

GLEMSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Local Green Space Assessment

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Glemsford Parish Council



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LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The parish of Glemsford has several 'green spaces' that are important to the character of the village and provide an amenity for its residents. Paragraph 106 and 107 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF September 2023) identifies the possibility of identifying green spaces that meet certain characteristics as "Local Green Spaces". The paragraphs state:

106. 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.

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

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- b) 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
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

This report provides an assessment of the green spaces in the village against the criteria in paragraph 107 to support the designation of local green spaces in the emerging Beyton Neighbourhood Plan.

The Identified Green Spaces

A list of the green spaces is detailed below. Some of the spaces are grouped together.

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| 1. Amenity open space and play area at School Field | 5. Kings Road Play Area |
| 2. Tye Green | 6. Crownfield Road Play Area and open space |
| 3. Fair Green | 7. The Playing Field |
| 4. Parish Churchyard, cemetery and associated green spaces | 8. Allotments |
| | 9. School Playing Field |
| | 10. Village Hall Play Area |

Appraisal

The following pages provide a detailed assessment of the identified spaces to ascertain whether they conform with the Local Green Space definition of the NPPF.

1. Amenity open space and play area at School Field



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity Open Space and Play Area
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.56 hectares
Ownership	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	In centre of residential area
Public access	Open at all times
Ecologically significant	A number of young trees are present
Historically significant	No records of significance
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides a local amenity for residents of Glemsford
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The site does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

2. Tye Green



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Traditional village green and home to the village sign
Checklist	
Statutory designations	In Conservation Area
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.20 Ha
Ownership	Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Centrally located within the village historic centre
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	Traditional village green
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an open amenity space for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

3. Fair Green



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Traditional village green
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.16 Ha
Ownership	County Council Highways?
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	At the heart of the village
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No known significance
Historically significant	The Green is clearly identifiable on the 1885 Ordnance Survey map
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Central to the village and a reflection of the importance of village greens in the settlement
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is self-contained.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

4. Parish Churchyard, cemetery and associated green spaces



Site Details	
Description and purpose	The Village Pond
Checklist	
Statutory designations	In Conservation Area Church is Grade I listed building Some trees protected by TPOs
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.05 Ha
Ownership	Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	On edge of village but a well used area
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	Number of mature trees in churchyard plus hedgerows along some boundaries
Historically significant	Church is listed Grade I and three other buildings that overlook the area are Grade II. Wholly within Conservation Area
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Has special significance to the village and its residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site is self-contained and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

5. Kings Road Play Area



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.40 Ha
Ownership	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Within residential development
Public access	Fully accessible
Ecologically significant	Some trees within the area
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important open area for residents of the adjoining area
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is distinct and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

6. Crownfield Road Play Area and open space



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space, play area and sustainable drainage pond
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.35 Ha
Ownership	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Central to this new development
Public access	Public access to amenity space and play area at all times. Restricted access to drainage pond. Public footpath runs along northern boundary.
Ecologically significant	None known
Historically significant	No significance
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important open space and play area for residents in this part of the village
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is distinct and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

7. The Playing Field



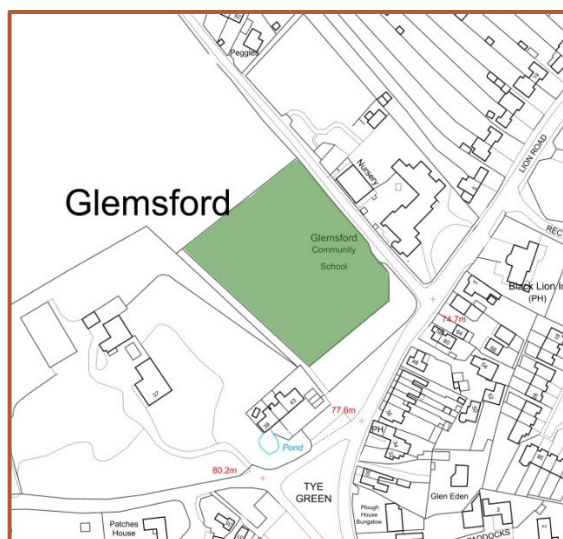
Site Details	
Description and purpose	Village recreation ground
Checklist	
Statutory designations	Tree Preservation Orders on the Lime and Walnut trees
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	2.54 Ha
Ownership	Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Easily accessible from village
Public access	Open access at all times
Ecologically significant	Hedgerows and trees along boundaries
Historically significant	No significance
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Important open space for village events
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is distinct and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

8. Allotments



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Parish allotments
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.80 Ha
Ownership	Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Easily accessible from main built-up area of village
Public access	Access restricted to allotment holders
Ecologically significant	None known
Historically significant	None known
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important recreational facility for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is distinct and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

9. School Playing Field



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Primary School playing field
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.68 Ha
Ownership	Suffolk County Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Adjoins northern edge of village and the primary school
Public access	Restricted access
Ecologically significant	Surrounded by a number of mature trees that provide habitats
Historically significant	None known
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	The school playing field is an important facility for school pupils
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is distinct and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

10. Village Hall Play Area



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Modern equipped play area
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.25 Ha
Ownership	Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Centrally located to serve the village
Public access	Public access at all times
Ecologically significant	None known
Historically significant	None known
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Well used play area adjoining village hall
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is distinct and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation