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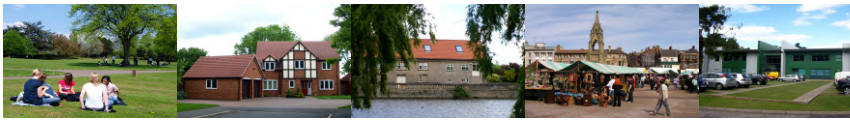

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1 What is local green space?

1.1 This paper is an evidence base for the Local Plan (up to 2033) concerning designated areas of Local Green Space. The following sections set out site were identified for protection and inclusion on the Mansfield District Local Plan proposal's map.

1.1 A new way of protecting green spaces

1.2 In March 2012, the Government made it possible for green spaces with a special community importance to qualify for a new protection status. This status is known as 'Local Green Space'.

1.3 The Local Green Space status has been made possible through the introduction of the Localism Act and Natural Environment White Paper (2010) which influenced the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)[1].

1.4 The act of designating sites as Local Green Space is not intended to be a reactionary exercise which only takes into account sites under threat from development. Based on information in the UK Natural Environment White Paper (2011), the act of designating sites for Local Green Space protection is seen as a positive step towards recognising an area's unique value and worth.

1.5 Although this is a special form of protection, it does allow for development where it contributes to the character of the green space. Section 6.2 outlines the draft policy wording for protecting Local Green Space.

1.6 Broad guidance for identifying sites worthy of Local Green Space designation is provided in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012 (paragraphs 76-78). The NPPF sets out national policy for England to help inform Local Plan [2] and Neighbourhood Plan preparation and decisions taken with planning applications.

1.7 Local Green Space designation is not appropriate for most green areas or open spaces. In essence, they must be unique in the benefits they provide to local communities.

1.8 It is expected that local communities are consulted during the preparation of Local or Neighbourhood Plans to help identify areas for Local Green Space protection. Mansfield District Council consulted the public in March-April 2014. Please see Section 3 for more detail.

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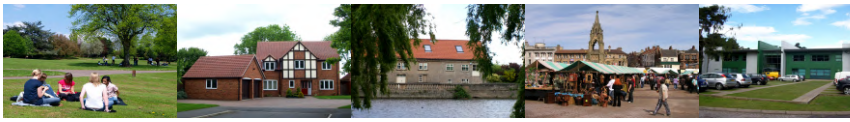
1 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2

2 Local Plans set out the relevant policies at a District or Borough level to inform, for example, where development should go, the design of new housing and employment areas and what areas should be protected and how. Local Plans include a vision and overarching priorities for the area for the next 15 to 20 years.



1.9 The National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) asserts that sites nominated by the public for Local Green Space need to meet the NPPF criteria. Whether to designate land as Local Green Space is a matter for local discretion. Section 1.2 (Table 1.1) and Section 3.3 and Figure 3.2 explain how the publicly nominated sites were assessed to help the district council decide which ones would be put forward for protection (designated) in the Local Plan. Section 6 explains how the Local Green Space designations will be finalised.

1.2 Local green space designation criteria

1.10 As mentioned previously, the NPPF sets out broad criteria for identifying Local Green Space sites. The finer detail is left for Mansfield District Council to define. Table 1.1 outlines the national policy requirements and explains how Mansfield District Council has applied this criteria in practice. This was used to help decide which nominations for Local Green Space would be included in a final candidate list considered for adoption in the Mansfield Local Plan.

Table 1.1 Criteria for designating sites for local green space protection

1. Local Green Spaces can only be designated whilst Local and Neighbourhood Plans are being prepared or reviewed.	
NPPF & NPPG Criteria	**Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district**
The NPPG explains that whilst local plans are being written, residents and community groups will have the opportunity to help identify which green and open spaces should be identified as Local Green Space and are encouraged to contact the local planning authority. These areas will be expected to play a special role within their local community or communities (see criterion 8 below on what defines this 'special role').	At the time of producing this document, Mansfield District Council was preparing a new Local Plan (2013-2033) to guide development in the district for future. This provided an opportunity for officers in the planning policy section to invite the public to send in their nominations for Local Green Space protection (see Sections 3 & 6). See Section 6.2 for a draft policy to support their protection in the Local Plan. For the full list of nominated sites see Section 4. The complete list and map of sites designated as Local Green Space will be finalised in the adopted Mansfield Local Plan.
2. The designation of Local Green Space should not prevent or undermine the planning for new development and should be based on a balanced approach.	
NPPF & NPPG Criteria	**Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district**
The NPPF states that 'identifying land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services'. The NPPG further explains that the Local Green Space designation 'should not be used in a way that undermines the aims of plan making'.	The decision to allocate land for development (e.g. for housing, employment or other commercial need) is informed by different studies and assessments, known as 'evidence based documents', of which this document is one.

	The decision to designate areas for Local Green Space protection is based on a balanced approach, considering all relevant criteria and needs within the district. This along with all other policies and development sites in the local plan are informed by a Sustainability Appraisal assessment which takes into account a range of environmental, social and economic considerations. The designation of Local Green Space will complement the range of social, economic and environmental needs of existing and future communities. The decision to designate green/open space as 'Local Green Space' will need to take this into account and will need to meet the other criteria below for it to be considered for protection.

3. Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where land has planning permission.

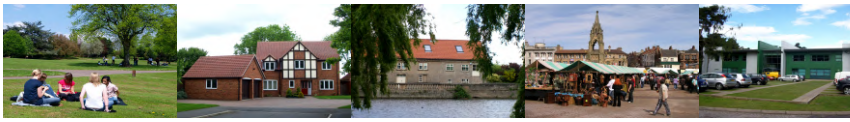
NPPF & NPPG Criteria	Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district
The NPPG states that exceptions to this criterion could be made where 'the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented' (e.g. its permission may have expired).	Promoting the designation of Local Green Space is not a way of preventing development that already has planning permission. There must be an overriding justification for a green/open space for it to be designated as Local Green Space. If there is opportunity to do so, the decision to designate new 'Local Green Space' will need to meet the other criteria below for it to be considered for protection.

4. For land that is already protected by other designations or legislation, Local Green Space designation may only be appropriate where additional local benefit would be gained.

NPPF & NPPG Criteria	Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district
The NPPG states that 'different designations [protecting green space] are intended to achieve different purposes'. It cautions that careful consideration should be given to areas already designated as, for example: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Public Rights of Way, Scheduled Ancient Monument or Conservation Area.	Different policies and legislation are designed to protect different types of green space based on different reasons. The added value of designating a site, already afforded some form of protection in the Local Plan as Local Green Space, will be assessed on a site by site basis. This is explained more in Section 2.2.

5. Large areas of land should not be considered as Local Green Space (LGS).

NPPF & NPPG Criteria	Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district
The NPPG states that there is no 'hard and fast rule' about the size of a Local Green Space. Paragraph 77 in the NPPF states that the LGS designation should only be used where the green area is not an 'extensive tract of land'.	This criterion was interpreted to mean that Local Green Space was generally meant to apply to areas such as parks and village greens, and not to extensive areas of open countryside. Mansfield District Council has not set a specific size threshold.



The LGS designation is not meant to be a substitute for Green Belt land. The NPPG states that areas of Local Green Space may include Public Rights of Way (PROW) but shouldn't ONLY include PROWs which are already protected under other legislation.	As a general rule of thumb, larger areas of the open countryside and long-distance green ways/river corridors were not considered appropriate for Local Green Space designation. It was considered that these sites would be more appropriately protected in the Local Plan by, for example, development in the countryside and green infrastructure related policies. The advice on Public Rights of Way in the NPPF was followed, as these are already adequately protected.

6. The Local Green Space needs to be within a reasonable distance to the community (or communities) it serves.

NPPF & NPPG Criteria	Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district
The definition of 'reasonable distance' is not clarified in the NPPF. The NPPG recognises that this depends on 'local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special'. It must be 'reasonably close'. If public access is a key factor, the site would normally be within an 'easy walking distance'.	MDC has defined the 'reasonable walking distance' as 1 mile (1.6 km)* for the local community. Although a 1-mile travel distance was used as a rule of thumb, it was also recognised that the special characteristics and/or features of a site may serve a number of different communities from a wider area. * This distance threshold is supported in the Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (MENE) survey (2009 -2012). The majority of people travelled up to 2 miles for visits to the natural environment. Natural England's Accessible Green Space standard suggests that everyone should be within 300 metres of a natural green space. The average of these approaches is approximately 1 mile.

7. Full public access is not necessarily required when considering designated sites as Local Green Space (LGS).

NPPF & NPPG Criteria	Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district
The NPPG notes that Local Green Space doesn't necessarily need to have full public access. Sensitive areas without public access, such as those valued for their special historic, beauty, or wildlife value, could be considered.	MDC considers that Local Green Space is designated for the enjoyment of the public. Therefore, LGS sites should be physically or visually accessible in some form. Public access within the site or any special visual amenity value that the site offers, must be in an official capacity (e.g. public green space, open access land, public rights of way access). This means that the public needs to have access to at least 'view' these more sensitive green spaces but do not need to have full physical access for those Local Green Space sites considered for their special historic value, beauty, or wildlife value. A site may be designated because of what it adds to the character, appearance and visual amenity of an area, even if it is not accessible. Sites of recreational value do need to have full public access.

8. Local Green Spaces need to play a special role within a local community or communities.

NPPF & NPPG Criteria

According to the NPPF, in order to for a site to be appropriate for Local Green Space designation, it must be 'demonstrably special'.

It must also hold a particular local significance, based on the following five characteristics:

- beauty
- historic Significance
- recreational Value
- tranquillity
- richness of Wildlife

The NPPG refers to 'local community' as a village or a neighbourhood in a town or city.

Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district

The NPPF and NPPG criteria is translated to mean that Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space.

For a nominated site to qualify as Local Green Space, it needs to meet at least one of the 5 special characteristics listed opposite.

The Council set reasonable definitions for each of the 5 areas of significance. These are described in further detail in Section 3.3.

For a site to be designated as Local Green Space, it needs to be unique or one-of-a-kind and can't be easily created elsewhere within a reasonable distance, such that it can still serve the 'local community.'

9. The Local Green Space must be capable of enduring beyond the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan period.

NPPF & NPPG Criteria

The above statement is a key requirement in the NPPF.

The NPPG states that how a Local Green Space will be 'managed in the future is an important consideration, if the features that make it special or locally significant are to be conserved'.

The NPPG suggests that land owners will need to be contacted at an early stage on any proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space.

Assessing nominated sites in Mansfield district

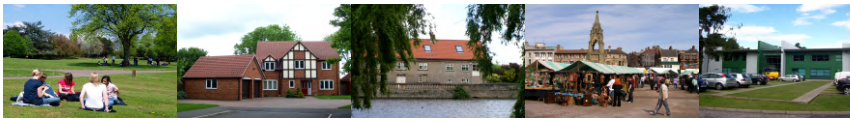
This criterion is important for ensuring that, if a site is designated as a Local Green Space, its special features and qualities will be looked after for the longer term future, minimising the risk of characteristics being lost, degraded or destroyed.

As such, it is important to understand the owner's current and longer term plans for the site. Officers assessed this criterion on the following:

a. If the site is in private ownership, evidence of a management plan and/or decision making body guiding the positive management of the site's unique qualities and features help inform this criterion.

b. Generally, if the site is in public ownership, it is generally considered that it will be protected and managed into the future. In addition, following evidence was also considered: site management plans; whether the site is looked after by an active Friends group; other planned community commitments to look after the site helps; Green Flag investment or other planned investment; and other future plans (e.g. planned investment).

The council will be proactive in encouraging land owners to see the designation in a positive light as the sites are clearly valued by local communities.



2 The district at a glance

2.1 Places and connections

2.1 Mansfield district has a wealth of green and open spaces that positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors. They provide a vital part of vibrant and healthy communities.

2.2 These spaces range in size and use including, for example: formal urban parks, recreation grounds, play parks, playing pitches, smaller community amenity areas, and larger but less formal green corridors and restored collieries. 'Green corridors' follow public trails and footpaths that join or link up with other green spaces. They often lead further afield to the open countryside or follow rivers and former railway lines.

2.3 These green and open spaces offer a range of benefits including, for example:

- help to minimise flood risk
- define 'sense of place'[3]
- help mitigate the harmful impacts of greenhouse gases and climate change
- act as outdoor classrooms and spaces for discovery
- provide opportunities to unwind, keep fit and stay healthy in mind, body and spirit
- provide places for socialising and community spaces for fairs and other organised events, and
- improve the attractiveness of town centres and neighbourhoods - places to live, work, visit and to invest in.

2.4 Many of these benefits are recognised with the Local Plan's strategic green infrastructure network and policy but are, to some degree, recognised in the designation of Local Green Space. This exercise of identifying spaces for Local Green Space status provides an opportunity for communities to highlight some of these spaces for special protection. See Section 5 for more detail on how the Mansfield Local Plan plans to protect green spaces through other policies.

