

## LOCAL GREEN SPACE (LGS) – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SITES INCLUDED IN SUBMISSION VERSION LOCAL PLAN

### NPPF Criteria for LGS Designation:

**Location** – Is the site in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?

**Local Significance** – Is the site 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 its wildlife? and

**Size / Scale** – Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?

Informal consultation with Parish / Town Councils and District Councillors took place in February / March 2019 focussing on the ‘Local Significance’ element of NPPF criteria.

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01 – Brough Park, Leek	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> – beautiful green oasis close to the town centre. Formal landscaping with flower displays and specimen trees, wooded area, different land levels giving views into and out of the park, bandstand and ornamental fishpond – lots of character.</p> <p><u>Tourism</u> – Included on the ‘Visit Leek’ website as a tourist attraction.</p> <p><u>Historic Significance</u> – Victorian Park associated with (the former) Ball Haye Hall. Ornamental fishpond and a large proportion of the park area is recorded on the Historic Environment Register. The fish pond dates back to the late 18th/early 19th century as part of landscaping works associated with the landscape garden at Ball Haye Hall. This was later converted to a municipal park known as Brough Park and Ball Haye Gardens.</p> <p><u>Long standing events</u> – Party in the Park (and similar) – annually, Art in the Park (annual event), Park Run (weekly),</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, historic significance, as a venue for regular community events, recreational value – it has facilities for all age ranges and an active friends group made up of

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			<p>Concerts at the Bandstand (several in the summer).</p> <p><u>Formal recreation</u> – skateboard park (recent £200,000 investment to make a high quality facility), children’s play area, leisure centre, tennis courts, bowling green and pavilion.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – running, dog walking, play, picnics</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> – The park is tranquil due to its secluded position away from major development. There are several distinct areas within the park offering tranquillity.</p> <p><u>Wildlife Interest</u> – habitats throughout the park particularly in wooded areas and pond</p> <p><u>Other reasons site is significant for local community</u> - There is an active friends group working to support the park. The Friends group are involved in a variety of activities including fundraising, organising events and working with local schools to encourage educational opportunities in the park.</p>			members of the local community. This space has been singled out for particular note in the Council’s evidence (Library Doc 22.5 p. 120) due to its special character and importance to Leek.
02 – Ball Haye Green Recreation Ground, Leek	Leek Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Recreation</u> – £50,000 was spent on new play equipment and refurbishment in 2017 – a project undertaken in conjunction with SMDC.</p> <p><u>Historic Significance</u> - The “pillars” at the entrance are a WW1 war memorial and the plaques were refurbished in 2018.</p>	Local in character	Owned by Leek Town Council	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for recreation value and historic significance, cemented by recent substantial investment.
04 – Birch Gardens, Leek	Staffordshire Moorlands District	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> – An oasis of trees, shrubbery and flower beds bordering the Buxton Road.</p> <p><u>Site Visibility</u> – from Buxton Road – a major route into and</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size

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	Council		<p>out of town.</p> <p><u>Historic Significance</u> – Birch Gardens has recently been dedicated as a Centenary Field in memory of those who lost their lives during WW1. A plaque is displayed in the gardens to reflect this. It is one of only three centenary fields in the whole of Staffordshire.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – Access for all (including wheelchair users due to wide entrances and surfaced flat paths) as a place of contemplation. Features flower beds and specimen trees.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> – A haven to enjoy quiet time in a busy market town.</p> <p><u>Other reasons site is significant for local community</u> - There is an active friends group working to support the gardens. The Friends group are involved in a variety of activities to maintain the high quality environment of the park.</p>			NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, tranquillity and historic significance, its importance to the community being emphasised by having its own 'Friends of Birch Gardens' group.
05 – Pickwood Recreation Ground, Leek	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Site Visibility</u> – Key view over the town from the recreation ground (as detailed in the Council's Leek Conservation Area Character Appraisal)</p> <p><u>Historic Significance</u> – The recreation ground is on the Council's Local Heritage Register, acknowledging its contribution to the local distinctiveness of the Staffordshire Moorlands. It has a historic connection to Pickwood Hall and its wider estate. It meets the following criteria for designation on the Local Heritage Register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age and Rarity: The site was gifted to the Town of Leek by The Challinor Family to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The land was formerly part of the historic Pickwood Estate.</li> <li>• Group Value: The site forms part of the historic Pickwood Estate and forms part of its history and</li> </ul>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its historic significance and recreational value.

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			<p>setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association: The site was granted to the town in 1887 by a prominent figure, William Challinor, on Queen Victoria's Jubilee. 500 scholars were entertained to tea and commemorative mugs were handed out.</li> <li>• Archaeological Value: Site relates to Pickwood Hall and its wider estate.</li> <li>• Landmark Buildings: It is a well frequented site for views out over Leek town and the Conservation Area. The skyline panoramic view includes many distinctive landmarks and roofscapes.</li> </ul> <p><u>Formal recreation</u> – children's play area (for age 0-12)  <u>Informal recreation</u> – circular surfaced path and open grass used for dog walking and informal play, sports, picnics etc.</p>			
06 – Westwood Road Recreation Ground, Leek	ClIr Ben Emery	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> – It's the centre of attention for residents, a Victorian green space.  <u>Visibility</u> – Surrounded by over 100 houses, giving open aspect amenity.  <u>Events</u> - Annual Community Fun Day (Action West End) is held on the recreation ground and it has been the space for many gatherings such as 'Walk to Monument 1914'.  <u>Historic significance</u> – Photographs which are over 100 years old exist showing the playground.  <u>Landscape features</u> – old hedgerows, trees, walls and pathways.  <u>Recreational value</u> – protected playing field, children's playground, netball and football. Also informal – dog walking, jogging, building snowmen, tree climbing, conkering, general play.  <u>Tranquillity</u> – quiet and serene at night.  <u>Wildlife</u> – Garden area loved by wildlife, especially birds</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (both formal and informal) and as the venue for the annual community fun day.

