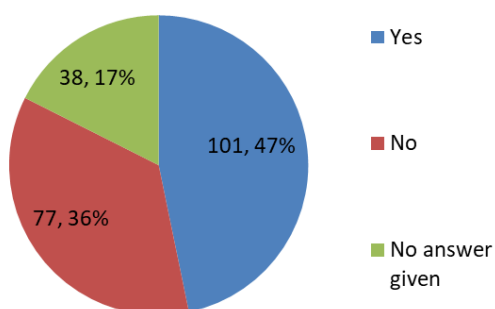
3.0 Residents Questionnaire Findings

3.1 The residents' survey was sent to every home in the parish (1100 homes) with the parish newsletter; households were asked to respond to a broad range of questions. 216 responses were received by the closing date, a 20% response rate.

3.2 The residents' survey did not specifically ask the community whether they would like the opportunity to designate areas as Local Green Space within a Neighbourhood Plan, however there were a number of questions that identified the level of use of some green spaces in the parish and how important the countryside and green spaces are to residents.

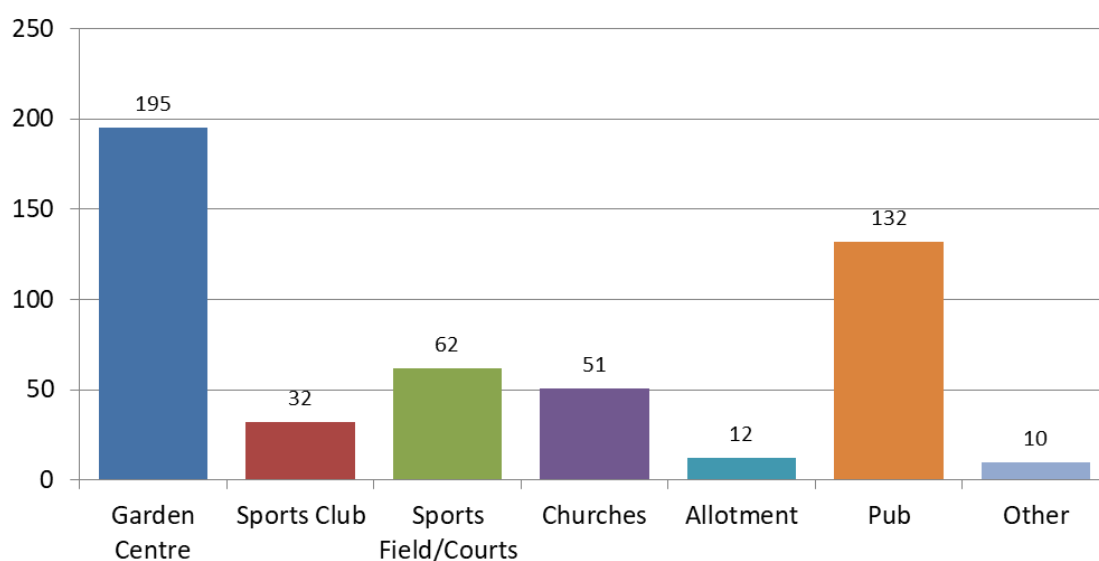
3.3 Question 3 asked whether members of the household use the facilities at Norton Parish Hall these include a number of outdoor facilities including tennis courts, a playing field and play equipment. 101 residents confirmed that they did use these facilities, 77 confirmed they didn't and 38 left the answer blank.

Do you or your children use the facilities at Norton Parish Hall?



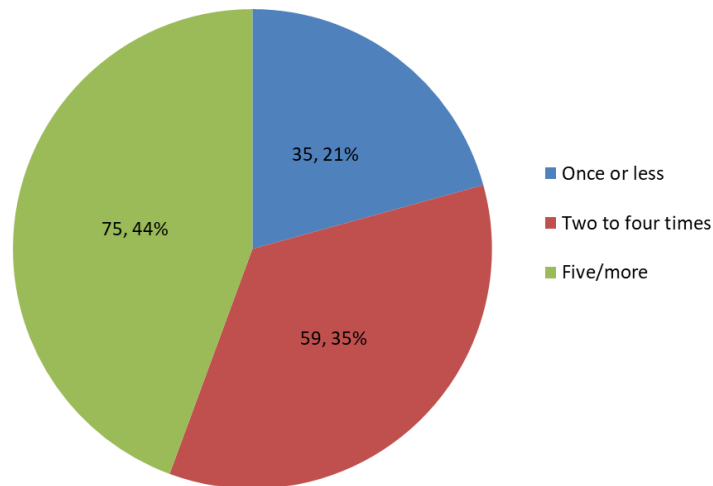
3.4 Question 6 asked about which facilities respondents had used in the neighbourhood area in the last year - and how many times they had used them. The options included among other built facilities the Sports Club, the Sports Field/Courts and the allotments. 15% of all respondents had used the Sports Club (Brockhill) in the last year, 29% the sports field/Courts (by the Village Hall) and 6% had used the allotments.

What other facilities in the Neighbourhood have you used in the last year?



3.5 Question 13 asked how often local residents used public rights of way, including footpaths and bridleways within the neighbourhood area. 147 stated that they used these public rights of way. The chart below demonstrates how many times per month households/ residents are using public rights of way.

Number of times per month residents that use public rights of way access them



3.6 Only 18 respondents to this question stated that they didn't use the public rights of way, with 3 stating it was because of livestock in the fields, 13 stating it was because they are overgrown and 2 stating that they are not interested.

3.7 At question 11 residents were asked to state what they consider to be the challenges facing the Neighbourhood Area. Many of the concerns raised were around the housing growth associated with the urban extension and the impact this will have on a range of factors along with the development of Worcestershire Parkway Railway Station. The concerns included the impact on existing infrastructure, the increased level of traffic and significantly to this document, the loss of important green space. Concern was expressed around the risk of losing the rural feel of the area given the level of proposed development in the SWDP. Several highlighted the importance of retaining the separate identities for each of the settlements in the parish and preventing coalescence as well as the importance of maintaining a gap between the city and the rural settlements. Concerns were also raised over the loss the open countryside and the impact on the wider landscape and wildlife habitats.

3.8 As has been demonstrated through the results of the residents' questionnaire green spaces are important to Norton Juxta Kempsey in terms of the character and setting of the villages and surrounding areas; as an important recreational resource; and also as a habitat to wildlife.

4.0 The Process

4.1 Having identified that green space was important to the community the Neighbourhood Plan group embarked on identifying green spaces in the parish as part of a Green Space Audit.

4.2 The group were encouraged to identify all the green spaces in the parish. This included: informal green spaces; village greens; allotments; cemeteries; highway verges; parks and gardens; footpaths and cycle routes; rural footpaths and nature trails; sports pitches; Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and other landscaped areas.

4.3 This resulted in a comprehensive list of green spaces in the parish that were captured during a walkabout, this list can be found at appendix 1. This list was reviewed by the group at a meeting in January 2019 and 16 green spaces were considered appropriate to include in a Green Space Audit (see appendix 2). A further walkabout was conducted through Brockhill Village after the meeting and another four green spaces were added to the audit at appendix 2. Each of the 20 sites is listed in the Green Space Audit with a description of the type of land it is and the purpose it has; whether there is any statutory designation afforded to the land; the quality and condition of the space; and the value and benefit the space brings to the community.