2.2 Considering protected green space

2.5 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012 emphasises that land already protected through other legislation and policies should not normally be designated for Local Green Space (LGS) protection.

2.6 Generally, sites already designated as the following were not considered for an additional Local Green Space designation, unless this would bring further benefits:

- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

3 Sense of place is often used to describe one's feelings for a place, and the elements that make that place special to a person or community.

- Scheduled Ancient Monument
- Registered Parks and Gardens
- Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
- Registered Common Land
- European designated sites e.g. Special Protection Area (SPA)
- Town and Village Green
- Public Rights of Way (PRoW)
- Conservation Areas

2.7 The reasons why any nominated LGS site was considered special to a local community would need to be taken into consideration when assessing 'further benefit' (e.g. historic, beauty, tranquillity, recreational value and wildlife importance).

2.8 Nominated Local Green Space sites were assessed on a site by site basis.

2.9 It might be appropriate to afford Local Green Space protection for sections (parts of) sites covered under other designations, where these sections provide added benefits for local communities.

2.10 It was necessary to determine whether or not the reason for designating currently protected sites as Local Green Space might contradict the reason for its protection. For example, it wouldn't be appropriate to designate a Special Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its recreational importance as SSSIs are sensitive wildlife and geological sites.

2.11 Any further benefit sought through additional Local Green Space designation, would be considered where a site might not be adequately protected by existing legislation and/or policy.

2.12 Whilst 'Local Green Space' is a new designation, there are also a variety of policies and legislation that afford additional degree of protection to green and open spaces and the wider countryside. This is covered further in Section 5.

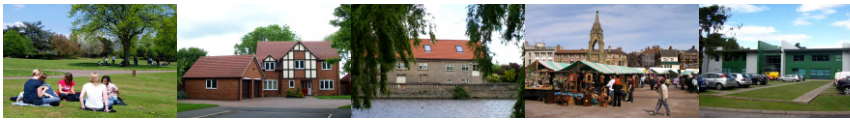
3 Identifying local green spaces in Mansfield district

3.1 Public consultation

3.1 Mansfield District Council sought Local Green Space nominations from the public prior to (2014) the Mansfield Local Plan public consultation in 2016, also known as the Preferred Options stage (please see Section 6.1 for more details).

3.2 The Local Green Space consultation took place over a 6 week period from 17th March to 30th April 2014. It was an important step for identifying sites considered special to local residents and communities. People had the opportunity to answer a web-based questionnaire or nominate sites over the phone, in person or in writing.

3.3 A copy of the website information and nomination form available at the time of the consultation period is available in Appendices A and B.



3.4 Posters advertising the consultation event were put up in libraries and leisure centres. A radio segment with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Phil Shields, also featured on BBC radio Nottingham. Letters and emails were sent to a number of park friends groups, Warsop Parish Council and other community groups (also see Appendix E).

3.5 Members of the public were asked to nominate sites based on one or more of the five key characteristics including: beauty, tranquillity, recreational value, historic significance, richness of wildlife. They were also asked to provide further information to justify their nominations and were asked to describe which community(ies) the sites benefited.

3.6 The council also asked how the site would be looked after so that its special characteristics would endure beyond the lifetime of the Local Plan (beyond 2033). This was important for helping to understand how a nominated site for Local Green Space status would be looked after and managed in its current form.

3.7 The National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) guidance suggests that land owners will need to be contacted at an early stage on any proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space. Letters were sent to private landowners of which nominated sites were put forward for consideration (December/January 2014). Mansfield District Council property services and parks departments were also made aware of proposals to designate Local Green Space on land owned and managed by the council (also see Appendix E).

3.2 Reviewing the submissions

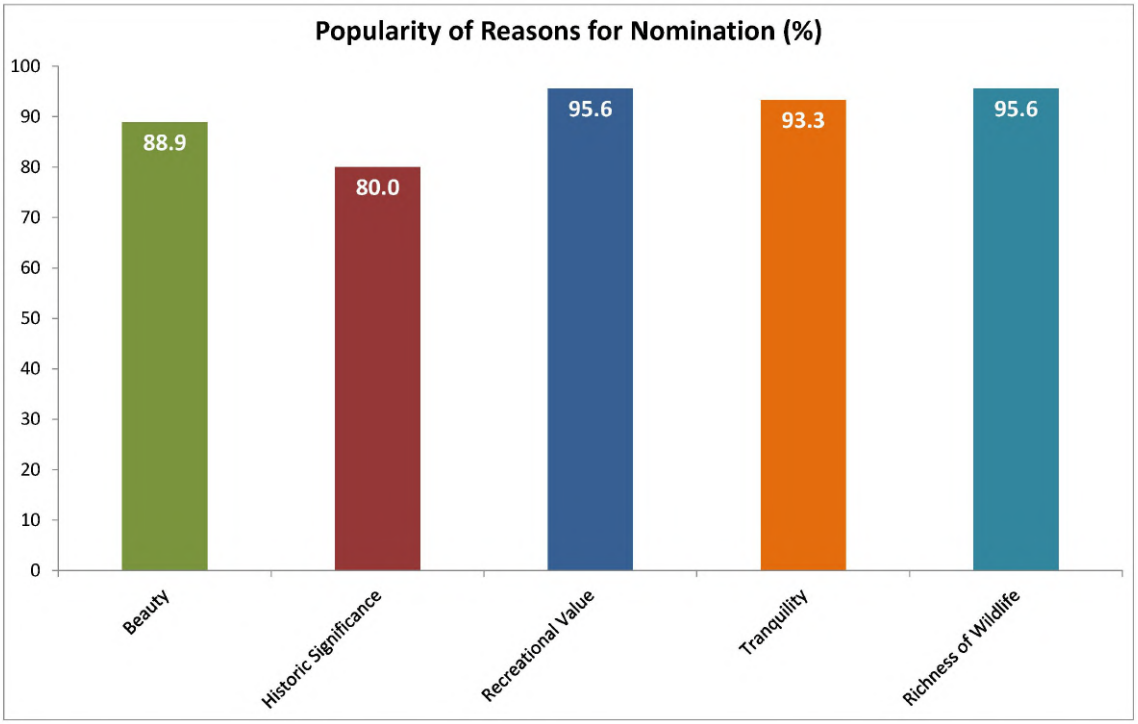
3.8 37 people submitted 45 responses, nominating a total of 21 different sites to be considered for the Local Green Space status.

3.9 These nominated sites were spread out across the district from Market Warsop in the north to Berry Hill Park in the south. They were mostly located on the central and eastern areas of the district. The nominations submitted also ranged in size and function, for example: a small town centre amenity space, formal parks, urban woodland, historic fields and large areas of countryside.

3.10 For the full list and map of nominated sites, please see Table 4.1 and Figure 4.1. Individual site plans of sites can be found in Appendix D.

3.11 As the graph (Figure 3.1) shows, the most popular reasons for nominating a site for Local Green Space included ‘richness of wildlife’ and ‘recreation value’. Many respondents selected more than one reason for nominating a site.

Figure 3.1



3.3 Assessing nominated sites - applying the criteria

Step 1 – Interpreting policy in the National Planning Policy Framework and defining what this means in practice

3.12 Mansfield District Council adopted the methodology in Table 1.1 for assessing Local Green Space nominations.

3.13 In relation to the special significance of a site, the council considered the following:

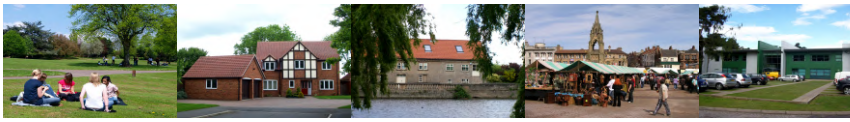
Beauty

It is understood that everyone will have their own view of whether an area is beautiful, however it is important to determine what makes an area 'uniquely beautiful' to its locality and the district. Consideration was given to the reasonableness of a nomination put forward.

Designation depends on the site's intrinsic value as well as its contribution to the wider setting and/or its contribution to the surrounding landscape character and town-scape. Features on a site such as woodland and water could also contribute to the overall 'beauty' value of the site.

Historic Significance

Every area in the district has a story to tell. For the purposes of identifying areas for Local Green Space status, historic significance is informed by, for example:



- Are regular events held on the site which could not take place elsewhere in the local vicinity (e.g. Guy Fawkes bonfire or community fair)?
- Are there any recognised historical or archaeological features on site?
- Does the site link back to a historical person or event?
- Does the site contribute to an important historical setting?
- Has the site, in its current form, retained its historical features and boundaries?

Recreational Value

Although most green and open spaces will fall within this category and offer some form of recreational value, the aim is to identify why a particular area offers something unique and could not realistically be accommodated on other sites that would serve the same community. For instance:

- It may be the only facility of its kind in the local area or the district.
- It may be the only area of open space that is large enough to provide a particular sports facility or use.
- It may offer a unique combination of facilities and/or uses that would be difficult to duplicate elsewhere.

Tranquillity

A green space can be important to a community as it offers a uniquely tranquil resource, for example: for quiet contemplation. For a site to be considered suitable for Local Green Space status for its tranquillity value, it would need to demonstrate the following qualities:

- A feeling of remoteness or quiet contemplation for the majority of the site.
- A general inability to see man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or excessive lighting.
- Has a general lack of artificial noise from vehicles or industry.

Richness of Wildlife

Many green spaces provide some wildlife benefit, depending on the variety and quality of plants and areas (habitats) present. For a site to be considered suitable for Local Green Space status based on its richness of wildlife value, it would need to relate to one or more of the following:

- be designated as a Local Wildlife Site
- include a significant area of semi-natural or natural priority habitat as defined in the Nottinghamshire or UK Biodiversity Action Plan
- include a combination of important landscape features such as ancient hedgerows, ancient woodland, veteran trees, pockets of woodland and wildflower meadows
- support a unique and or diverse range of wildlife (This would need to be evidenced by records, ecological surveys and/or expert advice)

As a general principle, Local Nature Reserves (LNR) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) will not be appropriate for Local Green Space designation as these are considered to be adequately protected by national legislation and other local plan policies.

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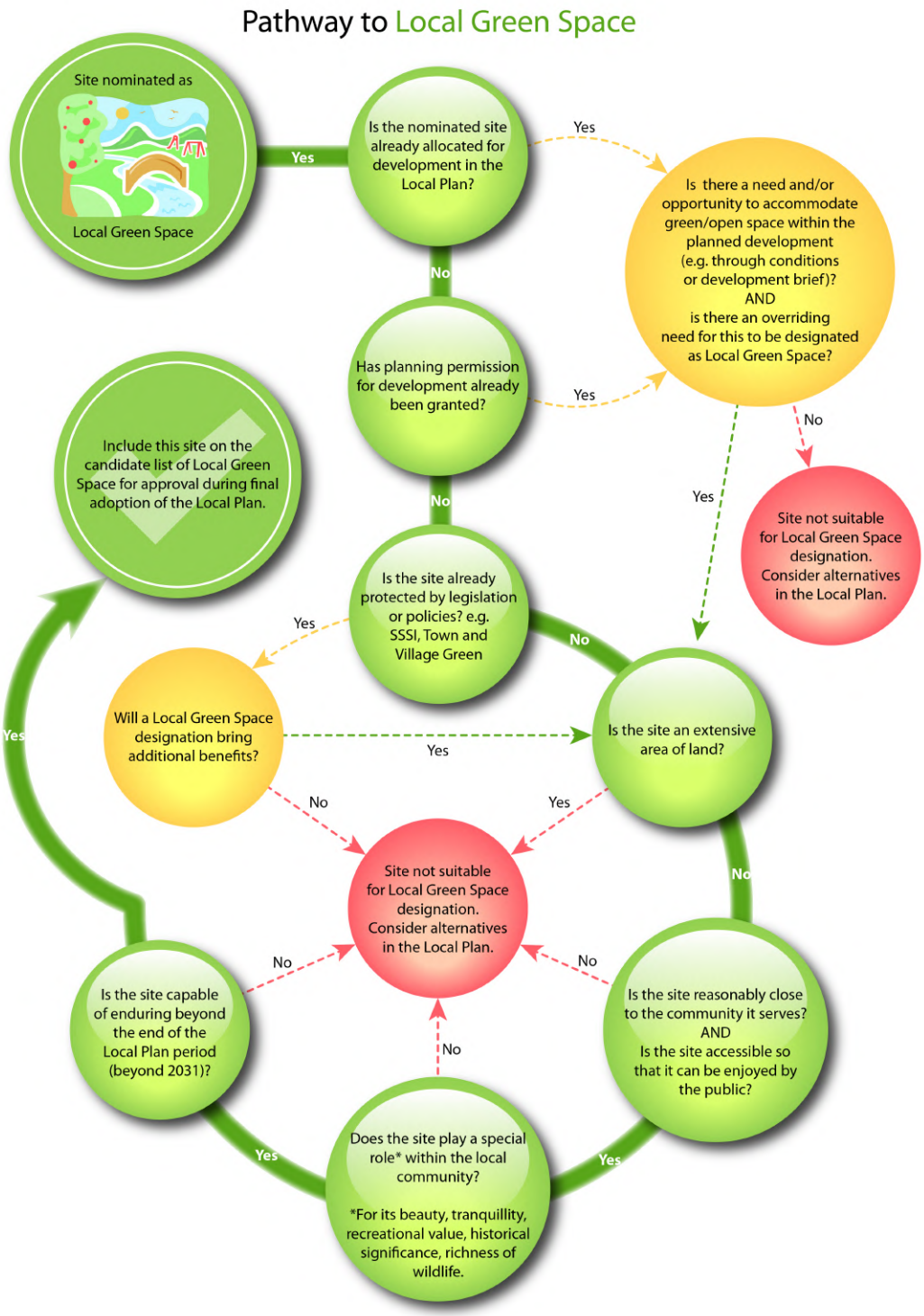
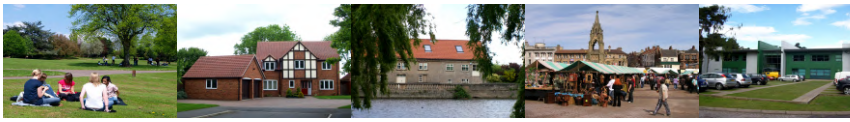
3.14 The following diagram (Figure 3.2) shows how the criteria were used to make an informed decision on whether to designate a site as Local Green Space.

Figure 3.2





Step 2 - Public consultation and consideration of submissions received (officer site visits)

3.15 As explained in Section 3.1, the public consultation was an important step for identifying which sites were of special importance for local communities.

3.16 After the consultation period, planning policy officers and the portfolio holder for the environment, at the time, undertook visits of the sites nominated by the public. This took place in summer 2014. Two sites were reviewed in winter 2015, as they had been unintentionally, looked over previously.

3.17 Please see Appendix C for the survey form used. Observations were recorded independently from the information submitted through the public consultation and were based on the methods assessment in Table 1.1 and Figure 3.2.

Step 3 - Further research to fill in any missing knowledge gaps

3.18 It was important to understand each site's unique qualities before drawing a final conclusion on whether a nominated site qualified for Local Green Space status. In some cases, there were gaps in the information submitted through the public consultation and officers' knowledge of the sites. Where further information was needed to help officers make an objective and balanced decision on a site, the following sources were used.

- The Nottinghamshire Biological and Geological Records Centre
- Conservation Appraisal and Management Plans
- Various historical records held locally by the council and on the world wide web
- Historical mapping layers e.g. Sanderson Maps (1835)

Step 4 - Does the site already have planning permission or is the site allocated for development in the Mansfield Local Plan (up to 2033)?

3.19 This is fully explained within the criteria in Table 1.1.

Step 5 – Consulting landowners

3.20 This step is useful for helping to inform the mapping of site boundaries and to understand current and future management plans and future plans for investment (see Table 1.1, criterion 9).

3.21 The National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) encourages local authorities to contact land owners and managers of potential Local Green Space designations as early as possible. Once the above steps had been followed, letters to private

landowners were sent out in December/January 2014. Mansfield District Council's property services and parks departments were also consulted on land owned and managed by the council. This is an important part of the consultation process.

3.22 It was important that Mansfield District Council took an informed and balanced approach to designating Local Green Space.

Step 6 – Designating sites as local green space

3.23 Following a thorough appraisal of the nominations put forward for Local Green Space, a candidate list was drawn up and justification given for each decision made.

3.24 Decisions were based on the methodology in Table 1.1 and the steps above.

3.25 Those sites chosen for Local Green Space designation (based on the March-April 2014 public consultation) can be viewed in Table 4.1.

3.26 This document along with a candidate list of designed sites was circulated to the council's select commission 2 group in January 2015. This group is made up of elected councillors involved in Mansfield Local Plan development.

3.27 See Section 6 for information on the steps involved to formally designate sites as Local Green Space.

4 Draft local green space sites

4.1 Table 4.1 below lists all of the sites nominated for Local Green Space protection and the reasons why they have been selected or haven't been selected for designation. Out of the 21 sites nominated, there are a total of 14 sites included on the Local Green Space list for designation in the Mansfield District Local Plan. A more comprehensive appraisal of the selection criteria for each nominated site is included in Appendix D alongside individual site maps.

4.2 These sites are included on the Local Plan proposals maps as sites recommended for protection under the relevant policy in the Local Plan.

4.3 The sites promoted, but not considered justifiable as Local Green Space, may still be protected under other policies or legislation.

4.4 It is important to note that a site only needs to meet one 'special role' criterion in order to be considered for Local Green Space designation. But there must also be in place measures to ensure that a site's special features can be sustained into the future. Please refer to Section 1.2 and Figure 3.2 for more detail on all considerations and criteria for Local Green Space designation.

4.5 Where a smaller area of a nominated site was considered suitable for designation, the 'Special Role' comments on the right-hand side of the table below generally relate to this smaller area (with the exception of ID 4 and ID 19).

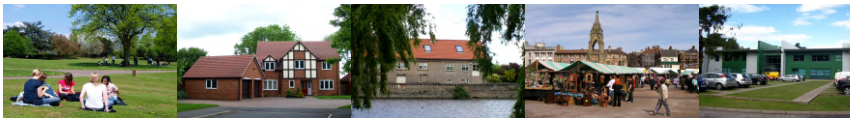
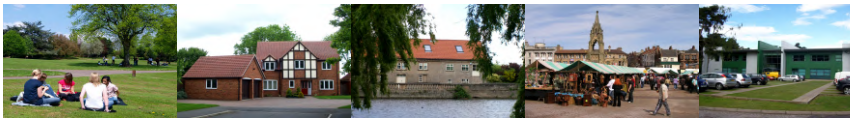


Table 4.1 List of nominated sites and reasons for decision (in brief)

ID	Nominated Site	Suitable for designation?	Is there an alternative site suitable for consideration?	Is the alternative site suitable for designation?	Are there formal measures in place to ensure that the considered site's special features can endure beyond the Local Plan period?	Special role				
						Beauty	Historical Importance	Recreational value	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife
1	Fisher Lane Park	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	X	X	√	X	X
2	Forest Road Recreation Ground	No	Yes - the on-site designated Local Wildlife Site	Yes	Yes	√	X	X	X	√
3	Spa Ponds	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	√	√	√	√	√
4	Garibaldi Plantation, Spa Ponds and the woods to the north of Spa Ponds	No	Yes - Spa Ponds	See comments above for Spa Ponds	No	√	X	X	X	√
5	Larkhills Park	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	√	X	√	X	X
6	Berry Hill Park	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	√	√	√	√	√
7	Land between Brunts School and Carr Bank Park	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	X	√	X	X	X
8	The Rock Houses, Rock Hill	No	No	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	X
9	Barringer Road field and Maun Valley Local Nature Reserve (LNR)	No	Yes - Barringer Road field (football pitch and BMX track)	No	N/A	X	X	X	X	X
10	'The Scrape' (part of Quarry Lane Local Nature Reserve /LNR)	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	√	√	√	X	√
11	The Lords Ground (Mansfield Woodhouse)	No	No	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	X
12	Yeoman Hill Park	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	X	√	√	X	X
13	The Carrs (Market Warsop)	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	√	√	√	X	√
14	Carr Bank Park	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	√	√	√	X	X
15	Millennium Green (Mansfield Woodhouse)	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	X	√	X	X	√
16	Litchfield Lane / Chatsworth Drive woodlands (Berry Hill)	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	√	√	√	√	√
17	Old Meeting House (Unitarian Church) Mill Walk / Quaker Way	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	X	√	√	X	X
18	Area running from **Titchfield Park** to Kings Mill Reservoir including Quarry Lane Local Nature Reserve (LNR)	No	Yes - Titchfield Park	Yes	Yes	√	√	√	X	X
19	Land around New Mill Lane and Garibaldi Plantation	No	Yes - Spa Ponds	See comments above for Spa Ponds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20	Sandy Lane playing field, Garratt Avenue	No	No	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	X
21	Green Lane/public footpath connecting the	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

	B6030 and Newlands Road, Forest Town									



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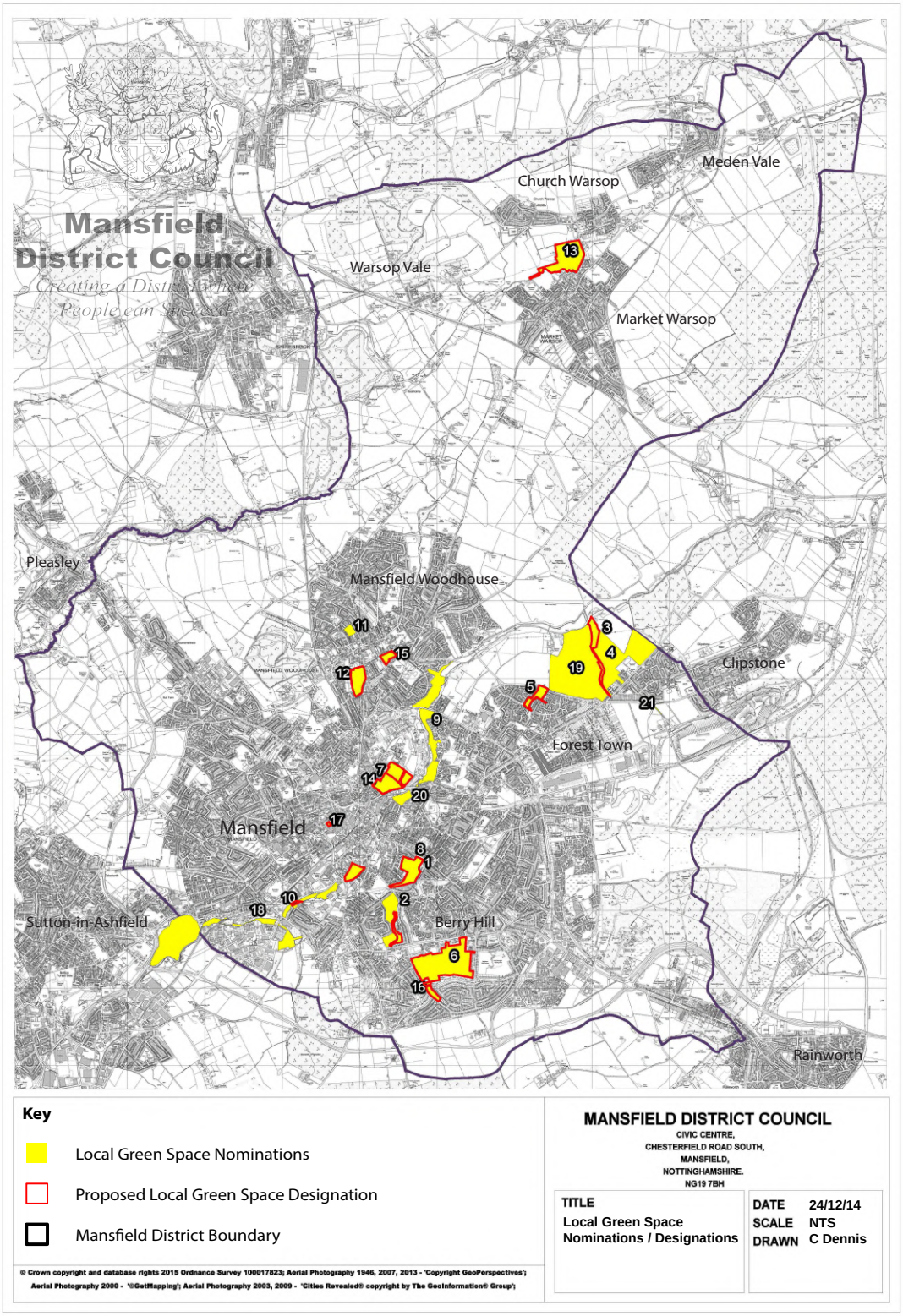
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5 Protecting and enhancing green spaces, connections and the countryside

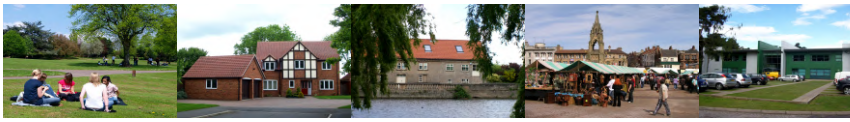
5.1 There are a number of different proposed policies in the Mansfield Local Plan (up to 2033) that are aimed at protecting and enhancing green and open spaces, green connections and the countryside.

5.2 Even if a site hasn't been included in the final 2014 candidate Local Green Space list, it may be protected in some form or other through the following policies and/or national or European legislation. Where applicable, this is noted in Table 4.1.

