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*Shaping Hadleigh's Future*



# Local Green Spaces Report



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## **1. Introduction**

1.1 A Local Green Space (LGS) Designation is a way to protect green areas or open spaces against development where they are of particular importance to local communities. Local Green Space designations are made for use in Local Plans or Neighbourhood Plans. These plans can identify ('designate') green areas for special protection. Once designated, Local Green Spaces receive protection consistent with national Green Belt policy.

1.2 The purpose of this report is to explain the process which has led to the proposed designation of areas of LGS in Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out the national and local background to LGS and explains the methodology used in the assessment which follows in this report.

1.3 All of the sites that have been assessed are included in this document with a brief explanation of the reasons why a site has been included in the pre-submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Further details on those that have proposed to be allocated are included within section 6 with comments received from the public on its suitability and identification of other potential sites included in section 7.

1.4 In section 6, species identified were carried out by volunteers by spending two sessions of an hour at different times of day in those locations, listing all species they could identify present during that given period. Some areas have known species by other audits and these were included as well. This was conducted during winter months so is a snapshot in time to provide a broad understanding of the level of nature and wildlife in an area and will not necessarily include all species ever seen on the individual site.

## 2. Planning Policy Background

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF – 2021) sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

2.2 Section 8 of the NPPF highlights the important role the planning system can play in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy and safe communities. Paragraphs 98 – 103 refer specifically to open spaces and recreation including LGS designation. Paragraph 101 states: *‘The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.’*

2.3 Paragraph 102 states: *‘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.’*

2.4 Paragraph 103 identifies that local policy for managing development within a LGS should be consistent with policy for Green Belts.

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

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

- LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306);
- LGS may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or in a neighbourhood in a town or city (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306); If land is already protected by another designation, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as LGS (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-010-20140306);
- The LGS will need to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 100 of the NPPF (see paragraph 2.3 above).
- Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis (Paragraph: 013 Reference ID: 37-013-20140306);
- The proximity of a LGS to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served (Paragraph: 014 Reference ID: 37-014-20140306);

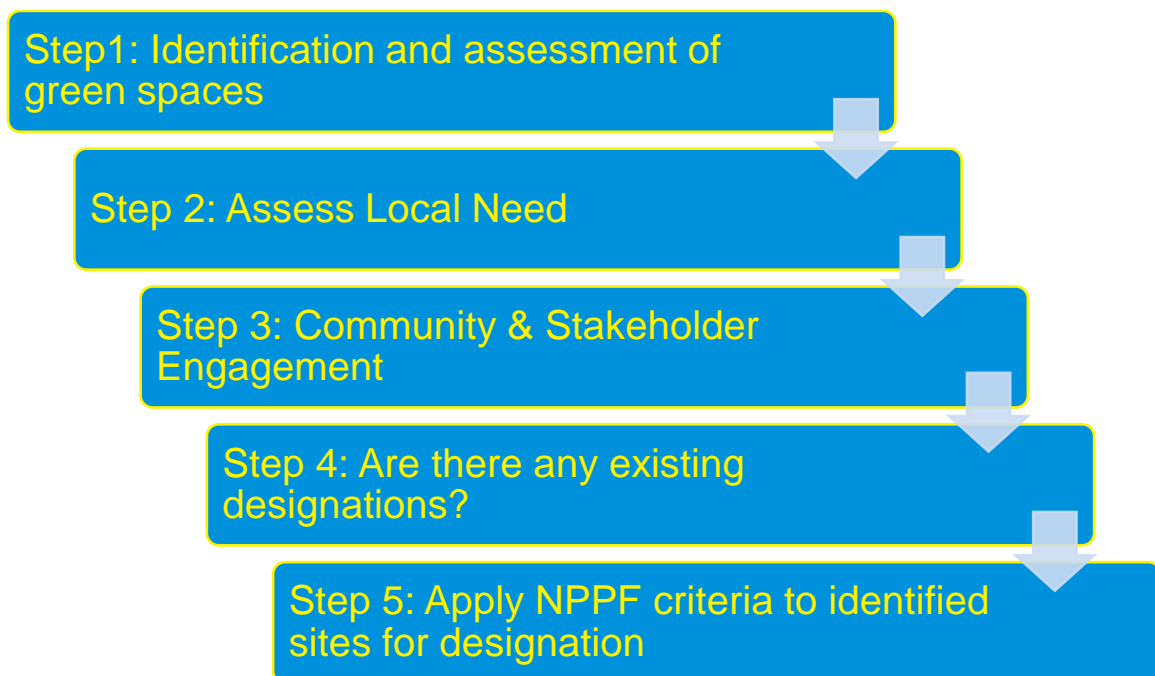
- There are no hard and fast rules about how big a LGS can be because places are different and a degree of judgment will inevitably be needed. However, paragraph 100 of the NPPF is clear that LGS designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently, blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name (Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306);
- Provided land can meet the criteria at paragraph 100 of the NPPF there is no lower size limit for a Local Green Space. (Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 37-016-20140306);
- Land can be designated as LGS even if there is no public access e.g. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty. Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with land owners, whose legal rights must be respected (Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 37-017-20140306);
- Areas that may be considered for designation as LGS may be crossed by public rights of way. There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation (Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306);
- A LGS does not need to be in public ownership. However, the qualifying body should contact landowners at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as LGS. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan (Paragraph: 019 Reference ID: 37-019-20140306);
- Designating a green area as LGS would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners (Paragraph: 020 Reference ID: 37-020-20140306);
- Management of land designated as LGS will remain the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is likely to be an important consideration. Local communities can consider how, with the landowner's agreement, they might be able to get involved, perhaps in partnership with interested organisations that can provide advice or resources (Paragraph: 021 Reference ID: 37-021-20140306);
- and Land designated as LGS may potentially also be nominated for listing by the local authority as an Asset of Community Value. Listing gives community interest groups an opportunity to bid if the owner wants to dispose of the land. (Paragraph: 022 Reference ID: 37-022-20140306).

### 3. Local Green Space Designation Process

3.1 This section explains the methodology followed by Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Group to determine the areas of land proposed to be designated as Local Green Spaces in the pre-submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

3.2 “Green infrastructure contributes to the quality and distinctiveness of the local environment. It creates opportunities for walking and physical activity and generally adding to quality of life. Green infrastructure is diverse in character and can include formal parks and gardens, informal grassed areas, linear paths, towpaths, sports pitches and various other kinds of landscaped area...securing high quality green infrastructure in and around their neighbourhood is important. Neighbourhood plans can include policies for green spaces and can be used to designate ‘Local Green Spaces’ to protect them for current and future generations.” *Locality, Making Local Green Space Designations In Your Neighbourhood Plan, 2021*

3.3 Steps taken:



3.4 Paragraph 102 of the NPPF sets out the criteria that green space must meet in order to be designated as ‘Local Green Space’:

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

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves (easy walking distance);
- 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
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land\*.

3.5 In addition to these criteria, National Planning Practice Guidance states:

“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”.