4.4 To avoid criticism and to ensure that green space assessments were undertaken in a robust and transparent way, all 20 sites then underwent a green space site assessment.

4.5 Three members of the steering group undertook all of the assessments under the guidance of Brodie Planning Consultants. This helped with consistency in the way the criteria was interpreted, and avoided any individual opinions dominating the assessment. The members were invited to declare any interests and were not allowed to assess sites where they may have a prejudicial interest in (e.g. owning the land being considered). In accordance with the groups commitment to transparency the assessors' initials are listed at the top of each site assessment.

4.6 Members of the steering group visited the sites to take photographs and came together in March 2019 to complete the assessment forms (published at appendix 4). Based on the principles established in the NPPF and PPG the sites were required to meet three specific criteria they had to:

- be in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community;
- demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance; and
- be local in character/ scale i.e. not an extensive tract of land.

4.7 The first and third bullet points were easier to determine, as close proximity was considered to be within 800m-1km, and in the case of the latter any large swathes of fields on the edge of the settlement were not considered to be local in character as defined by the NPPG. The second bullet point however, required a lot more detailed consideration. Under this overarching criterion a number of questions were asked to determine whether there was enough evidence to propose the site as LGS. Not all of these questions needed to be answered positively for a site to be considered suitable for LGS designation, but the group needed to be confident that at least one or a combination of them was met to demonstrate that the site was special to the local community and held a particular local significance.

4.8 The questions used to ascertain this were:

- Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site?
- Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside?
- Does the site have special historic significance or features?
- Does the site have recreational value?
- Is the site particularly tranquil?
- Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat?
- Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement?
- Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people?
- Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people?

4.9 In considering whether a space was demonstrably special to a local community, local knowledge of the level of use was used at this stage. All sites considered along with this background paper will be consulted on in the community and with stakeholders as part of a consultation event.

4.10 Each of these assessments (published at appendix 4), were reviewed by the steering group that attended the shortlisting meeting on 26 March 2019. At this meeting the compliance of each site was considered against the NPPF criteria using the assessment forms and it was decided whether they should be shortlisted.

4.11 15 of the sites were considered to meet the criteria for designating as Local Green Space. A brief overview of the reason for designation for each of the sites is given below.

Site of the War Memorial at the junction of Church Lane and Hatfield Lane (Ref 1.)

4.12 This site is the location of an important historic monument that is not protected by a statutory designation but is important to the history of the parish. It is close proximity to the community it serves and is very small in size. The group consider it appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Grounds, including grave yard, surrounding St James the Great (Ref 2.)

4.13 This site is of historic significance and provides a tranquil setting for the Church and graveyard. There are a number of trees on site providing habitats for a range of species. The site is in close proximity to the community it serves and is not an extensive tract of land. Although the site is somewhat protected by the fact it provides an important setting for a Grade II* Listed Church the group consider it appropriate to designate as Local Green Space to ensure it retains its openness.

Large grass verge and hedgerow at Regiment Close (Ref 3.)

4.14 This site provides an important open space for the community around it as it improves their outlook, reduces noise and provides screening and amenity space for residents. It is immediately adjacent to the community and is small in scale therefore the group consider it appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Grassed areas either side of Crookbarrow Road (by bus stop) (Ref 4.)

4.15 This site provides an important open space at a gateway into the settlement; it is important to the setting of the village and will shortly be home to a statue of a WW1 Sentry. The land has amenity, ecological and recreational value, it is immediately adjacent to the settlement and is small in scale. Therefore the group consider it is appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Land in front of Norton College (Ref 6.)

4.16 This site provides important screening for the college in particular from the road noise and distractions. It is particularly significant to the school as it forms an important function and it is therefore considered appropriate to designate this area as Local Green Space to conserve this use.

Green space at High Park - off B4084 (Ref 7.)

4.17 This site provides an important buffer to residents of High Park. It preserves the rural feel for residents in this street by providing screening, a pleasant outlook and a noise barrier from traffic on the busy B4084. It is important that this area of green space is maintained as enhances the residents' of High Park quality of life and is not an extensive tract of land. Therefore the group consider it is appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Farmland adjacent to north east of Brockhill Lane (Ref 8.)

4.18 This site provides important grazing land for the farm and represents the agricultural heritage of the area. There is bridleway access across the land but the land is primarily private land. This land performs an important function in preserving the rural feel of the area, providing screening, a pleasant outlook and a noise barrier from the railway line it forms part of a wider green network. It is immediately adjacent to the settlement and is not an extensive tract of land. Therefore the group consider it appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Former football ground, Brockhill (Ref 9.)

4.19 This site provides an important community facility and is used for recreational use. It is important that this area of open space is retained and therefore the group consider it appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Cricket Ground, Brockhill (Ref 10.)

4.20 This site provides an important community facility, having both recreational use and amenity value. The cricket ground is important to the setting of the Barracks listed building and forms an attractive break in the settlement. It is surrounded by development and is small in scale it is therefore considered appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Croquet Lawn, Brockhill (Ref 11.)

4.21 This site is an important community facility and used for recreational use. It is within the community it serves and is a small area of green space. Therefore the group consider it is appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Allotments, Wadborough Road, Littleworth (Ref 13.)

4.22 This site is home to a well-used area of allotments providing space for the members of the community to grow their own produce. It is an important habitat to wildlife with trees and hedgerow. It is within the settlement of Littleworth and is not an extensive tract of land. The group consider it is appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Parish hall land including playing field (Ref 14.)

4.23 This land provides important sports provision for the community and public open space. It is important to school and pre-school for use as forest school. It is well contained, adjacent to the settlement and it not an extensive tract of land, therefore the group consider it appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Norton Juxta Kempsey First School, playing field, Littleworth (Ref 15.)

4.24 This land provides important open space for the school having recreational value and is important to the health and well-being of the children. The area is fairly small and is within the curtilage of the school therefore it is considered appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Trees at Salamanca Drive (Ref 16.)

4.25 This land provides important amenity space for residents of Salamanca Drive. The trees are protected with TPOs and are of ecological value. The open space is important to the setting of this part of the village therefore it is considered appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Area between Ypres close and Nive Gardens and Area between Seine Close and Nivelle Grove. (Ref 18.)

4.26 This land provides an attractive outlook for the residents of these streets and is an important play area for children. There are a number of trees and hedges that are of

ecological importance. The area is located within the community and is small in scale; it is therefore considered appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

4.27 There were a further five sites that were discounted. They were land in front of Retreat Public House (Ref 5.), the wide verge to the east of Wadborough Road (Ref 12.), the embankment at the corner of Salamanca Drive, the balancing pond at Rolica Fields, and a small area of land at Gazala Drive.

4.28 The land in front of the Retreat Public House at the time of writing is expected to be reconfigured as part of a cycle route to the new Railway Station therefore it not considered appropriate to designate it as Local Green Space.

