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Local Green Spaces Report

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to provide maps and basic information about sites suggested for Local Green Space designation. All of the suggested sites were received during the Preliminary Draft and Further Draft Local Plan consultations. In addition this report sets out the methodology and rationale that has been used to assess and select the preferred sites for Local Green Space (LGS) designation in the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

What are Local Green Spaces?

- 1.2 Local Green Space is a new national designation that has been introduced by the Government through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF¹). Local communities have the opportunity through the development of the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans to identify green areas for special protection that are particularly important to them.
- 1.3 The NPPF is clear that LGS designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. Principally, they must be locally special and unique in the benefits that they provide to local communities. The NPPF sets out the criteria for designating LGS Sites which are discussed in Section 2, Methodology.

Suggested Local Green Spaces

- 1.4 In February and March 2016 the Council consulted on the Preliminary Draft Local Plan which set out the Council's emerging vision, objectives and planning policies for the growth and regeneration of East Cambridgeshire to 2036. As part of the consultation the Council invited residents, parish councils and other stakeholders to suggest sites they wish to be considered for designation as Local Green Space. The Further Draft Local Plan was published for consultation in January – February 2017. This version of the Plan included the preferred Local Green Space sites, following assessment of those sites submitted at the Preliminary Draft stage.
- 1.5 Section 4 lists all potential Local Green Spaces suggested as part of the Local Plan consultation. A total of 44 sites were received across 11 parishes during the Preliminary Draft consultation. An additional three sites, from two parishes, were submitted during the consultation on the Further Draft Local Plan in January 2017. In addition, a number of comments were received supporting the inclusion of some sites, and objecting to the exclusion of others. A total of 47 sites in 12 parishes were received during the two consultations, and have been assessed.
- 1.6 The Council has assessed all the suggested LGSs (using the methodology in section 2). This report sets out each of the sites suggested and the reasoning for including, or not, the site as a proposed LGS.

¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

2.0 Methodology

National policy context

- 2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in March 2012 and the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) was introduced in 2014 which offers 'live' government guidance.
- 2.2 The NPPF introduced the new LGS designation. NPPF (Para. 76) indicates that, through local and neighbourhood plans, local communities, can identify green areas of particular importance to them for special protection. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances.
- 2.3 The NPPF (Para. 78) requires local policy for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with Policy for Green Belts. Due to the important status Local Green Space designation holds, the NPPF (Para. 77) suggests Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open spaces. 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, tranquillity or richness of wildlife; and
 - Where the green area concerned is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.
- 2.5 Further national guidance on LGS is provided in the National Planning Practice Guidance².

Site Submissions

- 2.6 The NPPF is clear that it is local communities that should identify potential LGSs, through Local and Neighbourhood Plans.
- 2.7 In February and March 2016 the Council consulted on the Preliminary Draft Local Plan³ which sets out the council's emerging vision, objectives and planning policies for the growth and regeneration of East Cambridgeshire to 2036. As part of the consultation the Council invited residents, parish councils and other bodies to suggest sites they wish to be considered for designation as Local Green Spaces.
- 2.8 Promoters of suggested LGS sites were encouraged to complete "Form D – Suggested Local Green Space". This ensured the Council was able to gather specific information about each site to enable the site to be assessed.
- 2.9 The Further Draft version of the Local Plan (Jan 2017) set out the preferred sites for allocation as LGS. The Plan also sought views on the preferred sites and any additional sites that members of the public thought should be included.

² <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>

³ <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/local-plan-review>

2.10 Section 4 of this report presents all sites which were submitted for consideration for LGS designation. This list of sites has formed the basis of the LGS site assessment. The site profiles in section 4 have been compiled based on completed ‘Form D’s’ received during the Preliminary Draft consultation, and the subsequent additional submissions during the Further Draft Consultation. For reference, a blank copy of the Local Green Space Form (Form D) is appended to this report.

Site Assessment

2.11 Each site has been plotted on the Council’s GIS database and assigned a unique reference number. As discussed in ‘*National Policy Context*’, the NPPF sets out criteria which sites must satisfy in order to be considered suitable for LGS designation. Suggested LGS submissions will be assessed against the LGS criteria set out in table 1. The criteria are derived from the NPPF, with the addition of criterion 4 which seeks to ensure designation as an LGS is compatible with the requirements of the local planning context and sustainable development.

2.12 In carrying out this assessment, officers will refer to LGS submissions (completed Form Ds), undertake site visits and gather information through a desk-based assessment of each site, such as its planning history, existing designations and status of the site in relation to emerging allocations in the Local Plan.

Table 1. Explanation of Criteria for designating LGSs in East Cambridgeshire

Local Green Space Criteria	Explanation
1. Are in close proximity to the community they serve	<p>The NPPF does not define ‘close proximity’.</p> <p>We consider that Local Green Space should be in easy walking distance (up to 400m or a 5 minute walk) from the local community it serves and must not be isolated or distant from communities.</p>
2. Are local in character and not an extensive tract of land	<p>The NPPF doesn’t define what is considered to be ‘an extensive tract of land’.</p> <p>We have not set a specific size limit for Local Green Spaces. However, blanket designations of swathes of open countryside adjacent to settlements or long distance linear routes would not be appropriate.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community because of its:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Beauty</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Historic significance</p>	<p>For an open space to be designated as a Local Green Space it must meet at least one of the demonstrably special criteria:</p> <p>Beauty: enhances local character, adds to the setting of a building or groups of buildings;</p> <p>Historic significance: listed building near or on area/open space, provide the setting of and/or views of listed building or</p>

<p>c. Recreational value d. Tranquillity e. Richness of its wildlife</p>	<p>historic assets such as a war memorial whose setting needs protecting. Also historic landscape features, such as ancient trees or old hedgerows;</p> <p>Recreational value: play area, allotments, informal spaces in housing estates, sports and playing fields (not already covered by a designation);</p> <p>Tranquillity: spaces that are calm and allow for quiet enjoyment and reflection;</p> <p>Richness of its wildlife: provides for biodiversity, geodiversity, known protected species, and/or priority habitats;</p> <p>Further explanation of how we will assess sites against the demonstrably special criteria is provided in paras. 2.12 – 2.17 below.</p>
<p>4. Consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.</p>	<p>Local Green Space designations are not normally appropriate for sites with existing planning permission/allocated in the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan for other uses unless it can be demonstrated that the Local Green Space can be incorporated within the site as part of the development.</p>

Application of “demonstrably special” criteria (Criterion 3)

2.12 In relation to the five ‘demonstrably special’ criteria set out in criterion 3 (Table 1), the Strategic Planning Team will consider the following:

Beauty

2.13 Whether an open space is beautiful can be open to interpretation. Assessment against this criterion will take into account:

- The visual attractiveness of the site as a whole;
- The contribution the site makes to landscape or townscape character and local distinctiveness;
- The contribution the site makes to the physical form and layout of a settlement or neighbourhood.
- Whether the site offers long views through or beyond a settlement or neighbourhood or views of locally valued landmarks.

Historic Significance

2.14 The assessment of historic significance will be informed by consideration of:

- Whether the site provides a setting for heritage assets or other locally valued landmarks;
- Whether the site contains any historical features, such as ancient trees;
- Whether the site is associated with a historical figure or event;

- Whether there are any regular, historical events such as a village fete that are regularly held on the site;
- The Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record.

Recreational Value

2.15 Most open spaces will meet this criteria. In general, sites should offer a variety of recreational opportunities, formal or informal.

Tranquillity

2.16 The Tranquillity Map prepared by the CPRE⁴ will be used to identify whether a site is located in an area that can be described as tranquil. Sites need to demonstrate a feeling of remoteness and quiet contemplation for the majority of the site and a general lack of artificial noise such as road traffic or nearby industry.

Richness of Wildlife

2.17 Many open spaces offer some benefit to wildlife. For a site to meet this criterion, there must be evidence that it is rich in wildlife, such as records, ecological evidence or expert advice. Sites already designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, National or Local Nature Reserve will not be considered appropriate for LGS designation as these are considered to be adequately protected by national legislation and other policies in the plan. Other sites to be considered could:

- Include a priority habitat as defined in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan;
- Include important landscape features, such as veteran trees, ancient woodland or ancient hedgerows;

Consistency with the local planning of sustainable development

2.18 Assessment relating to criterion 4 will involve checking each site against certain information, such as planning history, existing designations and potential conflict with emerging allocations.

2.19 The LGS designation cannot be applied to sites with existing planning permission for development. In such circumstances, LGS designation will not be suitable and the site may therefore be excluded from the assessment process. Where a LGS suggestion is also being considered as a future development site through the Local Plan process, each proposal will continue to be assessed on its own merits.

2.20 In addition to LGS designation, there are many other statutory and policy tools already in place protecting certain important green areas. LGS designation is therefore a means of protecting sites which do not already fall under existing statutory designations or protective ownership.

2.21 LGS suggestions already covered by the following designations may be excluded from the assessment as there already exists a legislative and policy framework to protect them:

- Green Belt
- Green Wedge

⁴ http://maps.cpre.org.uk/tranquillity_map.html?lon=0.29393&lat=52.34073&zoom=11

- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)
- National Nature Reserves (NNR)
- Local Nature Reserves (LNR)
- Local Wildlife Sites (LWS)
- Historic Parks and Gardens
- Town and Village Greens and registered commons
- Land under protective ownership (e.g. National Trust, Woodland Trust, etc).

3.0 Identification of Preferred Sites

- 3.1 Following the receipt of additional sites during the Further Draft consultation, and comments on proposed LGS sites that were consulted on, the appraisal of sites and the reasoning for their proposed inclusion, or not, was revisited. This review has resulted in a small number of sites that were previously discounted for inclusion within the Further Draft being included within the Proposed Submission Local Plan.
- 3.2 As set out in the Methodology at Section 2, each site submitted was subject to a site visit to consider the site against the Local Green Space criteria. The undertaking of site visits was particularly useful in identifying where suggested sites had no public access. Site visits were undertaken during July 2016, with the additional sites submitted during the Further Draft consultation undertaken in June and July 2017.
- 3.3 A desk based exercise was also undertaken to identify any planning history, any existing designations and the status of the site in relation to emerging allocations in the Local Plan.
- 3.4 The table below sets out each of the submitted sites with reasoning for its inclusion, or not, based on the criteria set out above. A total of 20 sites are identified as preferred sites for allocation as Local Green Space within the Local Plan. These sites are identified by their Local Plan reference in the table below. Site details are provided within the site allocations policy within the relevant village section in Chapter 7 of the Proposed Submission version of the Local Plan. Sites are also shown on the relevant inset maps.
- 3.5 Those sites not considered to meet the LGS criteria, whilst they will not be designated, may still be protected under other policies in the Local Plan. Members of the public, Parish Councils and other organisations and stakeholders will be able to comment on proposed Local Green Spaces during the Proposed Submission Local Plan consultation.

Table2: Identification of preferred sites

LGS Submission Ref	Proposed for inclusion	Local Plan Reference	Site Address	Local Green Space Criteria									Reasoning
				1	2	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	4		
LGS/01/01	Yes	ASH.LGS1	Wavier Pond, Church Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Fulfils all part 3 criteria. An attractive area, including pond, that is well maintained	
LGS/01/02	No		Ashley Recreation Ground	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Extensive tract of land on edge of village, apart from small area in corner, no obvious usage despite being laid to grass. Does not sufficiently fulfil any part 3 criteria.	
LGS/01/03a	No		Small and large Green	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil any part 3 criteria. This site is a highway verge	
LGS/01/03b	No		Small and large Green	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil any criteria. This site is a highway verge.	
LGS/01/03c	No		Small and large Green	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil any criteria. This site is a highway verge.	
LGS/02/01	Yes	BOT.LGS1	Ancient Meadow	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfils recreation criteria. Well used by village residents.	
LGS/02/02	No		Meadow east of High Street	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Extensive tract of land within the green belt and therefore benefits from equal level of protection. No obvious public access.	

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LGS/02/03	No		Bottisham Village College Playing Fields	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	Site is located within the green belt and therefore benefits from equal level of protection.
LGS/02/04	No		Meadow land off High Street	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Site is located within the green belt and therefore benefits from equal level of protection.
LGS/03/01	Yes	BRI.LGS1	Beechcroft Field	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Centrally located within the village, fulfils all part 3 criteria
LGS/05/01	Yes	BUR.LGS1	Pauline Swamp	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	Fulfils 3 part 3 criteria, in particular for recreational value and wildlife value. Valued by village residents.
LGS/10/01	Yes	STU.LGS1	Stuntney Play Area	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	Fulfils the part 3 criteria in respect of recreation.
LGS/15/01	Yes	KIR.LGS1	Kirtling Playing Field	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Fulfils 4 part 3 criteria, in particular for recreational value, located behind village hall providing opportunities for variety of community uses also.
LGS/15/02	Yes	KIR.LGS2	Kirtling Cricket Pitch	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Fulfils 3 part 3 criteria, in particular for recreational value.
LGS/21/01	Yes	REA.LGS1	The Hythe	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Meets 4 part 3 criteria, in particular for historical value.
LGS/23/01	No		Longmere Lane Fields	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Site is an extensive tract of land with no clear boundaries or use.