*\*this should demonstrate that the space in question is a local facility and not, for example, green countryside space.*

#### 4. Local Green Space Audit

Site	Location	What3Words Reference	Description	Purposes	Quality of Facility
Beaumont Park	Between Oxford Drive development and Aldham Road	///interviewer.roadshow.printouts	Formal play area and open grassed space	Large children's play area Walking and dog walking Picnics General recreational use	Well maintained Treelined to one side, flanked by houses and Aldham Road on others Expansive views over countryside and Hadleigh town
Small play area	Oxford Drive	///overturms.articulated.casual	Formal play area and adjoining green space	Children's play (up to 6 years) Visual and space purpose	Play equipment provision is poor and of poor quality Enclosed green space is fenced with several large trees and surrounded by houses
Woods	Adjacent to A1071 off Ward Clsoe	///dispose.hurtles.dispatched	Woods	Walking especially dog walking	Woods are well-kept and trees are in good condition Path can often be seen to be strewn with litter and can get muddy
Extended verge	Corner of Oxford Drive and Aldham Mill Hill		Small area of extended grass verge	Space-creator and privacy	Well-maintained grassy area with some trees
Open expanse of land	Adjacent to Aldham Mill Hill	///tissue.slimming.fondest	Field with scheduled monument	Farming	Open, well maintained, on a flood plain
Small green space	Boswell Lane adjacent to Morrisons	///splits.optimally.bleat	Informal green space	None in particular	Grass well maintained Open with no trees
Small green triangle	Churchill Avenue	///shins.flannel.fuse	Informal grassed area	None in particular	Good quality and well-maintained grassed area home to an excellent cherry tree Surrounded by housing
Small green space	Off Paykenham Way	///vacancies.flexibility.tenure	Formal rectangle of grass flanked on three sides by housing	To break up the space and allow for some recreational use	Good quality and well-maintained grass No trees
Small green space	Off Pykenham Way	///skies.physics.outwards	Formal rectangle of grass flanked on three sides by housing	To break up the space and allow for some recreational use	Good quality and well-maintained grass Some clustered trees

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Grassed area of verge	Corner of Pykenham Way and Aldham Mill Hill	///mango.swaps.teeth	Formal narrow strip of grass with a path through	Walking	Neat, well-maintained grassed area Good surveillance over Aldham Mill Hill No trees
Small triangle of grassland	Corner of Pykenham Way	///coarser.stint.reduce	Informal green space	None in particular	Well maintained grass Surrounded by houses with lots of trees
Two triangles of grassed space	Junction of Churchill Avenue and Aldham Road	///providing.synthetic.shock	Two small triangles at a junction in the road	None in particular	One large ash tree on well-maintained grass
Long stretch of grassland	In the middle of Churchill Avenue	///glimmers.repayment.ringside	Grassed area with thick hedging and mature trees	To break up the housing and for privacy	Well-maintained Lots of trees so poor surveillance
Open grass area	Timperley Close	///wounds.relations.slip	Informal open grassed area	General recreational use	Well-maintained grass with several large trees
Formal play area	Between Ansell Close and Timperley Road	///frowns.eased.cross	Small play area with equipment	Children's play up to 8 years old	Average quality equipment Grass well-maintained Fenced with no views as surrounded by housing
Length of grassland	Between Bradfield Avenue and Churchill Avenue	///skims.topmost.storming	Informal long stretch of land with grass and trees	Privacy and minor recreational use	Grassland in good condition Hedging and small trees Surrounded by housing
Extended verge	Timperley Road corner	///famous.proudest.struts	Small area of extended grass verge	Space-creator	Well-maintained grassy area with some trees
Extended verge	Corner of Aldham Road and Timperley Road	///reservoir.immunity.converged	Small area of extended grass verge	Space-creator	Well-maintained grassy area with no trees
Open grass area	Clopton Gardens	///dilute.marsh.coupler	Informal grassed corner area on bend of road	None in particular	Grass well-maintained with 3 trees surrounded by housing
Open grass area	Clopton Gardens	///gurgled.superbly.totals	Informal grassed area	Ball games and other recreational use	Grass well-maintained with a small cluster of a few trees surrounded by housing



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Grass set below housing level	Dunton Grove	///probe.museum.lordship	Water balancing/overflow area for small stream	To allow for overflow of water or when there is heavy rainfall	Well-maintained, no trees
Small play area	Dunton Grove	///treat.soda.mentioned	Small grassed area with some play equipment	Children's play up to 4 years old	Poor, few apparatus and small Grass well-maintained
Railway Walk	Entrance off Station Road	///orchids.galloped.tripled	2 miles stretch of tree-lined nature path from Hadleigh to Aldham	Walking, cycling, equestrian use	Overall fairly well-maintained but some spots are slightly overgrown Can be muddy and slippery in winter
Open grassed area	Woodthorpe Road	///miss.rephrase.backers	Raised grassed area on the corner of the road sweeping round	No particular purpose, has some parked cars on it	Grass is well-maintained, no trees, surrounded by houses
Open grassed area	Woodthorpe Road	///prevents.proclaims.pets	Raised grassed area on the corner of the road sweeping round	No particular community purpose	Grass is well-maintained, no trees, surrounded by houses
Fields	Land between Pond Hall Road and Hook Lane	///medium.dragonfly.tinny	Open expanse of fields, predominantly privately owned, some area belongs to Suffolk County Council	Earmarked for housing development	Open, good surveillance, countryside expanse
Small open space	Between Gallows Hill and Castle Road	///others.crunching.tablets	Grassed area with trees like an extended verge	Extended banked verge	Well maintained in a residential area
Large open space	Off Gallows Hill	///blatantly.kennels.paramedic	Large expanse of open field	Farmland	Farmed area but with waste including empty alcohol containers at entrance
Small grassed area	Off Gallows Hill / B1070	///blatantly.kennels.lifeguard	Small grassed area	Informal, open space for wildlife	Good, possible site for wilding?
Small grassed area	Anne Beaumont Way/Sun Court	///scooters.beak.snowballs	Small grassed area with trees	Informal, open space to housing development	Good, possible site for wilding?
Wild area	Anne Beaumont Way	///stopwatch.honey.tries	Extended bank of edge of river	Grassy area flanked by River Brett, some trees	Left fairly wild but grassy area maintained
Allotments	Gallows Hill	///snapped.adjusting.sectors	Large area of used land	Allotments	Good quality, well maintained and used by allotment holders
Junction with Magdalen Road and Gaell Crescent	Taylor Road	///companies.infinite.even	Small strips of grass	Grass area flanked by road junction	Regularly mown grass

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Junction of Highlands Road	Taylor Road	///logs.crossing.atlas	Broad (c4m) strip of grass with garden walls at back and paths to garden wall gates	Could be a social area for residents	Regularly mown, not much vegetation
Junction with Gaell Crescent	Taylor Road	///shipyards.undivided.earth	Grassed triangle with a mature tree (liquidambar)	Road amenity	Regularly mown
Verge	Taylor Road/Yeoman Crescent	///monument.radio.glorified	Grass strip with 4 mature trees	Verge	Regularly mown
Junction with Yeoman Crescent	Taylor Road/Yeoman Crescent	///joked.takes.flips	Grassed triangle with mature trees (plane)	Road amenity	Regularly mown
Junction with Yeoman Crescent	Taylor Road/Yeoman Crescent	///smaller.driveway.overpower	Grass strip with 4 mature trees (beech)	Road amenity	Regularly mown
Next to St Mary's School	Taylor Road	///during.sprinkle.jots	Grassed rectangle with fence at back and 7 trees (pine, up to 5m height)	Approx. 60m x 10m Abuts path to Cox's Park Could be used as social area for residents	Regularly mown and in good order but with little vegetation
Taylor Road	Taylor Road	///gossiped.thousands.exploring	Grassed area with a mature tree	Grassed amenity	Regularly mown
Footpath to Yeoman Way	Taylor Road	///yesterday.cashier.flippers	Grassed triangle	Road amenity Could be used as a small social area for residents	Regularly mown but could have more vegetation
Quadrangle	Alabaster Close	///intrigues.confused.fits	Grassed area with 5 trees (4 silver birch, 1 liquidambar)	Approx. 30m x 8m Amenity for residents on 3 sides but with a sign saying "no ball games"	Regularly mown
Verge	Alabaster Close	///broadens.outraged.snowmen	Curving grass strip approx. 20m with one small tree	Grass verge, home to a post box	Regularly mown
Small grass verge	Taylor Road, above Alabaster Close	///ombudsman.hikes.risking	Grass strip of about 20m	Grass verge	Regularly mown
Small grass verge	Taylor Road, above Bourchier Close	///correctly.commuters.risking	Grass strip of about 10m	Grass verge, home to a grit bin	Regularly mown

