

West Bedlington Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space and Protected Open Space

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The 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. LGS designations are made for use in local plans or neighbourhood plans. These plans can identify on a map ('designate') green area for special protection. Once designated, areas of LGS receive protection consistent with national Green Belt policy.
- 1.2 Protected open space (POS) designation is a way to protect other areas of open space which are valued for their local amenity and for informal or formal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the full LGS criteria. Once designated, they should be safeguarded and only lost where a number of detailed criteria are met.
- 1.3 The purpose of this background paper is to explain the process which has led to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the West Bedlington Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out the national and local backgrounds to LGS and POS and explains the methodology used in the assessments.
- 1.4 As part of the consultation on the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan, West Bedlington Town Council are inviting comments on the proposed LGS and POS designations. Comments will inform an updated background paper and the submission draft neighbourhood plan. Comments can be made in the following ways:
- By email to: npwbtc@gmail.com; or
 - By letter to: West Bedlington Town Council
Community Centre
Front Street West
Bedlington
NE22 5TT
- 1.5 Comments must be submitted by **noon on 7 April 2021**.

2. Planning policy background

National Planning Policy Framework

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF – 2019) sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. Section 8 of the NPPF highlights the important role the planning system can play in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities.

2.2 Paragraph 96 highlights that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities. Paragraph 97 states that:

‘Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- *an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or*
- *the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or*
- *the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.’*

2.3 With regard to Local Green Space (LGS) designation, paragraph 99 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.’

2.4 Paragraph 100 explains when the designation should be used:

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

- *in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*
- *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*
- *local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.’*

2.5 Paragraph 101 identifies that local policy for managing development within a LGS should be consistent with policy for Green Belts. National Green Belt policy requires that inappropriate development, that which is harmful to the allocation, on land designated as LGS will only be permitted where very special circumstances can be demonstrated.

National Planning Practice Guidance

2.6 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 77 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 77 of the NPPF there is no lower size limit for a LGS. (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 landowners, 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).

2.7 POS designation can be applied to those areas of open space which are valued for their local amenity value and for informal or formal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the full LGS criteria. NPPG identifies that open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors and country parks. It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have an ecological value and contribute to green infrastructure, as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development.

3. Local green space and protected open space methodology

Background

3.1 In order to seek to identify areas of LGS and POS which meet the requirements of the NPPF and NPPG, the town council prepared a methodology to be followed alongside the preparation of the plan. The application of the methodology is described below.



Figure 1: LGS identification process

Step 1: Identification of green spaces, including early engagement

3.2 The first step was to identify a list of green areas and open spaces to assess as potential LGS and POS. A variety of sources of information were used to inform this process:

- Sites allocated in the development plan;
- Sites proposed for allocation within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan;
- Northumberland Open Space, Port and Recreation Provision Assessment (2011)¹;
- Northumberland Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011)²;
- Review of current information, such as local studies, character appraisal and the historic environment record; and
- Feedback from early engagement on the neighbourhood plan – this included:
 - engagement on the scope and themes for the plan. This took place in April and May 2019, where residents were also asked to identify open spaces which were of importance to the local community; and
 - specific engagement on local green space and protected open space, which sought nominations for allocation in October and November 2019.

Step 2: Assessment of green spaces

3.3 Once the list of green spaces had been collected from the sources listed in step 1, the town council assessed their suitability for designation as LGS against the criteria in the NPPF and NPPG as outlined in section 2 of this report.

3.4 In order to be identified as LGS all of the following criteria, identified in figure 2 below were required to be met:

¹ <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Reports.aspx>

² <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Reports.aspx>

Criteria	Explanation
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the designation would be compatible with the planning permission or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented. (NPPG Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306) Q: Does the space have planning permission?
Land is not allocated or proposed for development in the local or neighbourhood plan. Unless it can be shown that the LGS could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development.	LGS should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services (NPPF Paragraph 99) Designating any LGS will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the LGS designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making (NPPG Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306) The space should be capable of enduring beyond the plan Period (NPPF Paragraph 99) Q: Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Development Plan?
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	LGS designation should only be used where the green area is not an extensive tract of land. Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. (NPPG Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306) Q: How close is the space to the community it serves? Q: Where are the nearest centres of population?
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	LGS may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or a neighbourhood in a town. (NPPG Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306) The space must be demonstrably special by meeting at least one of criterion in the following table. Q: Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the town council, ward member(s)?

Figure 2: LGS criteria required to be met by all potential sites

3.5 The criteria in figure 3 below then seeks to draw out what it is about the space that makes it 'demonstrably special to the local community'. A LGS should meet at least one of the criteria in the table below, although some spaces met more than one of the criteria:

Criteria	Explanation
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?

Criteria	Explanation
	Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. conservation area)
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	<p>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?</p> <p>Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)</p> <p>Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)</p> <p>Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)</p> <p>Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	<p>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?</p> <p>There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation. (NPPG Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306)</p> <p>What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)</p> <p>Is the space already identified in the Northumberland Open Space study?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	<p>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?</p> <p>Why is the space considered to be tranquil?</p> <p>Is the space used for quiet reflection?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	<p>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?</p> <p>Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or local nature reserve).</p> <p>Are any important habitats or species found in the space?</p> <p>Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)</p> <p>Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the red, amber or green lists of species of conservation concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?</p> <p>Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?</p> <p>Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria above	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?

Figure 3: Criteria that identify why the space is demonstrably special to the local community

- 3.6 The assessment then concluded whether all the nationally required criteria have been met and listed the relevant local criteria and whether the space was considered to be suitable as LGS. For sites that were not considered to meet the required LGS criteria, consideration was then given to whether they should be allocated as protected open space. This process considered whether the space was valued for its local amenity and/ or informal recreation. Prior to formal consultation on proposed areas for LGS and POS designation, contact was made with the owners of the sites where possible.
- 3.7 Following the completion of steps 1 and 2 the next stage is to obtain feedback on the proposed sites through the engagement on the Pre-Submission Plan, described below.

Step 3: Feedback - Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan – CURRENT STAGE

- 3.8 The pre-submission neighbourhood plan proposes to designate 12 LGS sites and 34 POS sites. Through consultation on the plan the town council are seeking feedback on the proposed designations.

Step 4: Submission Neighbourhood Plan

- 3.9 Responses received to the consultation on the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan will be considered and will inform the preparation of the submission plan, which will be subject to a further six-week public consultation organised by Northumberland County Council.