4.29 There was insufficient evidence of the importance of the verge along Wadborough Road and the embankment at the corner of Salamanca Drive to the community for the group to propose designating them as Local Green Spaces.

4.30 The balancing pond on Rolica Drive is considered to be protected by the important function it performs in managing surface water runoff and therefore does not need designating.

4.31 The area of land on Gazala Drive is very small and protected by a TPO therefore it is not considered necessary to designate this area as Local Green Space.

4.32 The group agreed that the shortlisted sites would be taken to the community as part of a consultation event to update the public on the progress and direction of the plan; and that ultimately the community would assist in deciding whether all the sites that have been selected by the steering group are designated as LGS in the draft plan.

4.33 The group arranged to share the shortlisted sites and background information at two events in the parish on the 21 and 22 February 2020. The public were notified by a flyer delivered to every household in the parish, large posters in prominent positions, online on the Parish Council's website and through social media. A brief survey will be carried out at each event to ascertain the community's opinions and the results will be summarised and published in this document

4.34 Prior to the events all known owners of the sites were written to notifying them of the Neighbourhood Plan group's intention to propose them to be designated as LGS and to seek clarification of ownership.

Appendix 1 List of Green spaces within the parish

Blue route: Winnells Farm - Church Lane – War Memorial – Hatfield Lane – Hatfield Bank – Broomhall – Norton Road – Crookbarrow Road – Winnells Farm.

Land on the right hand side as you pass under the Motorway Bridge

Land on the left hand side between Church Lane and the railway line up to the railway bridge on Woodbury Lane

Verges on the RH side at the entrance to SMH Fleet Solutions continuing up to the War Memorial

The land on which stands the War Memorial at the junction of Church Lane and Hatfield Lane

Land including the approach and grave yard surrounding St James the Great

Verges and hedges in Hatfield Lane up to the village of Hatfield

The car park at St James the Great

Verges and trees on the left hand side of Hatfield Village

Verges either side of Hatfield Bank towards Fox Farm on the junction with Fox Lane

Verges on the left and right pass Fox Lane towards the Motorway Bridge

Verges on the left and right hand side pass the Motorway Bridge to the junction of Hatfield Bank and Broomhall

Verges on the left and right hand side in Broomhall to St Peters Garden Centre

Verges on the left and right hand side from St Peters Garden Centre to the roundabout linking Broomhall to Norton Road and Crookbarrow Road.

The grassed area contained within the roundabout

The grassed area and hedgerow in front of the houses in Regiment Close

The grassed area and hedgerow in front of housing on the left and right hand side or Crookbarrow Road in the area of the bus stop on the right hand side and the lay-by on the right hand side.

The grassed area at the junction of Talavera Road and Crookbarrow Road by the bus stop

Grassed area on the right hand side by the Parish Notice Board and Bus Stop

Grassed area on the left hand side in front of Helena Close

Grassed area on exiting St Helena Close on the left hand side

Grassed area on the approach to Talavera Road

Grass plot in front of the houses in Gazala Drive

Grass plot on the bend right hand side of Church Lane and Brockhill Lane with seat

Verges and hedgerows at the start of Church Lane up to Winnells Farm.

Yellow Route: War Memorial – Retreat Pub – Woodbury Lane – B4084 – High Park – M5

Grass verges either side of Church Lane up to the Retreat

Grassed area turning left into Wadborough Road

Grassed area in front of the Retreat Pub

Grassed area opposite the Retreat Pub

Grassed area to the right prior to the bridge

Entering Woodbury Lane hedgerows and limited verges

Plot of land with trees opposite Norton Fields Farm

Verges on the left opposite Norton College

Grassed area with trees in front of Norton College

Woodbury Park grass verges opposite houses

Verges either side opposite the entrance to EnviroSort and Bibbys

Grass bank on the left hand side approaching the junction of Woodbury Lane and the B4084

Taking a left on the B4084 towards Junction 7 M5

Busy B road downgraded from an A road, trees either side.

Grass plots either side

Entering High Park – small cluster of houses located in a lay by off the B4084

Grassed area with trees in High Park

Red Route Junction of Crookbarrow Road with Brockhill Lane – continuing down to the end of Brockhill – returning and entering Worcester Sports Club.

The right hand side is allocated as Green space in the SWDP 45/1 Plan

This a narrow lane with verges and trees either side

Passing the entrance to Worcester Norton Sports Club Limited continuing down Brockhill Lane.

On the left hand side there is a number of residential properties with verges and hedgerows continuing down to the end of the Lane the trees on the right hand side

Now at the end of Brockhill where the public footpath accessing the footbridge across the new dual carriageway is under construction.

Returning up Brockhill Lane towards the entrance to the Sports Club – entering Norton Sports Club – large sports field on the right hand side of the track– bear left up past the car park – cricket nets to the left with the cricket field ahead in front of the rear entrances to Norton Barracks and the old Sgt Mess.

Grassed area containing nets to the left of the cricket field. Continuing up passed the nets towards the semi-detached properties on the perimeter of the cricket field. Taking the drive sign croquet club – croquet greens contained within hedgerows and the left hand side boundary wall.

Looking across the cricket field towards the rear entrance to the accommodation there are verges and trees planted within Brockhill Development.

Purple – White Route – Wadborough Road –Hatfield Lane - Hatfield

Junction of Woodberry Lane and Wadborough Road commencing by the Retreat Bus Stop

Verges in front of the Retreat already included

Verges on the left and right together with hedgerows

Footpath on the right hand side passes through a grassed area on which there is a seat.

Approaching Littleworth grass verges continue either side

Farm Verges continue on the left hand side passed the farmhouse while pavements continue of the right hand side.

Appendix 2 Green Space Audit

Ref	Address /Location	Estimated Site area (Ha unless stated)	What type is it (description and purpose)	Statutory Designation / Status	Quality and condition of space (including any deficiencies)	Value and benefit to community
1	Site of the War Memorial at the junction of Church Lane and Hatfield Lane	60m ²	Small triangular parcel of grassed land. Site of the war memorial, tree and bench on site.	None	The site is well maintained.	Important historic significance. Siting of Remembrance wreath. Bench on site.
2	Grounds, including graveyard, surrounding St James the Great	0.8	Large grassed area, graveyard, a number of significant trees and large wooded area to the east and north east. Setting for the Listed Church and graveyard.	Grade II* listed Church	The site is well maintained.	The site is of historic significance it provides a tranquil setting for the Church and graveyard.
3	Large grass verge and hedgerow at Regiment Close	0.2	Grassed area with paved walkway bounded by mature hedgerow with clustered trees	None	The site is well maintained by the council.	Provides important separation from the main road and dwellings. Improves outlook, reduces noise and provides screening and amenity space for residents.
4	Grassed areas either side of Crookbarrow Road (by bus stop)	0.2	Large open grassed areas bounded by mature hedgerow. Area to north and south open. The land will be used to site a statue in the future. Prominent open space on entering the village	None	The site is well maintained by the council.	Important to the setting and entry point to Brockhill.