LGS Submission Ref	Proposed for inclusion	Local Plan Reference	Site Address	Local Green Space Criteria								Reasoning
				1	2	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	4	
LGS/26/01	No		Cricket Field and old Recreation Ground, Station Road	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Submitted site is an extensive tract of land, includes meadow and cricket pitch.
LGS/26/02	No		Meadows to west and East of Bury Road	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Extensive tract of land in agricultural use.
LGS/26/03	Yes	SUT.LGS1	Rear of School and Royal British Legion, The Brook	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Does not sufficiently fulfil criteria. Lack of public access limits recreational value. Submitted site is a mix of agricultural land and a football field. Area including playing field has been included as it fulfils recreation criteria.
LGS/26/04	Yes	SUT.LGS2	The Paddock and Old Recreation Ground, east of Lawn Lane	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Submitted site an extensive tract of land including paddock and old recreation ground. Area including old recreation ground is proposed for inclusion as fulfils recreation criteria.
LGS/26/05	No		Stankers Pond	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Site does not sufficiently fulfil wildlife criteria. Does not fulfil other part 3 criteria.
LGS/28/01	Yes	SWP.LGS1	High Street	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfils recreation and historic criteria.

LGS Submission Ref	Proposed for inclusion	Local Plan Reference	Site Address	Local Green Space Criteria								Reasoning
				1	2	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	4	
LGS/28/02	Yes	SWP.LGS2	Coopers Green, Green Head Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	Fulfils a number of part 3 criteria, in particular beauty and historic significance as a result of its proximity to the church.
LGS/28/03	No		Town Close	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Site is not publically accessible (gated entrance) and is not in close proximity of village giving isolated feel.
LGS/28/04	No		East of B1102	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Extensive tract of land, in agricultural use.
LGS/28/05	No		East of B1102	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Extensive tract of land in agricultural use.
LGS/28/06	No		East of B1102	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Extensive tract of land in agricultural use.
LGS/28/07	No		East of B1102	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Extensive tract of land in agricultural use.
LGS/28/08	No		East of B1102	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Extensive tract of land in agricultural use.
LGS/28/09	No		West of B1102	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Extensive tract of land in agricultural use.
LGS/28/10	No		North of Lower End	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria, currently in agricultural use, submitted site is part of a larger field with no clear boundary.

LGS Submission Ref	Proposed for inclusion	Local Plan Reference	Site Address	Local Green Space Criteria								Reasoning
				1	2	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	4	
LGS/28/11	No		Adjacent to 75 High Street	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. Landlocked site. Unable to see into site or access site. No reasons given for designation.
LGS/34/01	No		Sandpit Drove	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Does not fulfil criteria as it is a public footpath – officially a byway, therefore is protected as a public right of way.
LGS/34/02	Yes	WFD.LGS1	Victoria Green	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfil a number of criteria, in particular for recreational value in part 3.
LGS/34/03	No		Rear of Village Hall, Bedwell Hey Lane	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Fulfil recreation criteria. Submitted site is within proposed Green Wedge and therefore is offered equal level of protection through that designation.
LGS/34/04	Yes	WFD.LGS2	Millenium Wood	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Fulfil a number of part 3 criteria, in particular for recreation and is parish council owned.
LGS/34/05	Yes	WFD.LGS3	Manor Road	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfil recreation criteria. Well used and maintained allotments.
LGS/34/06	No		Old Scenes, Grunty Fen Road	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not sufficiently fulfil recreation criteria, and does not fulfil other criteria.
LGS/34/07	No		Old Recreation Ground, Grunty Fen Road	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil a number of criteria. Not within close proximity of the development envelope and feels isolated from village.

LGS Submission Ref	Proposed for inclusion	Local Plan Reference	Site Address	Local Green Space Criteria								Reasoning
				1	2	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	4	
LGS/34/08	No		Pond and Pamby's Plantation	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Does not fulfil criteria as is a public footpath and therefore is protected as a public right of way.
LGS/34/09	Yes	WFD.LGS6	Common Road	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfils number of criteria, in particular for historic and recreational value in part 3.
LGS/34/10	Yes	WFD.LGS4	Off Field End and Wheats Close	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfils a number of criteria, in particular for recreational value in part 3. Designated public open space, well maintained and with good access.
LGS/34/11	No		West of West End	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil criteria. No access, private site, extensive tract of land.
LGS/34/12	Yes	WFD.LGS5	Broadway	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfils recreation criteria. Well used and maintained allotments
LGS/34/13	No		South of Ward Way	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Not of a quality to sufficiently fulfil recreation criteria. Does not meet any other part 3 criteria.
LGS/34/14	No		Edna's Wood, Grunty Fen Road	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil part 3 criteria. Not in close proximity of development envelope and is isolated from village.
LGS/34/15	Yes	WFD.LGS7	East of Millenium Wood	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfils beauty and recreational criteria in part 3, as provides attractive break in built development, with high quality views of open countryside (no available elsewhere, and has two public rights of way through site.

LGS Submission Ref	Proposed for inclusion	Local Plan Reference	Site Address	Local Green Space Criteria								Reasoning
				1	2	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	4	
LGS/34/16	No		Fairchild's Wood, Grunty Fen Road	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Does not fulfil part 3 criteria. Not in close proximity of development envelope and is isolated from village.
LGS/35/01	Yes	NFR.LGS1	Peterhouse Drive, Newmarket	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Fulfils recreation criteria as is a clearly bounded area used as a playing field.

4.0 Parish and Site Profiles – Suggested LGSs

- 4.1 This section is organised in parish order. Each site suggested has an individual site profile providing basic information about each suggested Local Green Space. This information is based on the representations made by the promoter of the site.
- 4.3 It is important to note that this section does not include any assessment, but rather sets out each of the sites submitted in a consistent format. The suggested LGSs listed in this section have been assessed (as set out in Section 3 above) to determine their suitability in accordance with the methodology in Section 2.
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LGS Reference: LGS/01/01

Parish:

Ashley CP

Site Name: Wavier Pond: Chapel Row/Church Street

Address: Chapel Row/ Church Street

Settlement: Ashley

Gross area (ha):

0.12

Description: Pond and surrounding grassed area



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Pond and surrounding grasses area, forms focal point of village and is a main area of open space. There is no registered owner of the pond but the Parish Council has taken responsibility for its maintenance. It is of particular local significance and not an extensive tract of land.

LGS Reference: LGS/01/02

Parish:

Ashley CP

Site Name: Ashley Recreation Ground

Address: High Street, Ashley

Settlement: Ashley

Gross area (ha):

2.04

Description: village playing field



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

The playing field stands on land leased from Fairhaven Estates. As the only land in village set aside for formal recreation, its preservation particularly important to local people. It meets all above listed criteria.

LGS Reference: LGS/01/03

Parish:

Ashley CP

Site Name: Small and large green

Address: Silehills Close, Ashley

Settlement: Ashley

Gross area (ha):

0.23

Description: areas of informal open space



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

These are the only areas of informal open space that are open to the public in Ashley. A recent facilities audit of Ashley carried out by East Cambs DC identified that there was insufficient informal play space in the village having regards to the size of its population. In these circumstances the Parish Council believes these greens should be designated as Local Green Space so that they may be afforded some protection. These Greens meet all the above criteria for designation.

LGS Reference: LGS/02/01

Parish:

Bottisham CP

Site Name: Ancient Meadows

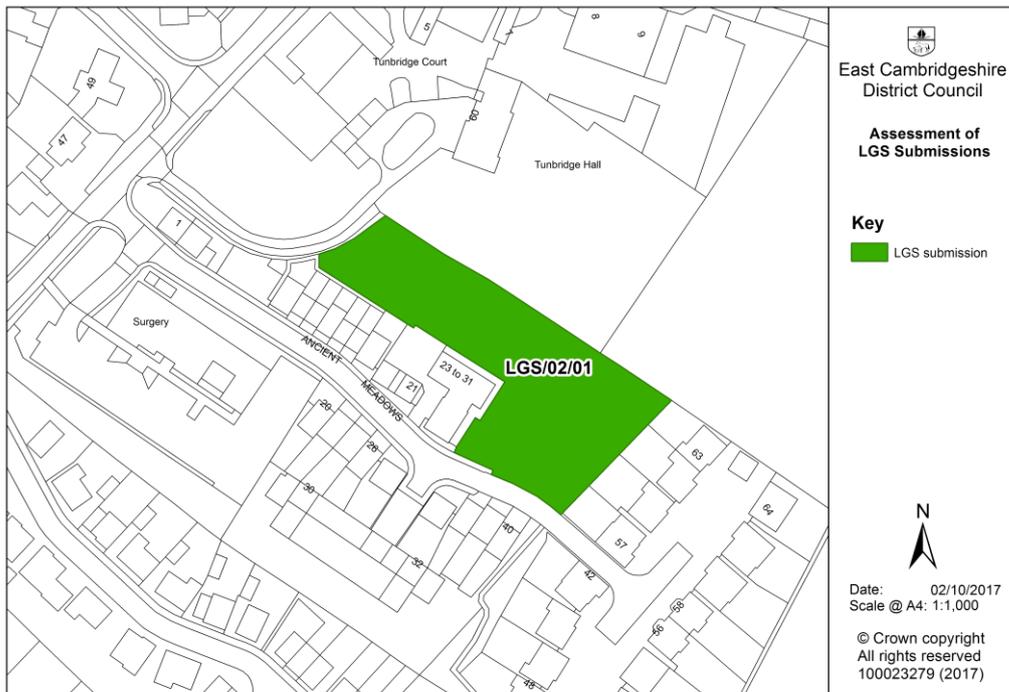
Address: Ancient Meadows, Bottisham

Settlement: Bottisham

Gross area (ha):

0.28

Description: Informal POS



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

There were multiple submissions for Ancient Meadows, Bottisham. Key themes included:

Used and loved by residents and surrounding neighbourhoods; used for recreation, children's play, games, street parties, BBQs and other annual events; maintained by residents since handover from developer; close to family and elderly resident's homes; safe and overlooked; not an extensive tract of land; village has limited areas of open space which are located some distance away; development of the site would have negative impacts; adjacent land under development - ancient meadows will therefore benefit these residents also; it is a peaceful, quiet space; enhances quality of life; rich in biodiversity; chestnut tree on site is protected.

LGS Reference: LGS/02/02

Parish:

Bottisham CP

Site Name: Meadow East of High Street

Address: High Street, Bottisham

Settlement: Bottisham

Gross area (ha):

1.64

Description: Meadow, part in Conservation area, part in Green belt



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Meadow to the east of 45 High Street sits partly in the Conservation Area and partly in green belt and outside the village envelope. It supports flora, fauna and indigenous trees and hedgerows. It also creates a framework for the view From and to the Swaffhm Bulbeck Road. It was protected during a Structure Plan Review. We need to ensure it is protected for the future.

LGS Reference: LGS/02/03

Parish:

Bottisham CP

Site Name: Bottisham Village College Playing Fields

Address: Bottisham Village College, Lode Road, Bottisham, Cambridgeshire, CB25 9DL

Settlement: Bottisham

Gross area (ha):

4.15

Description: Playing fields at Village College



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This is a request to safeguard an area of Bottisham Village College playing fields by designating it as Green Open Space/Public Open Space. This is to ensure that continued village access and use of the playing fields by the residents and children of Bottisham is maintained. This is the only open area in the village suitable for recreational pursuits as the parish has no land of its own.

NOTE: Bottisham lost its old recreation ground to the war effort in 1940. The old recreation ground was then used to build social housing (Jenyn's Close) in the 1950s. To compensate for this loss the village was granted use of the Village College playing fields by Cambridgeshire County Council (CEC). Refer to documents attached to email.

Other supporting documentation such as minutes of meetings can also be found in the Cambridgeshire Archives at Shire Hall.

LGS Reference: LGS/02/04

Parish:

Bottisham CP

Site Name: Meadow land off High St

Address: High Street, Bottisham

Settlement: Bottisham

Gross area (ha):

3.28

Description: Meadow land off High Street



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

LGS Reference: LGS/03/01

Parish:

Brinkley CP

Site Name: Beechcroft Field, Brinkley

Address: Beechcroft Field, Brinkley

Settlement: Brinkley

Gross area (ha): 1.19

Description: field forming space for informal recreation by all members of community. Includes goal posts and playground



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Beechcroft Field is in the centre of the village, and is accessible to all residents. It is used by young and elderly residents. Residents walk their dogs on the field regularly. The field is the site for the children's playground and picnic area and is regularly used by families. There are two goal posts on the field used by youngsters to play football regularly. It is an area where residents can sit quietly in outdoor space and fresh air and the only open space of its kind in Brinkley. It is an important and valued space in Brinkley to its residents.