Step 5: Examination/ referendum/ adoption

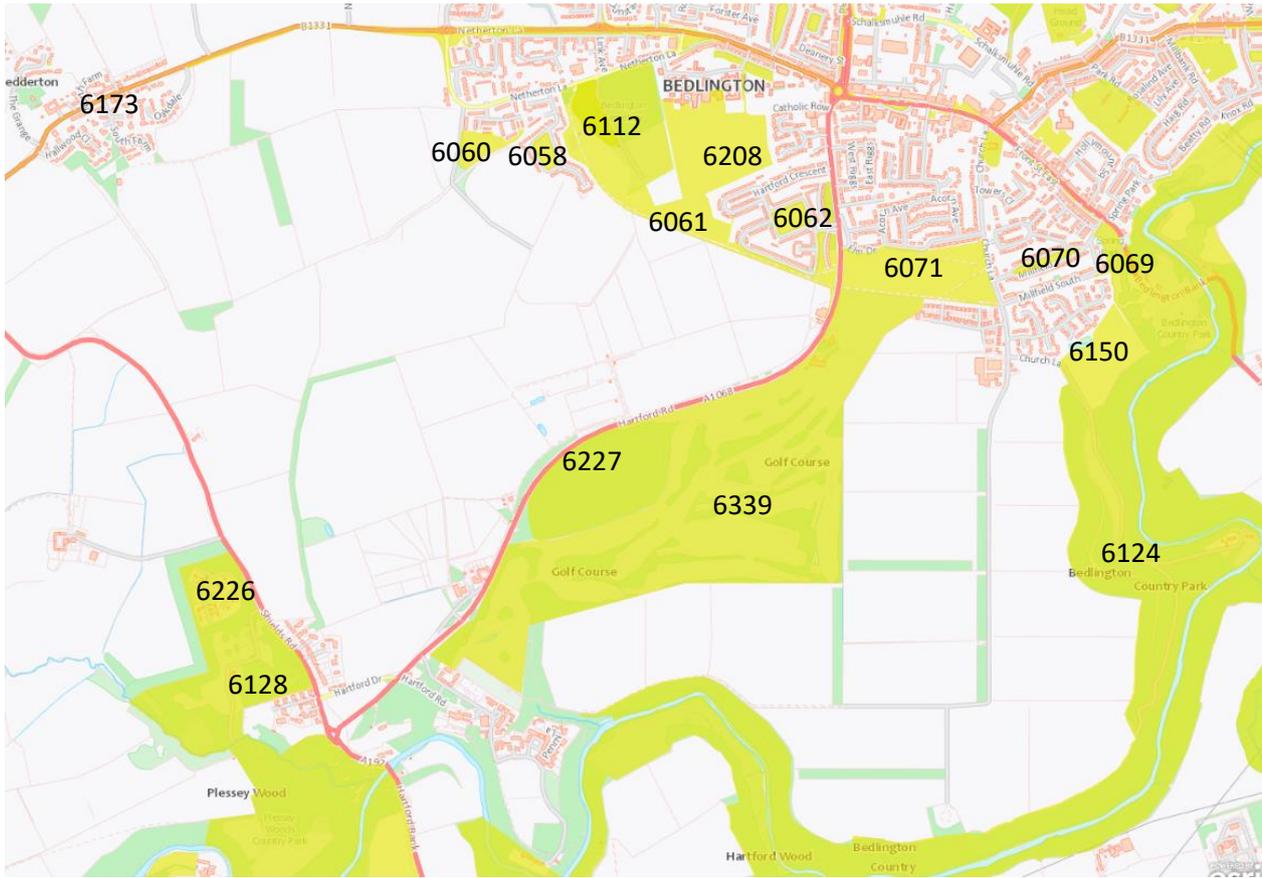
- 3.10 Following the submission of the neighbourhood plan, it will then be examined by an independent examiner. The examiner will review the evidence base for the plan – including whether there is evidence to justify the allocation of LGS and POS. Once the plan passes Examination it will then go to referendum and will be formally 'made' by Northumberland County Council.

4. Conclusion and next steps

- 4.1 This background paper has explained the process which has led to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the West Bedlington Neighbourhood Plan. It has summarised the national and local background to LGS and POS and explained the methodology used in the assessments.
- 4.2 All of the sites that have been assessed for LGS designation are included in Appendix 1 – this provides a brief explanation of the reasons why a site has or has not been included in the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan. Further details on those that have proposed to be allocated is included within Appendix 2 and site maps included within Appendix 3.
- 4.3 Appendix 4 contains the assessment for the areas of POS proposed to be allocated within the Neighbourhood Plan, with maps included within Appendix 5.
- 4.4 Responses received to the consultation on the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan will inform the preparation of the submission plan that will be submitted to Northumberland County Council for a further six-week public consultation and then subject to examination.

Appendix 1: Local Green Space Assessment





New sites – not previously identified by Northumberland County Council











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Site Ref	Site name	The space is not designated for development/ has planning permission	The space is not an extensive tract of land	The space in close proximity to the community it serves	The space is demonstrably special for any of the following reasons?					The space should be designated as Local Green Space	Comments
					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
6012	Ridge Terrace (west) Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Well used allotments. Would be more appropriate to protect via an allotment allocation within the plan.
6013	Ridge Terrace (east) Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Well used allotments. Would be more appropriate to protect via an allotment allocation within the plan.
6017	Dr Pit Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Well used allotments. Would be more appropriate to protect via an allotment allocation within the plan.
6019	Hirst Terrace garden plots	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Well used allotments. Would be more appropriate to allocate as allotment land.
6058	Westlea Estate	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6060	Redhouse Farm	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6061	Westlea Park	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace which includes play area and senior football

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											pitch. Well used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6062	Hartlands	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6063	Meadowdale/ Chesters	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace which includes a play area. Used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6064	Bishops Meadow/ Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Two areas of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6065	The Chesters	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Two areas of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6066	Front Street West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	Areas of amenity greenspace which are an important part of the character of the

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											conservation area. The Bedlington Conservation Area Character Appraisal explains that the open spaces create a generous low-density area with hints of a rural past. The open spaces are described as a prized asset that add considerably to the appearance of the area and they are a big part of its local distinctiveness. The space includes a grade II listed war memorial, which is a focal point for the town.
6067	Front Street East	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	The Bedlington Conservation Character Appraisal highlights that the elevated grassy banks and trees on Front Street East are an important part of the character of the conservation area. They create a welcoming and distinctive gateway to the conservation area from the south east.
6069	Millfield Flats	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.

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6070	Millfield Estate	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6071	South Park/ 20 Acre Playing Field	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Area of amenity greenspace that is used for informal recreation. The site has been the traditional and established location for fair grounds and other large events for many years.
6095	Beaufront Park	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Three areas of amenity greenspace used by the local community for informal recreation. Would be more appropriate to be allocated as protected open space.
6011	St Cuthbert's Churchyard and grounds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	St Cuthbert's church is grade II* listed. Tradition claims that there was a Saxon chapel on the site of the current church, and that the name was the result of St Cuthbert's remains being lodged there overnight on 2 December 1069 by monks fleeing from King William's men. The elevated, secluded and tranquil churchyard and vicarage grounds are rich with trees. The conservation area character appraisal explains that the

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											churchyard is an attractive and historically informative site in its own right.
6012	Bedlington Cemetery	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓	The cemetery dates back to the 1800s and has a friends group. It includes 18 commonwealth graves and is of historical importance to the local community.
6120	Market Place	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	The marketplace and its cross are strong anchors at the heart of the town, lying within the conservation area. It is most likely that markets were held near the market cross since its construction in the eighteenth century. In the past, the market space was informally enclosed to the north by a short terrace set back from the remaining building line heading north westwards but has always remained open to the main street to the south. The conservation character appraisal explains that the presence of the market cross, which is grade II listed, adds considerable period integrity to the space.

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6124 6138 6172	Bedlington Country Park / Humford Wood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The park itself is 57ha of woodland and grassland. It is a very popular area for recreation. The country park was created in 1984 and in 2006 it obtained local nature reserve status. The site has an important historical legacy which includes quarrying of sandstone and iron and engine works.
6128	Plessey Woods Country Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x	The park comprises 100 acres of woodland, meadow and riverside. The woodland is home to many birds, such as the great spotted woodpecker, nuthatch and tree creeper, as well as animals including the red squirrel, roe deer and fox. The banks of the River Blyth are also an important habitat for wildlife, such as kingfishers, dippers and otters. There is a visitor centre and cafe, toilets, children's play area and parking. It is well used by the local community and visitors from a wider area. As the site all lies within the Green Belt it is not considered necessary to designate it as local green space.