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Triangle	Edwin Panks Road	///baseless.surcharge.jotting	Grass crescent of about 30m length with 3 trees	Grass verge	Regularly mown
Triangle	Edwin Panks Road	///customers.flash.mandolin	Grass strip with 2 trees	Grass verge	Regularly mown
Grassed crescent	Edwin Panks Road	///bookcases.cooks.divorcing	Grass crescent of about 40m with conifer shrubs at one end	Grass verge	Regularly mown
Grassed crescent	Edwin Panks Road	///polar.scan.dupe	Grass strip about 40m long with 3 trees	Grass verge	Regularly mown
Triangle	Edwin Panks Road	///removing.backpacks.morphing	Small grassed strip of verge with a mature pine tree	Grass verge	Regularly mown
Triangle	Gaell Crescent	///blurs.softly.valuables	Grassed triangle with a mature silver birch tree	Road amenity	Regularly mown
Small grass strip	Gaell Crescent	///loafing.cocoons.stumble	Grassed triangle with a mature tree	Road amenity	Regularly mown
Small grass area	Gaell Crescent	///mixed.indeed.stub	Small grass strip with 4 mature trees at regular intervals	Verge	Regularly mown
Triangle	Yeoman Crescent (by Highlands Road)	///left.pony.summit	Grassed triangle with a mature tree	Verge Home to a grit bin	Regularly mown
Small grass strip	Yeoman Crescent	///congested.houseboat.makes	Strip of grass with 3 mature trees	Verge	Regularly mown
Grassed crescent	Yeoman Crescent	///verb.scramble.messed	Grassed area of about 20m length with 2 mature trees	Grassed amenity	Regularly mown
Triangle	Yeoman Crescent	///whirlpool.bake.boating	Small grassed area with a mature tree	Road amenity	Regularly mown
Small grass strip	Yeoman Way	///closer.scornful.cools	Grass verge with hedge at back	Verge	Regularly mown
Small grass trip	Yeoman Way	///agents.nips.waged	Grassy area with some low vegetation; triangle, half-flat and half-sloping	Verge	Regularly mown

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Recreation area	Yeoman Way	///jumbo.teams.area	small park with 7 clumps of trees (oak, silver birch, cherry, pine, plum et al)	Dog walking, outdoor games, outdoor parties	Due to the density of the undergrowth would expect it to be a small scale wildlife habitat approx. 120m x 50m Large grassy area mown regularly
Small grass strip	Highlands Road	///thrillers.competent.position	Grassed area with 3 mature trees	Verge	Regularly mown
Triangle	Highlands Road	///radiates.bandaged.stared	Grassed area with 8 mature trees (approx. 45m long)	Home to a bus stop with a bench	Regularly mown, not much vegetation
Triangle	Highlands Road	///dial.attic.badge	Grassed area with 11 mature trees (approx. 40m long)	Home to a bus stop and shelter	Regularly mown
Large grassed area	Highlands Road	///snowmen.tallest.comedy	Grassed rectangle with a mature tree (beech) approx. 40m x 8m	Small utility building for gas supply; post box	Regularly mown, could have more vegetation
Behind housing	Frog Hall Lane	///panel.circling.subsystem	Strip of land with trees and undergrowth	Wildlife corridor	Hedges trimmed from time to time
Footpath	Frog Hall Lane	///taps.belief.mystery	Footpath to end of Station Road (where it becomes Pond Hall Road) with side branch to top of Lister Road with trees and hedges on both sides	Pedestrian use includes access to Jordan Rise and Woolner Close	Path is a hard surface in good condition and hedges on both sides are well maintained
Small verge	Lady Lane	///hormones.branch.strutted	Wild verge	Road verge	Well maintained
Small area with trees	Tower Mill Hill	///grapevine.indoor.rising	Wooded area	Break in landscape	Well maintained
Attenuation pool	Tower Mill Hill	///ruckasack.composes.inherit	Attenuation pool	Attenuation pool and wildlife area	Left for wilding
Wide strip of grass	Lady Lane	///covertly.using.stared	Wide grass verge	Road verge	Well maintained
Large grass strip	Lady Lane	///tadpole.onlookers.stow	Large grassed verge	Road verge	Well maintained
Medium area of green space	Lady Lane Industrial estate	///chained.rapid.dorms	Large grassed area adjacent to Jim Lawrence	Picnicking (picnic benches installed) Has several large trees	Well maintained

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Expanse of field	Lady Lane/A1071	///taxed.dine.quest	Large grassed field	Farming	Left to grassland
Large space	Ellen Aldous Avenue/Lady Lane junction	///bluff.flickers.bridges	Grassed area at junction	Road amenity / potential future development as part of phased expansion of area	Muddy and left as open space for now
Manicured open space	Ellen Aldous Avenue	///midfield.storming.mindset	Grassed area with small plant feature in middle	Entrance to development area, flanked by low level wooden fence	Well maintained, flowers/planted
Attenuation pool	Ellen Aldous Avenue/Painter Close	///directive.trombone.trophy	Attenuation pool	Attenuation pool	Left to wilding
Play area	Sarah Rand Road	///sticking.claw.elbow	Medium sized play area with equipment and large amount of grass surrounding and views of the fields beyond	Play area, walkway and cycle path  Connects surrounding roads together	Good amount of equipment and grass is well maintained
Attenuation pool	Ellen Aldous Avenue (Opp. Emma Girling Close)	///remainder.tour.sinkhole	Attenuation pool	Attenuation pool	Left to wilding
Large verge	Ellen Aldous Avenue/Emma Girling Close junction	///chuckling.chat.stag	Grassed area on side of road	Highway measure	Well maintained
Play area	Footpathed triangular area between Sarah Rand Rd, Emma Girling Close & Ellen Aldous Avenue	///cargo.inspects.bathtubs	Small grassed area with one item of play equipment	Token play area in development	Poor quality, too small and only one item of equipment for very young children
Play area	Matilda Groome Road	///prominent.lines.wiped	Small grassed area with three items of play equipment	Token play area in development	Poor quality, too small and only three items of equipment for very young children
Open space	Constitution Hill	///elephant.rationed.homework	Managed pasture area arable farmland	Agriculture	Good quality

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Cricket Ground	Friars Road	///applauded.frostbite.gender	Grassed sports ground with pavilion	Used exclusively by Hadleigh Cricket Club	Good condition, grass well-maintained and walled by a historic brick wall which is listed on one side
Cemetery	Friars Road	///condition.cashew.amends	Burial grounds	Cemetery	In good condition
Common Land	Off Corks Lane	///rubble.lightbulb.flickers	East facing hillside slope overlooking the River Brett and town centre	Grassland with criss-crossed footpaths	Well-walked and used informal countryside area to western boundary of the town
Broom Hill	Off Corks Lane	///tadpole.deferring.stadium	Local Nature Reserve	Pleasant small woodland area for walking and picnicking	Well maintained and well used
Play area	Corks Lane	///spouse.camper.noise	Large children's play area set in a grassed land with picnic benches	Adventure facilities and adult exercise equipment. Used for walking and linking with other walks such as Broom Hill and Constitution Hill	Well maintained
River bank	Bridge Street	///steer.protrude.packet	Wilderness treed area set between the southern side of the River Brett and Bridge Street	River bank	A little neglected
Riverside Walk	Corks Lane, Manor Gardens, Duke Street	///dripping.heave.remembers	Linear wooded public walk to the western bank of the River Brett	Public walking route	Well maintained
Manor Gardens	Tyefield Place	///proven.pays.desktops	Green amenity and nature area on east bank of River Brett	Footpath access to new footbridge crossing the river	Recently created
St Mary's Church Yard	Church Street	///forgets.propped.summit	Large closed churchyard to the north and south of St Mary's Church	Historically significant churchyard in the centre of the town	Well maintained
Hadleigh Hall Gardens	Pound Lane	///canyons.mailers.craftsman	Privately owned area of land to the west of the formal gardens of Hadleigh Manor	Currently not used. Contains a magnificent evergreen oak tree.	Neglected and overgrown as currently not used for anything but recently purchased.
Toppesfield Park	Duke Street	///corals.fonts.measuring	Parkland next to eastern bank of River Brett	Benches and picnic tables used for recreational purposes	Well maintained

