

What is the justification for the proposed LGS?

Local Green Spaces are areas designated in local and neighbourhood plans. They are designated due to their particular importance to communities. The designation cannot be applied to any green space and the Government's National Planning Policy Framework sets specific tests for when it will be appropriate to designate land as LGS. Firstly the area must be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves, it must be local in character and not an extensive tract of land and finally it must be demonstrably special to the community and hold a particular significance (for example because of its beauty, historical significance, recreational value, tranquility or richness of wildlife). The table below provides a summary of the rationale for inclusion of the proposed LGS into the NDP. A full assessment of the above tests can be found in the proposed modified NDP (details about how to access this can be found below).

Test	How the proposed LGS meets this
Is it in close proximity to the community?	Yes, the site lies at the edge of the built up area of the village
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes, the site has well defined edges and does not sprawl out from the village
Is it demonstrably special/have particular local significance?	Yes, it makes a strong contribution to the character of the village conservation area, it provides habitat for wildlife, it has parts that are open to the public and provides and allows views across the village to be enjoyed.