5.3 The table below explains the main policies and legislation aimed at protecting a range of green and open spaces.

Table 5.1 Policies and legislation protecting green and open spaces and the natural & historic environment

Policies and legislation	Brief description
European protection	European laws (e.g. EC Birds Directive and EC Habitats Directive) afford protection to European protected sites, such as: Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA). Additional protection is given to candidate SACs (cSAC) and potential SPAs (pSPA) in the NPPF, whilst they are awaiting formal designation. There are no European sites in the district but a possible potential SPA has been identified for protecting Nightjar and Woodlark habitats. This is pending a UK-wide review of all SPAs.
National policies and legislation	Policies in the NPPF and other national legislation (e.g. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981), afford protection to statutory protected wildlife sites: These include, for example: Local Nature Reserves (LNR), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), National Nature Reserves, and country parks. For more information, refer to the Joint Nature Conservation Committee's website - https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/uk-protected-areas. Sites of historical significance are afforded protection through statutory designations and relevant NPPF policies and national legislation. These include, for example: Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Conservation Areas, Registered Parks and Gardens. For more information, refer to Historic England's website - https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning. The Local Plan's policies should support and adhere to, but not repeat, these national policies and legislation.
Local Plan policies	There are a number of policies in the Local Plan that provide varying degrees of protection for green and open spaces in the District, for example: recreational open space, green infrastructure, open countryside, ancient woodland, conservation areas, landscape character and areas important for nature conservation (e.g. Local Wildlife Sites). The NPPF and NPPG provide a framework to align policies in the Mansfield District Local Plan.
Protected legal agreements	Certain types of green space are protected through legal convents that impose restrictions on how the land may be used or require a certain continuing action. This may include, for example: King George VI Parks and Queen Elizabeth II Fields; Town and Village Greens.



6 Next steps

6.1 Consultation of the local plan

6.1 The 14 candidate sites (2014/2015) were included in the Mansfield Local Plan Consultation Document (2016).

6.2 Members of the public, organisations and land owners, etc. are also be able to comment further on the proposed Local Green Space designations and policy at this time. The Mansfield District Council will consider further suitably justified site nominations at that stage.

6.2 Local green space policy

6.3 The following draft policy is included in the public consultation draft of the Mansfield Local Plan document (as explained in Section 6.1) to provide the context for Local Green Space designation and protection.

PROTECTION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACE - draft policy

Planning permission will only be granted for developments on a site currently or subsequently designated as local green space, provided that the development clearly enhances the area for the purposes it was designated.

Developments proposed adjacent to a local green space will be granted planning permission if it would not harm the purpose for which the area was designated.

6.3 Local plan adoption - formalising the local green space designations and policy

6.4 Following the consultation on the Mansfield Local Plan consultation document, the council will consider the need to change or amend its proposals. The council will then publish the draft Mansfield Local Plan (publication stage) which will, following consultation be submitted to the Government for independent examination.

6.5 The local plan examination considers whether the council's local plan proposals are sound. Subject to considering recommendations of a planning inspector the council will then adopt the Mansfield Local Plan (up to 2033), including the final policy for protecting the designated local green space sites

6.6 A finalised list and map of local green spaces are then formalised through the formal adoption of the local green space policy and proposals map in the Mansfield Local Plan (up to 2033).

Appendix A Public consultation website information

LOCAL GREEN SPACE: We want your Nominations!

A quick on line survey form has been made available for you and will only take a few minutes to complete.

What is Local Green Space?

The Government has made it possible for people to identify for special protection, green areas that are of particular importance to their local community. Guidance is set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF1) published in March 2012, and Planning Practice Guidance2.

A few guidelines before you nominate a site/sites

• Government guidance states that Local Green Space will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space.

This statement is not meant to put people off from promoting sites, however is meant to emphasise that in order to qualify as Local Green Space the site needs to be of special / particular importance to the community. Most areas of open space will already have some form of protection on them; either through the Council's planning policies, legal convenants such as Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields status or as Town and Village Greens.

For a site to be designated Local Green Space it:

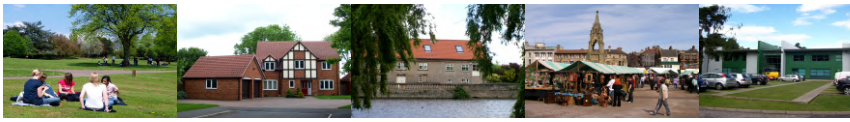
• Cannot be an extensive tract of land. Although there is no specific size threshold, the intention is that local green space would relate to areas such as parks or village greens, and not to larger areas of the open countryside.

• Must be capable of enduring beyond the end of the local or neighbourhood plan period.

• Needs to be particularly special compared to other parks or open spaces.

The Authority will need you to provide information / evidence of how the land can retain its special characteristics for the long term. For instance, if the land is in private ownership, a management plan or other evidence as to how the site can retain its features in the long-term should be provided. If the site is in public ownership, resources will need to be made available to ensure the sites special characteristics can be maintained well into the future. The Local Plan end date has been set at 2031.

How are sites considered?



• In order to qualify as Local Green Space, the area being promoted will need to meet certain criteria. The Local Authority will assess sites against the guidance set out within the NPPF, namely:

• The site needs to be reasonably close to the community it serves. (The Authority consider that as a general rule any site promoted needs to be within a 1 mile walk from the community it serves).

• The nominated Local Green Space needs to be demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular significance. (The Authority request that you provide as much information as possible as to why the space is unique).

Sites can be nominated for the following reasons:

1. Beauty: The Authority recognises that everyone will have their view on whether an area is beautiful, however it is important to try and explain what makes an area unique. (For example, because of its setting or contribution to the landscape).

2. Historic Significance: This does not necessarily mean that the site dates back to a particular period in history or contains a recognised historical feature. Sites may be considered to be of historical significance due to a variety of reasons such as regular events, historical events, features, links to a historical person etc.

3. Recreational Value: Although most open space will fall into this category and offer some form of recreational value, the aim is to identify why a particular area offers something unique or that could not be accommodated on other sites that would serve the same community. For instance, it may be the only facility of its kind or if there is only 1 area of open space that is large enough to provide a particular sports facility, this may make it special.

4. Tranquillity: An area can be important to a community as it provides an area that can be described as tranquil. To be considered suitable, areas will need to be able to demonstrate the following qualities;

• Feeling of remoteness or quiet contemplation.

• General inability to see man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or excessive lighting.

• Have a general lack of artificial noise from vehicles or industry.

5. Richness of Wildlife: The area will need to be evidenced as supporting wildlife that is of county or district importance and can include;

• Designated local wildlife sites (SINC's).

• Priority habitat as defined in the Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Plan.

• A combination of important landscape features such as Ancient Hedgerow, Ancient Woodland, Veteran Trees, pockets of small woodland and wild flower meadow.

• A diverse range of wildlife (This will need to be evidenced through records, ecological surveys and / or expert advice).

• As a general principle, Local Nature Reserves (LNR) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) will not be appropriate for Local Green Space designation as these are considered to be adequately protected by national legislation and Local Plan policies.

Who decides which areas will qualify for protection as Local Green Space?

It will be for the Local Planning Authority to come to an objective and balanced decision as to those sites that qualify for protection within a Local Plan. Where a Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared, it will be for those responsible for preparing any Neighbourhood Plan to decide which sites will qualify for inclusion within that document.

Timescales

Local Green Space can only be designated when a Local or Neighbourhood Plan is prepared, or reviewed, and will therefore need to be listed within such plans. In order to include any sites within the Local Plan, we require all areas that the community wish to be considered to be submitted no later than Wednesday 30th April 2014.

If you would like to talk to an officer about this issue, please contact:

Dean Bellingham on (01623) 463322 or Kira Besh on (01623) 463195 or e-mail ldf@mansfield.gov.uk

Alternatively should you wish to write in to suggest a site, or provide further information on a site, please write to:

Planning Policy (for the attention of D.Bellingham), Mansfield District Council, Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, Notts, NG19 7BH.

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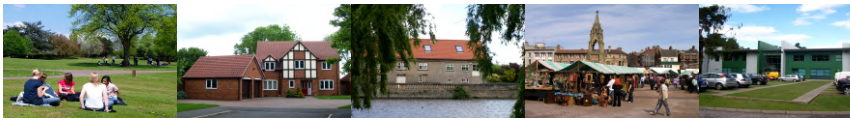

Appendix B Local green space public nomination form

Local Green Space

Nomination Form

What site do you wish to nominate as a Local Green Space?

Please give as much detail as possible to help us identify the land. For example:

- name of site (if applicable),
- address of site,
- any adjacent properties / landmarks,
- grid reference (if known)

Should you wish to nominate more than one site, please use a separate form.

Which community / communities do you consider the site serves? (This could be based on a geographical area, a particular age group or interest group).

In order to fill in these next questions please make sure you have read the information on Beauty, Historic Significance, Recreational Value, Tranquillity and Richness of Wildlfe at: http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/localgreenspace

(please select one answer for each question)

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Beauty	○	○	○

(please select one answer for each question)

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Historic Significance	○	○	○

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(please select one answer for each question)

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Recreational Value	○	○	○

(please select one answer for each question)

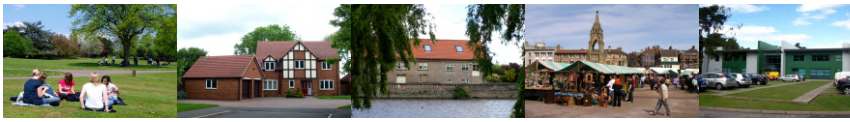
	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Tranquillity	○	○	○

(please select one answer for each question)

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Richness of Wildlife	○	○	○

Please give further details as to why the site is important:

Please explain how the site could be looked after so that its special characteristics can endure in the long term:



Local Green Space

About You

We require your contact details so that a member of the Planning Policy Team can contact you should they need any further information.

Your Full Name:

Your Address (including Post Code):

Your Email Address:

Your Phone Number:

Your Organisation (if applicable):

Thank you for your time.

A list of sites considered suitable for designation will be posted on the Council's website (http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/localgreenspace) at a later date.

Appendix C Officer site visit assessment sheet

LOCAL GREEN SPACE PRO FORMA

Name of site_____

Date of visit_____

Names of those present for assessment_____

Number of public representations for nominating the site _____

Existing protection status (e.g. LNR; 1998 Local Plan policy LT1 or LT2, etc)

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We must be aware of the NPPF guidelines:

Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space.

(Therefore, although other areas may not have been nominated, would we be able to justify the difference between the areas we recommended should be designated and other similar areas that may be in the locality.)

1. Is the area put forward considered to be a large tract of land YES / NO

If the answer is 'NO,' then go to question 3.

2. If the area is considered to be a large tract of land, is there a smaller area that could still be considered? YES / NO

3. Which community does the area serve / is likely to serve?

_____

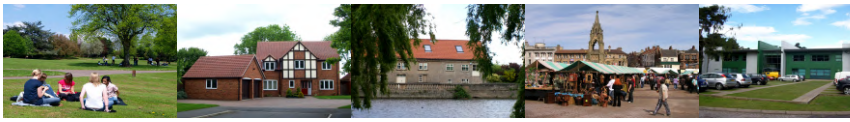
4. IN the opinion of the offers/members undertaking the assessment, does it have a particularly beautiful setting or features of particular beauty? YES / NO

5. If 'YES,' what is this?

_____

[*BEAUTY: while this is a very subjective issues, what we asked people to try and demonstrate was 'What is unique' about the area, what sets it aside from other areas of open space that may be in the local area, does it offer something that isn't or would be difficult to replicate in the area?*]

6. Is there any Historic Significance associate with the site? YES / NO



[*Historic Significance: This restricted to the fact that the site dates back to a particular time in history or contains a recognised historical features. It can include things such as the site is the only suitable location for the annual community bonfire night / village fete, etc.*]

7. Are there any Regular Events held on the site that makes it special? YES / NO

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8. In the opinion of the assessment team, does the site provide a Recreational Value that is not, or could not be, provided on an alternative site within the locality? YES / NO

If so, what facility or use

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9. In the opinion of the assessment team, can the site be considered to be particularly Tranquil? YES / NO

[Tranquillity : This is most likely to be at the time it is used the most. Tranquillity is defined as calm, peaceful state without noise, worry, etc.]

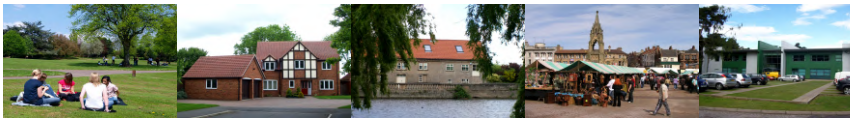
10. Is there any evidence that the site has a Richness of Wildlife that is of county or district importance? YES / NO

Is the site considered to be suitable for designations by officers?

(tic any or all that apply)

- **Beauty**
- **Historic Significance**
- **Recreational Value**
- **Tranquillity**
- **Richness of Wildlife**

Appendix D Individual site maps and selection criteria for nominated sites



D.1 Fisher Lane Park.