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			<p>which can be watched by surrounding houses. In addition foxes, badgers, moles and hedgehogs have been seen on the site.</p> <p><u>Other reasons for local significance</u> – Roaches and St Edwards Church clock tower can be seen from site. It is a meeting place, its play appeal, kids use it after school, adults take pre-school kids to play during the day, dog walking, recreational value, on flat area (5 acres of space).</p>			
07 – Westwood Park Drive Woodland, Leek	CLlr Ben Emery	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> – Grounds to Westwood Hall, woodland with pathways.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> – side of road flanked by houses.</p> <p><u>Historic significance</u> – Part of Westwood Hall Estate. Visit by King and Queen George VI. Ancient trees present.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – Dog walking, exercising, kids play.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> – Very quiet but stones throw away from houses. Little bit of countryside in the middle of a housing estate.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> – badgers and foxes.</p> <p><u>Other reasons for local significance</u> – wooded tranquil area, shaded, safe from vehicles.</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its historic significance, informal recreation opportunity, tranquillity and wildlife.
08 – Edgehill Road Woodland, Leek	CLlr Ben Emery	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> – Grounds to Westwood Hall, woodland with pathways.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> – side of road flanked by houses.</p> <p><u>Historic significance</u> – Part of Westwood Hall Estate. Visit by King and Queen George VI. Ancient trees present.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – Dog walking, exercising, kids play.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> – Very quiet but stones throw away from houses. Little bit of countryside in the middle of a housing estate.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> – badgers and foxes.</p> <p><u>Other reasons for local significance</u> – wooded tranquil area, shaded, safe from vehicles.</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its historic significance, informal recreation opportunity, tranquillity and

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						wildlife.
09 – Campbell Avenue, Leek	Clr Ben Emery	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> – spring bluebell wooded area, views and amenity space.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> – views from town and especially Burton Street.</p> <p><u>Historic significance</u> – part of grounds to ‘Woodcroft Manor House’ and ‘Woodcroft Grange’.</p> <p><u>Recreation value</u> – playground with zip line on site. Informal recreation – sledging in winter, amenity wooded area, dog walking, play, sports, cycling, skateboarding, jogging. Used by a local forest school for nature activities with young children.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> – very tranquil for activities such as making dens and play with young children, abundance of wildlife, old trees, pathways, nature.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> – birds, moles, badgers, foxes, owls.</p> <p><u>Other reasons for local significance</u> – great townscape view from fire pit, also roaches view. Views, location in centre of housing estate, elevated land.</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its historic significance, tranquillity, wildlife and recreation value.
10 – Fynney Street Garden, Leek	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	<u>Historic Significance</u> – within Conservation Area and adjacent to Grade I Listed Church.	Local in character	Privately owned	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its historic value.
11 – Gillow Heath Recreation Ground, Biddulph (Also known as Halls Road)	Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<u>Recreational value</u> - Well used by local residents, dog walkers and sports enthusiasts. The various facilities (including football pitches, tennis courts, outdoor gym equipment and walking routes) mean that people of all ages are catered for, with a good circular footpath providing easy access around the site and onto the wider footpath network beyond. Surrounded by housing. Well used in both summer and	Local in character	Owned by SMDC Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational value both formal

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Sports Ground / Playing Fields and 'the Sandhole')			winter months. <u>Wildlife</u> – Small areas of taller vegetation provide some habitat for wildlife but this could be encouraged in places. The site shares its eastern border with the Biddulph Valley Way and the woodland edge running along this.		(assessment sheet 53).	(recent investment in new facilities) and informal (walking). On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
12 – Halls Road, Biddulph	Councillor Jim Davies  Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<u>Beauty</u> - This a stream side site and has value as a wildlife corridor and as an area of natural woodland. The site enhances the local area as an area of tranquillity and natural beauty. <u>Site visibility</u> – A public footpath leads through the woodland and over the river linking Halls Road to Briarswood and the town centre. There is a bridge over the stream giving a good vantage point. <u>Recreational value</u> - Dog walkers pass through the site to reach the playing fields beyond. Children play in the woodlands (evidenced by rope swings). <u>Tranquillity</u> - It provides a tranquil area by a housing estate. <u>Wildlife</u> - This is a site left largely to nature and as such contains many small mammals and many woodland birds. This site forms an important natural wildlife corridor along the Biddulph Brook. <u>Features making site important</u> - The wilderness habitat.	Local in character	Privately owned. Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan (assessment sheet 56).	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, tranquillity and wildlife. On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
13 – Dorset Drive (west), Biddulph	Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	Linear area of open space and woodland on edge of Biddulph enclosed by disused railway to west, with full public access. <u>Visibility</u> – Provides visual break and transitional area between settlement and open countryside beyond the	Local in character	Owned by SMDC Included on list of LGS	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is

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			<p>disused railway.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – Well used by walkers, used for informal sports.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> – Wildlife corridor function along stream. Forms part of buffer on settlement edge.</p>		<p>sites for Neighbourhood Plan (assessment sheet 54).</p>	<p>locally significant for its recreational and wildlife value. On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.</p>
14 – Dorset Drive (east), Biddulph	Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p>Belt of linear woodland, grass and stream to south of Dorset Drive, with open areas of maintained grassland and mature trees. Provides break between Craigside and Dorset Drive.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> - High recreational value, well used by walkers. Linear but local in character to this area. Used to access town centre .</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> - Part of nature corridor within the town, offering sanctuary for wildlife. It is rich in wildlife with mature trees and vegetation along stream.</p>	Local in character	<p>Owned by SMDC</p> <p>Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan (assessment sheet 55).</p>	<p><b>Retain as LGS</b></p> <p>Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational and wildlife value. On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.</p>
16 – Thames Drive Woodland, Biddulph	Councillor Jim Davies Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p>Unmanaged mature woodland belt with watercourses, glades, public right of way, and informal path network through southern section.</p> <p><u>Beauty</u> - This is a beautiful area of semi-mature woodland beside a stream cutting through and dividing a housing estate.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – recreational value on large area with</p>	Local in character	<p>Owner unknown.</p> <p>Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p><b>Retain as LGS</b></p> <p>Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its tranquillity and wildlife value.</p>

