



Dilton Marsh Neighbourhood Development Plan

Local Green Space Topic Paper
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The planning policies of the Dilton Marsh Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places.
- 1.2. Paragraphs 105 and 106 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹ allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them as Local Green Space (LGS). The power has the effect of imposing similar controls to those that apply within the Green Belt, effectively protecting the site from most development.
- 1.3. Designating land as LGS should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. LGS should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period. 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.
- 1.4. The LGS designation should only be used where the green space is:
 - a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*
 - b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and*
 - c) is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.*
- 1.5. LGS are part of the network of recreational and other spaces defined by Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy 52 as 'Green Infrastructure'. The Wiltshire Green Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Strategy adopted in February 2022² provides an overarching strategy for the next eight years, including local green spaces as an integral part of the GBI network.

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Our shared long-term vision for Wiltshire's GBI Network...

Wiltshire's multi-functional network of high quality, biodiverse and accessible green and blue infrastructure is widely valued by our communities, businesses and visitors. Managed sustainably through strong leadership and partnerships, the green and blue infrastructure

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-and-safe-communities>

² <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-bio-green-blue-infrastructure>

network provides a range of well-being benefits for people, places and nature across Wiltshire.

As a result of working with natural processes to support delivery of multi-functional ecosystem services, Wiltshire is better able to adapt to a changing climate and biodiversity loss has been reversed.

Networks of green and blue spaces and corridors in the countryside and our towns support access to nature and healthy lifestyles and provide high quality landscapes and beautiful places for people to live, work and visit.

- 1.6. Within the Dilton Marsh designated neighbourhood area there are a number of valued green spaces which should be identified and assessed as candidate sites for LGS as part of the NDP process.
- 1.7. The purpose of this LGS report is to summarise how candidate sites were first identified and assessed in accordance with paragraph 106 of the NPPF, including feedback from public consultation.

2. Methodology

2.1 The green area will need to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 106 of the NPPF.

a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;

b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and

c) is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

2.2 Additionally, the National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) states:

“Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented.”

2.3 Other designations of land, such as green belt or conservation area status, do not necessarily preclude or support designation as LGS. But it is necessary to consider whether the additional designation is necessary and would serve a useful purpose.

2.4 In applying the NPPF criteria, there is no precise definition of ‘close proximity’, but it could be interpreted as meaning adjacent or in very easy walking distance. It may depend to some extent on the nature of the facility.

2.5 In considering whether a space is demonstrably special to a local community, it is clearly important to engage with the community and to assess how the community uses a space. It is also important to engage with any owners of the land in question.

2.6 Consideration of whether the green space is local in character and not an extensive tract of land suggests spaces within a locality, rather than, for example, extensive green areas in the countryside around a settlement. There is no minimum area, provided land can meet the criteria at paragraph 106 of the NPPF.

2.7 Some areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may already have largely unrestricted public access, though even in places like parks there may be some restrictions. However, other land could be considered for designation 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.

Identifying LGS

- 2.8 Five LGS candidate sites were initially suggested by members of the Steering Group. A consultation was then held which sought the residents' views on the nominated spaces and sought additional recommendation of LGS candidate sites to be assessed. The community identified a further 23 sites, resulting in a total of 28 candidate LGS sites.

Initial Scoping

- 2.9 An initial scoping exercise was undertaken to screen out sites which did not meet the LGS criteria. While the PPG acknowledges that LGS sites do not necessarily need to be publicly accessible, it is considered that in order to be designated in the NDP, the site does need to serve and benefit the community. Sites which have no public access such as unrestricted access, or accessibility through by a public right of way) and for which no evidence has been provided to demonstrate that they have been, or could be, used by the community it serves have been excluded from further assessment. Twelve sites were therefore excluded from further assessment for the following reasons:

