

Gedling Borough Council

Local Green Space Assessment Addendum



October 2016

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This is an addendum to the Local Green Space Assessment (May 2016).
- 1.2 Paragraph 76 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out that local communities are able to put forward for special protection green areas of particular importance for them. These 'Local Green Spaces' will be protected from new development in all but very special circumstances. However the designation will not be appropriate for most green areas of open space and will need to comply with certain criteria.
- 1.3 The Local Green Space Assessment (May 2016) explains how the sites for consideration were nominated and identifies sites recommended for designation as Local Green Space. These sites are protected under Policy LPD22 (Local Green Space) in the Local Planning Document Publication Draft.
- 1.4 Consultation on the Local Planning Document Publication Draft was held between May and July 2016. A number of comments were made in relation to Policy LPD22 (Local Green Space) as follows:-
 - Land around the Haywood Road Community Centre including the bowling green was nominated to be designated as a new Local Green Space;
 - The boundary of the Moor Pond Woods Local Green Space designation in the Local Planning Document Publication Draft is incorrect and the boundary should be amended; and
 - A number of comments were made in relation to the assessment of the Taylors Croft site.
- 1.5 This addendum sets out the assessment that has been undertaken on the land around the Community Centre including the bowling green proposed to be identified as local green space. The comments in relation to the Moor Pond Woods and Taylors Croft sites are responded to through the Local Planning Document Publication Draft Report of Responses (October 2016).

2.0 Methodology

- 2.1 The assessment that has been undertaken for the additional site uses the same approach as set out in the Local Green Space Assessment (May 2016).
- 2.2 In accordance with paragraph 77 of the NPPF the site was assessed to establish whether:
 - It is in close proximity to the community;
 - It holds a particular significance to the community; and
 - It is not an extensive tract of land.

Close Proximity

- 2.3 No specific distance was used to establish whether the site was in close proximity to the community. Instead consideration was given to the distance from the community, physical connections such as footpaths and roads and the nature of the site.

Particular Significance

- 2.4 Paragraph 77 of the NPPF gives examples of the types of significance that may be considered as reasons to designate the site as a Local Green Space. The table below sets out how these have been assessed.

Criteria	How assessed
Beauty	Whether the site makes an important contribution to townscape or landscape character.
Historic	Whether the site forms part of a heritage asset (designated or undesignated) or part of its setting.
Recreational	Whether the site provides the opportunity for outdoor sports and recreation.
Tranquillity	Whether the site is peaceful and offers the opportunity for quiet reflection.
Wildlife	Whether there are features of biodiversity value which are enhanced by the management of the site.

- 2.5 If there are existing designations that apply to the site, it has been considered whether the site has significance over and above that of the existing designation. Other factors put forward have been considered on a case by case basis.

Extensive Tract of Land

- 2.6 As with whether the site is in close proximity to the community, no specific threshold has been applied to the size of the site. An assessment of the size of the site in comparison with the community it serves has been made.

Assessment

- 2.7 The site was mapped and a site visit undertaken. A map of the site and a description can be found in **Appendix 1**. A photograph of the site is also provided.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The table below sets out the recommendation regarding the site being considered for designation as Local Green Space. As well as the map, description and site photograph, **Appendix 1** also includes the assessment of the proposed site against the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the NPPF.

Ref	Site Name	Locality	Conclusion
CAR2	Haywood Road	Carlton	Remain as Protected Open Space.

- 3.2 The recommendation means the current sites designated as Local Green Space in Policy LPD22 (Local Green Space) of the Local Planning Document will remain unchanged.

Appendix 1



CAR2
Haywood Road

This site largely consists of a bowling green which is located next to a community centre and access to the site is via a locked gate. The site is bordered by trees, flowers and benches.

The site is surrounded by residential dwellings.



Nominated Site (Ref)	Replacement Local Plan (2005) – policy designations	1. Is it in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	2. Is it demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance?	3. Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Conclusion
Haywood Road (CAR2)	- Protected Open Space – Public (R1)	The site is within the urban area.	The site contains a bowling green. The site is protected open space. The Friends of Haywood Road Community Centre says the site is of historical significance and has a positive impact on the health and well-being and provides a valuable community ‘green lung’ for local residents.	The site area is 0.25 ha and it is considered not to be an extensive tract of land.	<p>The site is already designated as protected open space. It is considered that this designation reflects the value of the site and the site does not have additional value over and above what is already protected by this designation.</p> <p>In terms of historical significance, it is understood that this relates to the location of the site and the alignment of its boundaries within the Porchester Gardens Estate rather than the significance of the site itself.</p> <p>Recommended not to designated.</p>