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			<p>formal and informal paths.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> - The site is visible from the roads that pass across it but it is mainly visible from the gardens backing onto it.</p> <p><u>Historic landscape features</u> - The stream was there long before the surrounding houses.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> - The site creates a tranquil barrier between the houses. Difficult access helps the site retain its tranquillity.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> - This is an important wildlife corridor as it is fairly difficult to access so that the wildlife is largely undisturbed. There is a large range of small mammals and woodland birds. There is a variety of trees. A fantastic nature corridor. The Old Carriage Drive is a haven for foxes, badgers, all types of wildlife.</p> <p><u>Features making site important</u> - Tranquillity and as a wildlife corridor and habitat.</p>		(assessment sheet 9).	On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
17 - Adjacent to Leisure Centre, Biddulph	Councillor Jim Davies Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> - This site lies along a stream and has several mature trees and groups of shrubs. It provides a pleasant outlook for residents living on either side, is an area of recreation as it is easily accessible.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> - Surrounded by development and overlooked. It is clearly visible from two roads to the east and west. There are paved footpaths across the site. It is used by local residents.</p> <p><u>Recreation Value</u> - The site is adjacent to the leisure centre. The site is well used for informal leisure activities such as dog walking and sledging when conditions are suitable. It is also used for ball games and picnics and family recreation.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> - There are squirrels and a variety of birds and insect life. Wildlife along the brook.</p> <p><u>Features making site important</u> - The site provides a vital break in the housing surrounding it. It is a convenient site for local people to enjoy recreational activities.</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan (assessment sheet 39).	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational value and wildlife. On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.

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18 – Braddocks Hay, Biddulph	Councillor Jim Davies Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> - This is a lovely area of mature woodland following a stream and which has the benefit of a public footpath passing through. The site is best viewed from within although some gardens back onto the area. The path passing through is part of a much more extensive network giving access to the east side of the Biddulph Valley.</p> <p><u>Recreation</u> - The site is used by walkers, dog walkers and nature lovers.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> - The trees provide screening from surrounding properties and the give a sense of tranquillity.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> - Important ecological function as green finger into the centre of the settlement.</p> <p><u>Features making site important</u> - This is a quiet tranquil site, rich in wildlife, particularly birds and small mammals. The convenient location and ease of access make this delightful site of mature woodland important to the local population.</p>	Local in character	Partly owned by SMDC and partly private. Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan (assessment sheet 40).	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, tranquillity and recreational value. On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
19 – Braddocks Hay Recreation Ground, Biddulph	Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Visibility</u> – open, in middle of residential area, allows broad, long distance views.</p> <p><u>Formal Recreation</u> – play and sports facilities for a broad age range including teen shelter. Floodlights on a 5-a-side pitch. Really well used. Play equipment for under 5's, slide, play hub, monkey bars, lights, zipline.</p> <p><u>Informal Recreation</u> – play, walking.</p> <p><u>Other features making site important</u> – community garden on site has local significance.</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan (assessment sheet 41).	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational value. On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
20 – Springfield Road,	Biddulph Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Formal Recreation</u> – wooden play/ gym equipment.</p> <p><u>Informal Recreation</u> – Contains important footpath that is well used. Informal use for dog walking and as a play area for</p>	Local in character	Included on list of LGS sites for	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size

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Biddulph			<p>young people. Recreational value and adds to the local amenity, providing opportunities to improve physical and mental health through exercise.</p> <p><u>Other features making site important</u> – Improves community cohesion and provides an opportunity for wildlife habitats. Important buffer between housing estates.</p>		Neighbourhood Plan (assessment sheet 37).	NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational value. On Neighbourhood Planning Group's list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
21 – Cecily Brook Corridor, Cheadle	Cheadle Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> - The site is important to the community for its beauty for the wildlife, flora and fauna therein.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> - The site is seen from the residential housing as well as from the main roads and users of the footpath.</p> <p><u>Tourism</u> - The site is of interest to wildlife enthusiasts is situated in the centre of Cheadle and the nature reserve surrounds a 1.25km stretch of Cecilly Brook, home to water voles &amp; wild flower meadows. Cecilly Brook is one of the most important sites for water voles in Staffordshire.</p> <p><u>Historic landscape features</u> – Hedgerows</p> <p><u>Historic Development</u> - Yes attached to the Cecilly Silk Mill</p> <p><u>informal recreation</u> - The site is used for recreational fitness, dog walking bike riding etc.</p> <p><u>why considered tranquil</u> - The site is a tranquil place despite being in the centre of town with the wildlife and the brook enhancing the tranquillity.</p> <p><u>formally designated for wildlife value</u> - Yes, it has local reserve status, includes voles, flower meadows and other various wildlife.</p> <p><u>Important habitats or species</u> - Water voles.</p> <p><u>Other wildlife of interest</u> - Diverse flora and fauna as well as water voles and varied birds.</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC and several private owners.	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, wildlife, tranquillity and informal recreation value.

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			<p><u>Other reasons</u> - The site is a an important pathway easily accessible and a tranquil corridor in the centre of town.</p> <p><u>Important features</u> - The location, the flora and fauna including the water voles and the tranquillity of the area.</p>			
22 – Memorial Recreation Ground, Cheadle	Cheadle Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u>- The site is a very well used open space which offers a number of activities for the benefit of the whole community.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u>- The site is seen from the residential housing as well as from the main roads.</p> <p><u>Recreation / Tourism</u>- The skate park is used by locals and also participants from further afield to enhance their skills.</p> <p><u>Historic features</u> – Yes the site was designated after WW1 for the returning soldiers and their families and contains a War Memorial which commemorates both the First and Second World Wars.</p> <p><u>Historic landscape features</u> – The War Memorial</p> <p><u>Historic Development</u> - The site was originally the Estate grounds belonging to the Manor House.</p> <p><u>Longstanding Event</u>- Annual events take place on the site, Party in the Park, Cheadle Carnival, Road race and fun fairs and is a circus venue for the town.</p> <p><u>Playing Sport</u> – Yes, Tennis, Football and Bowling take place on site, membership fees are applied.</p> <p><u>Informal Recreation</u>- The site used also used for recreational fitness, skate boarding, and bicycle riding.</p> <p><u>why considered tranquil</u>- There are tranquil areas where people can relax.</p> <p><u>important habitats or species</u>- Waxwing bird.</p> <p><u>Other wildlife of interest</u>- Hedgehogs, rare birds, squirrels.</p> <p><u>Other reasons</u> – The site is a focal point for the town including a meeting place, easily accessible and includes the</p>	Local in character	Owner unknown	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, historic significance, as a venue for regular community events, recreational and wildlife value.