Key

- Local Green Space Nominations
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1. Fisher Lane Park	SCALE	NTS
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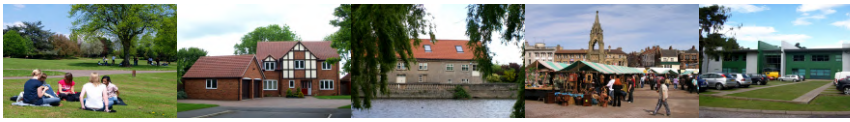
Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
Yes	The site is designated for its recreational significance as the skateboard park offers a unique facility in the district. It is also a key recreational link along the Timberland Trail long-distance greenway.

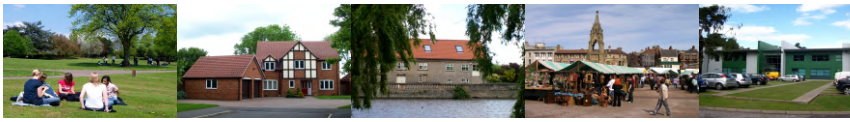
Number of nominations received	11
Site visit date	27th July 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local Residents for the whole of the park. District residents using the skate park facility.
Particular Beauty	**NO** -There are certain features such as trees, wildflowers, etc. that can be considered beautiful in their own right, however the park is not considered 'uniquely beautiful' as a whole.
Historic Significance	**NO** - none identified of unique significance.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - Site has been used to host a local fun fair and also the Fisher Lane Park Fun Day but there is uncertainty as to whether this use is unique to Fisher Lane Park and if there might be opportunity for this provision nearby.
Recreational Value	**YES** -The Skateboard Plaza is a specialist facility which is highly unlikely to be replicated on other sites within this locality. The site is a key green 'linkage' within the Timberland Trail green corridor and adjacent green spaces.
Tranquil	**NO** - Although there are recognised smaller areas set out for quiet contemplation, the site is not perceived as 'uniquely tranquil' as a whole. It is surrounded by development which has a strong detracting influence on its significance as a tranquil area.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - There are mature trees and hedgerows and a small wildflower meadow that support wildlife but there are no identified UK or Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats, unique features or special designations that are of (at least) district or county importance.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	MDC owned site and managed with support from the Friends of Fisher Lane Park.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT2
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure and community open space policies



D.2 Forest Road Recreation Ground.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO - but part is suitable for designation. Please see below.	Forest Recreation Ground is not considered for Local Green Space designation as it is not considered of unique historic, beauty, tranquil, wildlife or recreational significance as a whole. Whilst is has places to sit and quiet areas to walk, it is surrounded by urban development and overlooked. It has no identified special historic ties (e.g. no connection could be found between the recreation ground and the Rock Houses). It has no unique recreational significance that could not be replicated elsewhere. Unique areas/features of beauty and richness of wildlife are more appropriately attributed to the former quarry banks and Local Wildlife Site (see below).
Alternative site for designation - Local Wildlife Site within the nominated site's boundary	The area designated as a Local Wildlife Site is demonstrably special for its beauty and wildlife value. See comments in table below.

Number of nominations received	5
Site visit date	27th July 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	**NO** - But it is noted that a Town and Village Green application has been submitted but no decision as of January 2015
Does the site have planning permission?	**YES (in part)** - no. 1 housing application. This area is excluded from the designation.
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation? If this applies see comments below.	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local residents
Particular Beauty	**YES** (in part) - Forest Recreation Ground is not considered uniquely beautiful, as a whole, but the banks surrounding the recreation ground would be appropriate to designate as Local Green Space for this reason as they represent a unique feature.
Historic Significance	**NO** - none identified of unique significance.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - none identified.
Recreational Value	**NO** - no unique recreational significance identified that could not be replicated elsewhere. It is reasonable that similar recreational activities could be provided elsewhere in the local vicinity.
Tranquil	**NO** - Although there are recognised smaller areas for quiet contemplation, the recreation ground and former cricket pitch are surrounded by development which detracts from the site's overall tranquillity value.
Richness of Wildlife	**YES (in part)** - Only the Local Wildlife Site section of this site is considered notable for designation. This is a difficult habitat to replace or replicate elsewhere and it is of at least county significance.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Owned by MDC and managed with support from the parks friends group.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT1 Also note: a Town and Village Green application has been submitted but no decision as of January 2015
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure and community open space policies



D.3 Spa Ponds.

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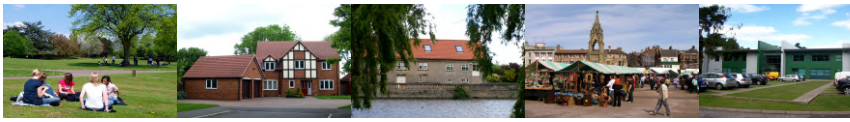
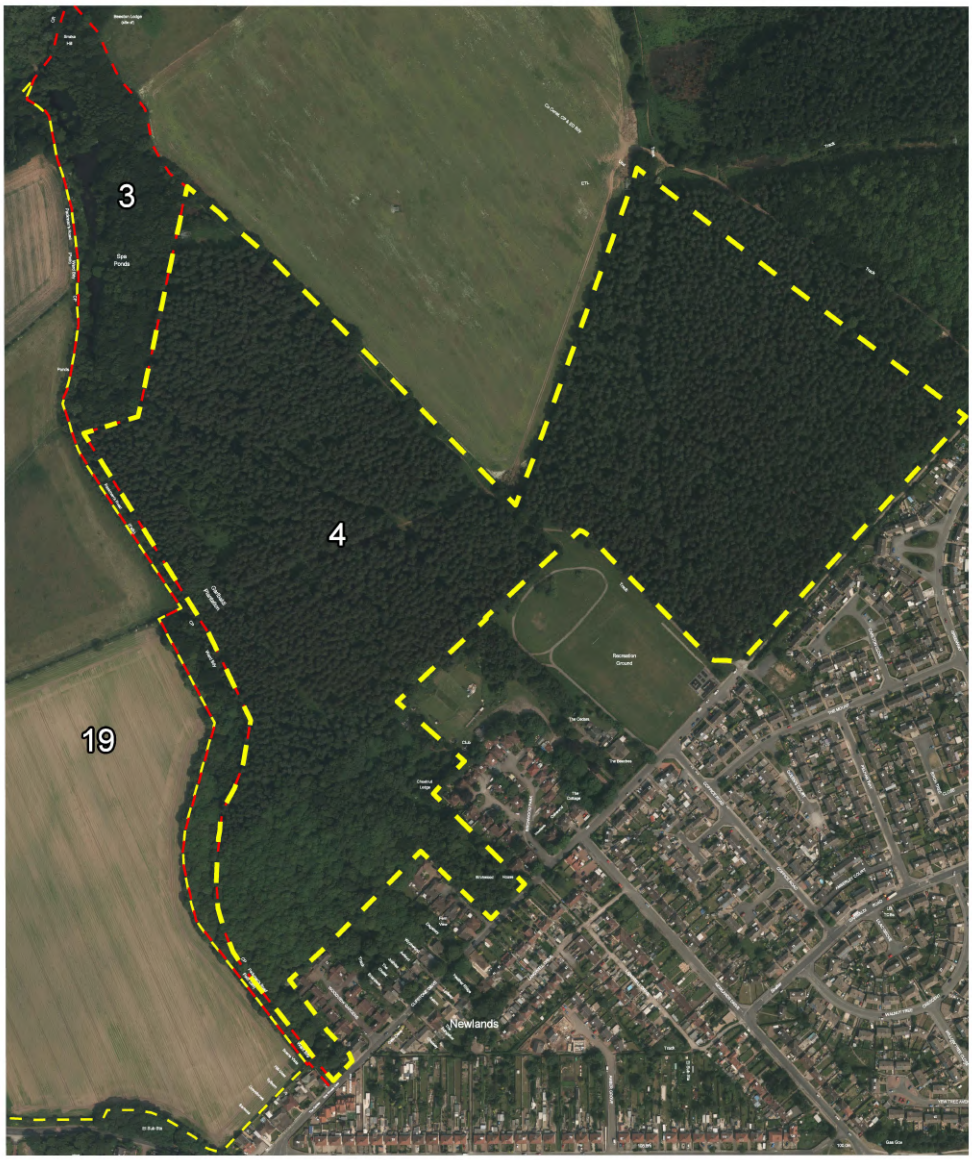
TITLE	DATE	24/12/14
3. Spa Ponds	SCALE	NTS
	DRAWN	C Dennis

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	This site meets all the criteria and offers a unique & tranquil recreational experience on the edge of Forest Town, Mansfield Woodhouse and Clipstone urban areas , of which could not be replicated elsewhere. It has special historic and wildlife significance of at least county importance. It is also an important part of the Sherwood Landscape Character Area.

Number of nominations received	3
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Forest Town Residents, Clipstone and Mansfield Woodhouse Residents, ramblers groups.
Particular Beauty	**YES** - for its unique woodland and wetland setting. It positively contributes to the wider Sherwood landscape character area.
Historic Significance	**YES** - References dating back to 1747 are mentioned in the book 'A Celebration of Kings Clipstone'. The area dates back to Richard II hunting grounds.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**YES** - Friends group conservation activities, ramblers organised walks and school groups.
Recreational Value	**YES** - Fishing (there are very few opportunities for pond fishing within the district as a whole). The site is within an accessible woodland offering an unique setting for walking and horse riding near to the urban areas. Spa Ponds is included as a feature of interest in a Nottinghamshire County Council "Heritage walk".
Tranquil	**YES** - The forest /woodland setting sets it apart from any urban influences, providing an atmosphere of being "away from it all".
Richness of Wildlife	**YES** - the majority of this site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site and supports Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats. It also offers an important link to wider forest network and river corridor.
Site ownership	Community owned
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	The site is owned by the Forest Town Nature Conservation Group in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. It is currently actively wardened by local residents (litter picking, neighbourhood watch, etc.). There is a management plan in place.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	NE1 & NE7, Local Wildlife Site
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure and community open space policies



D.4 Garibaldi Plantation, Spa Ponds and woods to the north of Spa Ponds



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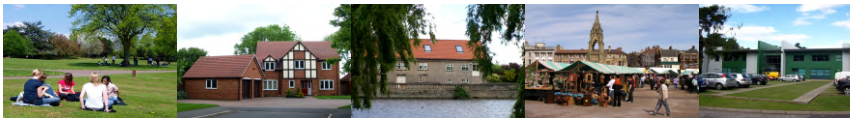
TITLE	DATE	24/12/14
4. Garibaldi Plantation, Spa Ponds and woods to the north of Spa Ponds	SCALE	NTS
	DRAWN	C Dennis

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO - but part is suitable for designation. See below.	Although this area supports diverse wildlife, is tranquil, has a wider landscape importance, and is close to communities, it is currently private land and managed for commercial forestry purposes only. Therefore, it cannot be guaranteed that its features will be sustained throughout its lifetime and beyond the local plan period. The site is not managed for public access. Visual amenity is limited from from the public trail leading to Spa Ponds (Packman's Way public rights of way) and Spa Ponds community space, whiich covers only a limited portion of Garibalidi Plantation.
Alternative site for designation - Spa Ponds	Spa Ponds is more appropriately suitable for Local Green Space designation. See Table D.3 and map above.

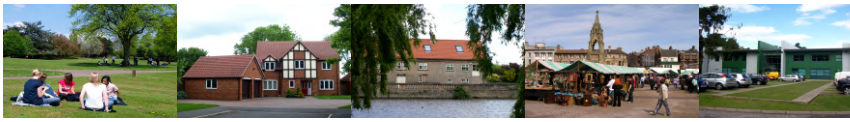
Number of nominations received	3
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the nominated site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the nominated site have planning permission?	NO
Is the nominated site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO - it is considered that Garibaldi Plantation is not an extensive area of open countryside.
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation? Please see above site D.3 for this information.	**YES** - Spa Ponds (Please see information regarding this site in the above table D.3 and map.)
Is the nominated site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Mainly local residents of Forest Town and Mansfield Woodhouse but it also attracts ramblers groups.
Particular Beauty	**YES** - for its woodland setting which is a rare resource in Forest Town. It positively contributes to the wider Sherwood landscape character area.
Historic Significance	**NO** - The woodlands immediately surrounding Spa Ponds are likely to have a historical connection with Sherwood Forest, but no specific unique historical importance for the whole of the site was found.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - no specific events found.
Recreational Value	**NO** - there is an extensive network of permissible paths by the landowner, but there aren't any official public rights of way throughout the site (excluding the public rights of way leading to Spa Ponds).
Tranquil	**NO** - This woodland does offer a tranquil setting on the edge of the urban area and adds to the setting of Spa Ponds (site above). As noted under 'recreation value' above, the whole of the plantation isn't publicly accessible and adjacent public trails are located within a small portion of the overall plantation. Therefore the ability of the public to enjoy this area, in its entirely, is limited.
Richness of Wildlife	**YES** - The area supports a variety of wildlife due to its size and woodland habitat and maturity e.g. bats, foxes, badgers, deer and many varieties of birds. This is a Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitat. It offers an important wildlife linkage to the wider forest and river corridor networks.
Site ownership	Private
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	These forestry plantations are privately owned and managed by the Forestry Commission (approximately 900 year lease) for commercial forestry purposes and not primarily for recreation, landscape or wildlife benefits. Therefore, it cannot guarantee that the site's special feature can be endured beyond the local plan period.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	NE1 - Outside the urban boundary
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure, landscape character, and countryside policies.