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Park	Calais Street	///slicer.brotherly.dishing	Public park with all-weather play equipment and skatepark	Green space with play and recreational facilities as well as picnic benches and lots of trees	Well maintained
Park	Stonehouse Road	///replenish.snooty.singers	Parkland area in heart of Hadleigh housing area. Leisure centre with swimming pool located to one edge	Children's play area for multiple ages and open grassed parkland for recreational use	Well maintained and good quality equipment
Amenity area	Row Chapel, George Street	///nags.branch.surfer	Communal green garden	Serves as a communal area for almshouses and Row Chapel	Well maintained
Greensward area	Stonehouse Road	///replayed.evolution.written	Strip of grassed land between north side of Stonehouse Road and rear of George Street	Part of Cox's Park but physically separated used for unauthorised parking	Grassed area is being damaged by unauthorised car parking
St Mary's School	Stonehouse Road	///fetching.nibbles.pills	Field	School play and recreation	Well maintained
Hadleigh Community School	Station Road	///sentences.slept.skunks	Field	School play and recreation	Well maintained
Hadleigh High School	Highlands Road	///entitles.snowy.riverbed	Field	School play and recreation	Well maintained
Paddocks	Benton Street	///fellow.cropping.format	Land and paddocks	Grazing land and paddocks for horses	Well maintained
Amenity verges	Ravens Way	///bearable.stale.spared	Wide green and tree planted verges	Highway amenity	Well maintained
Square	Weavers Close	///leans.adjusting.withdrew	Small rectangular grassed area	Used as a communal area for the adjoining housing	Kept in reasonable condition
Allotments	Toppesfield Close	///nuzzled.voice.schematic	Allotments	Allotments	Well used and well-tended grounds
The Millfield	Tinkers Lane	///prowl.initiates.condiment	Field with associated clubhouse building and parking	Football pitches	Well maintained
Layham Road Sports Ground	Layham Road	///comb.absent.stall	Field with sports associated buildings and parking	Recreation and sports	Well maintained

## 5. Local Needs Assessment

5.1 Socio-economic data can be found by referencing the Plan's introduction Chapter 2. Paragraph 2.41.2 shows that the peak economic activity ranges from 16 to 44 years. The proportion of younger persons (aged 0-15) in Hadleigh is lower than that of Babergh as a whole. This implies that there will be more economically active individuals growing up in Hadleigh than other areas locally and this in turn suggests a greater need for local open spaces.

5.2 Condition of health data from the 2011 census in Hadleigh indicates that 83.2% of the population is not limited in their day-to-day activities indicating an active population. Anecdotally there is a large dog-owning population in Hadleigh.

5.3 Appendix document to the Plan named Babergh-and-Mid-Suffolk-Open-Space-Study-May-2019 states under section 3.2.2.2 that *“Particular areas of deficiency (including planned greenspaces) exist in and...Hadleigh. The deficiencies in these locations relate largely to the lack of provision of larger (sub-regional and regional scale) greenspaces and the allocation of strategic sites in these locations would provide an opportunity to secure new larger spaces.”*

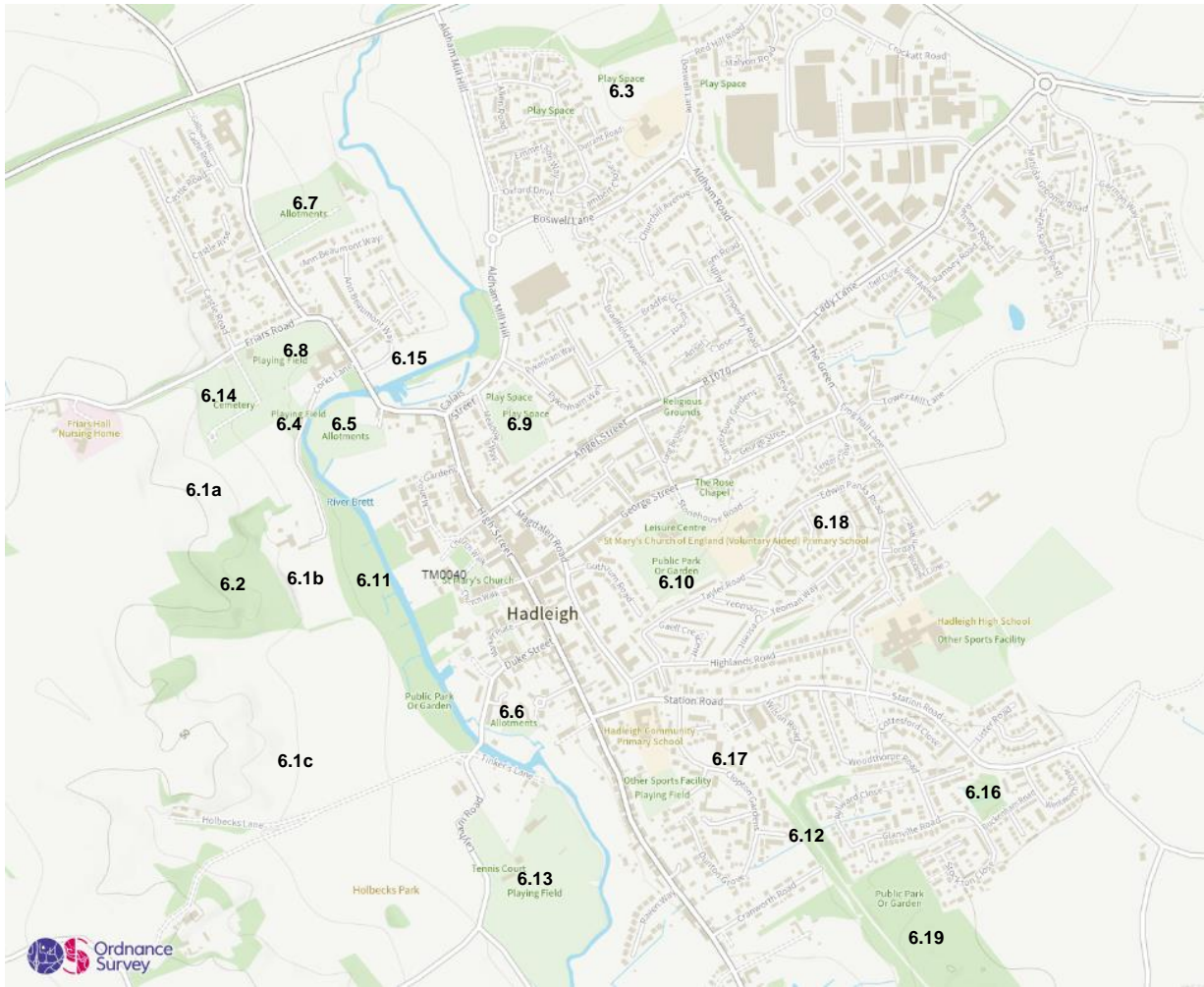
5.4 In the same document, the following provision is documented:

	Allotments	Amenity green space	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Outdoor Sport	Play Child	Play Youth	Accessible Natural Green Space	Cemeteries & Churchyards	Education	Sports Club Space
hectares of open space	3.86	11.26	6.09	0.2	0.52	0.21	35.34	2.77	11.27	4.36
Ha/1000 population	0.47	1.36	0.74	0.71	0.0	0.03	4.28	0.34	1.37	0.53

5.5 Appendix document to the Plan named Hadleigh Sporting Community and Neighbourhood Plan V8 2021 provides further information on the sporting needs of Hadleigh.