Ref	Address /Location	Estimated Site area (Ha unless stated)	What type is it (description and purpose)	Statutory Designation / Status	Quality and condition of space (including any deficiencies)	Value and benefit to community
5	Land in front of Retreat Public House	396m ²	Large grassed verge with bench and footpath. Provides an area for sitting and improves the setting of the public house.	None	The site is well maintained	Important gateway into Littleworth. Creates open feel and provides sitting and footpath through site.
6	Land in front of Norton College	0.1	Grassed area with mature trees - Provides screening and separation of the industrial units from the rural setting of the lane.	None	The site is well maintained	Provides screening and separation of the industrial units from the rural setting of the lane.
7	Green space at High Park - off B4084	0.1	Grass verge heavily planted with established tree belt and hedgerow. Provides screening for housing and the busy B4084.	None	Site could be better maintained.	Preserves the rural feel for the residents of the street, providing screening a pleasant outlook and noise barrier.
8	Farmland adjacent to north east of Brockhill Lane	3	Grazing land bounded with well-established hedgerows and trees. Part of Brockhill Farm. Bridleway 500B crosses the north of the site.	SWDP45/1	Used for grazing - agricultural land	Provides important grazing land. Part of the agricultural heritage of the area. Provides bridleway access but primarily private land.
9	Former football ground, Brockhill	1.4	Converted to cricket ground, for community use		Good condition	Provides important sports provision for the community.

Ref	Address /Location	Estimated Site area (Ha unless stated)	What type is it (description and purpose)	Statutory Designation / Status	Quality and condition of space (including any deficiencies)	Value and benefit to community
10	Cricket Ground, Brockhill	1.3	Cricket Ground for community use		Good condition	Provides important sports provision for the community.
11	Croquet Lawn, Brockhill	0.2	Croquet Lawn for community use		Good condition	Provides important sports provision for the community.
12	Wide verge to the east of Wadborough Road	468m ²	Wide grass verge, trees, footpath and bench. Provides a resting point between the public house and the village of Littleworth.		Well maintained	Provides an attractive resting point between the pub and the village of Littleworth.
13	Allotments, Wadborough Road, Littleworth	1	Large area of allotments for community use.		Well maintained	Provides an important opportunity for community to grow own produce. Well used with a waiting list.
14	Parish hall land including playing field	2.5	Playing fields, tennis courts, forest school. Large grassed area, tarmac tennis courts and wooded area.		Well maintained	Provides important sports provision for the community and public open space. Important to school and pre-school for use as forest school. Public right of way along eastern boundary.
15	Norton Juxta Kempsey First School, playing field, Littleworth	0.7	School playing field and grounds	SWDP38	Well maintained	Provides important outside space for the school.

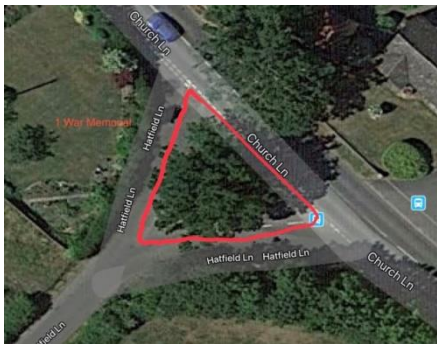
Ref	Address /Location	Estimated Site area (Ha unless stated)	What type is it (description and purpose)	Statutory Designation / Status	Quality and condition of space (including any deficiencies)	Value and benefit to community
16	Trees at Salamanca Drive	0.2	Significant Trees and grassed area	TPOs	Well maintained	Amenity space for those on Salamanca Drive, informal play. Historic significance from former Barracks
17	Corner of Salamanca embankment protection from shooting club	0.5	Embankment protection from shooting club and significant tree coverage	TPOs	Well maintained	Provides protection from shooting club
18	Area between Ypres close and Nive Gardens and Area between Seine Close and Nivelles Grove.	0.3	Trees, grass and children's play equipment	TPOs	Maintained by management company	Important play area for children.
19	Rolica Fields	0.1	Balancing pond		Unsure of who maintains	Important function as balancing pond for surface water from the development.
20	Small area on Gazala Drive	0.1	Grass and trees	TPOs	Well maintained	Small amenity area for residents adjacent to it.

Appendix 3 Site Assessment Form (blank)

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by:	Date:
Site Name / Ref:	
Site Address:	
Site Area:	
Description/ Overview Map and Photo to be inserted	
Current Use:	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc.):	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves?	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance?	
a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site?	
b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside?	
c) Does the site have special historic significance or features?	
d) Does the site have recreational value?	
e) Is the site particularly tranquil?	

f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people?
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? b) an extensive tract of land? Yes / No
Is there public access to the site?
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access?
Summary and recommendations:

Appendix 4 Completed Site Assessment Forms

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 1. Site of the War Memorial	
Site Address: War Memorial at the junction of Church Lane and Hatfield Lane	
Site Area: 60m ²	
Description Small triangular parcel of grassed land. Site of the war memorial, tree and bench on site.	
 	
Extract from Google Maps	
Current Use: Home to the war memorial used for remembrance service, bench on site.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes directly opposite housing within the community.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance?	
a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No	
b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No	
c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? Yes it is the location of the war memorial.	
d) Does the site have recreational value? There is a simple bench of site for contemplation and used when waiting for the bus.	
e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No surrounded by road	

f)	Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? One tree on site
g)	Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No
h)	Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No
i)	Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? Annually the site is used for the remembrance day service for the congregation to gather and pay their respects.
3.	Is the green area:
a)	local in character? Yes of a small scale within the settlement
b)	an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes	
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes	
Summary and recommendations: The site is the location of an important historic monument that is not protected by a statutory designation but is important to the history of the parish. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.	

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 2. Grounds, including grave yard, surrounding St James the Great	
Site Address: St James the Great, Church Lane, Norton	
Site Area: 0.8 ha	
Description Large grassed area, graveyard, a number of significant trees and large wooded area to the east and north east. Setting for the Listed Church and graveyard.	
	



Current Use: Graveyard, Setting for the Listed Church

Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): Grade II* listed Church

Criteria and reason for protection

1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes within the community.

2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance?

a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? The site can be seen when passing along Church Lane within the context of the setting of the listed Church.

b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? There are glimpses from within the site to the open countryside to the south west.

c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? Yes it is the location of the listed church and the historic grave yard with 8 Commonwealth graves. There has been a church on site since 1080.

d) Does the site have recreational value? The graveyard is visited by locals. There are information boards about the history of the site.

e) Is the site particularly tranquil? Yes away from the road.

f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? There are a significant number of trees on site providing a habitat for wildlife.

g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No

h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No

i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The site is used by local community.