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6150	Attlee Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	A large area of amenity green space which is well used by the local community for informal recreation. Between the 1960s and 1980s Attlee Park hosted an annual celebration of Northumberland’s coal industry. Speeches by leading political and trade union figures such as Arthur Scargill, Michael Foot and John Prescott were made to the crowds from the park’s iconic bandstand during the heyday of mining. In 2013 funding was awarded to restore the bandstand and a grand reopening took place in June 2014, which was 150 years after the inaugural celebration took place.
6151/ 6159	Doctor Pit Park	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	The park provides bowls, sports and play facilities, as well as a quiet green space away from the hustle and bustle of the busy town. The park is Green Flag Award rated. The site is named after the Doctor Pit, which was sunk in the 1860s, on land which is now known as Gallagher Park and adjoining housing estates to the west of Doctor Pit Park. The park was

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											established in the early 1930s, on farmland purchased by the Bedlington Coal Company, to provide recreational facilities for local miners and their families.
6173	The Grange, Nedderton	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Previously small play area, now in use as private garden.
6201	Meadowdale Middle School	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Playing fields and outdoor sports facilities associated with Meadowdale Academy. Would be more appropriate to designate as protected open space.
6208	St Benet Biscop RC High School	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Playing fields and outdoor sports facilities associated with St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy. Would be more appropriate to designate as protected open space.
6212	Bedlington Cricket Club	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Outdoor sports facilities associated with Bedlington Cricket Club. Would be more appropriate to designate as protected open space.
6221	Gallagher Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The site comprises woodland, wildflower meadows, green spaces and

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											is a popular location for sporting activities. It has been designated a Queen Elizabeth II field as part of a national initiative to provide long-term safeguards for outdoor recreation areas. There is an active Friends of Gallagher Park Group. Part of the park is located outside the plan area.
6227	Acorn Bank	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓		Natural and semi-natural greenspace with substantial wooded area. Part of the former Acorn Bank open cast site which operated during the 1950s and 1960s. Well used by the local community and provides an important habitat, including for red squirrels.
6295	A1068 corridor	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Amenity green space running along the A1068, would be more appropriate to identify as protected open space.
6339	Bedlingtonshire Golf Club	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Founded in 1972 by Bedlingtonshire Urban District Council. There was a need for additional sporting facilities in the town and purchased 127 acres of land (100 acres of which had been opencast

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											mined) from the National Coal Board who restored, landscaped and fenced the site. Would be more appropriate to designate as protected open space.
N1	Green Letch – adjacent to Hazelmere Estate	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Natural and semi-natural greenspace with substantial wooded area. Well used by the local community and provides an important habitat, including for red squirrels.
N2	Edinburgh Drive	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Two areas of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N3	West of Warwick Grove	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space that is used for recreation. Important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N4	Skipton Court	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space that is used for recreation. Important to the character of the local area. More

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N5	Alnwick Drive	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Five areas of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N6	Alnwick Drive/ B1331	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N7	Dunstanburgh	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N8	Hessop Way (north)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N9	Hessop Way (south)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
N10	Coverdale	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N11	Milfield	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Three areas of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N12	Schalksmuhle Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N13	Adjacent to cricket club	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N14	Hirst Head	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N15	West Lea/ Netherton Lane	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Area of amenity green space, important to the character of the local area. More

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
											appropriate to identify as protected open space.
N16	Gallagher Park extension	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Amenity green space important to the character of the plan area. More appropriate to identify as protected open space.

Appendix 2 Detailed Assessment of proposed LGS

Site Ref	6066 / LGS01	
Site Name	Front Street West	
		
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.32ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	In the centre of the town
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	An important part of the character of the conservation area. The conservation area character appraisal explains that the open spaces create a generous low-density scheme with hints of a rural past. Also, the green spaces are described as a prized asset adding considerably to the appearance of the area. They are a big part of the area's local distinctiveness. The space includes the grade II listed war memorial, which is an important focal point for the town.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	x	

The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
Conclusion		
<p>Areas of amenity greenspace which provide an important part of the character of the conservation area. The Bedlington Conservation Area Character Appraisal explains that the open spaces create a generous low-density scheme with hints of a rural past. They are described as a prized asset adding considerably to the appearance of the area and they are a big part of its local distinctiveness. The space includes the grade II listed war memorial, which is an important focal point for the town.</p>		

Site Ref	6067 LGS02	
Site Name	Front Street East	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.11ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located within the town centre
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	The Bedlington Conservation Character Appraisal highlights that the elevated grassy banks and trees are an important part of the character of the conservation area. They help create a welcoming and distinctive gateway to the conservation area from the south east.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
Conclusion		
The Bedlington Conservation Character Appraisal highlights that the elevated grassy banks and trees are an important part of the character of the conservation area. They help create a welcoming and distinctive gateway to the conservation area from the south east.		

Site Ref	6071 / LGS03
Site Name	South Park/ 20 Acre Playing Field



All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	6.18ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located in a residential area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	

The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site has always been an event and mass gathering venue.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Area of amenity greenspace that is used for informal recreation. Over many years it has been the traditional and established site for fair grounds and other large events.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
Conclusion		
Area of amenity greenspace that is used for informal recreation. Over many years it has been the traditional and established site for fair grounds and other large events.		

Site Ref	6011 / LGS04	
Site Name	St Cuthbert's churchyard and grounds	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.51ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located in the town centre.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	St Cuthbert's church is a grade II* listed building. Tradition claims that there was a Saxon chapel on the site of the current church, and that the name was the result of St Cuthbert's remains being lodged here over night on 2 December 1069 by monks fleeing from King William's men. The conservation area character appraisal explains that the churchyard is an attractive and historically informative site in its own right.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	The elevated, secluded and tranquil churchyard and vicarage grounds are rich with trees.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
Conclusion		
<p>St Cuthbert's church is a grade II* listed building. Tradition claims that there was a Saxon chapel on the site of the current church, and that the name was the result of St Cuthbert's remains being lodged here over night on 2 December 1069 by monks fleeing from King William's men. The elevated, secluded and tranquil churchyard and vicarage grounds are rich with trees. The conservation area character appraisal explains that the churchyard is an attractive and historically informative site in its own right.</p>		

Site Ref	6112 / LGS05	
Site Name	Bedlington Cemetery	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	6.67ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	In the built-up area
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	The cemetery dates back to the 1800s and has a friend's group. It includes 18 commonwealth graves.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil location within the urban area where people visit for quiet reflection.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	x	
Conclusion		
The cemetery dates back to the 1800s and has a friends group. It includes 18 commonwealth graves.		

Site Ref	6120 / LGS06	
Site Name	Market Place	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	0.15ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	The site is within the town centre.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	The marketplace and its cross are strong anchors at the heart of the town, within the conservation area. It is most likely that markets were held near the market cross since its construction in the eighteenth century. In the past, the market space was informally enclosed to the north by a short terrace set back from the remaining building line heading north westwards but has always remained open to the main street to the south. The presence of the market cross (listed grade II) adds considerable period integrity to the space.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	x	

Conclusion

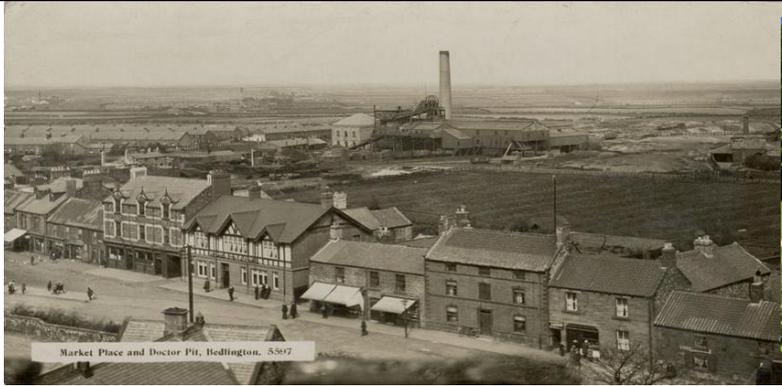
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Site Ref	6124/ 6138/ 6172 – LGS07	
Site Name	Bedlington Country Park / Humford Wood	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	57ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Part of the site is adjacent to the built-up area and easily accessible to the local community. It can also be accessed via bus and there are three car parks. Pedestrian access is also available from Spring Park Road, Church Lane (leads to Humford Mill) and Hartford Hall.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	The park is a steep sloping, natural wooded valley.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	<p>The earliest industrial use of the valley was for the quarrying of sandstone. These quarries are now filled and hidden by trees. The largest and most important industrial site was the Bedlington Iron and Engine Works (1736-1867). Locomotives were manufactured at the works, and the first passenger train to leave Kings Cross was hauled by a Bedlington loco, as were the first trains in Holland and Italy.</p> <p>The area to the west of Furnace Bridge and north of the river is known as Free Wood as you didn't have to pay to walk through the wood, unlike the south side of the river which is still known as Ha'penny Wood.</p> <p>The large grass area beside Bedlington bridge is known as Attlee Park, and was named after</p>