D.5 Larkhills Park.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	The site offers an opportunity to experience views of the adjacent open countryside which is unique for this type of public open space in the district. As there is a general lack of available recreational open space in this part of Forest Town, it holds a high level of recreational importance, serving local communities.

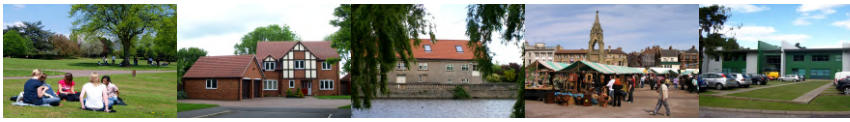
Number of nominations received	3
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local Community - residents of Forest Town most likely within the immediate vicinity.
Particular Beauty	**YES** - The setting of the recreation ground is such that it affords views towards the wider countryside. This is a unique experience not found with other parks in the District.
Historic Significance	**NO** - none identified of unique significance.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - none identified
Recreational Value	**Yes** - It provides access to recreational open space which is generally lacking in this area of Forest Town.
Tranquil	**NO** - Although there are benches set out for quiet contemplation, the site is not perceived as 'uniquely tranquil' as a whole. It is surrounded by houses which has a strong detracting influence on its significance as a tranquil area. The presence of the football pitch indicates that the site would not be tranquil during matches.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - Although it will offer wildlife value in the broader sense due to existing scrub/shrubs present and its proximity to the countryside, there is no evidence to suggest that is it of particular district or county importance for wildlife.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	MDC owned site and managed.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT2
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Community open space policy



D.6 Berry Hill Park

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	This park offers a unique experience for residents in the district and neighbouring areas due to its close association with county and national athletics. It is akin to a country park-like resource due to its size and facilities. It is historically significant to the district. It holds a unique beauty due to its combined features (e.g. pond, surrounding woodlands). Most of the site could be considered tranquil. A majority of the site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site.

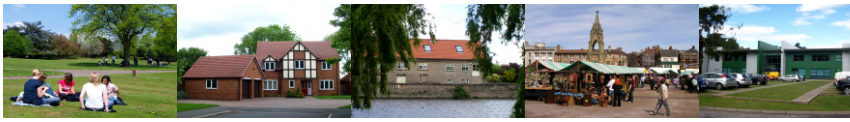
Number of nominations received	3
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES - for those living in the immediate area but the site also serves a wider district and county importance
Which community does the green space serve?	Neighbourhood, district and county importance
Particular Beauty	YES - due to its mature setting, sheer size and maturity. It has a 'country-park' like setting. It is acknowledged that much of the built structures within the park detract from the more natural beauty of the site, but is this considered to be a minor impact on the site as a whole.
Historic Significance	YES - The park formed part of an estate to Bury Hall (1730-1920s). The park was included in the grounds to the hall when it became a rehabilitation hospital (1920s). The existing form of the park has changed very little. It was donated by the miners union for the recreation of Mansfield and surrounding area.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	YES - Athletic championships are associated with the running track (e.g. National cross country relay championships in November 2014).
Recreational Value	YES - The running track provides a unique sports facility. The size and setting of the park provides a unique opportunity for walking and other informal recreational uses. These would be very difficult to replicate on an alternative site.
Tranquil	YES - The majority of the park is tranquil as most of the park offers an 'escape' from surrounding built-up areas. Its accessible woodland, pond and surrounding tree/woodland edges add to this.
Richness of Wildlife	YES - The majority of the site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site which indicates it has a value of at least county importance.
Site ownership	Private
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	This is a privately owned green space, governed by a board of trustees set up to ensure the site is enjoyed by the pubic. The site has a realistic opportunity of being maintained in the longer term future.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT1
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure and Community open space policies



D.7 Land between Brunt's School and Carr Bank Park.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	These fields are unique remnants of the district's history, contributing an important role towards conserving the setting of The Park Conservation Area and nearby listed buildings. Although this site is within a Conservation Area, the Local Green Space status gives additional recognition to the site's importance as a unique setting, its wider historical context and its rarity and historical intactness. Although these fields are not publicly accessible, they are openly visible to the public and add an important amenity value.

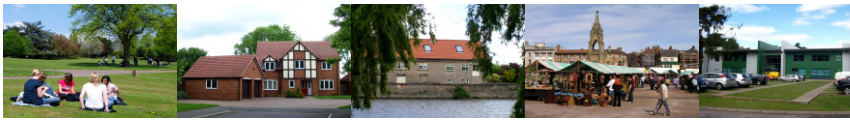
Number of nominations received	3
Site visit date	27th June
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	The Park Conservation Area
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local residents and Brunt's School commuters
Particular Beauty	**NO** - It is not considered that the site's overall setting offers a uniquely 'beautiful setting' due to over grazing and lack of unique features.
Historic Significance	**YES** - These fields are historically important to the special character, historic interest and setting of The Park Conservation Area including Windmill Lane and Carr Bank Park and to two historic listed buildings to the south (Bath Mill and Stanton Mill). The fields off Windmill Lane, to the east, open out and stretch down the hill to Bath Lane. The fields retain their historic enclosed field patterns and are the last remnant fields in the locality. They provide an essential link between the modern urban environment and the former more rural open landscape environment.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - none identified.
Recreational Value	**NO** - Although it does provide visual amenity value, the site is not publicly accessible and therefore offers no unique recreational value. Its unique value is best attributed to its historical setting.
Tranquil	**NO** - it is adjacent to roads and urban area and as such, it doesn't offer an uniquely tranquil experience.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - there are no known habitats of at least district/county importance or Local Wildlife Sites.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	The land is owned by Nottinghamshire County Council and Mansfield District Council. It is part of 'The Park' Conservation Appraisal and Management Plan. The site is leased for horse grazing which maintains its open quality and historic use.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	NE1 and NE5
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure, landscape character and open countryside policies.



D.8 The Rock Houses, Rock Hill.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO	The site (as a green space) doesn't fit any of the criteria. It is best to continue to protect this site as a local heritage asset.

Number of nominations received	2
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	N/A, see below.
Which community does the green space serve?	The green spaces surrounding the Rock Houses don't currently serve the public as they are not accessible and fencing also prevents people from viewing the site.
Particular Beauty	NO - the site is not viewed as a naturally beautiful area as the area is fenced off and derelict.
Historic Significance	NO - Although the buildings are of local historical significance, it is considered more appropriate to protect the site for its important buildings rather than as Local Green Space. No clear historically significant links were found between the Rock Houses and Fisher Lane Park.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	NO - none identified.
Recreational Value	NO - the green spaces are not publicly accessible and neither is it fully visually accessible to the public.
Tranquil	NO - the site is located directly adjacent to a busy road.
Richness of Wildlife	NO - The buildings could possibly support bats and other brownfield wildlife but this is not, to our knowledge, supported by evidence.
Site ownership	Private
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	None identified.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	Local heritage asset and historic environment policies
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Protected under historic environment related policies as a recognised local heritage asset.



D.9 Barringer Road Field & Maun Valley Local Nature Reserve.

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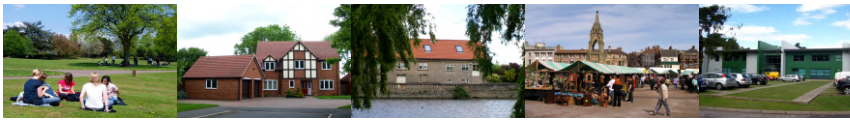
TITLE
9. Barringer Road Field & Maun Valley Local Nature Reserve

DATE 24/12/14
SCALE NTS
DRAWN C Dennis

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO	The site doesn't sufficiently fit any of the criteria for Local Green Space designation. In the wider sense, the Barringer Road fields, BMX track and Maun Valley LNR are connected with the Maun Valley green corridor and possibly act as important areas for flood storage. Therefore, it is recommended that the area is protected under other relevant green infrastructure, nature conservation, flood risk and community open space related policies in the local plan.

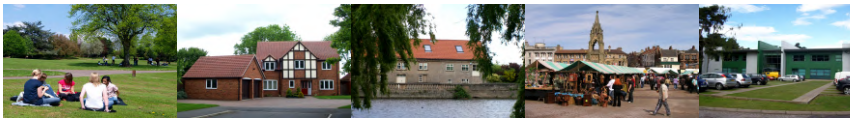
Number of nominations received	2
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	**IN PART** - 'Maun Valley' Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	**YES** - green corridor
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	Barringer Road Field (of which the following notes below apply)
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local residents and possibly Maun Valley Leisure Centre users.
Particular Beauty	**NO** - Barringer Road Field and BMX track don't appear to have a particularly beautiful setting as it is mostly a mown field with surrounding hedges.
Historic Significance	**NO** - Not in its current form. Although it was dedicated as land (20/5/1982) upon trust for perpetual use by the public open space act 1906, this is not of sufficiently unique historical importance.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - none identified
Recreational Value	**NO** - although it serves as a football pitch and BMX tract, it was not perceived that these functions couldn't be served on other nearby green spaces.
Tranquil	**NO** - the fields are surrounded by development and next to busy roads.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - the site is currently managed for its formal recreation facilities and does not support recognised national or county priority habitats for other wildlife features.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Mansfield District Council owned and managed.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT2 & NE1
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure , community open space and landscape character and open countryside policies.



D.10 'The Scrape' (part of Quarry Lane Local Nature Reserve).

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	Although the area is protected as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR), the Scrape is seen as an unique pocket within the Quarry Lane LNR. Recognition as a Local Green Space would protect this as a local resource for residents, school groups and other interest groups for its unique beauty and recreational value.

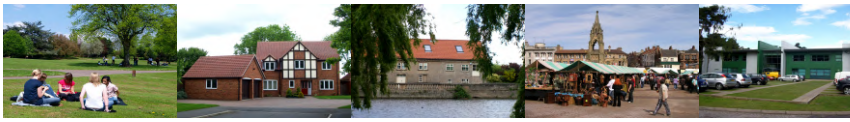
Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	30th June 2014
Present at site visit	KB & PS
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	YES (IN PART) -' Quarry Lane' Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local residents, school groups and other special interest groups
Particular Beauty	**YES** - The area, as a whole, has a special beauty along the river and adjacent to the viaduct.
Historic Significance	**Yes** - Although the site is located adjacent to a historical landmark (Mansfield railway viaduct), the site isn't directly connected with this historic asset. See notes below.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**YES** - The site provides an unique site for pond dipping and school group visits, that would be difficult to take place or be replaced on another sire in the local area. As such, it holds local historic significance.
Recreational Value	**YES** - It is recognised that the area offers opportunity for pond dipping and quiet contemplation of which couldn't be created elsewhere within the river corridor. The site is unique as it also is wheel chair accessible. It would be difficult to replicate this elsewhere due to unsuitable, heavily silted conditions along this stretch of the River Maun. The existing fishing platform at Field Mill Pond is not safe for pond dipping.
Tranquil	**NO** - Although it is located within the LNR, it is next to a busy road and overlooked from the viaduct.
Richness of Wildlife	**YES** - The site supports a wide variety of birds including Little Grebes and breeding Mute Swans, Kingfishers, Grey Wagtails, Spotted Flycatcher, Bullfinch and Water Voles. Designated as a Local Wildlife Site.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Mansfield District Council owned and managed in partnership with an active friends group.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LNR
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure, protected network of sites, and flood risk policies.



D.11 The Lords Ground, Mansfield Woodhouse.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO	The site doesn't sufficiently fit any of the criteria to be recommended for Local Green Space designation. It is recommended that it is protected by other relevant community open space policies.

Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	30th June 2014
Present at site visit	KB & PS
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Mansfield Woodhouse/ local residents / rugby teams
Particular Beauty	**NO** - this is a formally mown area with minimal landscaping.
Historic Significance	**NO** - none identified of unique significance.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - Although rugby matches (Woodhouse Giants) are currently played and the Mansfield Woodhouse Youth Project mobile bus stops here, it may be possible for these to take place elsewhere in the Mansfield Woodhouse area.
Recreational Value	**NO** - The rugby pitch provision could be reasonably provided at an alternative site in the Mansfield Woodhouse area e.g. Manor Park (as per consultation with Mansfield District Council Parks team).
Tranquil	**NO** - this is an area of green space surrounded by development with no natural screening.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - there are no notable wildlife features, priority habitats or designated Local Wildlife Sites.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	The site is owned by MDC and managed by Woodhouse Giants Rugby Club who are engaging with youth and school groups.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT2
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Community open space policy



D.12 Yeoman Hill Park

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12. Yeoman Hill Park	SCALE	NTS
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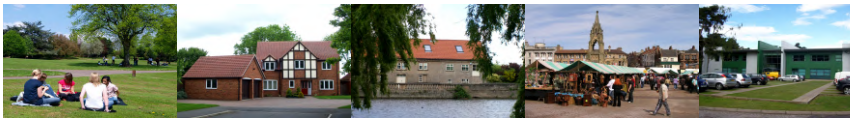
Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	In addition to its important contribution to the historical setting of the area (located within the Mansfield Woodhouse Conservation Area), this is a historic park with WWI & WWII memorials . There are important, regular recreational and cultural/social events that occur. It offers a unique recreational experience with a diverse range of formal and informal facilities.