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			town council offices. <u>Important features</u> - A large quantity of quality play equipment, sporting facilities including a MUGA for all ages, fitness equipment, play equipment and football and tennis facilities.			
23 – Glebe Road, Cheadle	Cheadle Town Council	Reasonably close proximity	<u>Beauty</u> - The site provides welcome green space amongst a housing development. <u>Visibility</u> - The site is seen from the residential housing as well as from the main roads. <u>informal recreation</u> - It is a multi use site for both walkers and dog walkers alike. <u>why considered tranquil</u> - It is a natural barrier to the housing estate. The site contains trees and shrubbery and wildlife which provide tranquillity to users of the footpath.	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its tranquillity and recreational value.
25 – The Rocks – Brown Edge	Brown Edge Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<u>Visibility</u> – Significant long distance views from the track looking west over the whole of the Potteries and further past the Wreakin and Wales beyond. <u>Tranquillity</u> – meadows provide tranquillity. A transition area which separates modern estate housing to the west and the older more scattered traditional properties to the east which have a more upland setting. (No public access on to land. Single track county highway crosses through it - view from the track across whole site). <u>Historic landscape features</u> - some mature trees and hedgerow. <u>Wildlife</u> - Some ecological value in hedgerows. A great Crested Newt was found there last year and Archangel found alongside path.	Local in character	Privately owned. Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan – ref BEN6	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its significant views, tranquillity and ecological value. On Neighbourhood Planning Group’s list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
26 – High Lane, Brown	Brown Edge Parish Council	Reasonably close	<u>Historic significance</u> – Used since 1962 as a village recreation area.	Local in character	Owned by Brown Edge	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the

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Edge		proximity	<p><u>Recreation</u> – Recreational facilities for children and public right of way.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> – Clear view of High Lane, Thelma Avenue, Bank End and village centre generally.</p>		Parish Council Included on list of LGS sites for Neighbourhood Plan – ref BEN3	location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational value. On Neighbourhood Planning Group’s list for inclusion in their forthcoming plan.
27 – Hillswood Drive Recreation Ground, Endon	Endon Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p>The site is in the Green Belt and protected as an outdoor sports facility.</p> <p>Hillswood Playing Fields is an important green area at the head of Hillswood Drive that is used on a consistent basis by both young and old with an important addition of a ‘Trim Trail’ incorporating exercise stations.</p>	Local in character	Owner unknown	<p>*Edit* Parish Council sent supplementary information after deadline which was passed to Inspector.</p> <p>No supplementary information in addition to existing evidence (Wardell Armstrong report).</p>
29 – Ox Pasture (west), Cheddleton	Cheddleton Parish Council & Cheddleton Residents ‘Protect our	Reasonably close proximity	<p>Response form submitted along with the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email dated 27/02/19 discussing application SMD/2018/0700 and Cheddleton LGSs</li> <li>Excerpt of 2-page objection to either planning</li> </ul>	Local in character	Privately owned. Inspector has asked for LGS designation to	The content of paragraphs 32/33 of the Inspector’s Post Hearing Advice is noted.

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	Village Group'		<p>application or targeted LGS consultation (58 signatures)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spreadsheet entitled "Ox Pasture objections" identifying 24x reasons for objection for loss of LGS</li> <li>• Map of surrounding TPOs to site</li> <li>• An 8-page "Residents LGS response" from The Cheddleton Residents – Protect Our Village Group demonstrating how site meets para 100 NPPF LGS tests; and including a 9 question 'Cheddleton Local Green space Survey' of residents (with analysis).</li> <li>• An 'LGS Justification' statement responding to Inspector's Post Hearing Advice dated 11/01/19</li> </ul> <p><b>Response form:</b>  <u>Local significance for beauty</u> - The field contributes greatly to the rural character of the village and has exceptional views into and out of the village and adds to the beauty of the adjacent Cheddleton Conservation Area. Please see documents: 1. Residents LGS Response and 2. Local Survey results for evidence in support of this statement.  <u>Site visibility</u> - The site sits alongside a well-used public walkway (the gulley) to the east, and a well-used historic public footpath on the southern boundary between the gulley and Ostlers Lane. The public footpath on the southern boundary reveals beautiful views across to the centre of the old village and listed church and out to Leek and the Roaches (Peak District National Park) in the distance.  <u>Designations</u> - No but it is adjacent to a very busy public footpath and historically this site has been Visual Open Space since 1998. It is immediately adjacent to the Cheddleton Conservation Area.</p>		<p>be deleted. Planning application refused on 7/3/19 for housing on this site (setting of heritage assets not considered by applicant). Planning application has now been resubmitted (SMD/2019/0143).</p>	<p>Additional information has been received from the Parish Council and local community. The Inspector's views on this are sought.</p>

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			<p><u>Mentioned in evidence</u> – SMDC Wardle Armstrong Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Study 2016 states that the site has “Very attractive views from footpath on southern boundary out towards wider countryside (including church and roaches). Tranquil, wildlife value in hedgerows.” Wardell Armstrong also carried out a Review of Representation in 2018 which confirmed that “The Site is demonstrably special to the local community for the reasons set out within the 2016 Study (high tranquillity and visual amenity value, and some ecological and recreational value), and as a consequence holds a particular local significance.” The LGS status has therefore been confirmed twice by SMDC. Cheddleton village is also included in the Churnet Valley Master Plan.</p> <p><u>Tourism</u> - The site attracts tourists and ramblers being part of the setting of the historic centre of the village and Conservation Area. A Walking for Health Group, who have members from outside of the village, regularly walk the footpaths adjacent to the site because of their beautiful views, tranquillity and abundant wildlife. See Residents LGS Response document attached for supporting evidence.</p> <p><u>Historic features</u> - The site is immediately adjacent to a Conservation Area which contains several listed buildings including grade II listed church.</p> <p><u>Historic landscape features</u> - There are a number of veteran Beech Trees subject to tree preservation orders on the public footpath adjacent to the southern boundary of the site. Any development of the site could impact on the roots of these trees. The SMDC Arboriculture Officer's report re: the planning application SMD/2018/0700 stated this. The main pedestrian walkway (the gully) which borders the site on the</p>			