		<p>Clement Richard Attlee, Labour Party leader from 1935 to 1955 and Prime Minister from 1945 to 1951. For many years the Northumberland Miners' Picnic was held here.</p> <p>Further upstream is Humford Mill, where you can cross the river by steppingstones when the water level is low. After the pumping station went out of use, the site was used as an open-air swimming pool.</p> <p>At the west end of the country park stands Hartford Hall. The hall was first built in 1807 and later rebuilt into a Victorian mansion in the 1870s. In 1944 the hall was converted into a miners' rehabilitation centre.</p>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	The area has long been a popular area for informal recreation over many decades until 1984, when the country park was created to protect the unique nature of the area. The Humford Mill area has a small children's play area and picnic benches.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	The park is a steep sloping, natural wooded valley which is very tranquil.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	In 2006 Local Nature Reserve status was gained. Wildlife within the park include: red squirrels, bank vole, foxes, roe deer, bats, mallards, moorhen, heron, kingfisher, blue tit, chiffchaff, great spotted woodpecker, nuthatch and robins. There are many plants including: red campion, primrose, forget-me-not, foxglove, orchids, meadow crane's-bill and yarrow. Most of the woodland within the western half of the site is listed as ancient semi-natural woodland and is of significant national importance. There are many species of insect including: the common hawker dragonfly, seven-spot ladybirds, wall brown and meadow brown butterflies.
Conclusion		
<p>The park itself is 57ha of woodland and grassland. It is a popular area for recreation and the country park was created in 1984. In 2006 it obtained local nature reserve status. The site has an important historical legacy which includes quarrying of sandstone and iron and engine works</p>		

Site Ref		6150 / LGS08
Site Name		Attlee Park
 		
 		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	3.81ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Located on the edge of the built-up area within easy reach of the local community.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	Important to the setting of the conservation area.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	Between the 1960s and 1980s Attlee Park hosted an annual celebration of Northumberland's coal industry. Speeches by leading political and trade union figures such as Arthur Scargill, Michael Foot and John Prescott were made to the crowds from the park's iconic bandstand during the heyday of mining.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Used for informal recreation including dog walking and public events, including the 'Big Event' and the Bedlington Picnic.

The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	x	
Conclusion		
<p>A large area of amenity green space which is well used by the local community for informal recreation. Between the 1960s and 1980s Attlee Park hosted an annual celebration of Northumberland’s coal industry. Speeches by leading political and trade union figures such as Arthur Scargill, Michael Foot and John Prescott were made to the crowds from the park’s iconic bandstand during the heyday of mining. In 2013 funding was awarded to restore the bandstand and a grand reopening took place in June 2014, which was 150 years after the inaugural celebration took place.</p>		

Site Ref	6151/ 6159 – LGS09	
Site Name	Doctor Pit Park	
   		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	2.71ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Lies within the built-up area. There are three entrances into the park. The main pedestrian/vehicular entrance is situated on Park Road, accessed from Beech Grove. There are a further two pedestrian entrances next to Whitley Memorial First School and off Hollymount Square. The entrances are DDA compliant. The park has good public transport links, with bus stops nearby.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	The site is named after the Doctor Pit, which was sunk in the 1860s, on land which is now known as Gallagher Park and adjoining housing estates to the west of Doctor Pit Park. The park was

		established in the early 1930s, on farmland purchased by the Bedlington Coal Company, to provide recreational facilities for local miners and their families.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	The park provides bowls, sports and play facilities. The Doctor Pit Park SONA is a bold piece of play equipment that uses the power of dance to attract the public's attention. The entertainment demands of generation Z has led the design of the SONA arch. The motion censored dance arch has a number of games which encourage children to work in teams or against each other to create a friendly element of competition.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	x	
Conclusion		
The park provides bowls, sports and play facilities, as well as a quiet green space away from the hustle and bustle of the busy town. The park is Green Flag Award rated. The site is named after the Doctor Pit, which was sunk in the 1860s, on land which is now known as Gallagher Park and adjoining housing estates to the west of Doctor Pit Park. The park was established in the early 1930s, on farmland purchased by the Bedlington Coal Company, to provide recreational facilities for local miners and their families.		

Site Ref	6221 / LGS10	
Site Name	Gallagher Park	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	39.20ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	Close to the town centre with good public transport links. The park is easy to access through a network of footpaths and a Sustrans cycle route, which runs through the centre of the park.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below.
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	The area now covered by the park previously dominated the town as a pit heap prior to its restoration.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	<p>A popular location for sporting activities including football and cycling. The park is supported by a dedicated volunteering group of hard-working individuals who are passionate about keeping the park maintained for visitors and the local community to enjoy.</p> <p>The group has been successful in raising a significant amount of funding for the development and improvement of the park.</p> <p>It is designated as a Queen Elizabeth II field as part of a national initiative to provide long-term safeguards for outdoor recreation areas.</p>

The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	The site includes tranquil woodlands and wildflower meadows.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	The site includes woodlands and wildflower meadows.
Conclusion		
<p>The site comprises woodland, wildflower meadows, green spaces and is a popular location for sporting activities. It has been designated a Queen Elizabeth II field as part of a national initiative to provide long-term safeguards for outdoor recreation areas. There is an active Friends of Gallagher Park Group. Part of the park is located outside the plan area.</p>		

Site Ref	6227 / LGS11	
Site Name	Acorn Bank	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	9.42ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of the urban area
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	Natural and semi-natural greenspace with substantial wooded area.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	✓	Part of the former Acorn Bank open cast site which operated during the 1950s and 1960s.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Well used by the local community.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	An important habitat, including for red squirrels.
Conclusion		
<p>Natural and semi-natural greenspace with substantial wooded area. Part of the former Acorn Bank open cast site which operated during the 1950s and 1960s. Well used by the local community and provides an important habitat, including for red squirrels.</p>		

Site Ref	N1 / LGS12	
Site Name	Green leitch adjacent to Hazelmere Estate	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	✓	10.49ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves	✓	On the edge of the urban area
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	✓	Natural and semi-natural greenspace with substantial wooded area.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	✓	Well used by the local community.

The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	✓	A tranquil wooded location.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	✓	An important habitat, including for red squirrels.
Conclusion		
Natural and semi-natural greenspace with substantial wooded area. Well used by the local community and provides an important habitat, including for red squirrels.		