LGS Reference: LGS/05/01

Parish:

Burwell CP

Site Name: Pauline Swamp

Address: Adjacent to DS Smith Site

Settlement: Burwell

Gross area (ha):

2.04

Description: Pauline Swamp County Wildlife Site, Burwell



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

In 2013 ECDC was made aware of the County Wild Life site Pauline Swamp next to the DS Smith site (see Attachment A1 & A2) On 22nd January 2014 ECDC agenda item 6 was for a outline planning application to build 70 houses on the derelict DS Smith site at Reach Road. This site was set aside for employment only by a 80 house development at Reach Road .in 2001 and the Burwell Master plan in 2013. The outcome seemed to be favourable for the developer as they had bought the brownfield site at a higher price than was normal for a brownfield site and ECDC agreed that it was no longer viable for the developer to build industrial units only.

The outline planning permission was opposed by Burwell and Reach Parish Council. However ECDC gave approval to the 70 outline housing application On the 21st April 2015 there was a local plan, approved by the inspector and ECDC. It included a Policies Map. (see attachment B) It shows that the DS Smith site is still designated as a employment area. The small meadow and hedge next to the factory site mentioned in attachment A1/A2 (see red outline on attachment B) is not part of the employment area. 19th February 2016 full approval for building 70 houses on the DS Smith site has been given. The broad hedge and small meadow that separated Pauline Swamp CWS from the factory site can be destroyed. Less than year after approval of the 2015 local plan another local plan is to be made. It seems there is little point in

LGS Reference: LGS/05/01

Parish:

Burwell CP

Site Name: Pauline Swamp

making Local plans. ECDC seems to have the power to ignore the Localisms Act and allow developers that buy brownfield sites at a higher price than current value to build houses on employment sites that are designated by local people After the Burwell Master plan was made in 2013 ECDC should have compulsory purchased the DS Smith site at current values. However as planning permission has been given ECDC should compulsory purchase the designated employment area marked BUR3 on the April 2015 policies map. This would ensure that at least another employment area is available. Very little can be done for Pauline Swamp CWS except that the advocated buffer Zone becomes reality and direct access to Pauline Swamp from the building site is denied.

LGS Reference: LGS/10/01

Parish:

Ely CP

Site Name: Stuntney Play Area

Address: Stuntney play area, Lower Road, Stuntney, Ely

Settlement: Stuntney

Gross area (ha):

0.33

Description: Stuntney play area



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Central to the community; well-used; has recreational and sporting value; has a richness in plant species and bird life; is a tranquil location in the village, and the only 'public' open space in the village.

LGS Reference: LGS/15/01

Parish:

Kirtling CP

Site Name: Kirtling Playing field

Address: R/O village hall, The Street, Kirtling

Settlement: Kirtling

Gross area (ha):

0.95

Description: village playing field



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

When looking at the parish the two areas that come to mind that we would like to designate desirable green spaces are the cricket pitch and village hall field which we believe to be demonstrably special to the local community. This is in the context of these green spaces having been valued and enjoyed by the residents for many years.

Both the cricket pitch and village Hall field are centrally positioned in the village of Kirtling. They have been available for use by parishioners for as long as anyone can remember. There is an active cricket club made up mostly of villagers who play in a friendly cricket league. The cricket matches are a key social event in the village.

The playing field is used for village events such as treasure hunts for children, classic car displays, falconry displays and the Kirtling produce show. The field lies directly behind the village hall adding valuable outdoor space to our modern village hall. We are aware that the playing field and cricket pitch are privately owned.

LGS Reference: LGS/15/02

Parish:

Kirtling CP

Site Name: Cricket Pitch, Kirtling

Address: The Street, Kirtling

Settlement: Kirtling

Gross area (ha):

0.82

Description: Village cricket field



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

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LGS Reference: LGS/21/01

Parish:

Reach CP

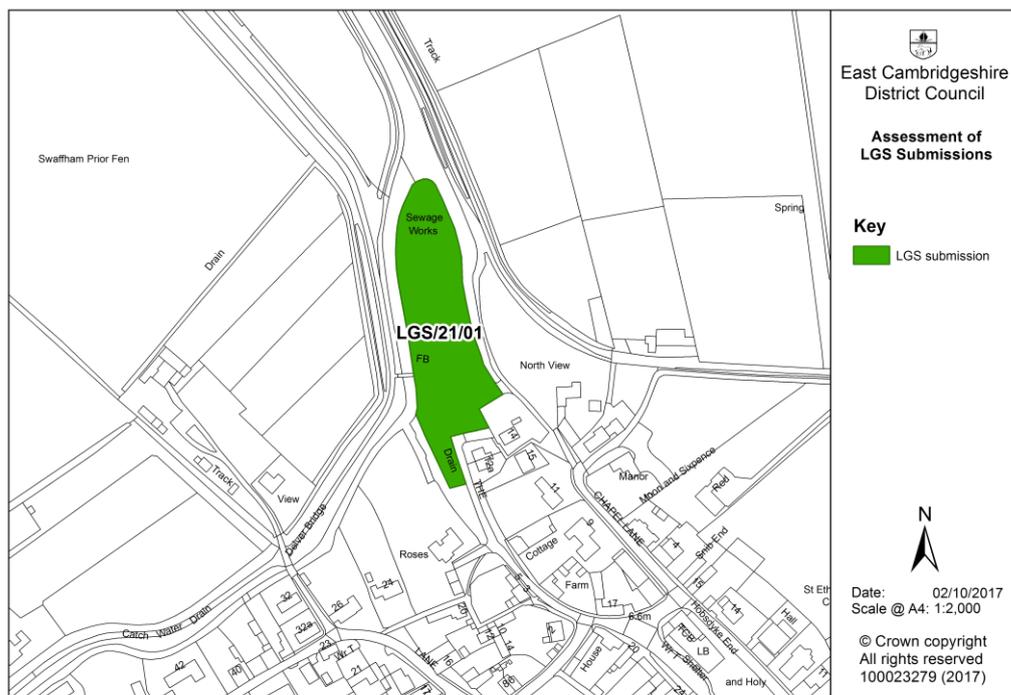
Site Name: The Hythe, Reach

Address: The Hythe, Reach

Settlement: Reach

Gross area (ha): 0.51

Description: area used by leisure boats, and POS, public ROW's along 2 sides



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

The attached map shows the proposed area in green and blue. The green area is owned by the Parish Council. The blue area is owned by Anglian Water. Reach PC has a licence to use the blue area as a public open space and in connection with the mooring of vessels on the green land.

The Hythe is an historic area used by leisure boats and with potential for further historical, recreational and wildlife value. A large part of it is currently used for a sewage treatment plant, but it is understood that this may become redundant. The village expects to acquire the land if the sewage treatment plant is no longer required. We would investigate the archaeology of what was a thriving port until the early 20th century, probably dating back to the Roman period. We would then landscape the area to respect the archaeology and improve the wildlife habitat and improve the mooring area and the picnic area.

The Hythe is accessible to one side by a public road and footpath from the Village Green and there are public rights of way across from the Lode along two sides, with the Lode along the fourth side.

We would like to protect the site from inappropriate development, but without restricting our

LGS Reference: LGS/21/01

Parish:

Reach CP

Site Name: The Hythe, Reach

scope to fully investigate the site, and install appropriate signage, paths, furniture and possibly structures or buildings for interpretation of the site, watching wildlife or sheltering picnickers and other visitors from wind and rain.

LGS Reference: LGS/23/01

Parish:

Soham CP

Site Name: Longmere Lane fields

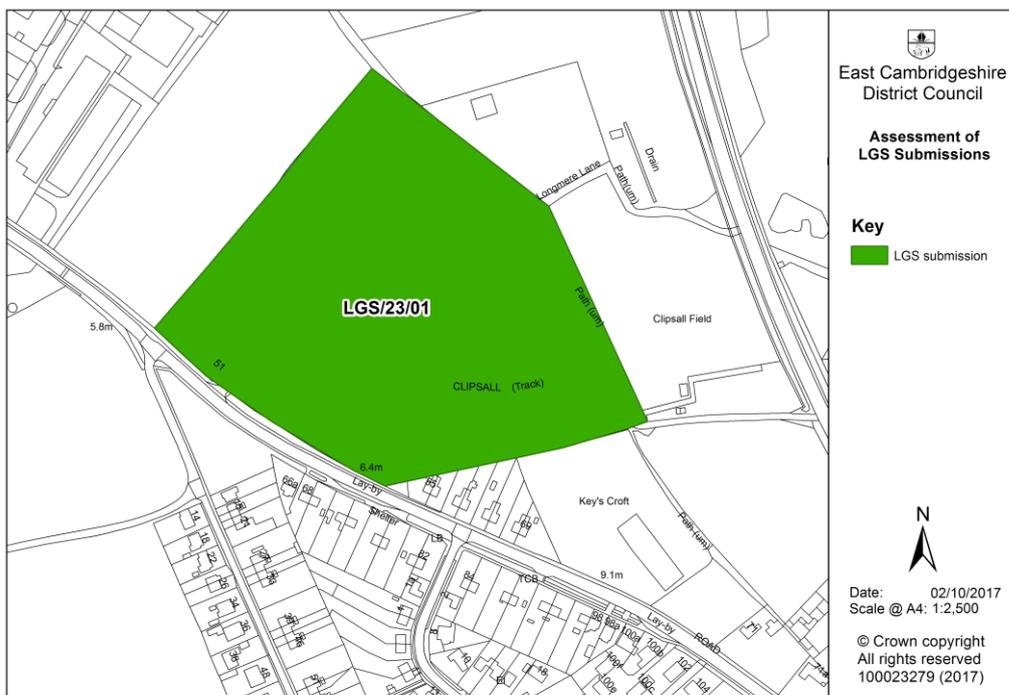
Address: Longmere Lane, Soham

Settlement: Soham

Gross area (ha):

5.5

Description: open fields



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

I think the fields identified or part thereof would be ideal green spaces as they already host a multitude of wildlife and would protect the adjacent tree belt and is also in the vicinity of the SSSI sites managed by Natural England. The fields are surrounded by ancient footpaths and give greater access to the surrounding countryside inc. Over the bypass to Wet Horse Fen. The fields link into Longmere Lane by footpaths and give easy access to residents of Brook St, Greenhills, Downfields, The Causeway, etc.. Managed successfully, it could be used for school educational walks, and an asset to the town. A small car park could be installed for all of Soham's residents to use the area.

LGS Reference: LGS/26/01

Parish:

Sutton CP

Site Name: Cricket field, adjacent meadows and the old Recreation Ground

Address: Station road, sutton

Settlement: Sutton

Gross area (ha): 9.97

Description: A number of connecting meadows at the East end of the village, including Cricket Field.



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Sutton Parish Council are preparing their Neighbourhood Plan. Extensive consultation across the community has resulted in the production of a first report where a number of significant issues relating to the importance of safeguarding Local Green Space and playing fields were identified by residents as well as proposals for their enhancement. We are also aware that a large scale development proposal is being promoted by landowners to the North of the village (Mepal Road) and a smaller scale development is being promoted by the landowner to the East of the village (East of Lawn Lane) both on land outside of the existing development envelope.

The merits of both these development proposals are yet to be clarified or considered but the Parish Council as part of our own Neighbourhood Plan process have identified three separate Local Green Spaces in the immediate vicinity of the village development envelope which we would like the District Council Local Plan formulation to consider.

Cricket field, adjacent meadows and the old Recreation Ground - This site comprises a number of connecting meadows at the East end of the village. The meadows include the village cricket field. Much of the field has "ridge and furrow" configuration, strong mixed

LGS Reference: LGS/26/01

Parish:

Sutton CP

Site Name: Cricket field, adjacent meadows and the old Recreation Ground

hedges to the north perimeter and an old pollard Elm that survived the ravages of Dutch Elm Disease. Adjacent meadows are un-improved grazing land with a variety of small ponds and hedges. It is known that the ponds have contained Great Crested Newts. To the south and beyond a small established broadleaved woodland is the old Recreation Ground. This area is open grassland with a shrub and tree perimeter. There are long standing plans supported by many respondents to turn this into an informal Nature Reserve. The area of the old Recreation Ground and adjacent meadow with newly planted orchard is traversed by a public footpath and is adjacent to the track of the disused railway line. It is usually daily by many dog walkers in the village. The whole area has been subject to studies of bird life and there are records of bird sightings including some Red Book species. The cricket field lies adjacent to Station Road and the parkland grassland areas to the north, already designated as part of the Sutton Conservation Area. We understand that parcels of the land identified are in several ownerhips including two private owners and both the Parish Council and the Poor Land Charity. The Cricket Field is leased. All landowners should be consulted on these Proposals.

