

Appendix X - Local Green Space Assessments

The following have been assessed using the criteria in NPPF 2021, paragraph 102.

1. The Buttlands	
Description: Open grassed amenity area with mature trees.	
In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Located within the built-up area of the town and surrounded by residential development
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Its open nature contributes to the character of the area, and it acts as a green oasis within an otherwise substantially built up area; and it has a community and amenity value
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Not an extensive tract of land. Approximately 1.1 acres.

A photograph showing a large, open grassed area in the foreground, partially shaded by large, mature trees on the left. In the background, there is a row of residential buildings and a parking lot with several cars. The sky is clear and blue.

2. Church yard and old cemetery

Description: Churchyard of St Nicholas and cemetery located between Church Street and Church Plain

In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

Located within the built-up area of the town and surrounded by development

Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance

Community and historic value due to its current use as a place of worship . Provides the setting to the Grade II* listed Church and cemetery walls are Grade II.

Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land

Not an extensive tract of land. Approximately 4.2 acres.



3. Market Lane cemetery

Description: Cemetery operated by the Town Council

In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

Located to the south of the town but adjacent to the High School and its playing fields, and to land proposed for residential development.

Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance

Community value due to its use as a cemetery. Owned and operated by the Town Council for public benefit.

Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land

The cemetery is not an extensive tract of land and is 2.54 acres



4. Homepiece open spaces

Description: Undeveloped amenity areas provided for open space as part of Hopkins development

In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

Located immediately adjacent to residential development

Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance

Specifically provided for community use as open space as a consequence of new development

Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land

Local in character and not extensive tracts of land. Approximately 1.9 acres.



5. Turning Circle at Bluebell Gardens (adjacent primary school)

Description: Small amenity area adjacent to the primary school with town sign, seating and planting

In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves	Located immediately adjacent to development and within the built-up area of the town
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Specifically provided for community use as amenity space and used by parents at school pick up and drop off times
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Local in character and not extensive tract of land. Approximately 0.1 acres.



6. Mill Road Allotment Gardens

Description: allotment gardens owned and operated by the Town Council

In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Close to existing residential development north of Mill Road
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Community value through current use as allotment gardens.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Local in character and not extensive tracts of land. Approximately XX acres.



7. Mill Farm Meadow

Description: Meadow and grazing land adjacent to Mill Farm

In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves

Close to existing residential development at Mill Farm

Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance

Visual value as setting of the farmhouse

Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land

Local in character and not extensive tract of land. Approximately 2.5 acres.