Appendix 3 Maps of proposed LGS designations

LGS01: Front Street West (6066)



LGS02: Front Street East (6067)



LGS03: South Park/ 20 Acre Field (6071)



LGS04: St Cuthbert's Churchyard and grounds (6011)



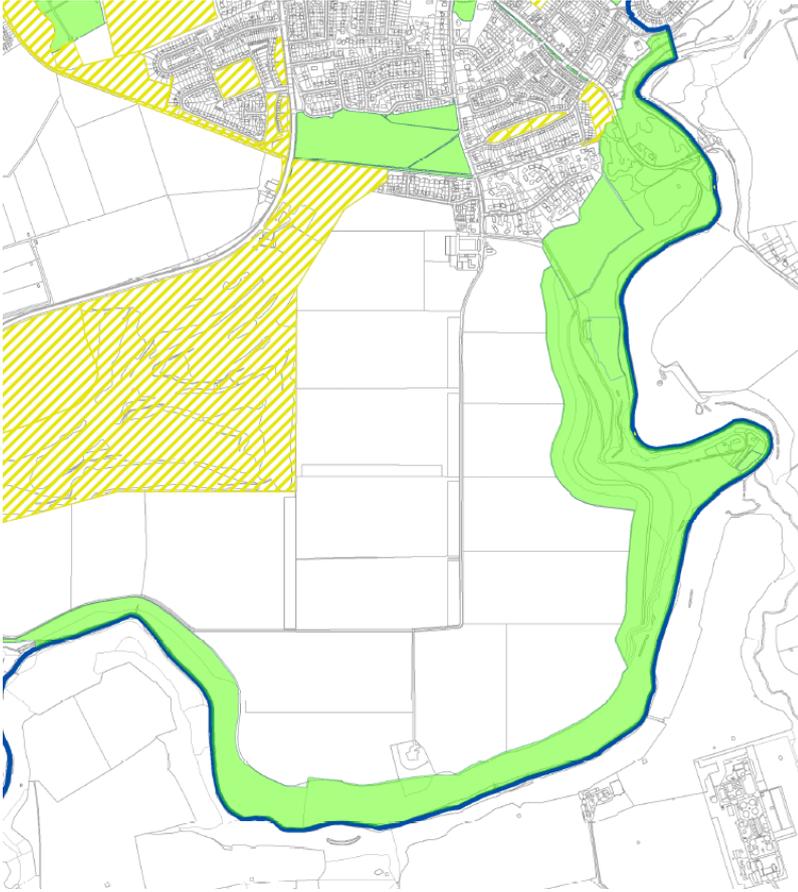
LGS05: Bedlington Cemetery (6012)



LGS06: Market Place (6120)



LGS07: Bedlington Country Park (6124/ 6138/ 6172)



LGS08: Attlee Park (6150)



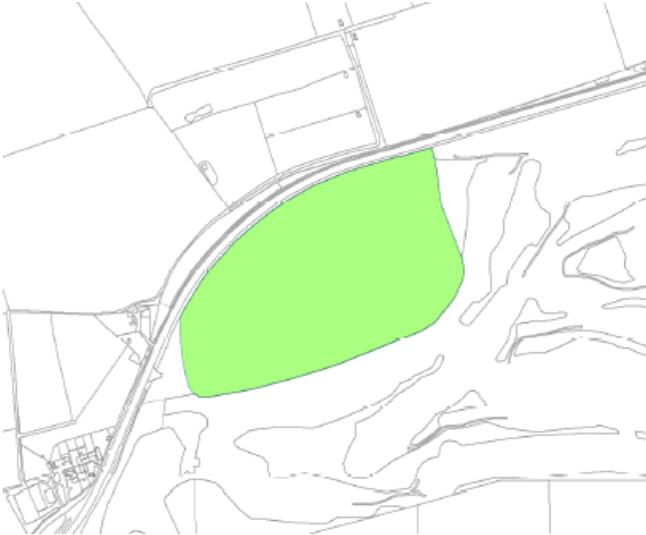
LGS09: Doctor Pit Park (6151/ 6159)



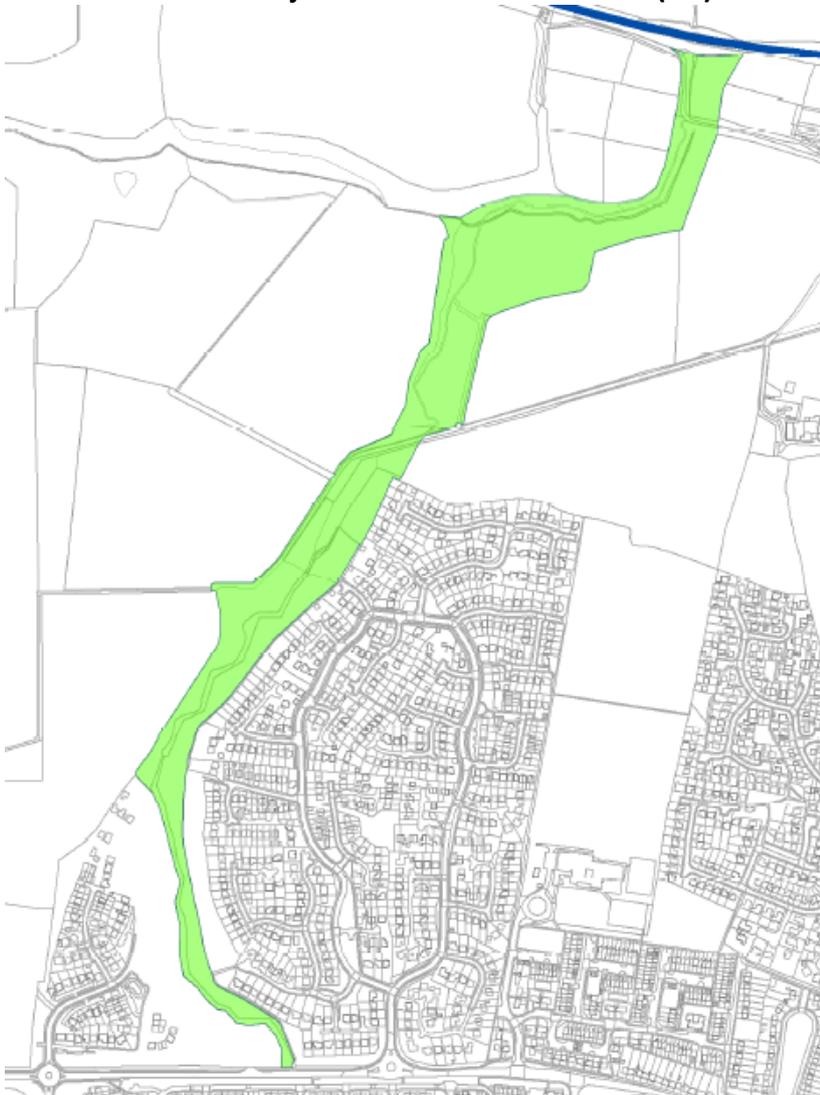
LGS10: Gallagher Park (6221)



LGS11:Acorn Bank (6227)



LGS12: Green Letch adjacent to Hazelmere Estate (N1)



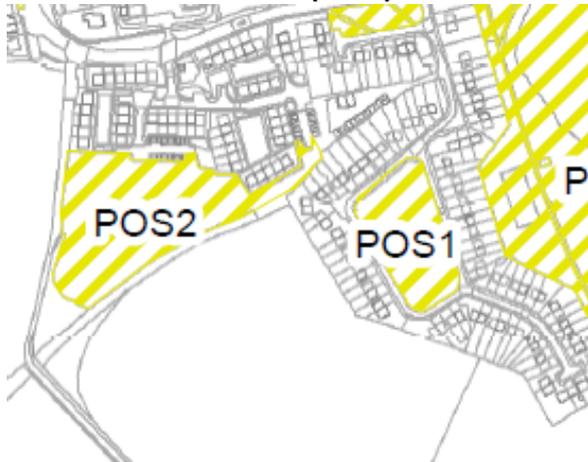
Appendix 4 Protected Open Space Assessment