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			<p>east has a mixed species hedgerow which has been there for a very long time.</p> <p><u>Historic development of the village</u> - It is agricultural land immediately adjacent to the Conservation Area. It has always contributed to the rural character of the village.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> - It is used by dog walkers on an informal basis, as the land is privately owned. Livestock no longer graze, but the land is manured and mown. Children sometimes use it as a recreational area, again unofficially as it is privately owned. It has been used as a camping ground for events in the distance past, presumably with the owner's permission.</p> <p><u>Recognised tranquil area</u> - In 2017 SMDC published a report Omission Sites 2017 and it was stated that it is tranquil area.</p> <p><u>Why considered tranquil</u> - The residents feel that the area offers tranquillity in the heart of the village as it is free of motor vehicles, pollution, noise (other than bird song) and there is an abundance of wildlife. This is a welcome contrast to the main bulk of the village to the south of the site. See Residents Response document and Local Survey results.</p> <p><u>Formally designated for wildlife value</u> - There is a multitude of wildlife that feed on, live in or use the site as a wildlife corridor. These include Bats (who roost in adjacent gardens), Badgers, Foxes, Hedgehogs, Rabbits, Voles, Field Mice, Grass Snakes, Frogs, Toads, Raptors, Tawny Owls, Kestrel, Sparrow Hawk, Buzzard, Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Jays, Magpies and Weasels to name some that have been spotted. The site is of great importance to wildlife. See Local Survey results.</p> <p><u>Important habitats or species</u> - Definitely at least 2 species of bat. Although the bats may not actually roost on the site, they are known to roost within 30 feet of the site boundary behind</p>			

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			<p>41, Ostlers Lane. The bats use the site for feeding.</p> <p><u>Other wildlife</u> - See above. A proper complete ecology study is required to identify all the species and to ascertain if Great Crested Newts are present. Some residents believe they do breed in ponds which are in close proximity to the site (within 200 metres).</p> <p><u>Other reasons significant</u> - Many residents have said that they moved to the area because of the site views into and out of the village, it's tranquillity and abundance of wildlife. The site is valued as a natural buffer between the old historic centre of the village and the more modern housing developments to the south. Please see Residents LGS Response document and Community Survey results.</p> <p><u>Important features</u> - Spectacular views from the public footpath on the southern boundary which put the historic centre of the village in context; being an open green space in the heart of the old village; providing an oasis of tranquillity; an abundance of wildlife and a welcome break from the fast pace of life.</p>			
30 – Ox Pasture (east), Cheddleton	Cheddleton Parish Council & Cheddleton Residents 'Protect our Village Group'	Reasonably close proximity	<p>As above, plus information unique to this site:</p> <p><u>Site visibility</u> - The site is alongside a well-used footpath which reveals beautiful views across the centre of the old village including the church and beyond is Leek and the Roaches (Peak District National Park).</p> <p><u>Mentioned in evidence</u> - SMDC Wardle Armstrong Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Report 2016 states that the site has "Very attractive views from footpath on western boundary out towards wider countryside (including church and roaches). Tranquil, wildlife value in hedgerows." High tranquillity and visual amenity value, some ecological and recreational value. Cheddleton is included in the Churnet</p>	Local in character	Privately owned. Inspector has asked for LGS designation to be deleted.	The content of paragraphs 32/33 of the Inspector's Post Hearing Advice is noted. Additional information has been received from the Parish Council and local community. The Inspector's views

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			<p>Valley Master Plan.</p> <p><u>Historic landscape features</u> - The main footpath (the gully) which borders the site to the east, has a mixed species hedgerow which has been there for a very long time.</p> <p><u>important habitats or species</u> - Definitely bats which may not actually roost on the site but do within close proximity to the site. The bats feed over the site.</p>			on this are sought.
31 – Land South of Caldon Canal, Cheddleton	Cheddleton Parish Council & Cheddleton Residents 'Protect our Village Group'	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Local significance for beauty</u> - It provides public access to the Caldon Canal and contains an historic building The Old Dock House and is within the Cheddleton Conservation Area.</p> <p><u>Site visibility</u> - A place of natural beauty looking along the Caldon Canal.</p> <p><u>Designations</u> - Historically this has been Visual Open Space since 1998. It is a well-used footpath to access the Canal. Is in a designated Conservation Area.</p> <p><u>Mentioned in evidence</u> - SMDC Wardle Armstrong Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Study 2016 describes the site as: "Small area of maintained grassland in NW corner (Section B) provides some tranquillity and recreational value, and has high historic and beauty value. The remainder of the site (Section A) contains an attractive landform, but is not tranquil (adjacent industry). Also, recreational value is limited to public footpath with remaining land signposted as private." Cheddleton is included in the Churnet Valley Master Plan.</p> <p><u>Tourism</u> - Attracts Tourists and Walkers to the village and The Old Dock House is of specific interest as the first real home of Methodism in Cheddleton. Dates back to 1790's</p> <p><u>Historic features</u> - The Old Dock House is of specific interest as the first real home of Methodism in Cheddleton. Dates back to 1790's.</p>	Local in character	Privately owned.	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, historic significance, and wildlife.