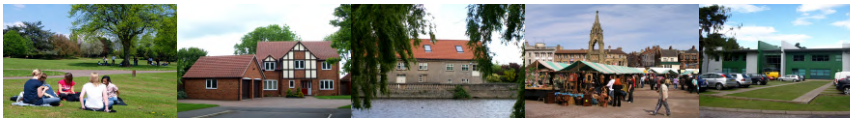
Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	30th June 2014
Present at site visit	KB & PS
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	YES - Mansfield Woodhouse Conservation Area
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Primarily Mansfield Woodhouse, local school groups, scouts groups, bowls club but also visitors across the district (e.g. for concerts).
Particular Beauty	**NO** - Although, it is recognised that there are certain features such as mature trees and formal garden areas that are beautiful in themselves, it is not considered that the park has a uniquely beautiful setting, as a whole.
Historic Significance	**YES** - The park was donated to the people of Mansfield Woodhouse by the sixth Duke of Portland to commemorate his and his wife, Winifred's 25th wedding anniversary in 1914 and the 21st birthday of their son, the Marques of Titchfield. Includes significant historical features including: an historic war memorial (1920) and an Art Deco 1930's bandstand. It is also located within the Mansfield Woodhouse Conservation Area.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**YES** - Summer fayre /carnival/ talent competitions, etc.
Recreational Value	**YES** - The combination of formal and informal recreational facilities that are situated all within one site would not be possible to recreate elsewhere in Mansfield Woodhouse.
Tranquil	**NO** - There are small areas that could be considered tranquil but overall the area is surrounded by dense residential development.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - Although there are areas of formal and informal planting that provide wildlife benefit (e.g. pollination and shade), this isn't a notable wildlife area of district or greater wildlife importance that meets the criteria.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Yeoman Hill Park is supported by a friends group who work alongside Mansfield District Council to help manage and maintain the park. Other community groups such as schools, scouts, rainbows, brownies and guides are also involved in the management and park improvements. Green Flag management plan in place.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT1
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure and community open space policies.



D.13 The Carrs, Market Warsop.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	The Carrs is an uniquely important green space within Warsop Parish and of particular importance for Market Warsop and Church Warsop. The site is central to the area's landscape character, local setting and history. It supports UK and Nottinghamshire priority habitats. It plays a key role in providing a special recreational resource and a place for the annual Warsop Carnival.

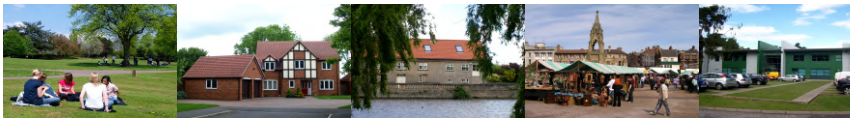
Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	**Yes** - Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Trust. The Carrs Local Nature Reserve (in part). Church Warsop Conservation Area (in part).
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	Yes
Which community does the green space serve?	The Parish of Warsop
Particular Beauty	**YES** - The overall countryside setting, Mill Pond, River Meden and maturity of the site contribute to the area's unique setting.
Historic Significance	**YES** - Gifted as Queen Elizabeth Field in Trust. It has an important connection with a historic mill. The site's layout retains similar field patterns today as it was in the 1830s Sanderson maps. The Mill Pond is located within the Church Warsop Conservation Area. It is the location of the annual Warsop Carnival.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**YES** - Warsop Carnival
Recreational Value	**YES** - The scale of The Carrs and its unique setting on the edge of Market Warsop and Church Warsop provides informal recreational opportunities that would be impossible to re-create elsewhere e.g. walking and cycling opportunities; fishing platforms located around the Mill Pond; and an important recreation linkage along the River Meden green corridor. It acts as an important commuting green link between Church Warsop and Market Warsop. It is the main locally used green space in Market Warsop and Church Warsop.
Tranquil	**NO** - It is recognised that there are certain parts of The Carrs that could be considered tranquil, but the park is not considered tranquil as a whole due to the surrounding urban influences.
Richness of Wildlife	**YES** - It provides an opportunity for important habitat for European protected wildlife (Water Voles and Otter). The River Meden and associated habitats are UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats. It includes a Local Wildlife Site. There are plans to restore this area back to wet woodland/wet grassland.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	The land is owned by Mansfield District Council and is managed in partnership with the Friends of The Carrs.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT1, NE1 & NE4D, Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field status and Local Nature Reserve, Conservation Area
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure, community open space, landscape character and open countryside policies.



D.14 Carr Bank Park.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	This is a historic memorial park with three war memorials. It offers a variety of informal and formal recreational opportunities/facilities that would be difficult to replicate elsewhere within the local area or the district. It has an active friends group. It offers a unique setting for community events and adds to the setting of local area.

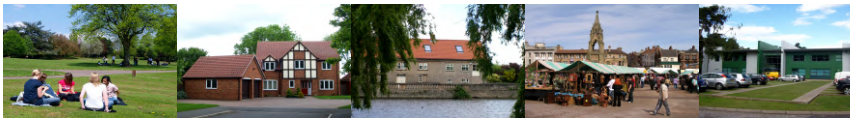
Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	27/th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	'The Park' Conservation Area
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	District-wide
Particular Beauty	**YES** - based on the maturity of the formalised layout and landscaping, the topography and overall setting.
Historic Significance	**YES** - Created in the early 1800s by the Stanton family, this park became the first public park in Mansfield. The 6th Duke of Portland sold the house and grounds to provide the town with a memorial park to the thousands who had fallen in World War I. A war memorial was unveiled on 4th August 1921 and the park was opened to the public in 1924. Very little of the park's structure and features have changed since.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**YES** - Weddings (this is the only registered pavilion for wedding events in the district). Open air concerts. Christmas Santa's grotto.
Recreational Value	**YES** - No other green space offers the same level of formal and informal recreational opportunities within this area of Mansfield Woodhouse. Includes rose gardens, play area, multi-use games area, basketball and tennis, pavilion, performance area, bowling green, wild flower meadow, orchard and parkland lawns and Santa's grotto. Also has a pavilion for local groups to use with a toilet and kitchen facilities. The park is part of the Maun Valley green corridor.
Tranquil	**NO** - Although it is acknowledge that there are smaller areas for quiet contemplation within the park of which are tranquil (e.g. peace gardens), the whole of the site cannot be considered uniquely tranquil as it is surrounded by built up areas and roads.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - Although it is acknowledged that the park has mature landscaping which benefits wildlife, there are no notable Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats, designated local wildlife sites or notable wildlife features.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Land owned & managed by Mansfield District Council. The Friends of Carr Bank Park care for the park and carry out a variety of practical tasks, events and school visits. Green Flag management plan.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT1 & NE1
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure, open countryside, and community open space policies.



D.15 Millennium Green, Mansfield Woodhouse.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	This site is a significant green space within the Mansfield Woodhouse Conservation Area but also a historical viewpoint in its own right. It is one of few areas in Mansfield Woodhouse that affords wider views of the countryside and townscape in an otherwise densely urbanised setting within Mansfield Woodhouse. It contains important semi-natural neutral grassland which is rare in a densely built-up area of which it would be difficult to replicate elsewhere on any nearby urban green spaces.

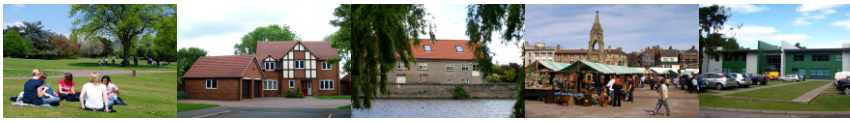
Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	YES - Mansfield Woodhouse Conservation Area
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local Community - Mansfield Woodhouse and nearby residents
Particular Beauty	**NO** - Although it has the potential to support enhancements, it is not considered uniquely beautiful in its current form.
Historic Significance	**YES** - The site provides historic access to the old vicarage to the south. It is an important historical viewpoint and important to the character setting of Mansfield Woodhouse Conservation Area affording views across the town scape.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - although it is recognised that the friends group hold nature conservation awareness events.
Recreational Value	**NO** - one could also quietly sit in areas of Yeoman Hill Park.
Tranquil	**NO** - Although it is surrounded by hedges, one can still view the surrounding residential developments and the feel is still very urban in nature.
Richness of Wildlife	**YES** - The site contains remnant semi-natural neutral grassland which is a Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitat and rare within an urban setting of which would be difficult to replicate else where.
Site ownership	Community owned
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Mansfield Woodhouse Millennium Green Trust manage the site. Recent ecological surveys inform the management of the site.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	Mansfield Woodhouse Conservation Area
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Biodiversity, conservation area and community open space policies.



D.16 Litchfield Lane / Chatsworth Drive Woodland.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	This is a rare pocket of publicly accessible woodland in the district that links with Berry Hill Park and offers a uniquely beautiful and tranquil setting for walking and cycling.

Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	27th June 2014
Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local Community - nearby residents
Particular Beauty	**YES** - A rare example of a publicly accessible urban woodland in the district
Historic Significance	**YES** - as a historic remnant woodland in the urban area. This site has been historically wooded at least since 1875. It includes a historic chestnut copse.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - none identified.
Recreational Value	**YES** - Offers informal recreational opportunity for walking and cycling that cannot simply be created elsewhere in the urban area. It represents a rare pocket of publicly accessible woodland in the district.
Tranquil	**YES** - The site's tree cover offers a quiet oasis within a densely urban area in which the urban influence is obscured.
Richness of Wildlife	**YES** - the section of woodland adjacent to Berry Hill Park is considered of at least county importance and is likely to become an extension of the existing Local Wildlife Site at Berry Hill Park. As is is an urban woodland this is an unique features within the district.
Site ownership	Public - owned by MDC.
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	There is evidence of path maintenance. Awaiting feedback from Parks.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT2
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure, and community open space policies.



D.17 Old Meeting House (Unitarian Church) Mill Walk / Quaker Way.

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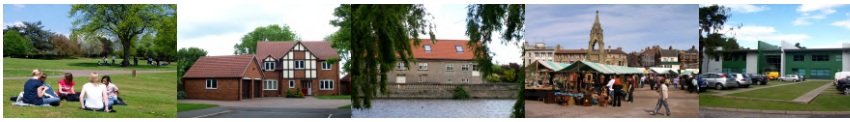
17. Old Meeting House (Unitarian Church) Mill Walk / Quaker Way	SCALE	NTS
	DRAWN	C Dennis

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
YES	This urban green space is historically associated with the Unitarian Meeting House on Quaker Way which is the oldest purpose-built nonconformist place of worship in Nottinghamshire and a Grade II* Listed Building. The green space is important to the setting of the listed building and the town centre's history. It is the only green space within the town centre.

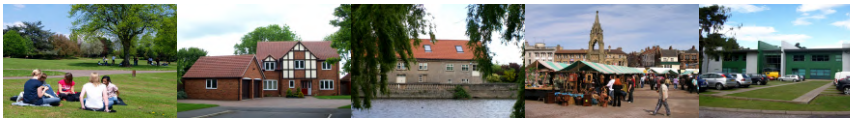
Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	30th June
Present at site visit	KB & PS
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO - although the nearby building is a Grade II* Listed Building
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Unitarian Church and Town Centre users
Particular Beauty	**NO** - none identified of unique significance.
Historic Significance	**YES** - The green space is associated with the Unitarian Meeting House on Quaker Way which is the oldest purpose-built nonconformist place of worship in Nottinghamshire.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - There are regular events at the church, but there aren't any specific events held within the green space itself.
Recreational Value	**YES** - this is the only green space within the town centre.
Tranquil	**NO** - none identified of unique significance as the area is heavily influenced by built development.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - none identified of unique significance.
Site ownership	Private
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Privately owned but managed by the church.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	None
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Historic Environment policies.