## 6. Proposed Local Green Space Designations



### 6.1a Area known as Constitution Hill (area listed as A, B and D in the following map)



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Agricultural land of managed pasture used perhaps incorrectly for recreational use by the public primarily for dog walking. Extends from the field adjacent to Coram Street above the Cemetery and along the northern edge of the Broom Hill nature reserve. It has many unofficial paths criss-crossing the land including two important routes used by many Hadleigh residents:

	1) path across the bypass to Kersey village 2) Love Lane which forms the outer boundary for most people walking on Constitution Hill
<b>Checklist</b>	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	c. 18 acres
Who owns the land?	Mr Craske, Peyton Hall
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

**6.1b Area known to the public as Constitution Hill (Holbecks Farm, listed as E, F, G, H on map below)**

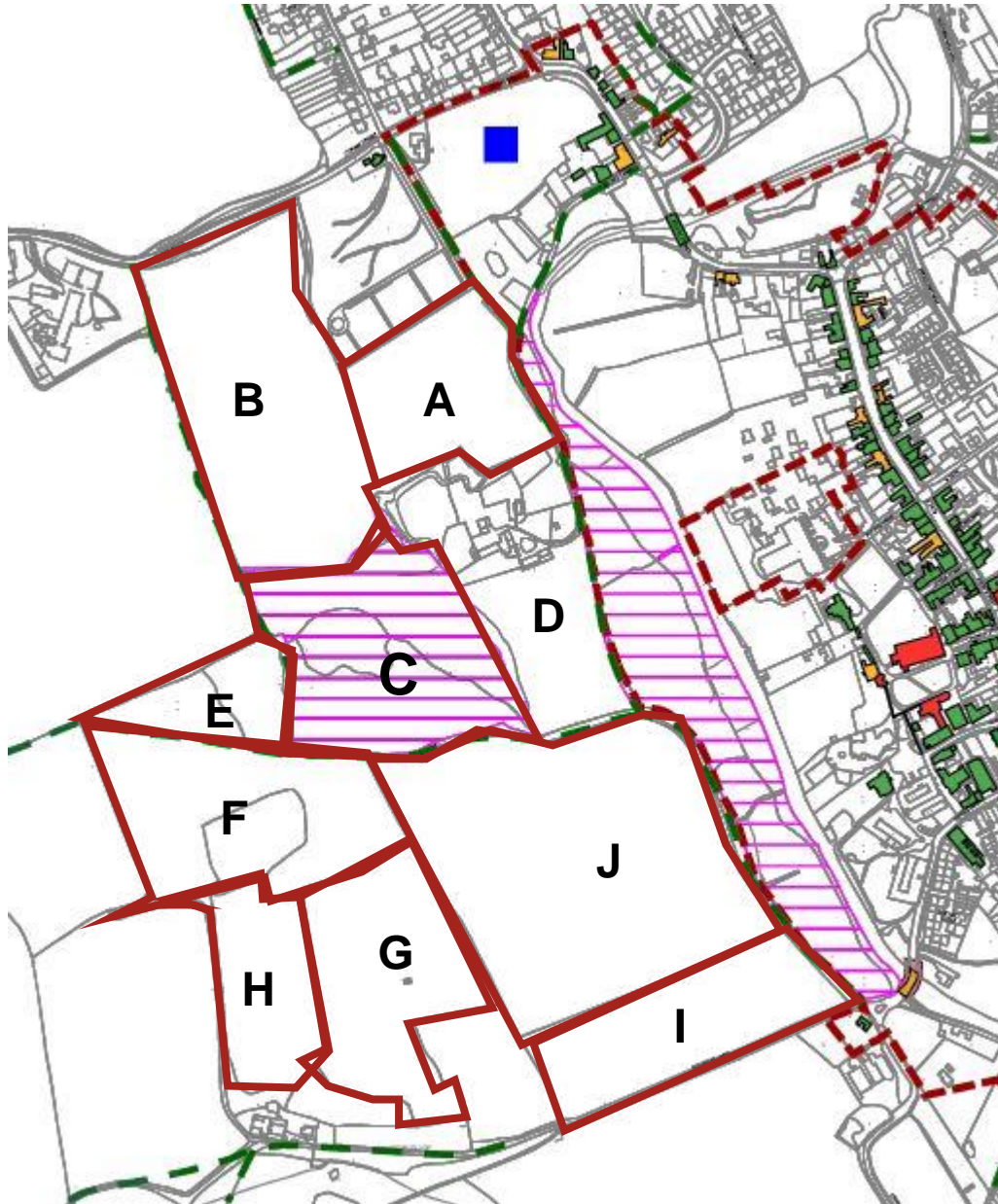
<b>Site Details</b>	
Description and Purpose	Extends along the northern edge of the Broom Hill nature reserve and beyond to the southwest.  This agricultural land has historically been used by the public who walk their dogs but without right of access or right of way and is damaging the arable farmland and parked cars.
<b>Checklist</b>	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	c.17 acres
Who owns the land?	Sir Joshua Rowley Farms
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	No

Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Not as the whole area of ownership of land
Conclusion	This site does not meet the criteria as a whole but potentially does as individual parcels.

**6.1c “The Conch” (area of farmland known as “Holbecks Park”: I and J on map below)**

Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Agriculture land along the northern edge of the Broom Hill nature reserve extending south. 1) This area is affectionately known as The Conch to Hadleigh residents. However there are no public footpaths across this land and whilst the public use the land without consent, there is no public access. The only footpath on this area of land is up Holbecks drive up to Love Lane and past Broom Hill. 2) Used for the Hadleigh Show in May each year which is attended by thousands from far and wide.
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	c. 25 acres
Who owns the land?	Sir Joshua Rowley Farms
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	No
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Not as the whole area of ownership of land
Conclusion	This site does not meet the criteria as a whole but potentially does as individual parcels.

**Constitution Hill Identified Parcels:**



	Name	Comment
A	Lower half of Constitution Hill	Critical to Hadleigh residents in their opinion
B	Upper half of Constitution Hill	
D	Small are of scrubland next to house and stables	Runs parallel to the Riverside Walk.
E	Triangular area at the top of the nature reserve	Known to be used by the public despite there being no public footpaths.
F	The field running up to the west of the nature reserve	Known to be used by the public despite there being no public footpaths.
G	The scrub and hilltop with the WW2 'pillbox' on it	Known to be used by the public despite there being no public footpaths.
H	The agricultural field at the top of the western edge of area known as Constitution Hill	Known to be used by the public despite there being no public footpaths.
I	Managed pasture field running next to Holbecks Lane	Used as the main carpark for the Hadleigh Show.

		The estate has challenges here with public unlawfully accessing the agricultural land for dog walking which damages the arable land restricts the farm from using their land for cattle has they historically did due to dog faeces.
J	Area of managed pasture	Reversed arable land for Hadleigh Show.  Damage has been made by the public to the signage installed by the estate and cutting of the fence to illegally gain access beside the locked gates.

Species observed:

- Blue tits
- Robins
- Wrens
- Blackbirds
- Hawks
- Grey squirrels
- Native hedgerows
- Oak trees
- Fir trees
- Holly bushes

Sir Joshua Rowley Farms currently runs a Countryside Stewardship programme on part of its land and has indicated that there are plans to progress and enhance this. The Neighbourhood Plan should support and encourage countryside stewardship.