- The Vicarage Garden – the garden was nominated on the basis that it has historically held a number of community events. However, the site is privately owned and forms a residential garden which is not publicly accessible or visible from the public realm. The site does not meet the criteria for being designated as Local Green Space.
- Red Pit – the area was nominated for being a retreat from the busy road, however the area is made up of private residential plots along a narrow track. The area does not meet the criteria for being designated as Local Green Space.
- Fairwood Trading Estate – the site is in active commercial use and holds no recreational or historic value. The area does not meet the criteria for being designated as LGS.
- Land at Five Lords Farm – the area forms part of a private residential property and farmland. It is not publicly accessible, with no rights of way or footpaths in the vicinity and it is some distance from the community sitting on the western boundary of the Parish. The site does not meet the criteria for being designated as LGS.
- Field south of Clivey (Deer Field) – The site is subject to Pending application PL/2023/01048. Area is near the community at Clearwood, Stormore and Red Pit, however there is no public access or right of way crossing the site so that it may be used by the community. The pasture fields are not publicly accessible with no community use which inhibits any existing ability, and any recreational value and

tranquillity, to enjoy from within the locally valued agrarian landscape of mature trees (two are TPOs), field hedgerows and wildlife. The site does not fully meet LGS criteria. The landscape qualities of the site and key views across it will be recognised elsewhere in the neighbourhood plan.

- Half Moon Field, east of Railway line - Area is to the eastern edge of the village, in close proximity to the community, however there is no public access or right of way crossing the site so that it may be used by the community. The site is proposed for housing allocation to meet the housing requirement. The site does not meet the criteria for being designated as LGS.
- Greenhouse site north of High Street - The land is not publicly accessible with no community use which inhibits any existing ability, and any recreational value and tranquillity, to enjoy from within. It does not meet the criteria for being designated as LGS.
- Land south of Van sales site to east of village – This land was nominated as being of value in the separation of Dilton Marsh from Westbury Leigh. However, the site holds no value in terms of beauty, recreation, tranquillity or historic significance. There is no access or public right of way over the site which inhibits its ability to be enjoyed by the community. The area does not meet the criteria for being designated as LGS.
- Stream running from St Marys Lane towards Bremeridge – the site was nominated for its environmental benefit in providing a source of water and reducing flood risk. The designation of the stream as LGS would not provide benefit to the community, as the watercourse would be protected by other legislation. The area does not meet the criteria for being designated as LGS.
- Horse field north of High Street - The site is subject to Pending application PL/2023/01880. Area is near the community the High Street, however there is no public access or right of way crossing the site so that it may be used by the community. The equestrian fields are not publicly accessible with no community use which inhibits any existing ability, and any recreational value and tranquillity, to enjoy from within the locally valued agrarian landscape of field hedgerows and wildlife. The site does not fully meet LGS criteria. The landscape qualities of the site and key views across it will be recognised elsewhere in the neighbourhood plan.
- Land on the corner of St Marys Lane and High Street – the site is within the settlement boundary and in the centre of the village, however there is no public access or right of way crossing the site so that it may be used by the community. The site is not publicly accessible as it forms part of the residential curtilage of 73-75 High Street. It has historical significance as part of the setting of the Grade II

Listed building, which provides protection under other legislation. The open space allows for views across the High Street towards the Holy Trinity Church and contributes to the street scene. The area does not meet the criteria for being designated as LGS. The landscape qualities of the site and key views across it will be recognised elsewhere in the neighbourhood plan.

- Clearwood Orchard - The site is adjacent to the community at Clearwood, however it is privately owned and not publicly accessible, meaning the community are not able to use or enjoy the space. The orchard is mature and holds some historic significance however does not meet the criteria for designation as LGS.

- 2.10 A total of fifteen sites were therefore taken forward for assessment, using the NPPF criteria, field and map surveys.
- 2.11 The proforma at Figure 1 has been completed to assess each LGS candidate site. LGS management objectives are defined to understand how managed change of LGS may arise in accordance with Green Belt policy, for instance recognising at an early stage that a playing field may have aspirations for new ancillary buildings that would be appropriate development or constitute very special circumstances.
- 2.12 All LGS will be subject to public consultation to seek community opinions on the values identified. Consultation also provided an opportunity for additional candidate LGS sites to be identified and considered using the above methodology.
- 2.13 All landowners of LGS candidate sites will be contacted 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.