It is demonstrably special to our local community and holds a particular local significance from its beauty, historic connections, recreational value (including playing fields), tranquility and richness of wildlife it contains.

LGS Reference: LGS/26/02

Parish:

Sutton CP

Site Name: Meadows on rising land to the west and east of Bury Road

Address: Bury Road, Sutton

Settlement: Sutton

Gross area (ha): 22.53

Description: Meadows on rising land to the west and east of Bury Road connecting Sutton village to Sutton Gault and the National Nature Reserve of the Ouse Washes



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Sutton Parish Council are preparing their Neighbourhood Plan. Extensive consultation across the community has resulted in the production of a first report where a number of significant issues relating to the importance of safeguarding Local Green Space and playing fields were identified by residents as well as proposals for their enhancement. We are also aware that a large scale development proposal is being promoted by landowners to the North of the village (Mepal Road) and a smaller scale development is being promoted by the landowner to the East of the village (East of Lawn Lane) both on land outside of the existing development envelope.

The merits of both these development proposals are yet to be clarified or considered but the Parish Council as part of our own Neighbourhood Plan process have identified three separate Local Green Spaces in the immediate vicinity of the village development envelope which we would like the District Council Local Plan formulation to consider.

Meadows on rising land to the west and east of Bury Road connecting Sutton village to Sutton Gault and the National Nature Reserve of the Ouse Washes - These unimproved grassland

LGS Reference: LGS/26/02

Parish:

Sutton CP

Site Name: Meadows on rising land to the west and east of Bury Road

meadows with parkland trees and roadside hedge form the backdrop to the west of the village when approaching from Earith. There is a newly constructed roadside footpath linking the village to Sutton Gault and the meadows have historic significance with an old moated site. Children from the village have for generations used the sloping land of the meadows for tobogganing. The meadows form a wildlife corridor linking the National Nature Reserve and critically important Ouse Washes with the village. In June 2015 members of the village conservation society counted some 64 separate species of bird along the banks of the Old Bedford River and down to Sutton Gault. There are plans to produce interpretation boards in the vicinity together with a walks leaflet. The construction of the extensive drainage system in the 17th century is undoubtedly an engineering masterpiece and is now a world renowned area for wildlife. On the west side of Bury Road is the listed 13th century monastic building of the Burystead long since converted into a private house. There are a large number of archaeological records on the county Register in the vicinity. We understand that the land is in a single ownership with tenanted occupation. All landowners should be consulted on these proposals.

It is demonstrable special to our local community and holds a particular local significance, from its landscape beauty, its strong historic connections, recreational value for access, tranquility and richness of the wildlife it contains.

LGS Reference: LGS/26/03

Parish:

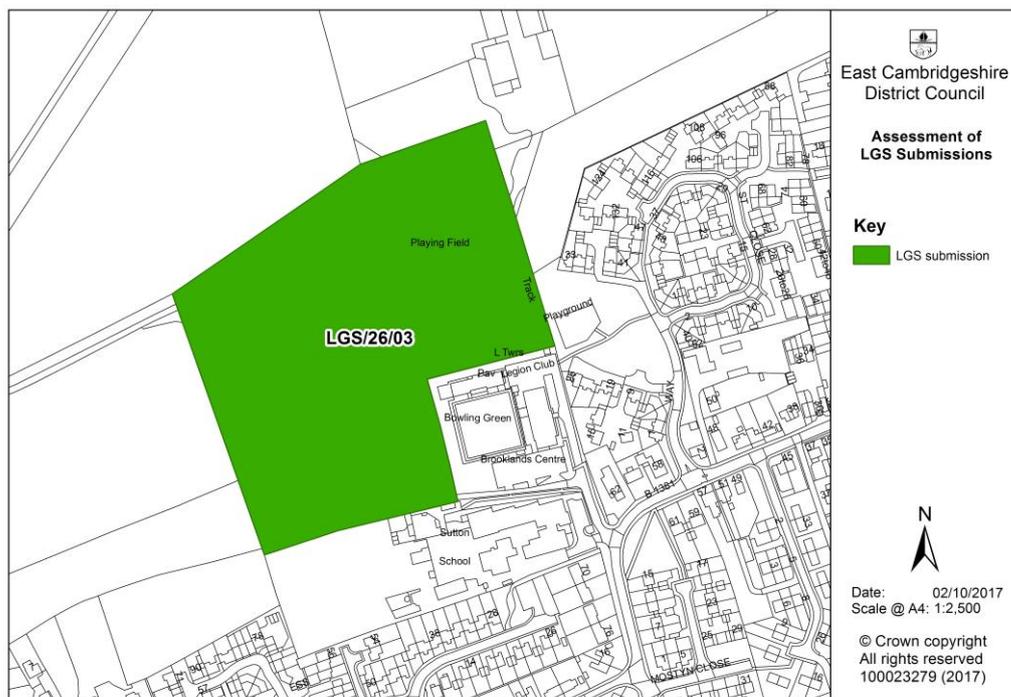
Sutton CP

Site Name: Extension to existing playing fields behind School & British Legion

Address: Land off The Brook, Sutton, adjacent to Sutton Primary School & British Legion

Settlement: Sutton **Gross area (ha):** 0.09

Description: Extension to existing playing fields behind the school & British Legion and additional substantial green space integral with development proposals.



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Sutton Parish Council are preparing their Neighbourhood Plan. Extensive consultation across the community has resulted in the production of a first report where a number of significant issues relating to the importance of safeguarding Local Green Space and playing fields were identified by residents as well as proposals for their enhancement. We are also aware that a large scale development proposal is being promoted by landowners to the North of the village (Mepal Road) and a smaller scale development is being promoted by the landowner to the East of the village (East of Lawn Lane) both on land outside of the existing development envelope.

The merits of both these development proposals are yet to be clarified or considered but the Parish Council as part of our own Neighbourhood Plan process have identified three separate Local Green Spaces in the immediate vicinity of the village development envelope which we would like the District Council Local Plan formulation to consider.

Extension to existing playing fields behind the school & British Legion and additional substantial green space integral with development proposals - The existing playing fields in Sutton are

LGS Reference: LGS/26/03

Parish:

Sutton CP

Site Name: Extension to existing playing fields behind School & British Legion

inadequate for existing use. Some 14 under 17s sides (boys and girls teams) have far too little space. There is a strong demand for significant increases to playing fields for multiple sports use for all age groups. Adult footballers have no space in current facilities.

The Local Plan 2015 makes strong reference to playing field provision in relation to the potential development between Mepal Road and the back of the school. With proposals now being drawn up for a Masterplan for the whole area. The parish council would like to see a significant allocation of land to Local Green Space to include for new playing fields and facilities, together with extensive new landscaping and provision of wildlife corridors and Green Space provision integral with the new development. Provision also needs to be made for a new burial ground and allotments. The existing playing fields are owned by the Parish Council. All landowners should be consulted on these proposals as the Local Plan is produced.

The area is in very close proximity to the community it serves; and demonstrably it is special to our local community for its sport and recreational value (including both playing fields and the potential for access and walking for both existing residents and any potential expansion in numbers).

LGS Reference: LGS/26/04

Parish:

Sutton CP

Site Name: The Paddock & Old Recreation Ground

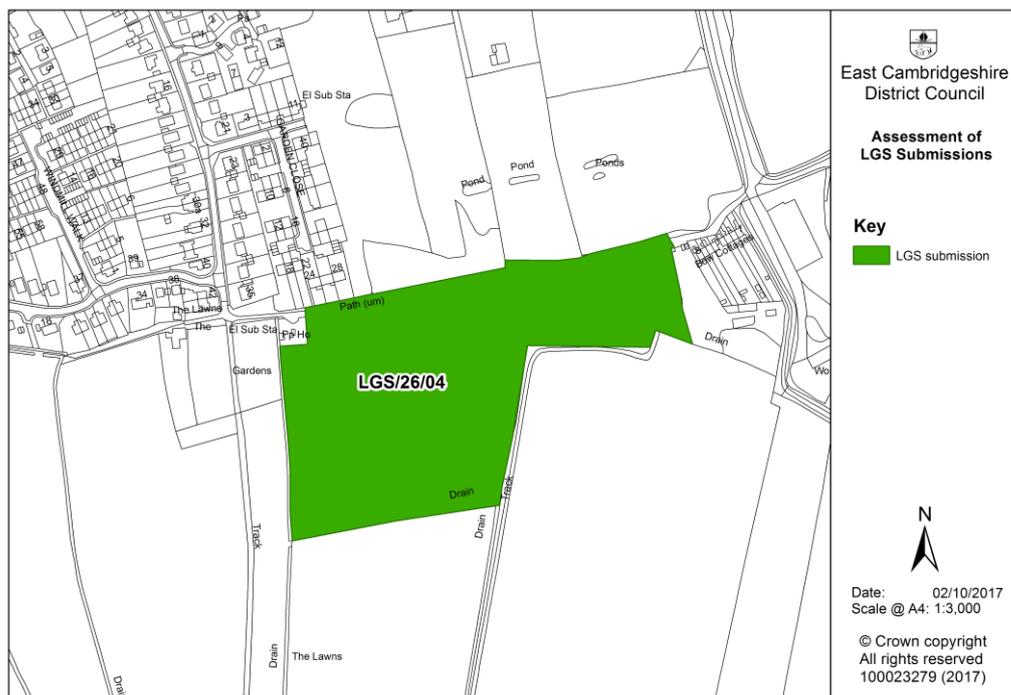
Address: East of Lawn Lane

Settlement: Sutton

Gross area (ha):

4.58

Description: The Paddock & Old Recreation Ground



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

The Paddock & Old Recreation Ground are regularly used by residents for informal recreation, being the largest public open space in the village & also providing excellent views both out across the Fen to the Haddenham Ridge and back toward the village with its imposing church.

LGS Reference: LGS/26/05

Parish:

Sutton CP

Site Name: Stankers Pond

Address: Adjacent Ely Road, Sutton Park and Station Road, Sutton

Settlement: Sutton

Gross area (ha):

0.1

Description: Stankers Pond, Sutton



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Stankers Pond is an excellent site for wildlife and is maintained by Sutton Conservation Society for the benefit of residents.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/01

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Playing field, High Street, Swaffham Prior

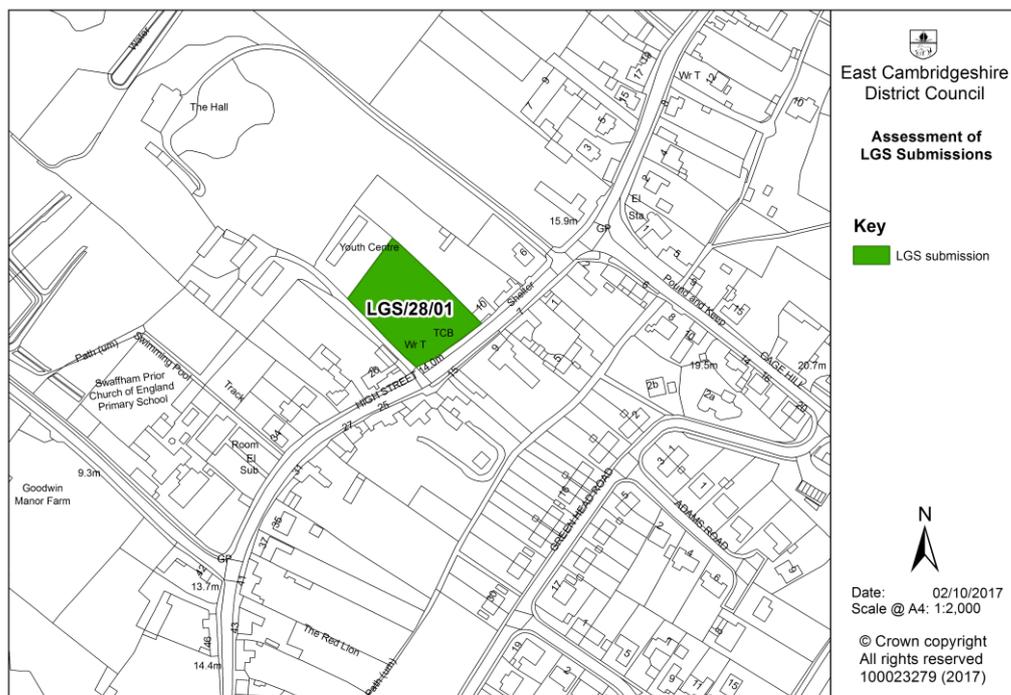
Address: High Street, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha):

0.26

Description: Village playing field with sports facilities



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Recreational - playing field (football pitch & support facilities).