3. Is the green area:

a) local in character? Yes within the settlement

b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes, the area fronting the road.
Summary and recommendations: The site is of historic significance and provides a tranquil setting for the Church and graveyard. There are a number of trees on site providing habitats for a range of species. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)
Completed by: DL, MP, CA Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 3. Large grass verge and hedgerow at Regiment Close, Brockhill Village
Site Address: Verge and hedgerow at Regiment Close, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester
Site Area: 0.2 ha
Description Grassed area with paved walkway bounded by mature hedgerow with clustered trees. 
Current Use: Provides important separation from the main road and dwellings. Improves outlook, reduces noise and provides screening and amenity space for residents.
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): Possible TPO
Criteria and reason for protection
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes within the community.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular

local significance?	
a)	Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? The site provides an important green view for the residents of Regiment Close.
b)	Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No
c)	Does the site have special historic significance or features? No
d)	Does the site have recreational value? Dog walking and informal play for residents.
e)	Is the site particularly tranquil? No.
f)	Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? The site is bounded by a hedgerow and there are a number of trees on site providing habitats for some species.
g)	Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? The site provides separation between the Brockhill development and Norton road.
h)	Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No
i)	Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The site is important to the residents of Regiment Close in particular as it improves their outlook, reduces noise and provides screening and amenity space.
3. Is the green area:	
a)	local in character? Yes within the settlement
b)	an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes	
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes.	
Summary and recommendations: The site provides an important open space for the community around it as it improves their outlook, reduces noise and provides screening and amenity space for residents. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.	

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 4. Grassed areas either side of Crookbarrow Road (by bus stop)	
Site Address: Green at Crookbarrow Road, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	

Site Area: 0.2 ha
Description Open grassed areas bounded by mature hedgerow to north. The land will be used to site a statue in the future. To the south open grassed area fronting properties. Prominent open space on entering the village. 
Current Use: Provides important setting on entering the village, location of information boards and bus stops.
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None
Criteria and reason for protection
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes within the community.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? The site provides an important green and open setting on entering the village. b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? To the south there are views of the Malvern Hills c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? Dog walking. e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No. f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? The site is bounded by a

well-established hedgerow providing habitats for some species.
g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? The site provides separation for the dwellings on either side of Crookbarrow Road. h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? The site will soon be the location of a statue. i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The site is registered as an Asset of Community Value and will be the location of a new local statue.
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes within the settlement b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes.
Summary and recommendations: The site provides an important open space at a gateway into the settlement; it is important to the setting of the village. It has amenity, ecological and recreational value. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 5. Land in front of Retreat Public House	
Site Address: Land in front of Retreat Public House, Woodbury and Wadborough Lanes, Norton	
Site Area: 396m ²	
Description Large grassed verge with bench and footpath. 	
Current Use: Provides an area for sitting and improves the setting of the public house.	

Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None
Criteria and reason for protection
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes within the community.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? The site provides an attractive setting for the pub. b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? To the south west there are views of the open countryside and to the north west there are views of Crookbarrow Hill the site of a scheduled ancient monument. c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? A resting point and footpath through site. e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No. f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? No g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? No
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes within the settlement b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes.
Summary and recommendations: The site provides a gateway into Littleworth but it is expected to be reconfigured as part of a cycle route to the new Train Station. It is not considered appropriate to designate as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 6. Land in front of Norton College	
Site Address: Land in front of Norton College, Woodbury Lane, Norton	
Site Area: 0.1ha	
Description Grassed area with mature trees - Provides screening and separation of the college and industrial units from the rural setting of the lane.	
Current Use: Provides screening and separation of the college industrial units from the rural setting of the lane.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes within the community.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? No e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No. f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes trees provide habitat. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No but provides	

separation for college in particular from road.
h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The college find it provides important separation from the road and helps to reduce the noise and distractions from the road.
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes.
Summary and recommendations: The site provides an important screening for the college in particular from the road noise and distractions. It forms an important function therefore it is considered appropriate to recommend to designate this area as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 7. Green space at High Park - off B4084	
Site Address: Green space at High Park, Whittington WR5 2RS	
Site Area: 0.1 ha	
Description Grass verge heavily planted with established tree belt and hedgerow.	
  	

	
Current Use: Provides screening for housing and the busy B4084.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1.	Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes adjacent to housing.
2.	Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance?
a)	Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No
b)	Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No
c)	Does the site have special historic significance or features? No
d)	Does the site have recreational value? No
e)	Is the site particularly tranquil? No
f)	Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes established trees and hedgerow providing a habitat for a range of species.
g)	Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No but for an important separation for the main road.
h)	Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? Preserves the rural feel for the residents of High Park, providing screening, a pleasant outlook and noise barrier. Location of notice board.
i)	Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? See above
3.	Is the green area:
a)	local in character? Yes
b)	an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes	

Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes.
Summary and recommendations: The site provides an important buffer to residents of High Park. It preserves the rural feel providing screening, a pleasant outlook and a noise barrier. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 8. Farmland adjacent to north east of Brockhill Lane	
Site Address: Farmland, Brockhill Lane, Norton	
Site Area: 3 ha	
Description Grazing land bounded with well-established hedgerows and trees. Part of Brockhill Farm. Bridleway 500B crosses the north of the site.	
  	
Current Use: Pastoral grazing land and bridleway.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): SWDP45/1 Forms part of allocated site area identified as Local Green Network in the masterplan	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it	

serves? Yes.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No screened by trees and hedgerow b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? Yes once on site views to east of historic Crookbarrow Hill the site of a scheduled ancient monument. c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? Exhibits some traits of the traditional landscape character for the area with d) Does the site have recreational value? Walking and bridleway e) Is the site particularly tranquil? Yes away from the A4440. Train interrupts tranquillity at times. f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes established trees and hedgerow providing a habitat for a range of species. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? Yes separates development from the train track. h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? Provides important grazing land. Part of the agricultural heritage of the area. Provides bridleway access but primarily private land. i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? Used by locals for walking/ riding.
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes on the bridleway
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes.
Summary and recommendations: Provides important grazing land. Part of the agricultural heritage of the area. Provides bridleway access but primarily private land. It preserves the rural feel providing screening, a pleasant outlook and a noise barrier. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 9. Former football ground, Brockhill Village	
Site Address: Football ground, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	
Site Area: 1.4 ha	
Description Former football ground, for community use.	
Current Use: Former football ground, currently used for cricket for community use and dog walking.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): Asset of Community value	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No screened by trees hedgerow and bund. b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No. c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? Yes important sports facility and used by dog walkers, several community events including fireworks are hosted on site. e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes established trees and hedgerow providing a habitat for a range of species. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? Yes	

h)	Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people?	No
i)	Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people?	Used by locals for walking, sports facilities and numerous local events.
3.	Is the green area:	
a)	local in character?	Yes
b)	an extensive tract of land?	No
Is there public access to the site? Yes		
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? No		
Summary and recommendations: Important community facility for recreational use. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.		

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 10. Cricket Ground, Brockhill Village	
Site Address: Cricket Ground, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	
Site Area: 1.3 ha	
Description Cricket ground, for community use	
	
Current Use: Cricket ground, for community use and dog walking.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): Asset of Community value	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1.	Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.
2.	Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular

local significance?	
a)	Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? Yes from the Keep and Flanking wings of Norton Barracks a Listed Building and other properties along Vimiera Close.
b)	Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No.
c)	Does the site have special historic significance or features? Formerly part of the barracks
d)	Does the site have recreational value? Yes important sports facility and used by dog walkers, several community events are hosted on site.
e)	Is the site particularly tranquil? Yes
f)	Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes established trees and hedgerow providing a habitat for a range of species.
g)	Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? Yes
h)	Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No
i)	Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? Used by locals for walking, sports facilities and numerous local events.
3. Is the green area:	
a)	local in character? Yes
b)	an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes	
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes	
Summary and recommendations: Important community facility for recreational use and has amenity value. The cricket ground is important to the setting of the Barracks listed building and forms an attractive break in the settlement. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.	