Figure 1 – LGS assessment proforma


LGS Ref:		Area (ha):	
Site Name:			
Description and Purpose:			
<i>INSERT MAP EXTRACT OF SITE</i>			
Statutory designation:			
Site allocation:			
Planning permission:			
Close to the community it serves:			


Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	
Local in character and not extensive tract:	
LGS Management:	
Conclusion:	


3. Assessment

3.1 The following pages provide the assessment of LGS candidate sites.

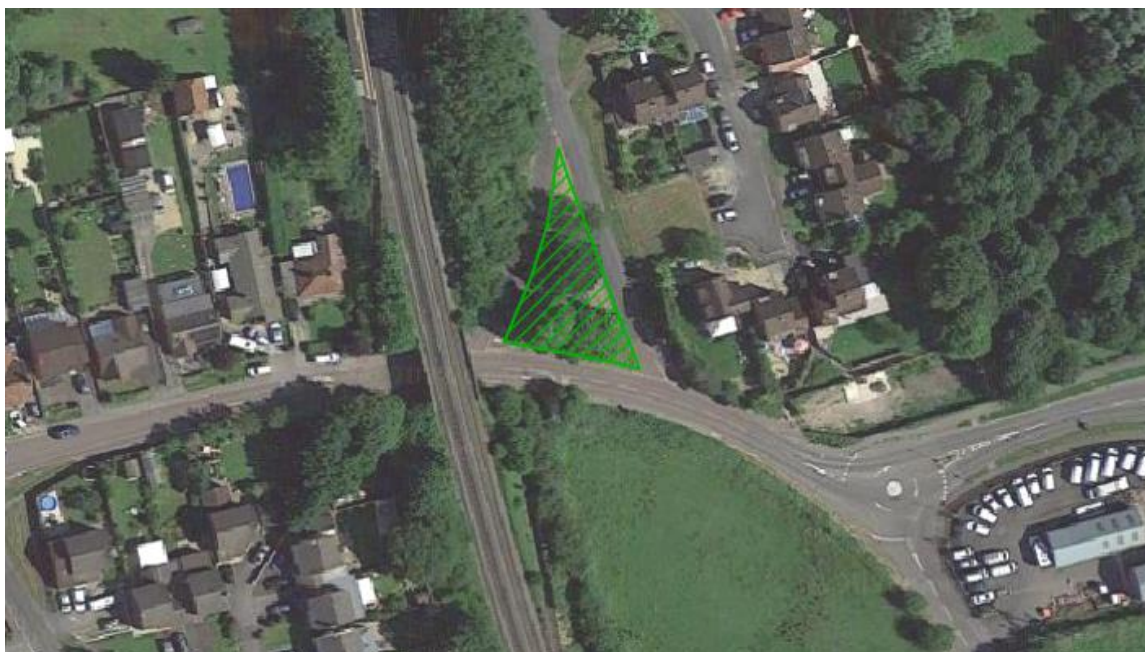
Site Reference (<i>Proposed Local Green Space</i>)	Name
PLGS1	Dilton Marsh Playing Fields and The Firs, Alan Powell Lane
PLGS2	Lansdowne Close
PLGS3	Chalcot Park (part)
PLGS4	Fairwood Road Green
PLGS5	Stormore Green
PLGS6	Grassy bank on northern side of High Street, opposite Stormore Green
PLGS7	Shepherds Mead Green
PLGS8	Black Dog Woods
PLGS9	Land south of Stormore
PLGS10	Allotments behind Whitecroft
PLGS11	Fields behind Petticoat Lane, adjacent to the Hollow
PLGS12	Land behind Fairfield Farm
PLGS13	Land behind Woodlands View
PLGS14	Old track between St Marys Lane and Clivey
PLGS15	Green at Clay Close
PLG16	Land north of Tanyard Way


LGS Ref:	PLGS1	Area (ha):	2.4
Site Name:	Dilton Marsh Playing Fields and The Firs, Alan Powell Lane		
Description and Purpose:	Western section is in use as playing field (playing pitch and equipped play area). Eastern section is a mature community woodland.		
			