LGS Reference: LGS/28/02

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Coopers Green, Green Head Rd

Address: Coopers Green, Green Head Rd, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha):

0.27

Description: Open Space adjacent to two village churches



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Village Green (Coopers Green) - Open space adjacent to the two village churches; bench / seat for view & contemplation due to tranquility; outside meeting area for village functions.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/03

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Town Close open space

Address: Town Close, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha):

1.66

Description: Open space with equipped play area



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Town Close - Open Space adjacent to the Village Youth Club & Children's Play Area - slides, swings, climbing frames, etc.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/04

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

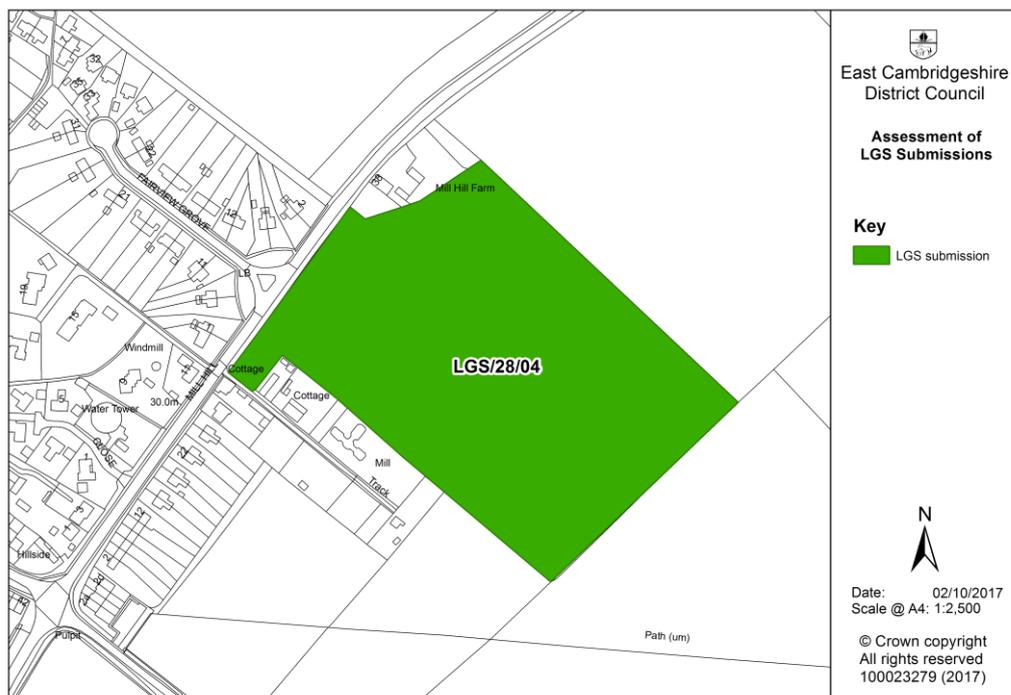
Address: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha):

4.93

Description: Agricultural field with open views to Devils Dyke



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Although a field currently used for agriculture; 1. Visually sensitive with open views from the village to Devil's Dyke, a SSSI; 2. Important topography to provide unfettered wind wo a 'workign' Grade 2 listed windmill.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/05

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

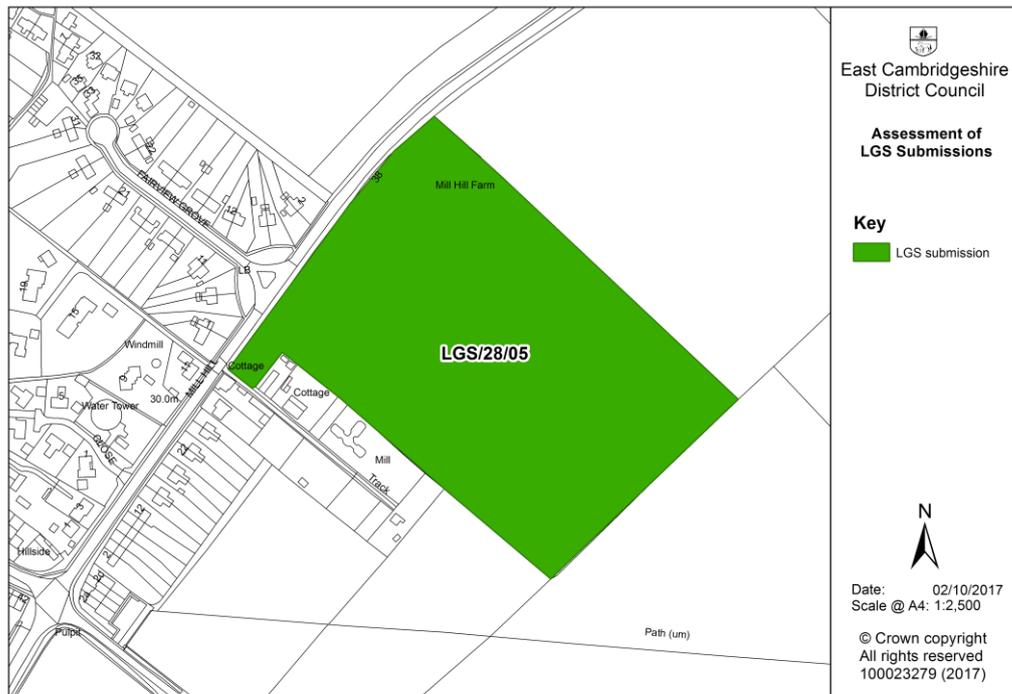
Address: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha):

5.2

Description: Agricultural field with views to Devils Dyke



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Swaffham Prior is known for its two churches, Saints Cyriac and Julitta's within the same churchyard and its two adjacent windmills, Fosters Mill and The Smock Tower Mill. These pairs of mills and churches uniquely contribute to the local environs and define the heritage of the rural landscape in Swaffham Prior. Both windmills are listed buildings (Grade2* and Grade 2). Given this context, we suggest that the two stippled areas on the attached map are designated as Local Green Spaces.

The first proposed space is currently part of an agricultural field and affords an outstanding view of both mills not only from the approach to the village from Burwell on the B1102 but also from Devil's Dyke, an internationally important wildlife and historic site, and from the free-access area on the footpath from the vilalge to the Dyke. Any development of this space would entirely compromise these unique views. Furthermore, Foster Mill is a working corn mill and we are told by the miller that the proposed space provides the only unobstructed source of wind and that development on this site would induce disruptive turbulence, thereby comprising the functioning and viability of the mill.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/05

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

LGS Reference: LGS/28/06

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Address: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha):

3.15

Description: Agricultural field



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

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Although the view of Fosters Mill on the B1102 from Cambridge is obscured by a water tower, the Smock Tower Mill is prominent on this approach to the village, a view that would be obstructed by development of the site.

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When approaching Swaffham Prior along the B1102 from Swaffham Bulbeck its distinguishing skyline becomes evident. Noted for not only two churches but also two windmills, the Smock Tower stands out, dominating the area to the east. Whilst the view of the Tower Mill is obscured by the water tower, the view of the Smock Tower should remain unimpeded. Buildings are listed not only for the historical importance of their structure, but also for the impact they have on the surrounding area. ECDC should do everything possible to protect the surroundings and skyline of these historically important buildings.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/06

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

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I believe that Swaffham Prior is unique when you consider its twin churches and windmills. The open views of the Smock Tower when you approach from Swaffham Bulbeck should remain unrestricted. Not only is the building of significant importance but also its setting.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/07

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

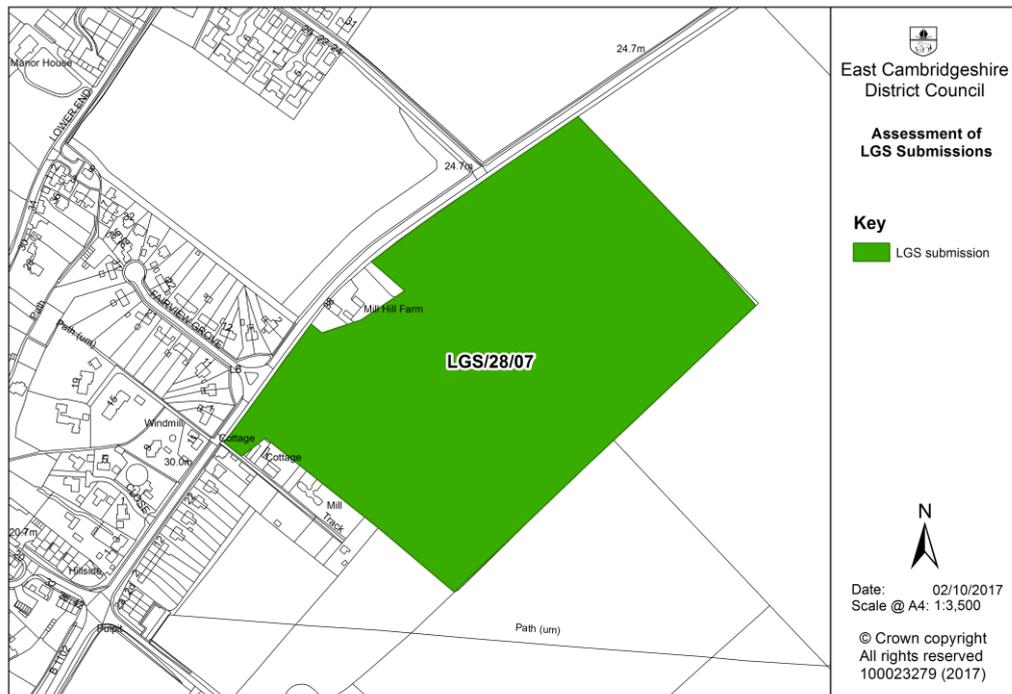
Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Address: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha): 11.14

Description: Open Field with views to Devils Dyke



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

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The ECDC 'Vision for your village' questionnaire quite rightly identified the site as a 'visually sensitive edge'. This recognised not only the criticality of the view of Devil's Dyke but also the view of Swaffham Prior from it. It is of utmost importance for ECDC to protect not only the structure of Devils Dyke, but also the open countryside in which it sits. Thus scheduled ancient monument is not only known for being one of the best surviving Anglo-Saxon earthworks, but also the unique haven it provides to birds, butterflies and flowers.

In addition, the site is not only directly adjacent to the Grade 2 Smock Tower but also provides a clean wind supply for the Grade 2* working Tower Mill. By protecting this area not only is the unhindered view of Swaffham Prior's distinctive outline from the open countryside protected but also the very settign in which these two listed buildings sit. Not forgetting the setting comes

LGS Reference: LGS/28/07

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

with considerable added benefit of Devils Dyke as the backdrop.

Devils Dyke and the open countryside which surrounds it is not only historically important but also provides an important environment for wildlife and flowers.

The area enhances the Grade2* listed Tower Mill.

The area is adjacent to the working mill and any changes within this area may affect the future sustainability of the mill. The mill serves two purposes, namely production of locally sourced flour and a tourist attraction which benefits many areas of the village.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/08

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

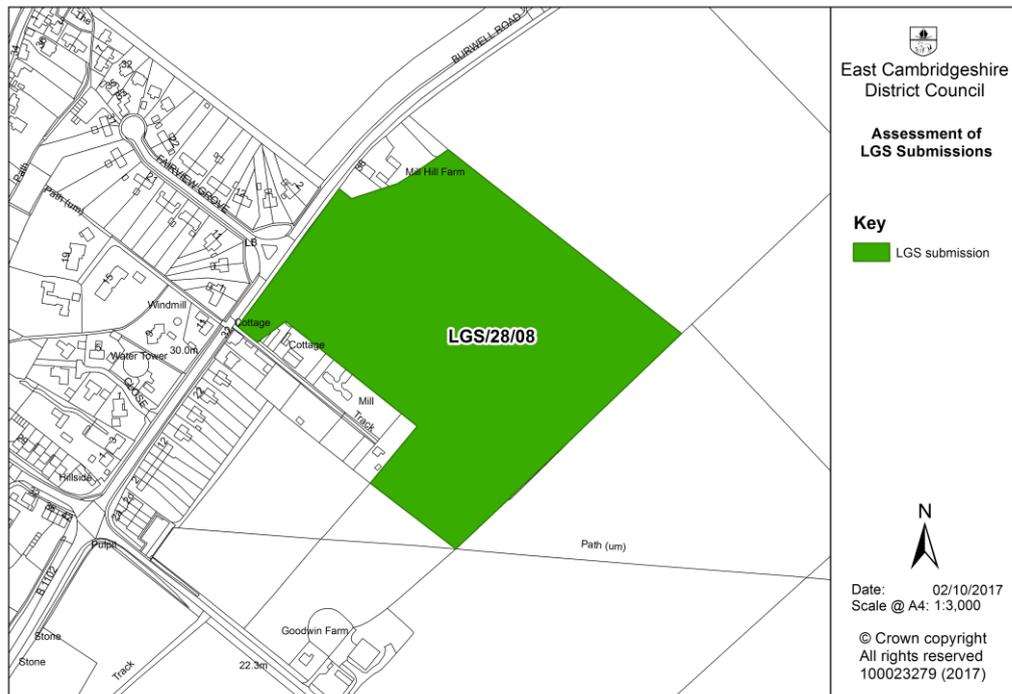
Site Name: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Address: Agricultural field, east of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha): 5.78

Description: Agricultural land



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

The area to the east of the B1102 Road is the setting of two listed (Grade 2* and Grade 2) windmills. Swaffham Prior is unique in having two windmills and one of those windmills a working commercial corn mill. The open space provides wind supply to the mill free of turbulence. The open area affords fantastic views of both mills as has been the case since 1857 when Tower Mill was built. Designating this area a Local Green Space will protect the curtilage of the two mills and the setting of these listed buildings. It also protects the views of the two mills from the Burwell direction.