WBNP ref	NCC Ref	Site	Description of amenity value
POS1	6058	Westlea Estate	Amenity greenspace
POS2	6060	Redhouse Farm	Amenity greenspace
POS3	6061	Westlea Park	Amenity greenspace, play provision and football pitches
POS	6062	Hartlands	Amenity greenspace
POS	6063	Meadowdale/ Chesters	Amenity greenspace with play provision
POS6	6064	Bishops Meadow/ Cumberland	Amenity greenspace
POS7	6065	The Chesters	Amenity greenspace
POS8	6069	Millfield Flats	Amenity greenspace
POS9	6070	Millfield Estate	Amenity greenspace
POS10	6095	Beaufront Park	Amenity greenspace
POS11	6128	Plessey Woods Country Park	Parks and open space
POS12	6201	Meadowdale Middle School	Playing fields and outdoor sports provision
POS13	6208	St Benet Biscop RC High School	Playing fields and outdoor sports provision
POS14	6212	Bedlington Cricket Club	Outdoor sports facilities and community venue
POS15	6339	Bedlingtonshire Golf Club	Outdoor sports facilities
POS16	6296	Whitley Memorial CofE First School	Outdoor sports facilities
POS17	6340	Hartford Road	Amenity greenspace
POS18	6294	The Golden Mile	Amenity greenspace
POS19	6295	A1068 corridor	Amenity greenspace
POS20	N16	Gallagher Park extension	Amenity greenspace
POS21	N2	Edinburgh Drive	Amenity greenspace
POS22	N3	West of Warwick Grove	Amenity greenspace
POS23	N4	Skipton Court	Amenity greenspace
POS24	N5	Alnwick Drive	Amenity greenspace
POS25	N6	Alnwick Drive/ B1331	Amenity greenspace
POS26	N7	Dunstanburgh	Amenity greenspace
POS27	N8	Hessop Way (north)	Amenity greenspace
POS28	N9	Hessop Way (south)	Amenity greenspace
POS29	N10	Coverdale	Amenity greenspace
POS30	N11	Milfield	Amenity greenspace
POS31	N12	Schalksmuhle Road	Amenity greenspace
POS32	N13	Adjacent to cricket club	Amenity greenspace
POS33	N14	Hirst Head	Amenity greenspace
POS34	N15	West Lea/ Netherton Lane	Amenity greenspace

Appendix 5 Protected Open Space Maps

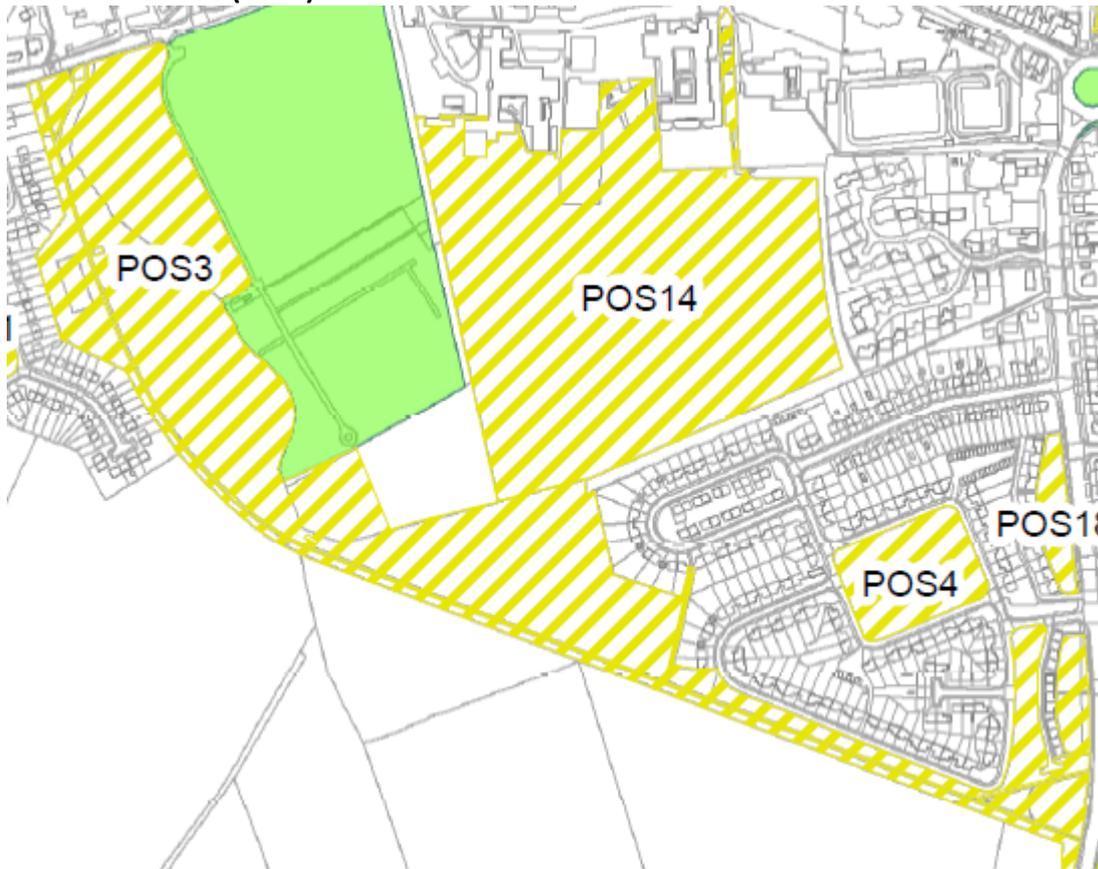
POS1: Westlea Estate (6058)

POS2: Redhouse Farm (6060)



POS3: Westlea Park (6061)

POS4: Hartlands (6062)



POS5: Meadowdale/ Chesters (6063)

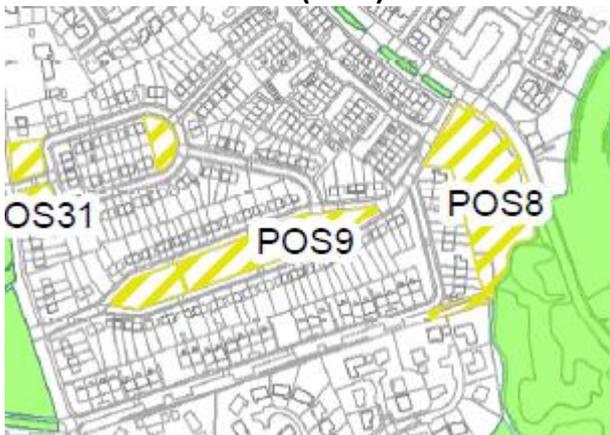
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POS7: The Chesters (6065)