Statutory designation:	Eastern section is covered by Woodland Tree Preservation Order ref W/04/00008/WOOD.		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	Yes, adjacent to the village and serving a recreational and sporting use.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	Focus for community sporting and recreational pursuits since 1984. Footpaths DMAR28 and DMAR29 extend through the site, also linking to wider recreational routes.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A defined parcel of land		
LGS Management:	Change may arise through the potential for new sporting and recreational buildings and structures ancillary to the existing use of the playing field. The need of appropriate facilities can be considered under green belt policy.		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		


LGS Ref:	PLGS2	Area (ha):	0.16
Site Name:	Lansdowne Close		
Description and Purpose:	Public open space		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	Yes, within the built-up area of Dilton Marsh and secured as part of planning permission W/00/00926/OUT to meet recreational needs.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	Two small parcels of public open space provide an important break in the otherwise developed High Street frontage where there are few opportunities for informal public recreational space.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	Two small parcels of public open space either side of Lansdowne Close.		
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		


LGS Ref:	PLGS3	Area (ha):	12.8
Site Name:	Chalcot Park (part)		
Description and Purpose:	Part of wider parkland landscape associated with Chalcot House with public access on footpaths.		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	The site abuts the southern edge of Dilton Marsh village and is accessible via Alan Powell Lane (footpath DMAR29), the Playing Field (footpath DMAR28) and Woodland View (footpath DMAR26).		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	The site is the convergence of three well-used public footpaths extending south from Dilton Marsh leading south and south east respectively towards Chalcot Lane. The children of the village play in the fields, there are rope swings in the trees and dens in the woods. The fields and surrounding woodland have been used for generations by the residents of Dilton Marsh. The land has strong aesthetic qualities as historic parkland with approximately 39 specimen oaks of a range of varieties within an attractive enclosed valley setting with a woodland backdrop, which contribute to the character and appearance of the area. These trees are of significant importance, high amenity value and supporting a wealth of invertebrate species along with Bat roosts, Owl perches and woodpecker holes. The parkland is grazed; and the grassland meadows and hedgerows are species rich environments through which there is public access on footpaths. The high value of the land is further reinforced by splendid views of the village and Holy Trinity Church tower from rising ground on footpath DMAR26.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	The 12.8 hectare site forms a small part of the wider Chalcot Park that extends west towards Short Street and south beyond Chalcot		


	Lane (A3098). The site is a well-defined component of a rare example of a part of the wider parkland, which extends to a village edge with high recreation and tranquillity value.
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged.
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space


LGS Ref:	PLGS4	Area (ha):	0.055
Site Name:	Fairwood Road Green		
Description and Purpose:	Triangular public open space		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	At eastern end of Dilton Marsh village and adjacent to Dilton Marsh Halt.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	The triangular green is one of a small number of open green spaces on the High Street accessible by the community. The green provides space for mature trees to thrive that create an attractive entrance to Dilton Marsh for users of the railway station.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A small parcel of land with defined boundaries by Fairwood Road to east and west, high street to the south.		
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged.		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		


LGS Ref:	PLGS5	Area (ha):	0.03
Site Name:	Stormore Green		
Description and Purpose:	Public open space at western end of High Street at junction with Clivey and Stormore		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	At the western end of the High Street and easily accessible to the local community.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	The green is one of a small number of open green spaces on the High Street. The green provides space for the siting of the annual Christmas tree and a focal point for carol singing. A bench provides a place to rest. Trees have been planted and dedicated in memorial.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A small parcel of land with defined boundaries.		
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged.		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		


LGS Ref:	PLGS6	Area (ha):	0.16
Site Name:	Grassy bank on northern side of High Street, opposite Stormore Green		
Description and Purpose:	Public open space at western end of High Street opposite junction with Clivey and Stormore, and the Weavers Public House.		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	At the western end of the High Street and easily accessible to the local community.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	This area comprises open grassland on an embankment and is one of a small number of open green spaces on the High Street. The site is opposite Stormore Green which provides location of the Christmas festivities. Footways bisect the bank providing access from High Street into Shepherds Mead. The area contains a number of attractive trees and spring flowers. The area contributes to the green and open character of the village as you enter from the west.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	It is a small parcel of land with defined boundaries.		
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged.		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		


LGS Ref:	PLGS7	Area (ha):	0.03
Site Name:	Shepherds Mead Green		
Description and Purpose:	Public open space in Shepherds Mead development		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	Site is within the Shepherds Mead cul-de-sac, therefore immediately adjacent to the community it serves.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	Small area of greenspace with large oak tree in a residential development, which provides recreational and aesthetic value to the immediate community. It is used as a space for social gatherings. The small parcel of open space and mature tree provide a break in the built character of the cul-de-sac and form part of the street scene.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A small parcel of land with defined boundaries.		
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged.		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		