The area to the east of the B1102 also has historic significance as it is part of the setting of the Devils Dyke area and SSSI which also includes the field which abuts the land on Swaffham Heath. Preventing any development on this area preserves the uninterrupted views of the Devils Dyke from the village enabling people to see the earthworks from Reach across to Newmarket Racecourse from the village.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/09

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: West of B1102

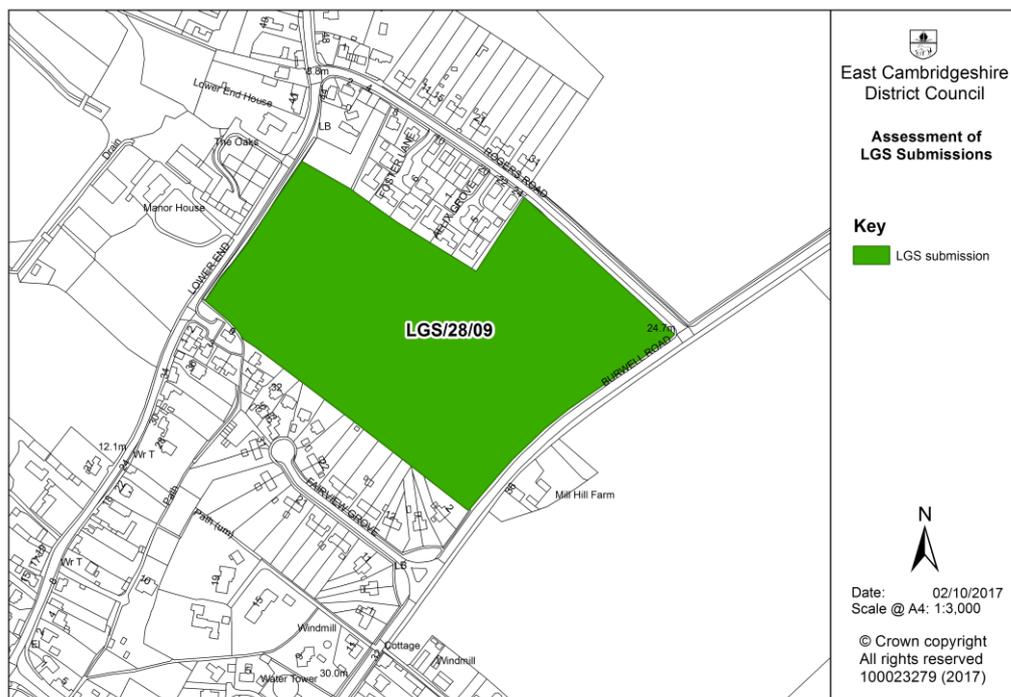
Address: West of B1102, Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha):

5.5

Description: open land



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

The area between lower End and Swaffham Prior - land to the west of the B11032 creates a separation between the hamlet of Lower End and the main vilalge. The local community has successfully objected to the development on this land and holds it as an area of particular significance as a green space in the village.

LGS Reference: LGS/28/10

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: North of 49 Lower End

Address: North of 49 Lower End, Swaffham, Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha): 0.42

Description: None given



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

None given

LGS Reference: LGS/28/11

Parish: Swaffham Prior CP

Site Name: Adjacent 75 High Street

Address: High Street Swaffham Prior

Settlement: Swaffham Prior

Gross area (ha): 0.41

Description: None given



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

None given

LGS Reference: LGS/34/01

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Sandpit Drove, Witchford

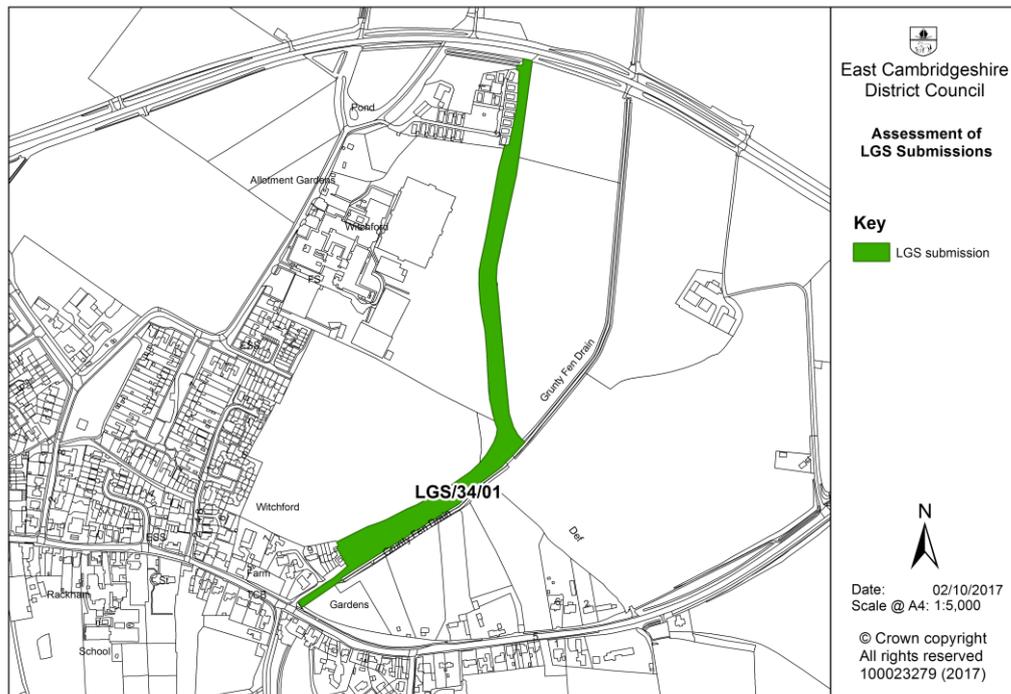
Address: Sandpit Drove, Broadway, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

2.1

Description: Green lane, Sandpit Drove



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This land is public highway and registered common land (for half its length). It is an important green lane providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy nature. Part of the lane is managed as a wildflower meadow. The land is covered by a management plan developed by local volunteers (the Witchford Open Spaces Group) in liaison with Witchford Parish Council.

Community volunteer maintenance days are held throughout the year and reported in the village magazine and on the village website.

A section of the land is designated as Sparrowhawk Way, a woodland walk originally cleared from overgrown scrub by volunteers, and opened by Sir James Paice MP.

Part of the land is a wildflower meadow planted by volunteers. There is a naturally-fed pond and a green area where a bench provided by a resident in memory of their husband killed in an accident is a popular destination for family picnics.

This drove is used by community groups, such as Witchford Brownies who carry out nature study there. Trees have been planted into the drove by the Open Spaces Group volunteers and the County Council is aware.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/01

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Sandpit Drove, Witchford

LGS Reference: LGS/34/02

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Victoria Green, Witchford

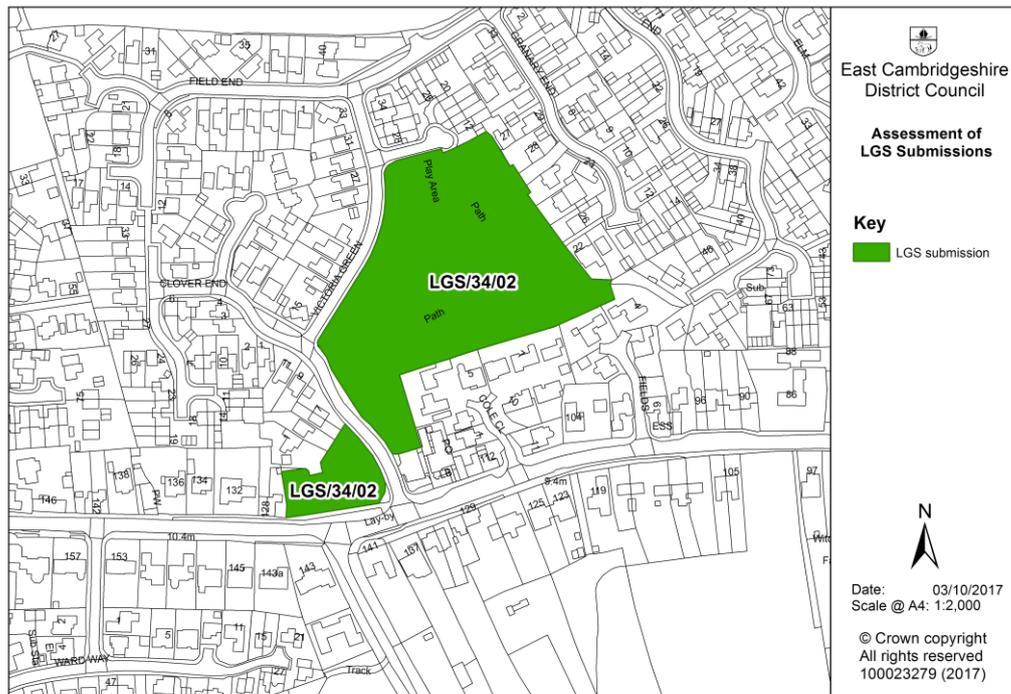
Address: Victoria Green, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

1.5

Description: Green area, adjacent to housing development



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This is a designated public open space under the terms of the planning permission for the Victoria Green housing development. It has an attractive pond and forms a vital green lung at the centre of the village, providing an attractive visual break in the built-up landscape. The green is located close to the primary school and the play area on the green is very popular 'leg-stretching' opportunity for the children after school, as well as being a popular destination for families with younger children during the day.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/03

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Sports field at village hall, Bedwell Hey Lane

Address: Sports field at village hall, Bedwell Hey Lane, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

2.25

Description:



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This is a sports field attached to the village hall. It is an essential amenity for the community, used weekly throughout the year by a variety of village sports teams. Community events such as the Witchford Music Festival are hosted on the sports field. The play-area on the green is a very popular destination for the older village children, providing them with opportunities for exercise.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/04

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Millenium Wood, Witchford

Address: Millenium Wood, Main Street, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.37

Description:



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This land is owned by Witchford Parish Council. It was purchased expressly for the purpose of providing a Community wood and sold by the previous landowner with a restriction that the land should not be built on.

It is an important green lung providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy nature. The land is now managed as a community woodland, covered by a management plan developed by local volunteers (the Woodland Group) in liaison with Witchford Parish Council. The wood is well used by community groups such as the scouts who camp-out in the wood. Other community events include the annual meadow-mow and barbecue, and the January Wassail-in-the-Wood.