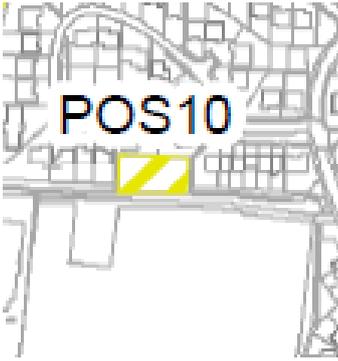


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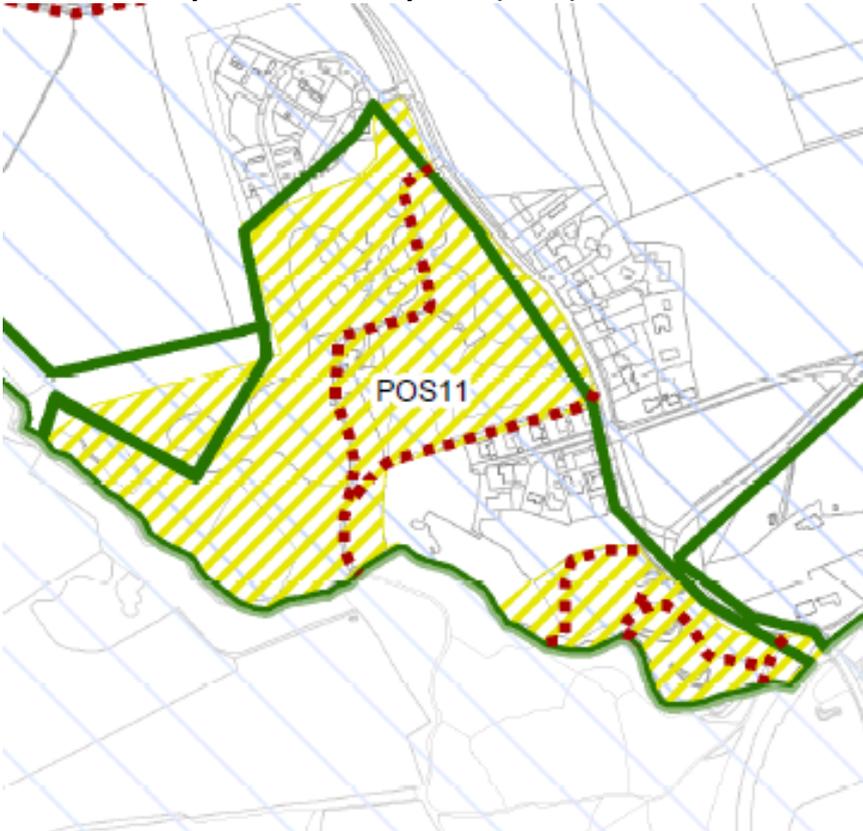
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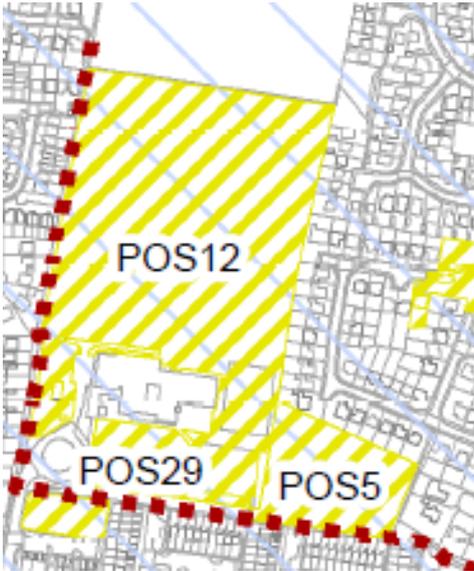
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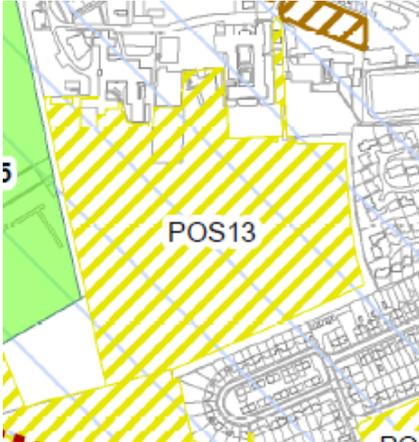
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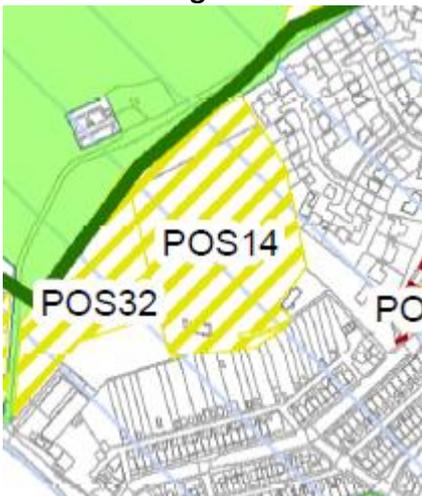
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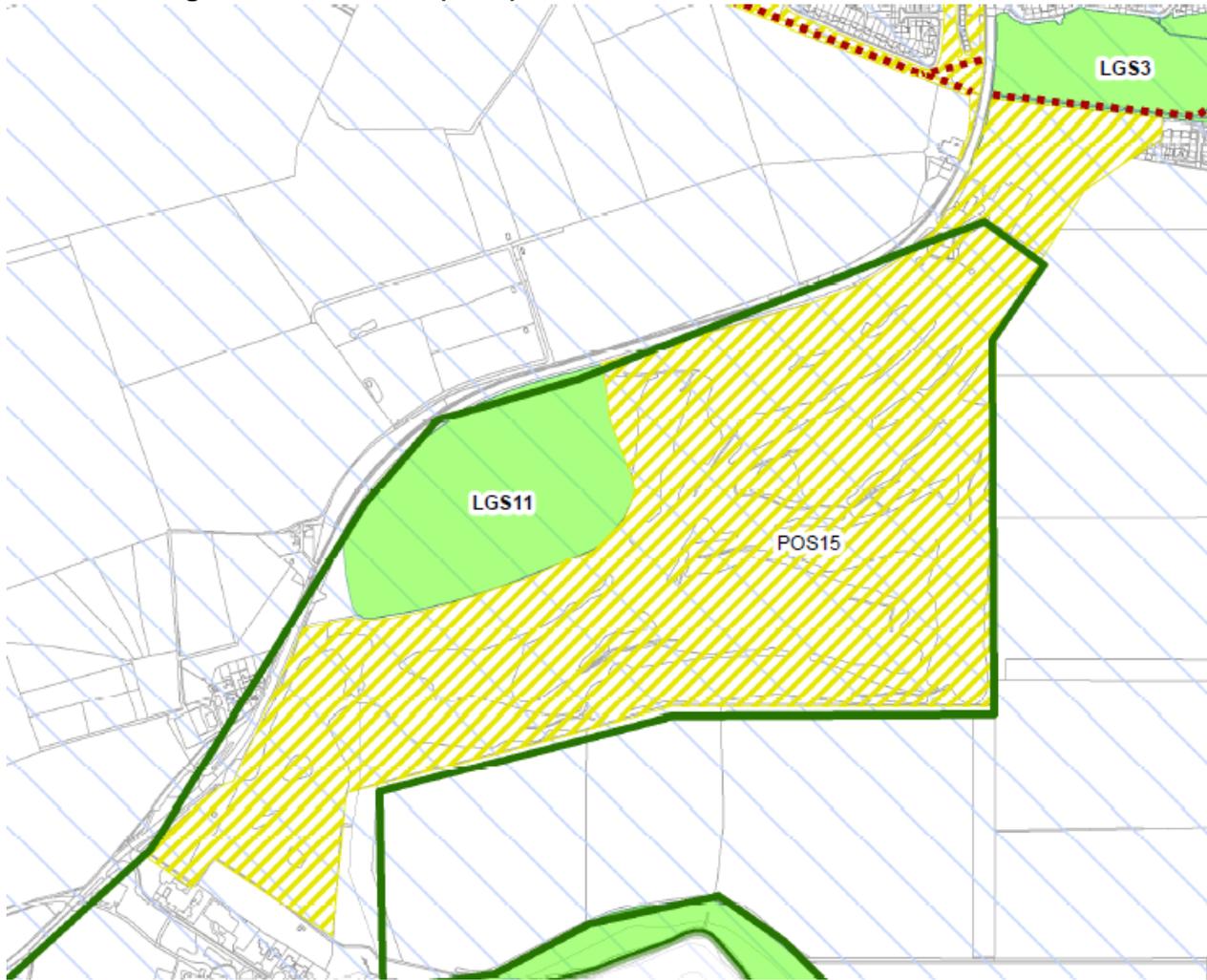
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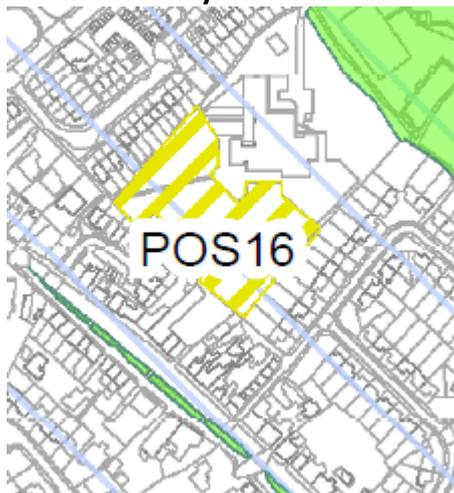
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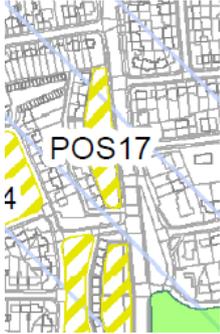
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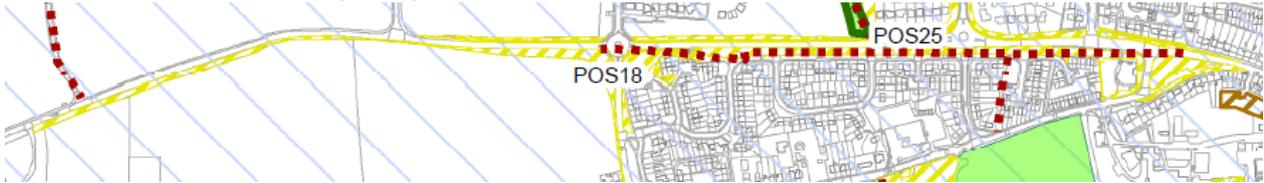
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POS17: Hartford Road (6340)