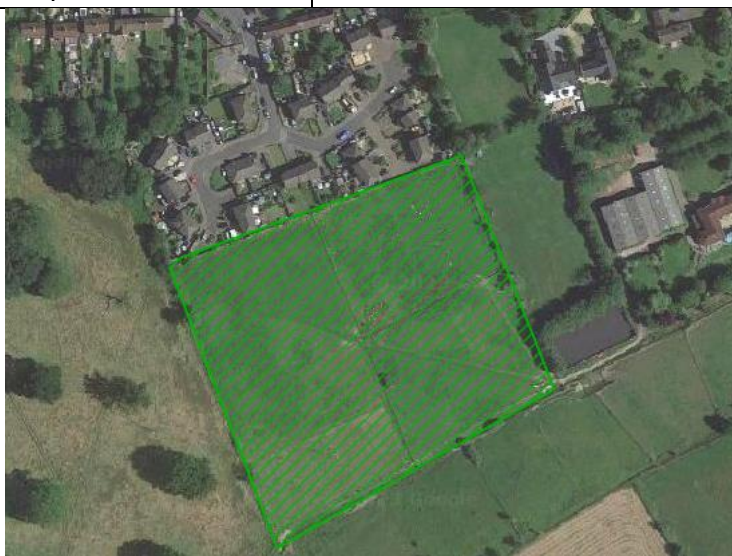
LGS Ref:	PLGS8	Area (ha):	50.9ha
Site Name:	Black Dog Woods		
Description and Purpose:	Area of ancient woodland with walking routes		
			
Statutory designation:	Site is a County Wildlife Site and Ancient Woodland		
Site allocation:	No		
Planning permission:	No		
Close to the community it serves:	Area is to the west of the village, accessed from the Clearwood/Stormore corner. Site extends some distance from the community.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	These woods are understood to be part of the Longleat Estate and ancient woodlands. They form an important habitat to wildlife and biodiversity, being part of a wider County Wildlife Site. Access is via public rights of way (to north and south boundaries) and permissive footpaths. The woods provide a natural buffer between the village and the A36.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	The part of Black Dog Woods within the parish area is over 50ha so it is extensive in size.		
LGS Management:	n/a		
Conclusion:	The area is an extensive tract of land that already has protection from its status as a County Wildlife Site and Ancient Woodland that restrict development. It does not meet the LGS criteria and therefore should not be taken forward for designation.		

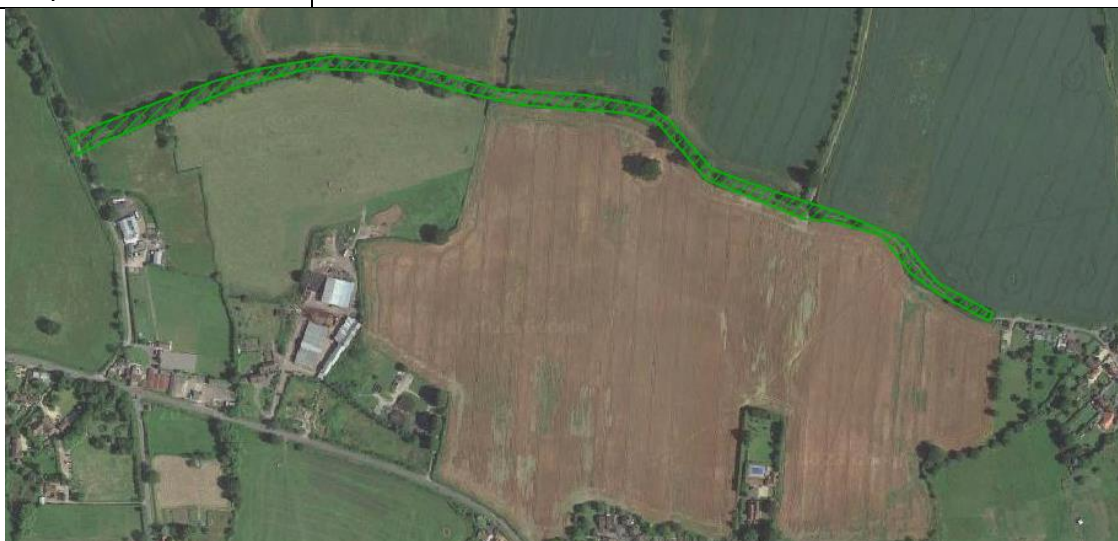
LGS Ref:	PLGS9	Area (ha):	16.5ha
Site Name:	Land south of Stormore		
Description and Purpose:	Agricultural land with public access via footpaths.		
			