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 11. Croquet Lawn, Brockhill Village	
Site Address: Croquet Lawn, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	

Site Area: 0.2 ha
Description Croquet lawn, for community use 
Current Use: Croquet lawn, for community use.
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): Asset of Community value
Criteria and reason for protection
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No. b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No. c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? Formerly part of the barracks d) Does the site have recreational value? Yes important sports facility. e) Is the site particularly tranquil? Yes f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes established trees and hedgerow providing a habitat for a range of species. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? Yes h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? Used by locals for sports facilities.
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No

Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? No
Summary and recommendations: Important community facility for recreational use. Recommend to designate as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 12. Wide verge to the east of Wadborough Road	
Site Address: Wide verge to the east of Wadborough Road	
Site Area: 468m ²	
Description Wide grass verge, trees, footpath and bench. 	
Current Use: Provides a resting point between the public house and the village of Littleworth.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No. b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? Views of the Malvern Hills to south west.	

c)	Does the site have special historic significance or features? No
d)	Does the site have recreational value? Footpath and bench.
e)	Is the site particularly tranquil? No
f)	Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes a few trees and hedgerow at field boundary providing a habitat for a range of species.
g)	Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No
h)	Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No
i)	Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? No other than bench
3.	Is the green area:
a)	local in character? Yes
b)	an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes	
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes	
Summary and recommendations: Although this is an attractive grass verge with a bench footpath and view of the Malvern Hills it is not considered to be demonstrably special to the community. Therefore it is not proposed to be designated as Local Green Space.	

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 13. Allotments	
Site Address: Allotments, Wadborough Road, Littleworth	
Site Area: 1 ha	
Description Large area of allotments for community use.	

	
Current Use: Allotments	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1.	Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.
2.	Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? Yes when passing along Wadborough Road views across the site and to open countryside beyond. b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? Yes open views out into the open countryside and glimpses of the Malvern Hills. c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? Yes allotment use. e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes a few trees and hedgerow surrounding the site providing a habitat for a range of species. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? Yes h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? Well used by allotment owners.
3.	Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes	

Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? No
Summary and recommendations: This is an important community facility enabling locals to grow their own produce and it is recommended that this is designated as Local Green Space.

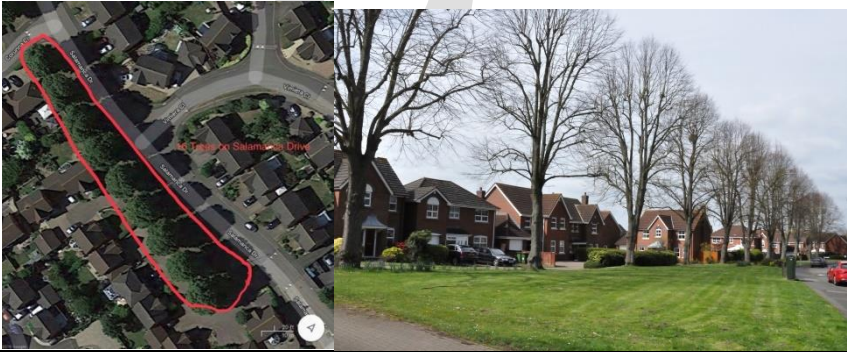
Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 14. Norton Parish hall land including playing field	
Site Address: Norton Parish Hall, Wadborough Road, Littleworth	
Site Area: 2.5 ha	
Description Playing fields, tennis courts, forest school. Large grassed area, tarmac tennis courts and wooded area.	
	
Current Use: Recreational use used for informal play, football goals, tennis courts, play equipment, dog walking and forest school. Public right of way along eastern boundary.	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): None	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular	

local significance?	
a)	Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? View's into the green space when passing along Wadborough Road
b)	Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No
c)	Does the site have special historic significance or features? No
d)	Does the site have recreational value? Yes important open space used for a range of recreational uses including informal play, play equipment, tennis, football, dog walking and forest school. Public right of way along eastern boundary.
e)	Is the site particularly tranquil? No
f)	Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes bounded by hedgerow and a wooded area that provides a valuable habitat to flora and fauna.
g)	Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No on the edge of the settlement.
h)	Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people?
i)	Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The open space is well used by locals with a range of uses as highlighted above.
3. Is the green area:	
a)	local in character? Yes
b)	an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes	
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? No	
Summary and recommendations: The land provides important sports provision for the community and public open space. It is important to school and pre-school for use as forest school. It is recommended that this is designated as Local Green Space.	

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 15. Norton Juxta Kempsey First School playing field	

Site Address:	Norton Juxta Kempsey First School, Littleworth
Site Area:	0.7 ha
Description School playing field and grounds 	
Current Use:	Playing fields for school
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc):	SWDP38 Open Space policy
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? Yes important open space used by school for playing fields e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes bounded by hedgerow and trees that provides a habitat to flora and fauna. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No on the edge of the	

settlement.
h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No
i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The open space is important to the school.
3. Is the green area:
a) local in character? Yes
b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? No
Summary and recommendations: The land provides important open space for the school. It is recommended that this is designated as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 16. Trees at Salamanca Drive	
Site Address: Salamanca Drive, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	
Site Area: 0.2 ha	
Description Significant Trees and grassed area	
	
Current Use: Amenity space for those on Salamanca Drive, informal play.	

Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): TPOs
Criteria and reason for protection
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? The trees have been retained from the former barracks d) Does the site have recreational value? Yes informal play space for children on Salamanca Drive e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes an avenue of trees with TPO g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? No a small separation between dwellings on either side of Salamanca Drive h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The open space is important to those that live immediately around it.
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? No
Summary and recommendations: The land provides important amenity space for residents of Salamanca Drive. The trees are protected and are of ecological value. The open space is important to the setting of this part of the village. It is recommended that this is designated as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 17. Embankment on corner of Salamanca Drive	
Site Address: Corner of Salamanca Drive, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	
Site Area: 0.5 ha	
Description Embankment with significant tree coverage. 	
Current Use: Provides protection from shooting club	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): TPOs	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? No b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? No e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes there are a number of trees on site which will provide habitats. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? A separation between	

dwellings and the Shooting Club. h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? No
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? No not all of it
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes
Summary and recommendations: The land performs a function of providing a barrier between the residential use and the shooting club/ rifle range to the north. Although the trees are likely to be a valuable habitat the site is not considered to be demonstrably special to people, therefore it is not recommended that this is designated as Local Green Space.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 18. Area between Ypres Close and Nive Gardens and Area between Seine Close and Nivelle Grove.	
Site Address: Area between Ypres close and Nive Gardens and Area between Seine Close and Nivelle Grove. Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	
Site Area: 0.3 ha	
Description Trees, grass and children's play equipment	
	
Current Use: Incidental green space and play area for children.	

Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): TPOs
Criteria and reason for protection
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? Attractive outlook for residents next to the site b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? Yes informal play area, and play equipment. e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes there are a number of trees and hedgerow on site which will provide habitats. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? A separation between dwellings on Ypres Close and Nive Gardens, and between Seine Close and Nivelles Grove. h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? The area is used for play and dog walking
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes possibly
Summary and recommendations: The land provides an attractive outlook for the residents and is an important play area for children. There are a number of trees and hedges that are of ecological importance. It is recommended that this is designated as Local Green Space.

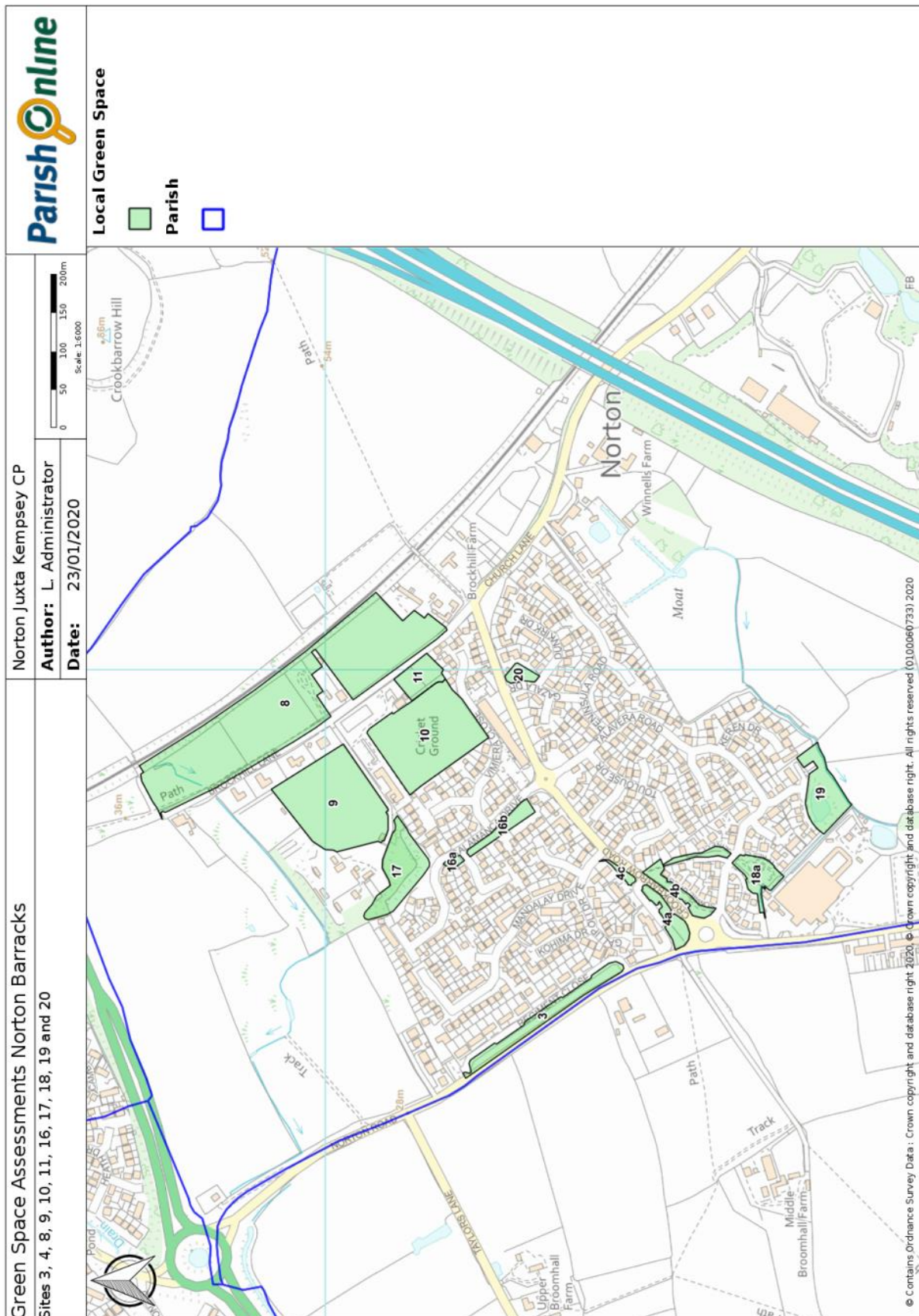
Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 19. Balancing pond Rolica Fields	
Site Address: Balancing pond Rolica Fields, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	
Site Area: 0.1 ha	
Description Balancing pond for collecting surface water 	
Current Use: Balancing pond for collecting surface water	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc):	
Criteria and reason for protection	
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.	
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? Attractive outlook for residents next to the site b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? No d) Does the site have recreational value? No e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes there are a number of trees and hedgerow to the boundary as well as the pond itself. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? A separation between	

dwellings and the commercial development. h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? No although it performs an important function.
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes
Summary and recommendations: The land provides an attractive outlook for the residents has biodiversity value and forms an important function; however it is not considered necessary to designate this area as Local Green Space as it is protected by the function it performs.

Site Assessment Form (Green Space)	
Completed by: DL, MP, CA	Date: 26/3/19
Site Name / Ref: 20. Small area on Gazala Drive	
Site Address: Small area on Gazala Drive, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester	
Site Area: 0.1 ha	
Description Grass and trees 	
Current Use: Incidental open space	
Designations (Conservation Area/ Significant Gap etc): TPOs	

Criteria and reason for protection
1. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity (walking distance) to the community it serves? Yes.
2. Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance? a) Are there significant views from the local area into or across the site? Attractive outlook for residents next to the site b) Does the site afford the public with significant views out into the wider countryside? No c) Does the site have special historic significance or features? Has information board and view of the listed Barracks d) Does the site have recreational value? No e) Is the site particularly tranquil? No f) Does the site have ecological value, trees, wildlife or habitat? Yes there are a few trees and shrubs on the site. g) Does the site form a significant green break within the settlement? A small separation between dwellings and the road. h) Are there other reasons that make the site special to local people? No i) Is there evidence demonstrating that the site is special to local people? No
3. Is the green area: a) local in character? Yes b) an extensive tract of land? No
Is there public access to the site? Yes
Would the site provide the public with amenity value without public access? Yes
Summary and recommendations: The land provides an attractive outlook for the residents, has some biodiversity value however it is protected by TPO and is a small area of open space. It is not considered necessary to designate this area as Local Green Space.