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			<p><u>Historic landscape features</u> - Overlooks the Caldon Canal.</p> <p><u>Historic development of the village</u> - The Old Dock House is of specific interest as the first real home of Methodism in Cheddleton. Dates back to 1790's. British Waterways restored it in 1985.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> - It connects the main road to the Caldon Canal via the footpath which is regularly used by dog walkers and ramblers. See Local Survey results.</p> <p><u>Recognised tranquil area</u> - Provides some tranquillity away from the main road.</p> <p><u>Why considered tranquil</u> - Contains a building of historic value and away from the main road with easy access on foot.</p> <p><u>Formally designated for wildlife value</u> - High wildlife value and important setting of the Caldon Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p><u>Important habitats or species</u> - There are definitely a multitude of wildlife visit and live in the area. These include Bats, Badgers, Foxes, Hedgehogs, Rabbits, Voles, Field Mice, Grass Snakes, Frogs, Toads, Tawny Owls, Kestrel, Sparrow Hawk, Buzzard, Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Kingfishers to name some that have been spotted. The site is of great importance to wildlife. See Local Survey results.</p> <p><u>Other reasons significant</u> - Picturesque view along Caldon Canal on which boats regularly travel through the locks.</p> <p><u>Important features</u> - Historical Importance of the Old Dock House dating back to 1790's.</p> <p><u>Other reasons to retain designation</u> - Local Survey and Residents LGS Response documents show how important this area is to the local community.</p>			
32 – Land Adj. to Caldon	Cheddleton Parish Council & Cheddleton	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Local significance for beauty</u> - This is a well-used area containing a footpath which the Parish Council has a particular interest in as they manage this area and maintain it</p>	Local in character	Privately owned.	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size

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Canal, Cheddleton	Residents 'Protect our Village Group'		<p>to be open space which is a home to much wildlife and a lovely walk along the side of the Canal which is a Conservation Area. With views of the Churnet Valley Railway.</p> <p><u>Site visibility</u> - Along the Caldon Canal which is a Conservation Area.</p> <p><u>Designations</u> - Historically this has been Visual Open Space since 1998. Caldon Canal is a designated Conservation Area.</p> <p><u>Mentioned in evidence</u> - SMDC Wardle Armstrong Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Study 2016 states that the site has: "High wildlife value, important for setting of the Caldon Canal Conservation Area. Canal towpath well used by walkers. Informal footpath network to west of canal." The site has high ecological, tranquillity and recreational value. Well used by local community and visually attractive. Cheddleton is included in the Churnet Valley Master Plan.</p> <p><u>Tourism</u> - It is a well-established footpath which attracts walkers and ramblers for the beauty of the area it takes them through and woodland.</p> <p><u>Historic features</u> - No historic buildings but close proximity to the Canal &amp; River Bridges. Churnet Valley Railway which is a preserved Railway.</p> <p><u>Historic landscape features</u> - Lots of established trees and hedgerows.</p> <p><u>Historic development of the village</u> - Within view of the Churnet Valley Railway line and Caldon Canal.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> - Footpath used regularly by dog walkers, ramblers etc.</p> <p><u>Recognised tranquil area</u> - Provides tranquillity away from the roads and housing with views of the Caldon Canal and Churnet Valley Railway.</p> <p><u>Why considered tranquil</u> - Areas of woodland which enhances</p>			NPPF tests and is locally significant for ecological, tranquillity and recreational value.

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			<p>its tranquillity and an alternative route to walking along the canal towpath which provides a peaceful atmosphere and wildlife.</p> <p><u>Designated for wildlife value</u> - High wildlife value and important setting of the Caldon Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p><u>Important habitats or species</u> - There are definitely a multitude of wildlife visit and live in the area. These include Bats, Badgers, Foxes, Hedgehogs, Rabbits, Voles, Field Mice, Grass Snakes, Frogs, Toads, Tawny Owls, Kestrel, Sparrow Hawk, Buzzard, Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Kingfishers to name some that have been spotted. The site is of great importance to wildlife.</p> <p><u>Other wildlife</u> - A full ecological survey would be required to establish all the species on the site.</p> <p><u>Other reasons significant</u> - This area creates a natural barrier between residential area of Cheddleton Park and the intrusive high rise buildings of the expanding enterprise units over the canal. It also improves the linkage of Cheddleton Park to the local amenities using the public footpath.</p> <p><u>Important features</u> - Provides green space for the overlooking gardens of the Cheddleton Park Housing Estate. It also provides tranquillity and is free from motor vehicles, pollution, noise other than bird song and abundance of wildlife. (See Local Survey results)</p>			
34 – Meigh Road Playing Fields, Werrington	Werrington Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Recreation value</u> - The site contains a bowling green, used by club members. There is also an open football pitch and MUGA, free to use by all.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> - Meigh Road playing fields are used for recreation by many residents. The site is situated centrally in the village and contains a park, MUGA and football pitch. There is a path around the perimeter often used by dog</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreation value and as a

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			walkers and the recently refurbished park is used on a regular basis by local children. The Parish Council are currently considering installing additional facilities at the playing fields to accommodate the requests of parents and young people for equipment aimed at older children and teenagers. <u>Other reasons</u> - Being in a central location, the playing fields are also used to bring the community together for Fun Days and such events. The Police have brought their community bus to the site as a good place to engage with the residents, particularly young people.			place to have local events.
35 – North of Cotehill Road, Werrington	Werrington Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<u>Recreation value</u> - The site is used by children and young people as a safe area to play. <u>Wildlife</u> - Wildlife can mainly be found in the top part of the site. There are many birds, squirrels and other creatures often found in the area. Bats can also regularly be seen flying around at dusk. <u>Other reasons</u> - This site is of particular local significance as it is used to cross from one side of the village to the other, where the shops, doctors, school and library are situated. The site contains 3 public rights of way and a number of Tree Preservation Orders. The site is maintained by the Parish Council to ensure it remains a safe and pleasant place for residents to enjoy.	Local in character	Privately owned. Inspector has asked for LGS designation to be deleted.	The content of paragraphs 32/33 of the Inspector's Post Hearing Advice is noted. Additional information has been received from the Parish Council. The Inspector's views on this are sought.
37 – Millenium Garden, Werrington	Werrington Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<u>Historic significance</u> - Although it has only been in place for a relatively short space of time, a memorial boulder is positioned on the site and is recognised as the war memorial for the Parish. <u>Other reasons</u> - As stated above, this site holds particular significance to local residents as it is the site of the Parish's memorial boulder. Names of those lost in the great wars are included on a plaque on the boulder and it is regularly used as	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its value as a war memorial.