Statutory designation:	No		
Site allocation:	No		
Planning permission:	No		
Close to the community it serves:	This area is accessible via Stormore and by a rights of way network within the site (DMAR27 and DMAR32) however the whole area extends some distance from the community.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	This is currently an extensive privately owned agricultural field. It can be accessed from Stormore and a footpath along the hedge side runs to the playing field. A designated footpath runs south towards Short Street. It currently is agricultural farmland and is used by local dog walkers and people accessing the playing fields . It is considered to be a haven for wildlife by the community with a small stream running through it and proportion of the field planted as wildflowers.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	This is an extensive tract of arable land to the south west of the village, therefore not considered to be local in character.		
LGS Management:	n/a		
Conclusion:	The area is an extensive tract of agricultural land and therefore not considered to meet the LGS criteria. It should not be taken forward for designation.		


LGS Ref:	PLGS10	Area (ha):	0.07ha
Site Name:	Whitecroft Allotments		
Description and Purpose:	Small area of allotments.		
			
Statutory designation:	No		
Site allocation:	Yes		
Planning permission:	No		
Close to the community it serves:	The area is towards the centre of the village and can be accessed from Orchards Close and Whitecroft via the rights of way network.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	The area has historical significance as there have been allotments in and around this location since the war. This plot is now all that remain. Allotments are considered to have recreational value, although have little ecological significance.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A small parcel of land with well defined boundaries.		
LGS Management:	Not applicable		
Conclusion:	It is proposed to allocate this land within the NDP for use as allotments which will protect the asset. It is therefore not considered necessary to take this site forward for designation as LGS.		


LGS Ref:	PLGS11	Area (ha):	9.77ha
Site Name:	Fields behind Petticoat Lane, adjacent to Hollow		
Description and Purpose:	Grazing and agricultural land with limited public access via footpaths		
			
Statutory designation:	No		
Site allocation:	No		
Planning permission:	No		
Close to the community it serves:	The area is to the south of the village, adjacent to the community on the Hollow and Petticoat Lane. It is accessed via the Public Right of Way DMAR22 and DMAR23, however this does not provide access to all the fields.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	This area has landscape qualities in that it forms a backdrop to the winding road of Petticoat Lane, it provides a natural boundary and is considered by residents to offer the best views of the village from above. The land is steeply sloping and contains a number of trees and hedgerows to the field boundaries. The land comprises grazing and agricultural fields which have limited service to the community other than through use of the rights of way network.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	Relatively large area of land although can be well defined through field boundaries.		
LGS Management:	Not applicable		
Conclusion:	The whole site does not meet the LGS criteria and is therefore not recommended for designation as LGS. The north-eastern fields, which provide the backdrop to Petticoat Lane are not publicly accessible. The public right of way routes are protected by other legislation. The landscape qualities of the site and key views across it will be recognised elsewhere in the neighbourhood plan		

LGS Ref:	PLGS12	Area (ha):	6.9ha
Site Name:	Land behind Fairfield Farm		
Description and Purpose:	Agricultural land associated with Fairfield Farm with limited public access via footpaths		
			
Statutory designation:	No		
Site allocation:	No		
Planning permission:	No		
Close to the community it serves:	The area is to the north of the village and can be accessed from the High Street (via DMAR13/14) and St Marys Lane and the Dutts (via DMAR12).		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	Area holds recreational value for walkers and joggers accessing the site through the footpath. The field has some ecological value as is home to a rich population of bats although there are no environmental designations on the site, and farming operations take place in association with Fairfield Farm college. It is not felt that the site is of local significance due to its beauty.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	Relatively large area of land although can be well defined through field boundaries.		
LGS Management:	Not applicable		
Conclusion:	The site is in active use by Fairfield Farm college and does not meet all the criteria of LGS therefore it is not recommended this is taken forward for designation. The public rights of way, which are the valued element of this site, are protected by other legislation.		