Appendix 5 Maps of sites assessed



Green Space Assessments Norton
Sites 1, 2, 5 and 12

Norton Juxta Kempsey CP

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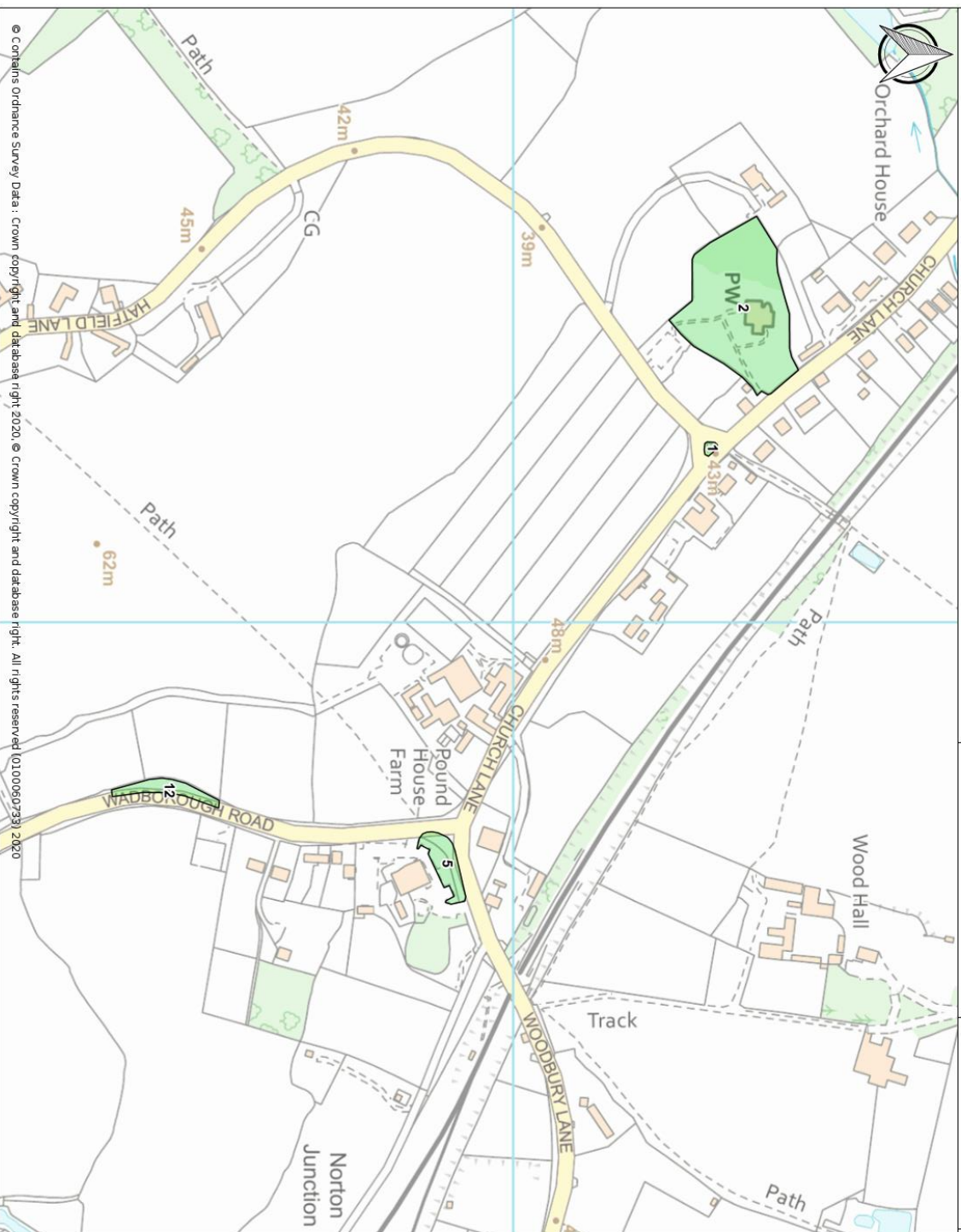
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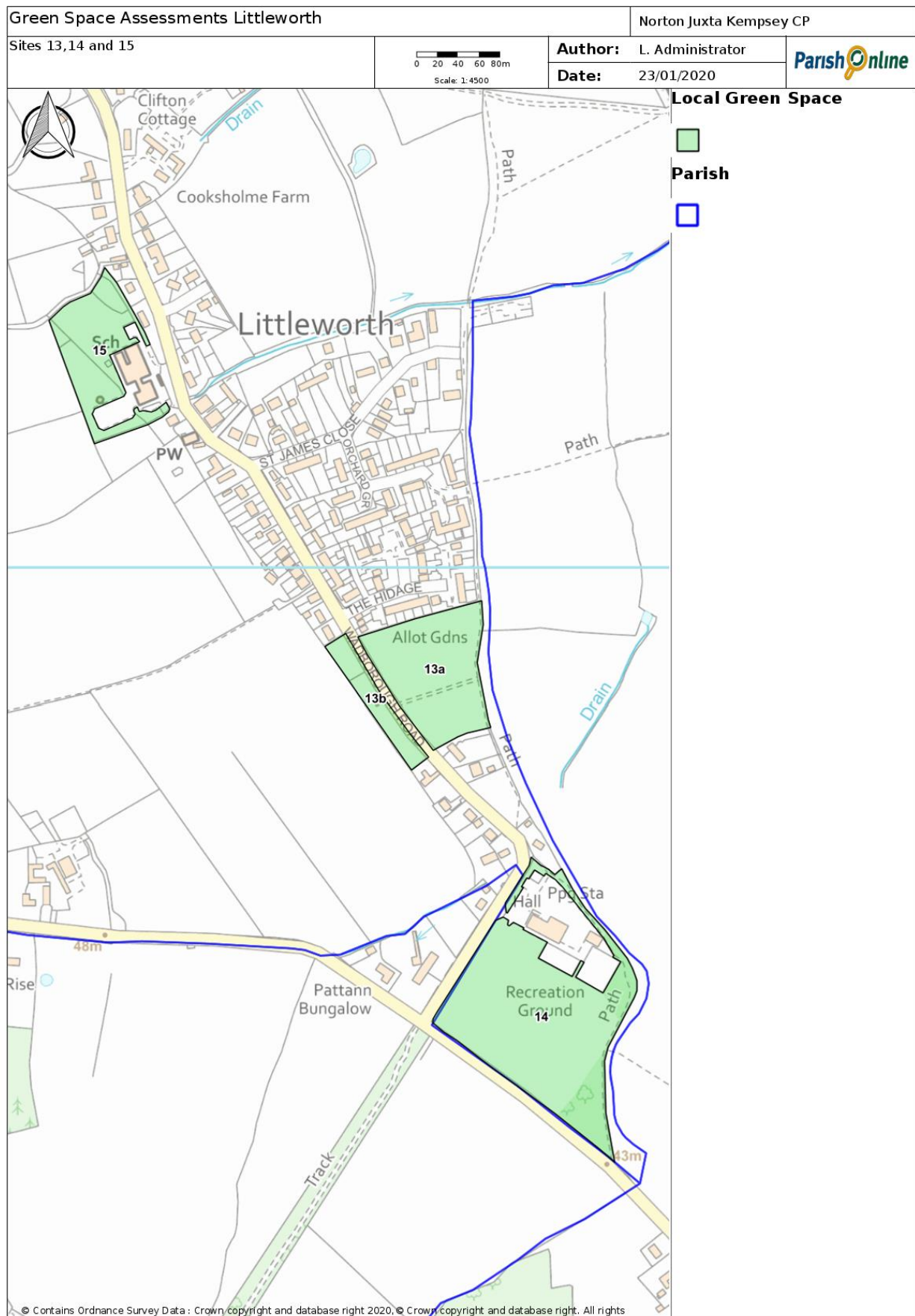


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Norton Juxta Kempsey CP

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