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			<p>a place for the community to pay their respects. The annual Remembrance Day Service is held at the site with wreaths and poppies left there. The area is often referred to as the Memorial Garden as many people visit the site to take time out of their busy day and remember those they have lost. Volunteers maintain the flower beds and benches to keep the area as clean and welcoming as possible and the Parish Council ensure the grass is cut on a regular basis and that the area is free from litter.</p> <p><u>Feature making site important</u> - the Memorial Boulder.</p>			
38 – Mayfair Avenue, Ipstones	Ipstones Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> – a tranquil area with mature trees which encourages wildlife. It is also used for access and shortcuts locally. It is an open green space for nearby children to play on.</p> <p><u>Site visibility</u> – the site is visible from Mayfair Avenue, Ipstones.</p> <p><u>Tourism</u> – No. It is an open space for local people to enjoy.</p> <p><u>Playing sport</u> – Yes it is green open space for local people to enjoy. It is not used for formal sports clubs.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – Yes for people walking through, playing ball games or walking their dogs through. It has been in existence since the estate was built in the 1970s.</p> <p><u>Why considered tranquil</u> – it is edged with mature trees which encourages birds and is a tranquil setting.</p> <p><u>Formally designated for wildlife value</u> – no. it is mainly birds that can be enjoyed by the local people.</p> <p><u>Other wildlife</u> – mainly birds.</p> <p><u>Other reasons site significant to local community</u> – the site is significant for local people as a tranquil open space which can be used for informal recreational purposes. It is also used as a shortcut.</p> <p><u>Features making site important</u> – it is a green space edged</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its informal recreational value and tranquillity.

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			with mature trees and an area of open space that can be enjoyed by local people.			
39 – Central Square, Waterhouses	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	No further supporting evidence.	Local in character	Privately owned.	No supplementary information in addition to existing evidence (Wardell Armstrong report).
40 – Village Green (Pub Garden), Bagnall	Bagnall Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> - This site is very central to the village and offers a place to sit and relax or to meet with friends and family. The site is often used for community events such as a firework display.</p> <p><u>Site visibility</u> - The site is very visible from all sides.</p> <p><u>Site designation</u> - It sits within the conservation area.</p> <p><u>Used by people from further afield</u> - Many walkers and people on a day out use the site to sit and rest or to take a drink in.</p> <p><u>Historic Significance</u> - The site is adjacent to the historic Stafford Arms public house and St Chad's house and Church. From the site Bagnall Hall and the ancient market cross can be seen. Anecdotal evidence suggests the site was once the village duck pond.</p> <p><u>Local events</u> - The site is integral to the Chestnut Queen parade and village fete each summer.</p> <p><u>Informal Recreation</u> - The site is used by the clientele of the Stafford Arms to eat and drink with friends and family. Many people walking in the area stop there to rest or use it as a meeting point at the start of a walk.</p> <p><u>Other reasons site significant to local community</u> - The site is often used to host village events, walkers use it for resting, it</p>	Local in character	Privately owned.	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, historic significance, informal recreation and use for events.

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			<p>offers a prime view of historic Bagnall.</p> <p><u>Features making site important</u> - Its central position, its pleasant ambience, its sense of history, its location in an area of listed buildings.</p>			
41 – Village Green, Bagnall	Bagnall Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty</u> - Site forms an iconic centre piece to the village, central is the medieval market cross (Grade II listed) which is of a unique design. Surrounding the cross are chestnut trees planted to celebrate Queen Victoria’s diamond jubilee in 1897, these are central to the village’s Chestnut Queen celebrations each June. The site is framed by listed buildings and is in the conservation area of the village.</p> <p><u>Site visibility</u> - In the centre of the village, visible from all sides.</p> <p><u>Site designation</u> - The site is grassed, planted with spring bulbs and falls within a conservation area.</p> <p><u>Used by people from further afield</u> - The site is regularly visited by people from outside of the area and is well known across a wide area of the Staffordshire Moorlands and Stoke on Trent.</p> <p><u>Historic significance</u> - The market cross is at the centre of the site and constructed in local stone. It is overlooked by Bagnall Hall, St Chads Church and the historic local public house, the Stafford Arms. Other listed properties are situated close by and together form the main historic nucleus for the village.</p> <p><u>Historic landscape features</u> - Chestnut trees planted in 1897 to mark Queen Victoria’s jubilee. This fact is marked by a stone plaque.</p> <p><u>Role in historic development of village</u> - The site is known as the village green and there is anecdotal evidence of it being the village market place, the site played a key role in Bagnall’s history as an ancient trading point linked via saltways to</p>	Local in character	Owner unknown	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, historic significance, tranquillity, site for annual Chestnut Queen Event and informal recreation value.

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			<p>Hulton Abbey.</p> <p>Historically the market was frequented by the surrounding towns of Leek, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Cheadle and Uttoxeter, particularly at the time of the 'Great Plague' in 1660's when it was preferable to trade in Bagnall rather than the diseased ravaged towns around Newcastle. Anecdotally there was a man called 'the twixt man' who acted as an intermediary at the market, cleaning coins in a barrel of lime as they were passed between purchaser and seller to avoid the possibility of spreading the disease.</p> <p><u>Local events</u> - The annual Chestnut Queen event takes place on the site; the event is very well supported and attended by people from a wide range of places.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> - The site is used by dog walkers throughout the year and is especially popular with families when the conkers fall from the trees, local families visit to collect them.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u> - The site is often used by walkers as a place to stop and rest. The ambience, sense of history and general attractiveness of the site contributes to it being an area of tranquillity.</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u> – Nesting birds.</p> <p><u>Other reasons site significant to local community</u> - The site is a well-loved " beauty spot" for the local community, over the years different generations of children come to collect conkers, it is used to host celebrations both national and local such as royal weddings and the Chestnut Queen celebrations . Weddings held at the church use the site for photographs.</p> <p><u>Features making site important</u> - Its central location, its medieval market cross, its chestnut trees planted to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.</p>			