The trees in the wood were planted by villagers in the year 2000. Community volunteer maintenance days are held throughout the year and reported in the village magazine and on the village website. Along with a public footpath leading directly from the wood, this forms a short and very attractive circular walk in the village centre suitable for families and those with reduced mobility.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/04

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Millenium Wood, Witchford

LGS Reference: LGS/34/05

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Allotments, Manor Road, Witchford

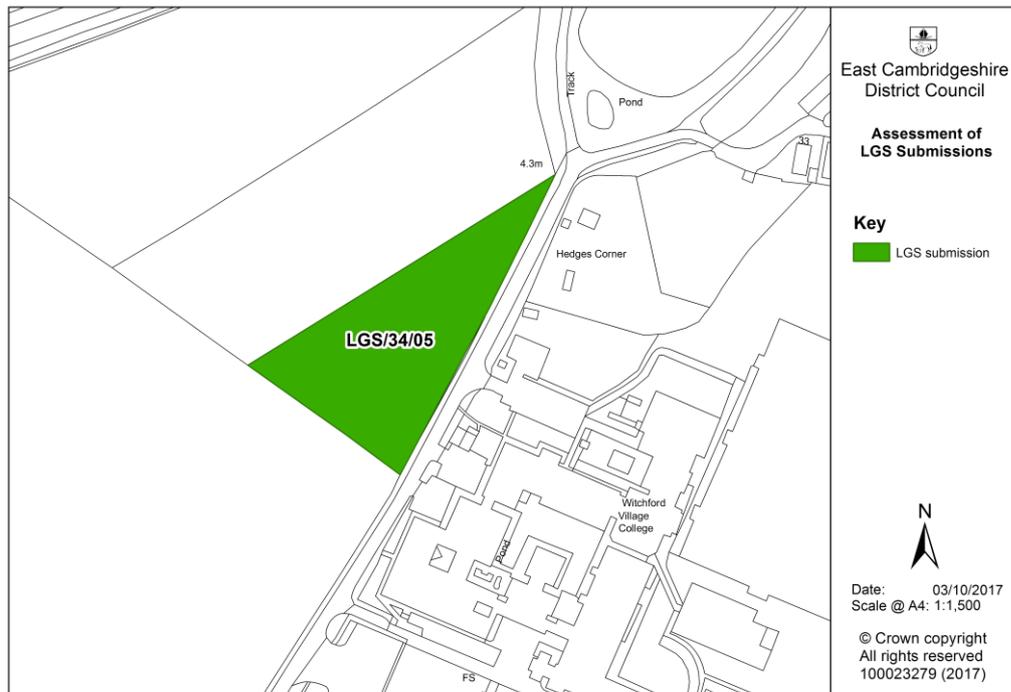
Address: Allotments, Manor Road, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.54

Description: Allotment site



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Land used as village allotments. Very popular and productive site with active allotments association. Waiting list for plots and no spare plots.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/06

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Old Scenes, Witchford

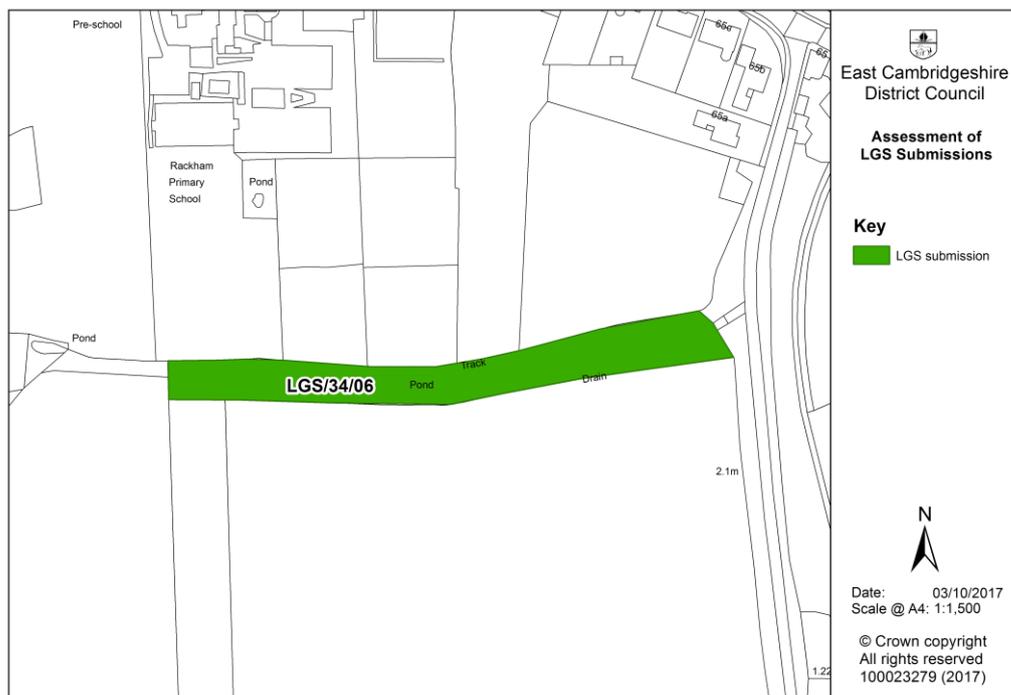
Address: Old Scenes, off Grunty Fen Road, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.39

Description: Green lane off Grunty Fen Road



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This green lane is owned by Witchford parish Council and is made available to residents as a permissive footpath to form part of a circular walk with public footpath No 1. which crosses the western end of the lane. This provides a short and very attractive circular walk suitable for families and those with reduced mobility, thus giving all sectors of the community a chance to enjoy nature. There are views to the south across Grunty Fen.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/07

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Old Recreation Ground, Witchford

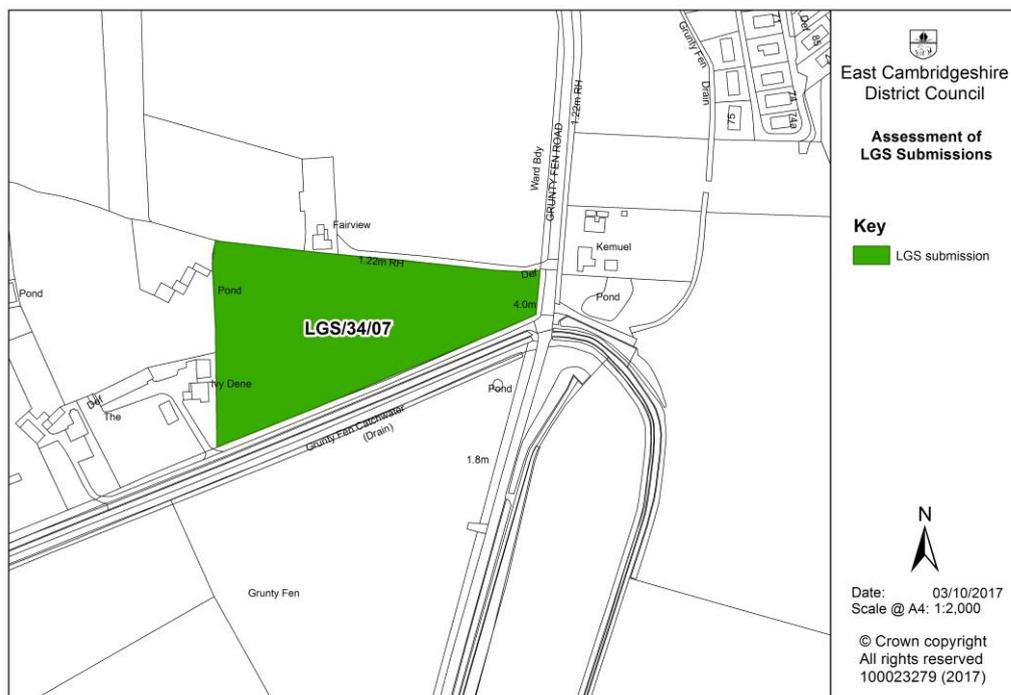
Address: Old Recreation Ground, Grunty Fen Road, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

1.7

Description: Community orchard



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This land is owned by witchford Parish Council. It was awarded to the parish of Witchford in the Witchford Inclosure Award of 1861 for public use. It is an important green lung providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy nature. The land is now managed as a community orchard, covered by a management lan developed by local volunteers (the Witchford Open Spaces Group) in liaison with Witchford Parish Council. The trees in the orchard were planted by vilagers and community volunteer maintenance days are held throughout the year and reported in the village magazine. Access to to the orchard is along public and permissive footpaths from the village centre, forming a short and very attractive circular walk suitable for families and those with reduced mobility.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/08

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Pond and Pamby's Plantation, Witchford

Address: Pond and Pamby's Plantation, Manor Road, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.41

Description: Green lane off Manor Road



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Pamby's Plantation is public highway and the pond is on land in unknown ownership. Pamby's Plantation is an improtat green lane providing an attractive circular walk with Sandpit Drove. It is a very wide lane and part of its wdth has been planted with trees to provide a nature area. Frogspawn is found every year in the ditch alongside the lane. Brambles provide blackberries for picking by residents every autumn. Access to Pamby's provides opportunities for everyone to enjoy nature.

The pond was reclaimed by community volunteers withint he last five years. There is a green area with a bench whcih is a popular destination for family picnics. A willow arbour was hand-crafted by village residents (volunteers) and a seat provided there. The pond is maintained by volunteers.

One proposal under consideration is to provide a platform, so that families and community youth groups can enjoy pond-dipping and other suitable educational activities such as opren-air sketching.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/08

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Pond and Pamby's Plantation, Witchford

LGS Reference: LGS/34/09

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: The Common, Common Road, Witchford

Address: The Common, Common Road, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.67

Description: Common land



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This is registered common land. It forms a vital green lung at the centre of the village, providing an attractive visual break in the built-up landscape. The common is located close to the secondary school and the play-area on the green is a very popular 'leg-stretching' opportunity for the children after school. The common is used for the annual village fair, and for other community events such as the gathering area for the Grunty Fen Half Marathon. Village commemorations, such as the Diamond Jubilee tree, are located on the common.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/10

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Open space between Field End and Wheats Close, Witchford

Address: Open space between Field End and Wheats Close, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.41

Description: Open space relating to nearby housing development



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This is designated public open space under the terms of the planning permission for housing development. It forms a vital green lung at the centre of the village, providing an attractive visual break in the built-up landscape. A permissive footpath leads off this open space. The open space and permissive path together form part of a short circular walk around the north of the village where most housing is located. This provides an easily accessible opportunity for residents to enjoy 'green' exercise.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/11

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Field west of West End, Witchford

Address: Field west of West End, south of Main Street, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

1.83

Description: Agricultural field



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

A very attractive field which breaks up the built up area of the village and helps the village retain its rural character. Provides attractive views over the fenland to the south. This gap in the residential frontage adds greatly to the amenity of Witchford by preventing over-urbanisation and supporting the historic role of Witchford as a farming village.

The Parish Council is aware that an application to develop a similar parcel of land to the east of the Milenium Wood was dismissed by a Planning Inspector (appeal ref o. 09/00025/REFAPP) on the following grounds:

Although the appeal site lies within a long frontage of residential buildings, it represents a significant gap in the built up area and it allows views into the open countryside. In my opinion, despite the claim that the views are of no significance, this 'tangible link with the rural landscape provides a distinctive element to the character of the settlement. Its development would result in a continuous built up frontage with a fundamental loss of rural aspect. This would harm the character and appearance of the area.

Witchford Parsih Council is of the view that this argument from the above appeal decision is also applicable in its entirety to this plot of land west of West End.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/11

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Field west of West End, Witchford

Three mature ash trees on the boundary of this plot of land adjacent to Main Street have Tree Protection Orders again reflecting the visual amenity and rural character of this land.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/12

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Allotments, Broadway, Witchford

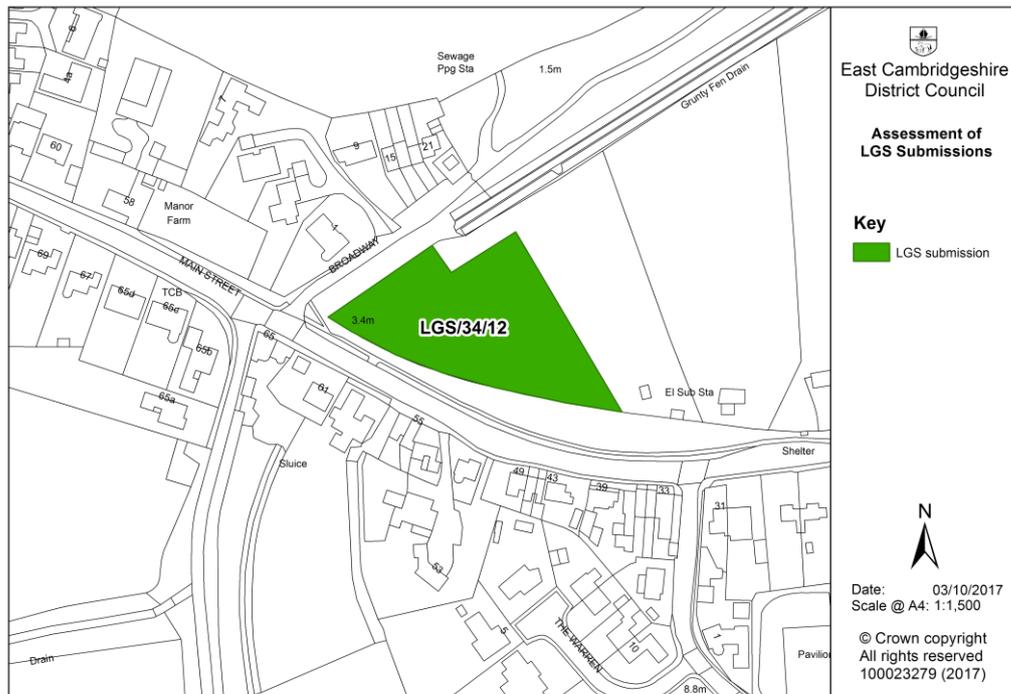
Address: Allotments, Broadway, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.44