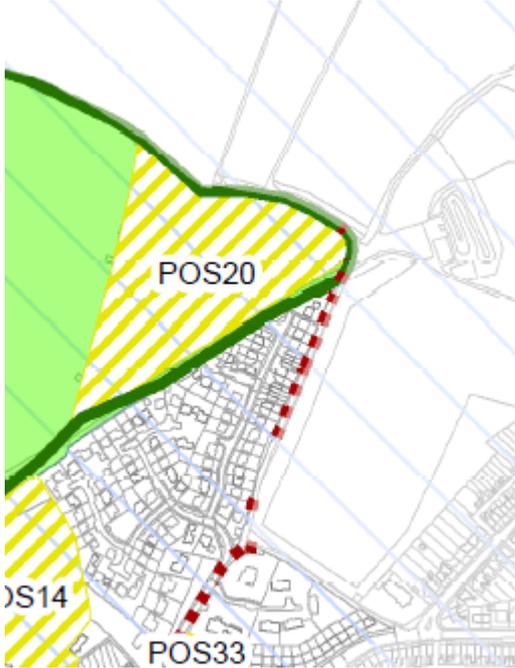
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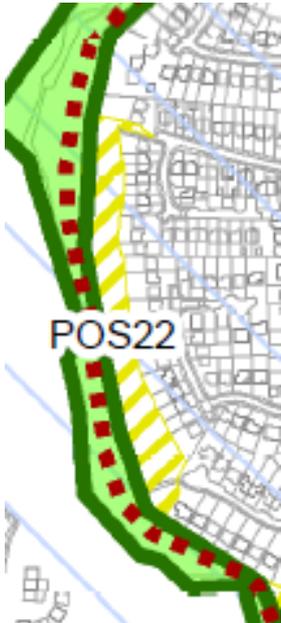
POS20: Gallagher Park extension



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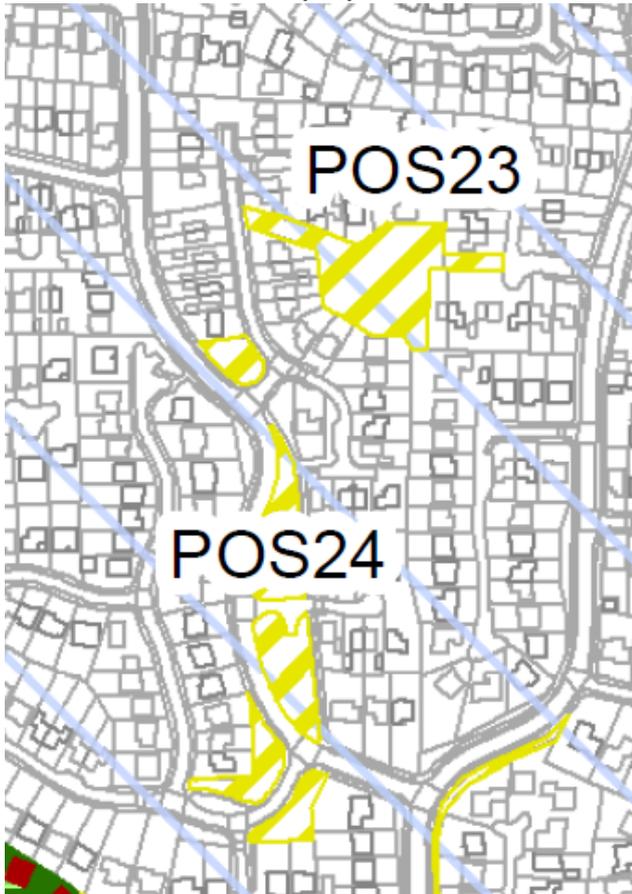


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POS23: Skipton Court (N4)

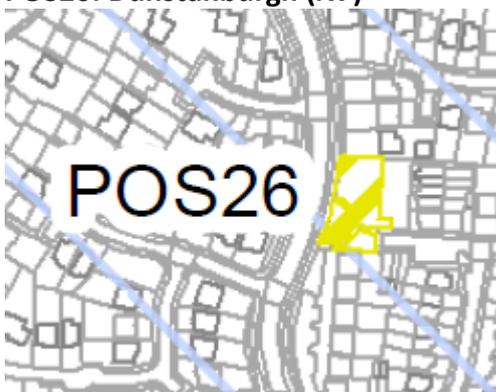
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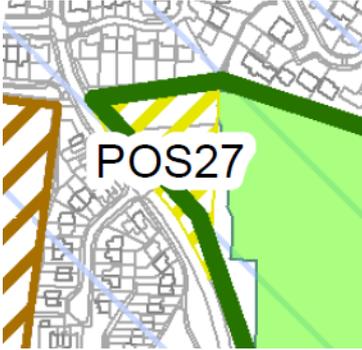
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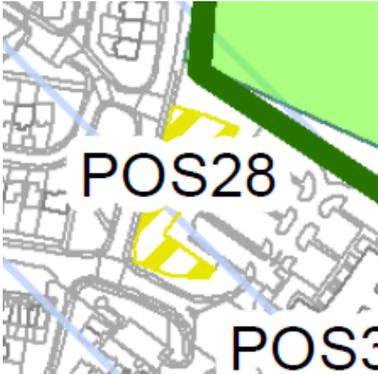
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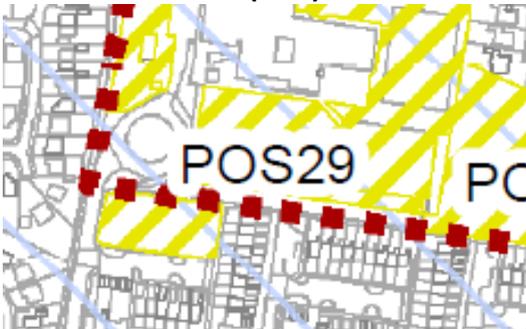
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POS28: Hessop Way (south) (N9)



POS29: Coverdale (N10)

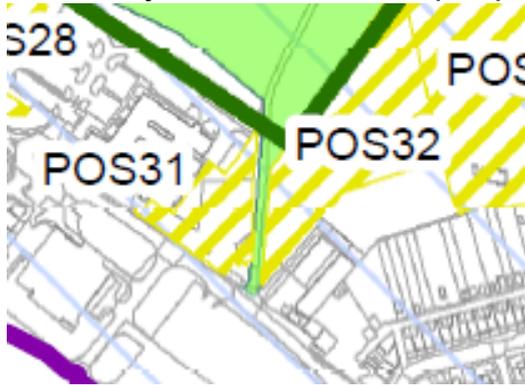


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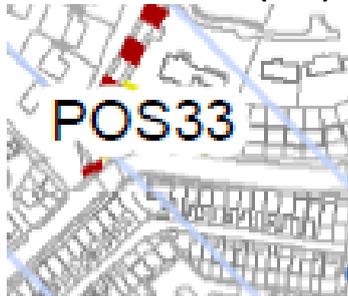


POS31: Schalksmuhle Road (N12)

POS32: Adjacent to cricket club (N13)



POS33: Hirst Head (N14)



POS34: West Lea/ Netherton Lane (N15)