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42 – Adjacent to River Churnet, Oakamoor	Oakamoor Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Local significance for beauty</u> - Green space in an open central location within Village adjacent to River Churnet – Village Green character, bounded by the River Churnet, an ancient historic bridge, and attractive terraces of red brick houses</p> <p><u>Site visibility</u> - Yes. Views from all sides of the Village</p> <p><u>Site designations</u> - Conservation Area.</p> <p><u>Mentioned in evidence?</u> - Yes; Visual Open Space OA01</p> <p><u>Tourism</u> - Yes – it forms an integral and central part of the overall tranquil, picturesque, ecologically valuable, historic landscape of Oakamoor Village.</p> <p><u>Historic features</u> - Sluice gates, ancient historic bridge</p> <p><u>Historic development of the village</u> - Historic value associated with Mills</p> <p><u>Longstanding event</u> - Annual Village fete</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> - Yes – 50+ years</p> <p><u>Recognised tranquil area</u> - CPRE tranquillity map is insufficiently detailed to answer this question</p> <p><u>Considered to be tranquil</u> - Local Green Space assessment 2016 has recognised its tranquillity value</p> <p><u>Formally designated for wildlife</u> - Lies within Churnet Woodlands EAP See: <a href="http://www.sbp.org.uk/actionplan/eap/index.php?eap=CW">http://www.sbp.org.uk/actionplan/eap/index.php?eap=CW</a></p> <p><u>important habitats or species</u> - Lies within Churnet Woodlands EAP See: <a href="http://www.sbp.org.uk/actionplan/eap/index.php?eap=CW">http://www.sbp.org.uk/actionplan/eap/index.php?eap=CW</a></p> <p><u>Other wildlife of interest</u> - Slow worms, Lizards, Dippers, Kingfishers, Hedgehogs, Water voles</p> <p><u>Other reasons site significant</u> - Views up and down the river Churnet. Most of the Southern end of the Churnet Valley can</p>	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its beauty, historic significance, ecological value, tranquillity and as a venue for the annual village fete.

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			<p>be viewed from the site.</p> <p><u>Important features</u> - Its central location in the village. Easy, multiple access points for visitors and residents, flat topography within steep sided valley. Much valued by local community.</p>			
43 – New Road, Alton	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Historic Significance</u> – Within Alton Conservation Area and adjacent to an 11<sup>th</sup> century listed church. Character Appraisal notes significant wall along western boundary and significant hedge along eastern boundary. Likely archaeological interest being so close to castle remains.</p> <p><u>Other reasons site is significant for local community</u> – The site is used as a community allotment. It is included on the Council’s list of Assets of Community Value alongside the White Hart pub as they were purchased by a community group to save them from redevelopment.</p> <p><u>Events</u> – The allotments are part of national ‘open gardens’ scheme (an annual event).</p>	Local in character	Privately owned.	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its historic significance and importance to the local community as a community garden / Asset of Community Value.
44 – Town Head, Alton	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Historic Significance</u> – A field within the Conservation Area. According to the Character Appraisal one of only two green spaces in the village. The field helps to preserve a sense of isolation for the former Listed farmhouse and its farm buildings (Town Head Farm) and maintain the medieval layout. Its boundary treatments are also mentioned as significant in the appraisal – a wall and hedgerows.</p> <p><u>Informal recreation</u> – Used by neighbouring school and accessible to the community.</p>	Local in character	Owner unknown	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its historic significance and informal recreational role.
45 – Wentlows, Upper Tean	Checkley Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Play area:</u> <u>Recreation</u> – Newly updated play area and football field used by local football groups, a meeting point for families.</p>	Local in character	Play area owned by Parish Council.	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size

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			<p><u>Visibility</u> – Surrounded on three sides by housing, has public footpath access.</p> <p><i>Wentlows Hill / Gorsty Hill:</i></p> <p><u>Beauty / Tranquillity</u> – open green area with sloping hills and outstanding views over the surrounding villages and local play area.</p> <p><u>Recreation</u> – Used all year round by families and dog walkers.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> – public access via openings from Gorsty Hill Road, Wentlows Avenue and Redhill Drive. Housing on two sides.</p>		Rest appears to be privately owned. Included within the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Green Space Document dated July 2018 as 2 separate sites LGS1 (Wentlows Play Area) and LGS3 (Wentlows Hill / Gorsty Hill)	NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational value and beauty and tranquillity. It is also included within the Parish Council's Green Space document as a proposed LGS designation associated with its forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.
46 – Riverside Recreation Ground, Upper Tean	Checkley Parish Council	Reasonably close proximity	<p><u>Beauty / Tranquillity</u> – A beautiful and tranquil area.</p> <p><u>Recreation</u> – A local play area with a wide range of equipment surrounded by greenery. Recreation ground is a meeting point for families and dog walkers.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> – Enclosed within metal fencing running along the river bank on one side, old retained wall with vehicle gated access and footpath access on another side. Open access from Birdcage Walk and Riverside Road on the far side and backed on by housing from the High Street.</p>	Local in character	Owned by Checkley Parish Council. Included within the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Green Space Document	<b>Retain as LGS</b> Meets the location and size NPPF tests and is locally significant for its recreational value and beauty and tranquillity. It is also included within the Parish Council's Green

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					dated July 2018 as site LGS2 (Tea Recreational Ground & Play Area)	Space document as a proposed LGS designation associated with its forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.
47 – Caverswall Old Road, Blythe Bridge	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	No further supporting evidence. (protected as 'amenity green space' open space).	Local in character	Owned by SMDC	No supplementary information in addition to existing evidence (Wardell Armstrong report).
48 – Rear of Butchers Arms, Blythe Bridge	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	No further supporting evidence.	Local in character	Privately owned.	No supplementary information in addition to existing evidence (Wardell Armstrong report).
50 – Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	No further supporting evidence.	Local in character	Privately owned.	No supplementary information in addition to existing evidence (Wardell Armstrong report).
51 – Blithe View, Blythe Bridge	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	No further supporting evidence.	Local in character	Privately owned.	No supplementary information in addition to

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52 – Elmwood Drive, Blythe Bridge	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Reasonably close proximity	No further supporting evidence. (protected as 'amenity green space' open space).	Local in character	Owned by SMDC.	No supplementary information in addition to existing evidence (Wardell Armstrong report).