Description: Allotments



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Land used as village allotments. Very popular and productive site. Waiting list for plots and no spare plots. Site is located at particularly scenic part of the village adjacent to Sandpit Drove with its wildflower meadow. Site forms integral part of open views both from village and from bench at open area on Sandpit Drove, which is itself a popular destination specifically because of the open view over the allotments.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/13

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Open Space to south of Ward Way, Witchford

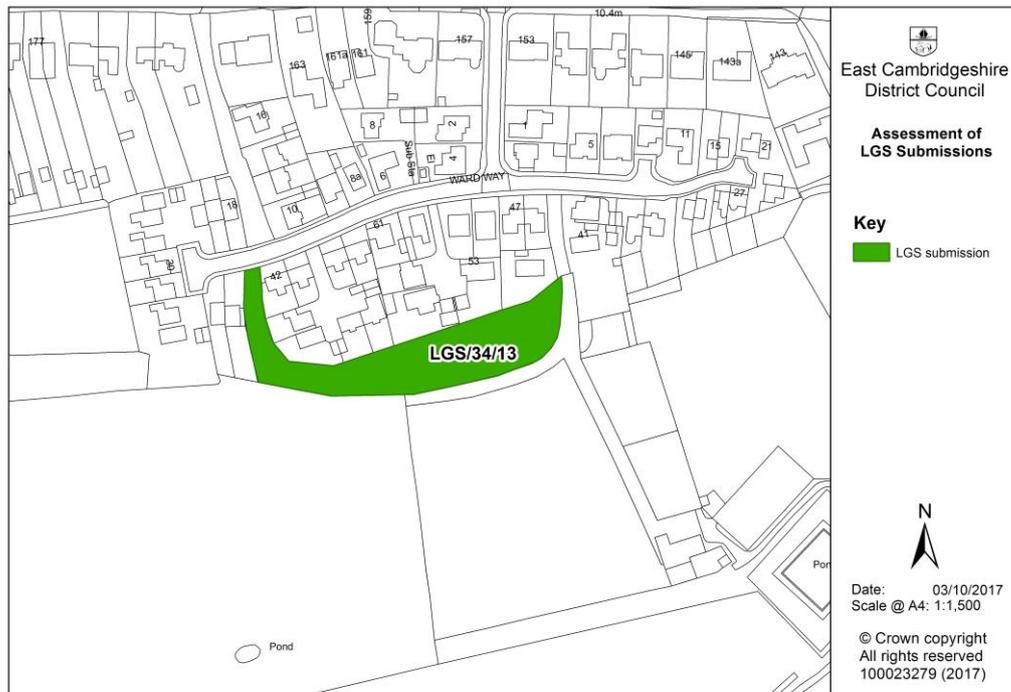
Address: Open Space to south of Ward Way, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.28

Description: Open space



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This is open space provided under the terms of the planning permission for the housing development at Ward Way. It provides an easily accessible play space for children in Ward Way to enjoy 'green' exercises.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/14

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Edna's Wood, Witchford

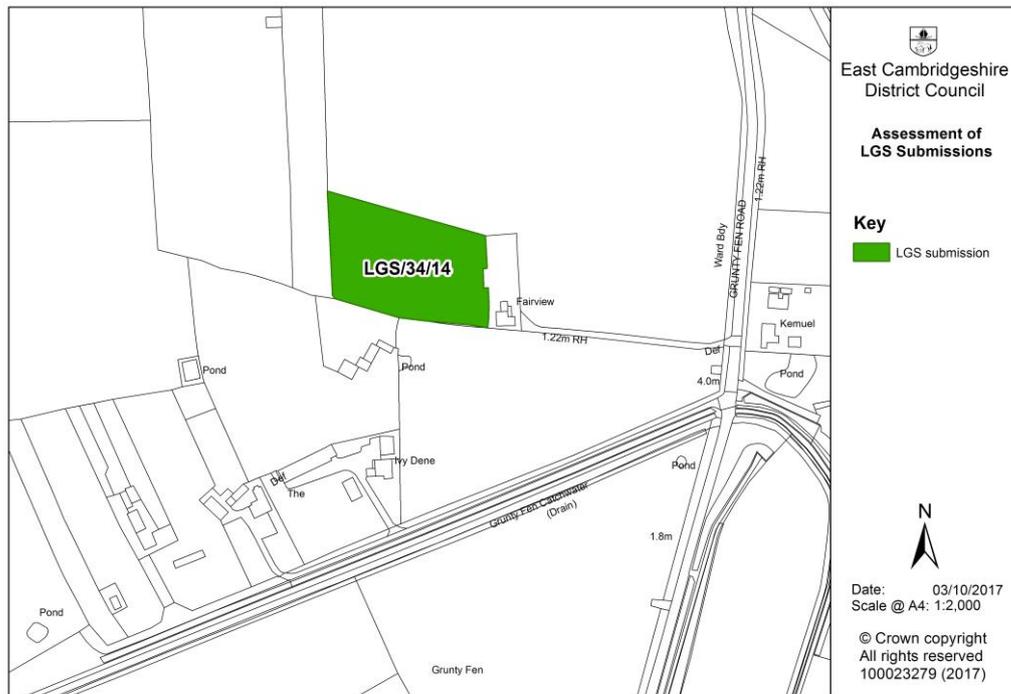
Address: Edna's Wood, Grunty Fen Road, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.48

Description: Woodland off Grunty Fen Road



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This land has been set aside as a young woodland and is used as part of a circular walk from the village centre via public and permissive footpaths to reach the community orchard on Grunty Fen Road.

It is an important green lung providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy nature. The wood is now maintained by local volunteers. Volunteer maintenance days are held throughout the year and reported in the village magazine and on the village website.

The whole of this route - as shown marked on the attached map - leading from Main Street via public footpath No 1. and permissive paths, including through Edna's Wood, is an expansive nature and people-friendly area providing what is in effect a small scale nature park for residents of Witchford.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/15

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Field to east of Millenium Wood, Witchford

Address: Field to east of Millenium Wood, south of Main Street, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

1.69

Description: Agricultural field



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

A very attractive field which adds greatly to the visual amenity of Witchford. Positioned in the centre of the built-up area of the village, this land helps the village retain its rural character and provides attractive views over the fenland to the south. The public footpath through the site is part of a popular village circular walk including the village community woodland, suitable for families and those with reduced mobility, thus giving all sectors of the community a chance to enjoy nature. This walk is included in the Witchford Walks leaflet, written by a village resident volunteer.

A previous application to develop this land (09/00615/FUL) was refused. An appeal inspector dismissed the appeal ref no.: 09/00025/REFAPP on the grounds of the amenity value of the land to the village. The relevant extract from the appeal decision is: Although the appeal site lies within a long frontage of residential buildings, it represents a significant gap in the built up area and it allows views into the open countryside. In my opinion, despite the claim that the views are of no significance, this 'tangible link with the rural landscape provides a distinctive element to the character of the settlement. Its development would result in a continuous built up frontage with a fundamental loss of rural aspect. This would harm the character and appearance of the area.

LGS Reference: LGS/34/15

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Field to east of Millenium Wood, Witchford

LGS Reference: LGS/34/16

Parish:

Witchford CP

Site Name: Fairchild's Wood, Witchford

Address: Fairchild's Wood, Witchford

Settlement: Witchford

Gross area (ha):

0.67

Description: Woodland



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

This land has been set aside as a young woodland. It is an important green lung providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy nature, The wood is now maintained by local volunteers. Volunteer maintenance days are held throughout the year and reported in the village magazine and website.

The whole of this area - as shown marked on the attached map - leading from Main Street via public footpath No 1 and permissive paths is an expansive nature and people-friendly area providing what is in effect a small-scale nature park for residents of Witchford.

LGS Reference: LGS/35/01

Parish:

Wooditton CP

Site Name: Peterhouse Drive Playing Field

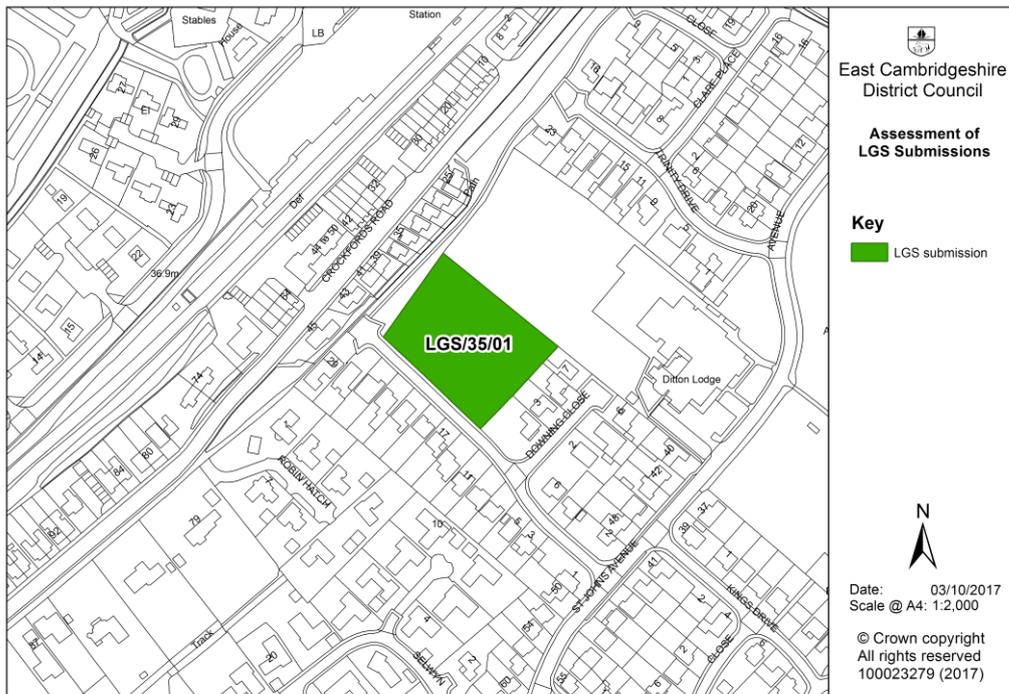
Address: Peterhouse Drive, Woodditton, Newmarket

Settlement: Woodditton

Gross area (ha):

0.46

Description: Playing field



Justification - summary of reasons promoter believes site should be designated:

Now that the consultation period for the new Local Plan has officially commenced, may I formally nominate that the Peterhouse Drive Playing Field, here in Newmarket, is allocated by East Cambridgeshire District Council as a 'Local Green Space'.

As previously advised, local children use this playing field for outdoor pursuits, and it is the only open space in the area for them to do so.



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Form D – Suggested Local Green Spaces

As part of the Local Plan consultation local communities have the opportunities to submit sites for consideration as Local Green Spaces. This is a new national designation that aims to protect green areas or spaces. If you would like to suggest a site for consideration please fill in this form and send a map which clearly shows the area proposed for Local Green Spaces designation.

For further information please see Section 1 and Policy LP29 of the Preliminary Draft version of the Local Plan which can be viewed at: <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/local-plan-review>

Please return your suggested Local Green Space designations and map to us by 11.59pm on Thursday 24 March 2016.

Part A: Your Details

Organisation (if applicable) :	***Agent organisation (if applicable):	
*Name:	Name:	
*Address:	Address:	
*Postcode:	Postcode:	
**Email:	Email:	
Tel:	Tel:	
Signature: (not required if submitted electronically)	Date:	
Please tick this box if you <u>would not</u> like us to notify you of future consultations relevant to the comments which you make.		

Data Protection and Freedom of Information

All personal information that you provide will be used solely for the purpose of the Local Plan consultation. Please note that each comment and the name of the person who made the comment will be featured on the East Cambs website- comments will not be confidential. Full comments, including addresses, will also be available to view on request. **By submitting this form you are agreeing to these conditions.**

*Minimum information to be filled in, if the form is to be accepted. ** We will send all correspondence by email if you provide us with your email address. ***If Agent details are provided, we will send all correspondence to them.

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Form D – Suggested Local Green Spaces

Part B: Proposed Local Green Space Designation

Sites will be considered for designation as Local Green Spaces if the following can be met:

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

Section 1 and Policy LP29 of the Local Plan sets the criteria that will be used to determine if a proposed sites is suitable for designation as a Local Green Space.

Please explain how this site meets the criteria and why it should be designated as a Local Green Space.

All suggested Local Green Spaces will be assessed and the preferred areas will be included in the next version of the East Cambs Local Plan due for consultation in summer 2016.

Please return this form and a map showing the proposed area of green space to planningpolicy@eastcambs.gov.uk or to Local Plan Consultation, East Cambs District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE

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