## **6.2 Broom Hill**



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Former quarry is now covered with woodland, grassland and scrub now used for recreational enjoyment
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	Yes – Local Nature Reserve
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	24 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Oaks
- Small-leaved lime
- Hazel
- Squirrel
- Hares
- Rabbits
- Wildflowers
- Native Shrubs

### 6.3 Beaumont Park



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Formal children's play area with equipment and green parkland space
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	7 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Conifers
- Rosehip
- Catkins
- Newly planted oaks
- Blue tits
- Robins
- Sparrows

## 6.4 Corks Lane Park



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Formal children's play area and adult outdoor gym facilities amongst green parkland space.
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	1 acre
Who owns the land?	Hadleigh Town Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

### Species observed:

- Common ash
- Whitebeam
- Common Hawthorn
- English Oak
- Sycamore
- Lombardy Poplar
- Field Maple
- Silver birch
- Goat willow
- Common Hornbeam
- Cherry
- Mountain ash
- Black Elder
- Rosehip
- Domesticated Dogs
- Sparrows
- Magpies



## 6.5 Bridge Street Allotments



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Land used for allotments
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	3.5 acres
Who owns the land?	Hadleigh Town Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

### Species observed:

- Moles
- Rats
- Mice
- Robins
- Greenfinch
- Bluetit
- Starling
- Buzzards
- Blackbirds
- Kites
- Kestrel
- Bees
- Wasps
- Worm
- Ants
- Blackflies
- White cabbage butterflies
- Peacock Butterflies
- Snails
- Muntjac
- Pigeons
- Squirrels
- Common Alder
- Common Ash
- Black Elder
- White Willow
- Eucalyptus

## 6.6 Toppesfield Allotments



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Land used for allotments
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	0.5 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Common Elder
- Common Ash
- Pear
- Field Maple
- Ivy spray hedgerows with berries
- Sparrows
- Blue tits
- Robins

## 6.7 Gallows Hill Allotments



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Land used for allotments
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	5.75 acres
Who owns the land?	Ann Beaumont Charity
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

### Species observed:

- Common frog
- Common lizard
- Hover flies
- Bees (bumble, honey, solitary)
- Shield beetles
- Lady bird
- Coachman
- Ground beetle
- Mosquito
- Wasps
- Worms
- Aphids
- Spiders
- Butterflies – common, peacock, admiral,
- brimstone,
- cabbage white
- Kite
- Pidgeon
- Magpie
- Buzzard
- Goldfinch
- Crow
- Blackbird
- Sparrow
- Pheasant
- Mouse
- Rat
- Squirrel
- Rabbit
- Badger
- Muntjac
- Dandelions
- Nettles
- White clover
- Scarlet pimple
- Mallow

- Dock
- Chickweed
- Fat hen
- Butter cup
- Mushrooms
- Toadstools
- Maple tree
- Hawthorn
- Blackthorn
- Hazel tree
- Walnut tree
- Apple tree
- Pear tree
- Plum tree

## 6.8 Cricket Ground



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Well-maintained field used by Hadleigh Cricket Club
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	Yes - DC/22/04001 August 2022 for the construction of a decking area to the front of the small clubhouse
What is the site area?	4 acres
Who owns the land?	Hadleigh Town Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes and is an historic green space in the town's history – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

### Species observed:

- Keaki
- Common horse chestnut
- Norway maple
- Box elder

## 6.9 Calais Street Recreation Ground



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Formal children's play area and open grassed parkland with benches for recreational use. Skatepark and hard court for ball games.
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	2 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

### Species observed:

- Sparrows
- Magpies
- Fir Trees
- Rosehip
- Domesticated Dogs



**6.10 East Meadow / Cox's Park**



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Formal children's play area and open grassed parkland with benches for recreational use
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designated for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	6 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Rooks
- Pigeons
- Large trees of unknown species
- Native hedging

**6.11 Riverside Walk and Toppesfield Picnic Area**



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Nature walk following the River Brett in a linear woodland area on the western bank of the River Brett. Has an all weather footpath connecting Corks Lane to Duke Street and the picnic area by Toppesfield bridge.
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	Yes – Local Nature Reserve
Is the site designated for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	1 mile
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swans</li> <li>• Alder</li> <li>• Warblers</li> <li>• Squirrels</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pigeons</li> <li>• Fish</li> <li>• Geese</li> <li>• Tits</li> <li>• Finches</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muntjac</li> <li>• Kingfisher</li> <li>• Otter</li> </ul> |
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**6.12 Railway Walk**



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Nature walk following the old railway line of historic importance for 2 miles from Hadleigh to Raydon. Also used for cycling and by equestrians.

Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	Yes – Local Nature Reserve
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	2 miles
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Wetlands at bottom of embankment
- Rabbits
- Muntjac
- Badgers
- Hares
- Buzzard
- Pigeon
- Blackbird
- Tits
- Worms
- Robin
- Fallow deer
- Domesticated Dogs
- Cherry
- Oak
- Elm
- Sycamore
- Hawthorn
- Beech

**6.13 Layham Road Sports Ground and The Millfield**



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Green space used for sporting activities and recreational use
Checklist	



Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	Yes – sports pavilion to replace existing which serves the community
What is the site area?	18 acres
Who owns the land?	Hadleigh Town Council
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Field Maple
- Walnut
- Elder
- Hazel
- Crack Willow
- English Elm
- Hybrid Black Poplar
- Common Ash
- White Willow
- Hornbeam
- Sycamore
- Lime
- Norway maple
- Cherry
- Mountain Ash
- Rabbits
- Hares
- Domesticated Dogs
- Worms

**6.14 Hadleigh Cemetery**



<b>Site Details</b>	
Description and Purpose	Area of land used as the town cemetery with many headstones. A safe and quiet green space used as the town's cemetery since 1860's. A reflective place to walk and sit.
<b>Checklist</b>	

Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	10 acres
Who owns the land?	Hadleigh Town Council
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- |                      |              |               |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| • Robin              | • Tits       | • Owls        |
| • Oak trees          | • Blackthorn | • Conifer     |
| • Silver birch trees | • Badger     | • Yew         |
| • Hawthorn           | • Hare       | • Rowan trees |
|                      | • Rabbit     | • Blackbird   |

**6.15 Land to the South of Ann Beaumont Way “The Sheep Field”**



<b>Site Details</b>	
Description and Purpose	Area of land used as a public recreation area and important walking route from the other side of town and especially for access to the Gallows Hill Allotments. Known locally as “the sheep field”.
<b>Checklist</b>	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	2.4 acres

Who owns the land?	Hadleigh Grand Feoffment Charity
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Robin
- Oak tree
- Tits
- Fruit trees
- Blackbird

### **6.16 Green Area Between Station Road and Buckenham Road**



<b>Site Details</b>	
Description and Purpose	Green space in amongst built up area of development beyond Station Road that separates Woodthorpe Close, Wentworth Close and Buckenham Road with plentiful trees and a footpath running through.
<b>Checklist</b>	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	1.7 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes

Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Many species of small birds
- Many large trees

### **6.17 Green at Clopton Gardens**



<b>Site Details</b>	
Description and Purpose	Green in Clopton Gardens used by the residents for recreational use and street parties and for children’s ball games often with a portable small football goal erected by residents.
<b>Checklist</b>	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	0.6 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

### **6.18 Yeoman Way Recreation Area**



Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Green bordered with many trees used by residents as a recreation area.
Checklist	
Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	1.4 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Many trees of varying species

### **6.19 The Fuzz**

Site Details	
Description and Purpose	Used for walking dogs, riding horses, and walking into town from the outskirts to avoid the busy area of Station Road. Area is filled with an abundance of trees with numerous footpaths through to Hook Lane and Stockton Close from the Railway Walk.
Checklist	