LGS Ref:	PLGS13	Area (ha):	2.17ha
Site Name:	Land behind woodlands view		
Description and Purpose:	Equestrian land, separated by post and rail fencing into small pony paddocks with limited public access via a footpath.		
			
Statutory designation:	No		
Site allocation:	No		
Planning permission:	No		
Close to the community it serves:	Area is immediately adjacent to Woodlands View, to the south of the village, and accessible by public footpath DMAR27 that diagonally crosses the site to higher land to the south.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	Area contains a footpath which runs from Chalcot Park/ Woodlands View to the south-east, however the site comprises a variety of pony paddocks of little wildlife value or beauty. There is no historic significance to the site.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A small area of land with defined boundaries.		
LGS Management:	n/a		
Conclusion:	The site does not meet the LGS criteria and is therefore not recommended for designation as LGS.		

LGS Ref:	PLGS14	Area (ha):	1.47ha
Site Name:	Old track between St Marys Lane and Clivey		
Description and Purpose:	Historic road, now closed to vehicles, public bridleway.		
			
Statutory designation:	Public Bridleway		
Site allocation:	No		
Planning permission:	No		
Close to the community it serves:	The area is used by walkers etc as it covers public bridleway DMAR40, which continues from St Mary's Lane, however this extends some distance from the community.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	Historical significance as this used to be the main path to Westbury. The area covers a Public Right of Way (Bridleway DMAR40). Planning Practice Guidance advises that there is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	The length of the site is extensive and would not be considered local in character		
LGS Management:	n/a		
Conclusion:	The area is already protected as a Right of Way and therefore it is not recommended it is taken forward for designation as LGS.		

LGS Ref:	PLGS15	Area (ha):	0.08
Site Name:	Clay Close Green		
Description and Purpose:	Public open space in Clay Close development		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	Site is within the Clay Close cul-de-sac, therefore immediately adjacent to the community it serves.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	Small area of greenspace containing a number of attractive trees in a residential development, which provides recreational and aesthetic value to the immediate community. It is used as a space for social gatherings. The small parcel of open space and mature tree provide a break in the built character of the cul-de-sac and form part of the street scene.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A small parcel of land with defined boundaries.		
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged.		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		

LGS Ref:	PLGS16	Area (ha):	0.44
Site Name:	Land north of Tanyard Way		
Description and Purpose:	Small area of mature woodland with Public Right of Way running through.		
			
Statutory designation:	None		
Site allocation:	None		
Planning permission:	None		
Close to the community it serves:	Site is adjacent to residential development at Fairways, therefore is in close proximity to the community it serves.		
Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other):	The parcel of woodland lies on the eastern edge of the Parish accessible by the community through the Public Footpath DMAR47 which runs from the High Street to the A3098. The woodland provides an attractive rural context to the enjoyment of the footpath which supports the important buffer between Dilton Marsh and Westbury Leigh. The woodland would hold some wildlife value.		
Local in character and not extensive tract:	A small parcel of land with defined boundaries by fencing to the north, Fairways to the west and the road network to the east and south.		
LGS Management:	No changes envisaged.		
Conclusion:	The site meets the LGS criteria and can be taken forward for designation as Local Green Space		

4. Conclusion

4.1 Following the assessment, a total of nine areas are recommended for designation in the neighbourhood plan, as follows:

- LGS1: Dilton Marsh Playing Fields and The Firs, Alan Powell Lane
- LGS2: Lansdowne Close
- LGS3: Chalcot Park (part)
- LGS4: Fairwood Road Green
- LGS5: Stormore Green
- LGS6: Grassy bank on northern side of High Street, opposite Stormore Green
- LGS7: Shepherds Mead Green
- LGS8: Clay Close Green
- LGS9: Land north of Tanyard Way

4.2 The Local Green Spaces are shown on the map overleaf.