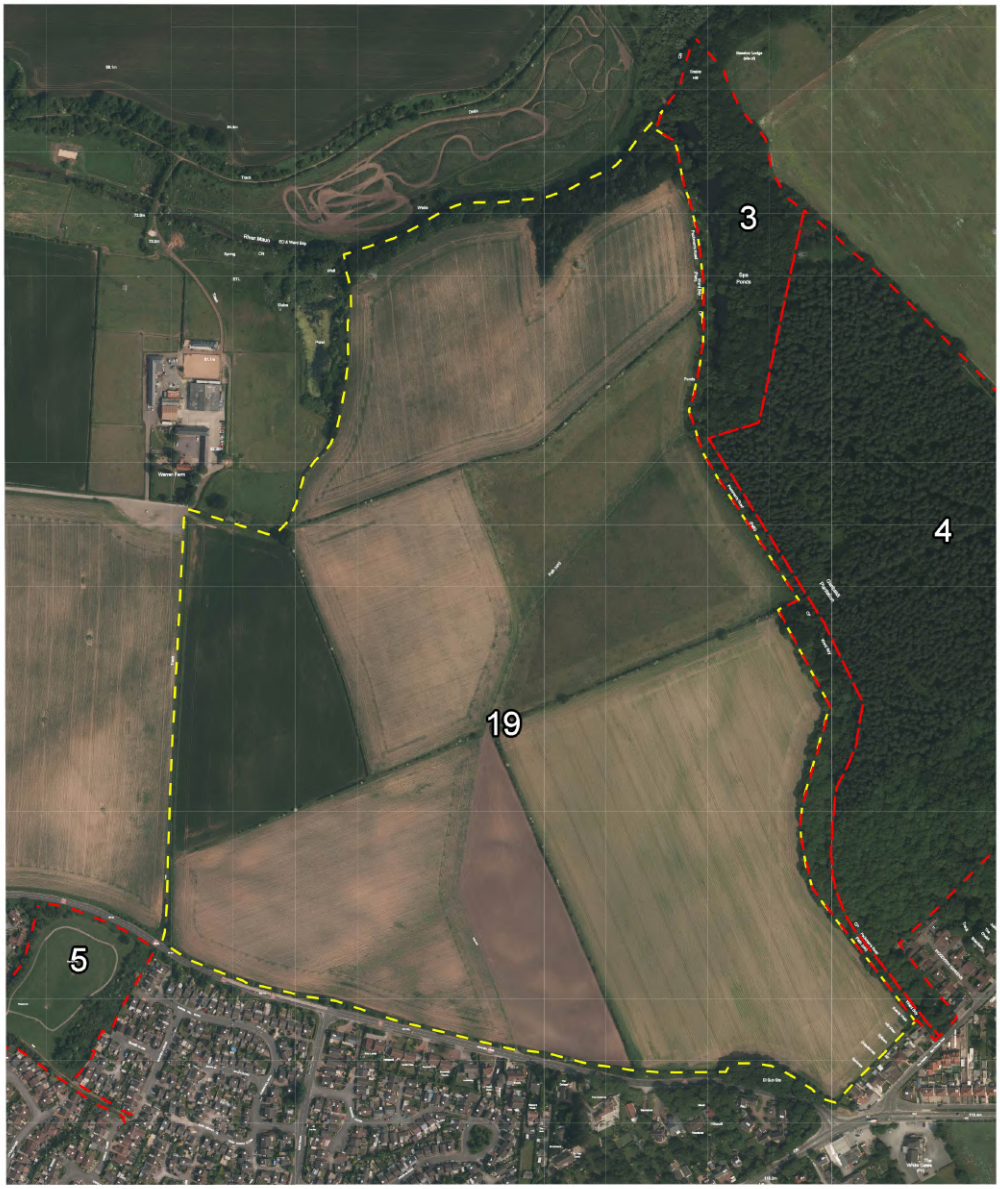
D.18 Area Running From Titchfield Park to Kings Mill Reservoir including Quarry Lane LNR.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO - but part is suitable for designation. See below.	The nomination put forward is considered a 'large tract of land' covering a large area extending from Kings Mill Reservoir to Titchfield Park (see criteria 5 in Table 1.1). A majority of the site is also protected by existing Local Nature Reserve Designation (see criteria 4 in Table 1.1). Therefore this nomination is not suitable for designation, in its entirety.
Alternative site for designation- Titchfield Park	Titchfield Park is a historical park within the district that has a district-wide catchment. The River Maun that runs through the park and its landscaping features gives this site its unique beauty. It is one of a few parks that supports petanque facilities in the county. It also has a special relationship with Water Meadows leisure centre and is an important link within the Timberland Trail recreational green corridor. It provides for a variety of formal and informal facilities.

Present at site visit	DB. KB. PS.
Is the nominated site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	YES - three Local Nature Reserves (LNR): Hermitage Lane LNR, Oakham LNR and Quarry Lane LNR. Titchfield Park is a Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust
Does the nominated site have planning permission?	NO
Is the nominated site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	YES, but part of this nomination is suitable for designation (see below).
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation? If this applies see comments below.	**YES** - Titchfield Park (The comments below relate to Titchfield Park only.)
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	District-wide
Particular Beauty	**YES** - The formal landscaping and the uniqueness of the River Maun running through it gives it a 'unique beauty' value.
Historic Significance	**YES** - Titchfield Park is one of Mansfield's oldest public parks. By 1914 a paddling pool and bowling green had been added and was given to Mansfield Corporation in when the Duke of Portland's son, the Marquis of Titchfield, came of age.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**YES** - Petanque Nationals, fitness classes.
Recreational Value	**YES** - The combination of features and facilities within the park offers a unique recreational experience for members of the community, e.g. green gym, running, quiet contemplation, MUGA, petanque, and children's play area. It is an important part of the Timberland Trail recreational green corridor. It has a close association with Water Meadows and other nearby fitness centres.
Tranquil	**NO** - The park is surrounded by development and next to busy roads.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - Although it is recognised that the area has the potential to be managed more sensitively for wildlife, the park is currently managed for formal recreation facilities and does not support recognised national or county priority habitats.
Site ownership	Public
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	Mansfield District Council owned and managed. Green Flag management plan.
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT1 & BE6
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Area to be included in the green infrastructure network, flood risk and community open space policies.



D.19 Land around New Mill Lane and Garibaldi Plantation.



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19. Land around New Mill Lane and Garibaldi Plantation

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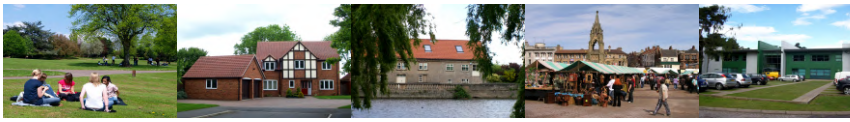
SCALE NTS
DRAWN C Dennis

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO	The site is considered to be a 'large tract of land' and therefore not suitable for designation. It is probably best protected through open countryside and green infrastructure policies.
Alternative site for designation- Spa Ponds	See comments in D3 of this appendix.

D.20 Sandy Lane playing field, off Garratt Avenue, Mansfield.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO	This site holds no unique features or role according to the local green space criteria. The existing sports pitch could be accommodated elsewhere on nearby green space. As it is an important gateway for residents accessing the wider Maun Valley strategic green infrastructure network, it is best protected by related green infrastructure and community open space policies.



Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	February 2015
Present at site visit	KB, CD
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	NO
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	YES (in part)
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Local residents living nearby
Particular Beauty	**NO** - This site lacks unique features of unique significance.
Historic Significance	**NO** - None identified.
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**NO** - No known events are held within the green space itself.
Recreational Value	**NO -** There is currently one football pitch and other informal areas of which could be reasonably provided at an alternative site nearby. Carr Bank Park is also adjacent.
Tranquil	**NO** - none identified of unique significance as the area is heavily influenced by built development.
Richness of Wildlife	**NO** - The site is very featureless and doesn't contain any wildlife areas of at least county importance.
Site ownership	Mansfield District Council
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	N/A
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	LT2
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2013-2033)	Green infrastructure and community open space policies.

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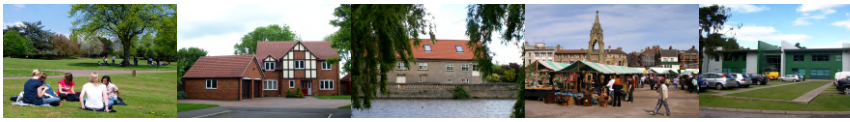
D.21 Green Lane/public footpath connecting the B6030 and Newlands Road, Forest Town.

Suitable for designation?	Reason for decision
NO	This area is currently protected by a public rights of way. As such it doesn't meet the Local Green Space criteria.



Number of nominations received	1
Site visit date	February 2015
Present at site visit	KB
Is the site already protected by policy or legislation e.g. SSSI, LNR, Town & Village Green?	Yes - Public rights of way legislation
Does the site have planning permission?	NO
Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?	NO
Is the nominated site a large area (tract) of land?	NO
Is there a smaller area that could be considered for designation?	N/A
Is the site reasonably close to the community (ies) it serves?	YES
Which community does the green space serve?	Ramblers and local residents
Particular Beauty	**N/A**
Historic Significance	N/A
Regular/ Important events that occur on site, of which would be difficult to replace in the local vicinity.	**N/A**
Recreational Value	**N/A**
Tranquil	**N/A**
Richness of Wildlife	**N/A**
Site ownership	Unknown
How will the site be sustained so that it's value and features are maintained and enjoyed now and in the future? Evidence of management plans, etc.	N/A
Existing protection designations in 1998 Local Plan	None
Other appropriate protection brought forward in the new Local Plan (2011-2031)	Green infrastructure policy

Appendix E Public consultation exercise

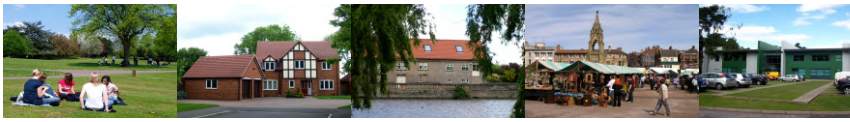
Below is a summary of the public consultation exercise that informed the designating of sites for Local Green Space protection.

Step 1 : A six week public consultation commenced 17th March and ended 30th April 2014

E.1 This included the following means for 'getting the word out'

- Posters were placed in all libraries and leisure centres in the district.
    - Mansfield Library
    - Rainworth Library
    - Ladybrook Library
    - Warsop Library
    - Forest Town Library
    - Clipstone Library
    - Mansfield Woodhouse Library
    - River Maun Recreation Centre
    - Rebecca Addlington Swimming Centre
    - Watermeadows Swimming Complex
    - Meden Sports Centre
    - Oak Tree Lane Leisure Centre

- Posters were placed in the Mansfield District Council Civic Centre and also at the Warsop Town Hall
- The request for nominations featured on BBC Radio Mansfield (featuring Councillor Phil Shields)
- Letters/emails were sent to all Mansfield District Council Parks Friends groups and known community groups in the district
    - RSPB Local Mansfield Group
    - Oak Tree SAFE
    - Oak Tree Conservation Group
    - Friends of Thynghowe



- In Step Mansfield
- Friends of Yeoman Hill Park
- Friends of Quarry Lane
- Friends of the Hornby Plantation
- Friends of Fisher Lane Park
- Friends of Forest Road Park
- Friends of Peafield Park
- Friends of Kings Mill Reservoir/Hermitage
- Friends of The Carrs
- Friends of Carr Bank Park
- Maun Conservation Group
- Mansfield Woodhouse Millennium Green Trust
- Mansfield Woodhouse Society
- Warsop Footpaths Group
- Forest Town Nature Group
- Forest Town Nature Conservation Group - Rushpool Open Space
- The Friends of Greenwood Community Forum
- Peafield Community Association
- Sherwood Change Conversation email group

E.2 As explained in Section 3.1, the public was asked to complete web-based nomination forms but options were also available to nominated sites by the phone, in person or in writing. The web text and nomination form can be viewed in Appendices A & B.

Step 2: Private landowners notified

E.3 Once the nominations were received and the sites assessed according to the criteria as set out in Section 1.2, private landowners were notified of intentions to designated sites as Local Green Space (December/January 2015). There is opportunity for formal representation / feedback at the wider Local Plan public consultation stage (Step 5 below).

Step 3: Mansfield District Council Property Services and Parks notified

E.4 Once the nominations were received and the sites assessed according to the criteria as set out in Section 1.2, the Council's Property Services and Parks departments were notified of intentions to designated sites as Local Green Space (December/January 2015). Feedback was then taken into account as part of the consultation process in order to inform a balanced decision on the designation of sites. There is opportunity for formal representation / feedback at the wider Local Plan public consultation stage (Step 5 below).

Step 4: Elected Councillors (Select Commission 2) notified

E.5 Elected Councillors (Select Commission 2) were sent a briefing paper of intentions to designated sites as Local Green Space (January 2015). This followed on from an earlier briefing paper on the draft Local Green Space policy (June 2014). There is opportunity for formal representation / feedback at the wider Local Plan public consultation stage (Step 5 below).

Step 5: Opportunity wider for public consultation on Local Green Space during the Local Plan (Preferred Options Stage) public consultation event

E.6 This is scheduled for early 2016. See Section 6 - Next Steps.