Are there any statutory designations?	No
Is the site designation for any purpose in the Local Plan?	No
Are there any current planning permissions?	No
What is the site area?	c.10 acres
Who owns the land?	Babergh District Council
<b>NPPF Criteria Assessment</b>	
Is it close to the community it serves?	Yes
Is there public access?	Yes
Is it demonstrably special to the local community or does it hold any particular significance?	Yes – see section 7
Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes
Conclusion	Meets LGS criteria and qualifies for designation

Species observed:

- Sandy Soil
- Crab apple tree
- Domesticated dogs
- Oak trees
- Broom
- Various small bird species
- Elm trees
- Gorse
- Birch trees

6.20 *Note: species observations were carried out for a short period during winter months when this document was being compiled, therefore is by no means a comprehensive list but a snapshot of species observed at that time.*



## 7. Public Consultation

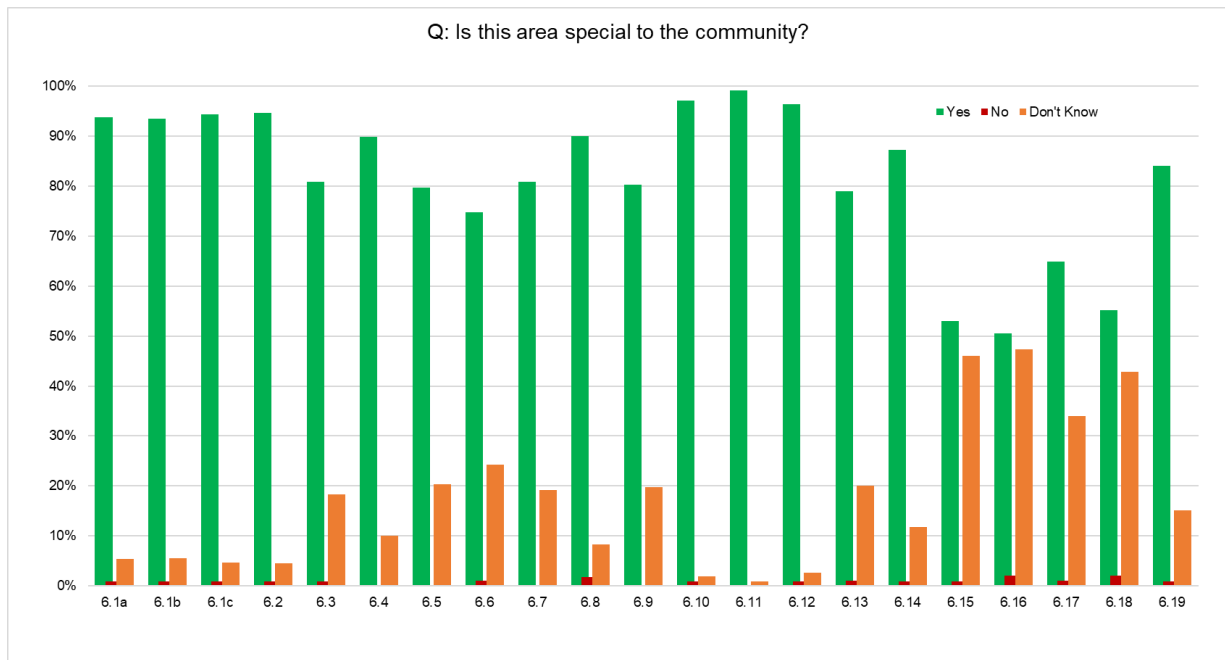
7.1 Public consultations were held from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to raise awareness and receive responses to a survey. Paper copies of the survey were available on the consultation days and from the Town Council offices and the survey ran online. All responses were received online. Promotion of the survey was on town noticeboards, Facebook pages and groups, and through face-to-face interactions on the following days and locations:

Date	Location	People Approached
11/02/2023	Entrance at Holbecks to Constitution Hill	30
21/02/2023	St Mary's school and Hadleigh Leisure Centre	29
22/03/2023	Morrisons	147
24/02/2023	Hadleigh Market	114
02/03/2023	Hadleigh Community Primary School entrance	197
04/03/2023	Morrisons	c.300

7.2 At the in-person consultations, the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-committee members spoke to individuals about local green spaces and handed out flyers with information about the survey and a QR code to the online page, using a clicker to assess the number of people they approached.

7.3 The total number of responses received to the consultation were **114**, which is 14% of the individuals spoken to in person (albeit many of those were probably duplicated individuals which cannot be verified).

7.4 The following chart details the percent of the responses to each area and highlights whether the public think the area is special to the community. As is evident all the locations identified by the working group are supported by the public with none having less than 51% of people confirming that the green space is special to the community.



7.5 The respondents were then asked what they use the areas for, in 3 words why the area is special and how often it is used by them. These details are summarised, in order of number of responses, per area identified in the proposal section above.

### 6.1a Constitution Hill (area listed as A, B and D on map)

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Views / Beauty / Landscape	Walking / Exercise	Most respondents noted that they use this area 2-6 times per week.
Nature	Picnics & Socialising	
Isolation	Photography	
Space	Dog walking	
Quiet / Relaxing / Calming	Being calm / Mindfulness	
Wildlife	Wildlife observation	

### 6.1b Constitution Hill (area listed as E, F, G, H on map)

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Nature / Wildlife	Walking / Exercise	Most respondents noted that they use this area 2-6 times per week.
Views / Landscape	Recreation	
Woodland	Children playing	
Calming and peaceful	Dog walking	
	Nature (inc. access Broom Hill)	

### 6.1c "The Conch" (an extended area adjoining Constitution Hill listed as I and J1 on the map)

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Rural views and landscape	Walking / Exercise	Most respondents noted that they use this area 2-6 times per week.
Nature	Accessing views and woodland	
Calming / Peaceful	Photography	
Space	Dog walking	
Safe play space	Young people socialising	
	Observing nature	

### 6.2 Broom Hill

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Tranquillity	Walking / Exercise	Most respondents noted that they use this area once a week.
Nature	Dog walking	
Woodland	Adventure / Playing	
Mental health	Quiet time / meditation	
	Photography	
	Observing nature	

### 6.3 Beaumont Park

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Views	Dog walking	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year closely followed by once or twice a month.
Play equipment	Child's play	
Safe open space	Exercise	
Accessibility	Green space for mental health	
Proximity to town		

### 6.4 Corks Lane Park

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Play & gym equipment	Child's play	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year closely followed by once or twice a month.
Access to Broom Hill	Walking	
Open peaceful space	Exercise	
Safe play	Socialising / Picnics	
Mental and physical health		

### 6.5 Bridge Street Allotments

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>



Tranquillity	Allotments	Most respondents noted that they use this area once or twice a month, though most allotment holders use it more.
Food / Sustainability	Observing nature and wildlife	
Mental health	Socialising	
Socialising	Artistic inspiration	

#### 6.6 Toppesfield Allotments

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Walking	Allotments	Most respondents said they use this area a few times a year, but most allotment holders use it at least once a week.
Food / Sustainability	Observing nature and wildlife	
Mental health	Socialising	

#### 6.7 Gallows Hill Allotments

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Walking	Allotments	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year, though most allotment holders use it far more regularly.
Food / Sustainability	Observing nature and wildlife	
Mental health	Socialising	
Socialising		

#### 6.8 Cricket Ground

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Sports / Exercise	Cricket	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year, though members of the club use it at least once a week.
Local amenity	Watching cricket	
Developing young people	Community activities/Socialising	
Calm space	Walking across	

#### 6.9 Calais Street Recreation Ground

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Community space	Child's play & skatepark	Most respondents noted that they use this area once or twice a month.
Fitness	Walking	
Mental health	Picnics	

#### 6.10 East Meadow / Cox's Park

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Community space	General recreation	Most respondents noted that they use this area once or twice a month.
Fitness	Child's play	
Mental health	Walking	
Nature	Dog walking	

#### 6.11 Riverside Walk and Toppesfield Picnic Area

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Peaceful / Tranquillity	Walking / Running	Most respondents noted that they use this area 2-6 times per week.
Community space	Dog walking	
Nature / Wildlife	Picnics	
Views	Nature	
River	Photography	

#### 6.12 Railway Walk

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Wildlife and Nature	Walking	

Peace and Tranquillity	Dog walking	Most respondents noted that they use this area once or twice a month.
Safe space	Horse riding	
Views	Cycling	
Community benefit		

#### 6.13 Layham Road Sports Ground and The Millfield

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Grassed recreation space	Dog walking	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year closely followed by 2-6 times week.
Mental and physical health	Sports	
Socialising	Picnics	
Community value		

#### 6.14 Hadleigh Cemetery

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Remembrance	Cemetery	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year.
Peaceful	Meditation / Quiet Reflection	
Views	Walking	
Nature / Wildlife		

#### 6.15 Land adjacent to Ann Beaumont Way

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Views / Countryside	Walking / Running	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year.
Community wellbeing	General recreation	
Nature	Watching wildlife	
Peaceful		

#### 6.16 Green Area Between Station Road and Buckenham Road

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Nature and Wildlife	General recreation	Most respondents noted that they use this area a few times a year.
Community asset	Walking	
Green and quiet	Breaking up spaces	

#### 6.17 Green at Clopton Gardens

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Spacious	Recreational play	Most respondents noted that they use this area once or twice a month.
Community value	Walking	
Safe green space for kids	Community use	
Proximity to housing		

#### 6.18 Yeoman Way Recreation Area

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Green space in urban area	Recreation	Most respondents noted that they use this area once or twice a month.
Nature and wildlife	Walking	
Physical and mental health	Picnics	

#### 6.19 The Fuzz

<i>Why is it special?</i>	<i>What is it used for?</i>	<i>How often do you use it?</i>
Nature	Walking	Most respondents noted that they use this area once or twice a month.
Views	Observing wildlife	
Peace / Tranquillity	Cycling / Running	
Physical & mental health	Dog walking	

7.6 No other areas were identified by the public to be designated in addition.

## 8. Template Letter to Landowners

Dear XXXX,

Re: Local Green Space Nomination - Landowner Notification

I am writing to inform you that \*\*\*\*\* have been nominated as Local Green Spaces for designation within the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan. Enclosed is a map identifying the green spaces that have been nominated.

What3Words reference: \*\*\*\*

This was the result of an initial assessment of potentially suitable green spaces within the Hadleigh and consultation with residents. Although an initial assessment has been undertaken, a decision has not yet been made in relation to whether this site is a suitable candidate for Local Green Space designation.

What does Local Green Space Nomination mean?

Successful designation of the site as a Local Green Space would mean that any new development on the land would not be possible other than in “very special circumstances” (National Planning Policy Framework, para 76). In line with nationally defined criteria to be suitable for designation, the local green space must be:

- In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- Demonstrably special to the local community and hold particular significance, for example, because of its beauty, historic significance recreational value (including playing fields), tranquillity or richness of wildlife, and
- Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

In addition, land which is subject to existing national planning designation will need very good justification for additional designation, in line with national guidance, for example land within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

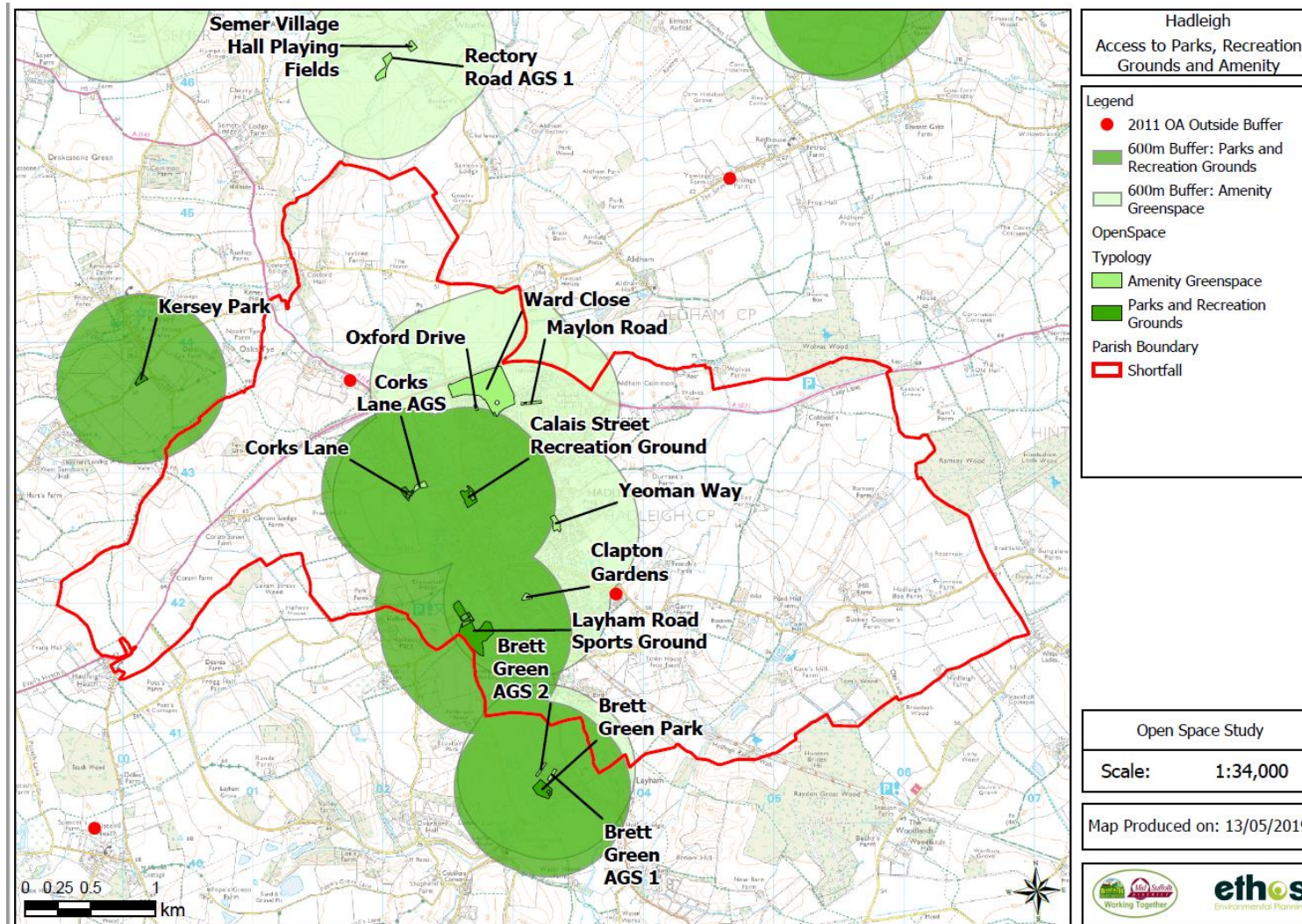
Please get in touch with any comments or concerns before \*\*\*\*.

A formal consultation on the draft Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan will follow. As part of this process you will be able to comment again on the recommended inclusion/exclusion of your site as a Local Green Space in the Draft Plan. We will write to you again after this stage to notify you in relation to the latest position in relation to your site.

Yours sincerely,  
Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Group

## 9. Appendices

### Appendix 1: Babergh District Council Green Space Proximity Map





Appendix 2: Babergh District Council Open Spaces Provision 2019

