



London Colney: Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2038

Local Green Space Assessment November 2021

1. Role and Purpose of Local Greenspace Designations

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) highlights the importance of green infrastructure for communities, referencing benefits such as ‘enhanced well-being, outdoor recreation and access, enhanced biodiversity and landscapes, food and energy production, urban cooling and the management of flood risk’. Green infrastructure can drive economic growth and regeneration, reinforce and enhance local landscape character and contribute to a sense of place. It can also help to improve the health and well-being of a community, providing opportunities for residents and visitors to exercise, interact with one another, experience nature, and get involved in their community through activities like food growing and gardening, all of which bring physical and mental health benefits. In their research project ‘Revaluing Parks and Green Spaces’, Fields in Trust, the independent charity working to secure the protection of parks and green spaces at both the local and national level, quantified the ‘Wellbeing Value’ of such spaces. They established that an individual would need to be compensated by £974 a year to replace the life satisfaction they would have gained from using their local park or green space. Equally, parks and greenspaces are estimated to save the NHS around £111 million per year based solely on a reduction in GP visits.¹

Such spaces are particularly important in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. With access to gyms, sports facilities, cafés, shops and other community facilities restricted, open spaces have become hugely important places where people can exercise and interact with one another in a socially distanced and safe environment². This is highlighted in recent guidance published by the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA)³, which identifies ‘good green spaces in the right places’ as a key ingredient in the ‘20-minute neighbourhood’, being places where the community has access to the full range of services and facilities to support day-to-day life. Equally, the Quality of Life Framework⁴ identifies access to places for leisure and recreation, and contact with nature, as being important determinants in the quality of a place and people’s quality of life, making health and wellbeing central to the way we plan for our communities. Furthermore, and with the requirement to demonstrate biodiversity net-gain on development sites through the Environment Act (2021)⁵ and publication of the Natural England /Defra Biodiversity Metric⁶, Local Green Spaces might comprise locations where net gain can be delivered.

¹ Fields in Trust – Revaluing Parks and Greenspaces: <https://www.fieldsintrust.org/research>

² LSE London Blog – Valuing London’s urban green space in a time of crisis – and in everyday life: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/london/valuing-londons-urban-green-space-in-a-time-of-crisis-and-in-everyday-life/>

³ TCPA, March 2021, 20-Minute Neighbourhoods: Creating Healthier, Active, Prosperous Communities – An Introduction for Council Planners in England

⁴ The Quality of Life Foundation, March 2021, Quality of Life Framework (prepared with support from MHCLG, the TCPA, RTPi and others)

⁵ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/contents/enacted>

⁶ <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/6049804846366720>

Under the NPPF Neighbourhood Plans can designate Local Green Spaces which are of importance and value to the local community. The NPPF states⁷ that Local Green Spaces should only be designated where the green space is:

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it services;
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

It is important to note that whilst designation affords the green space similar policy protection to Green Belt, it does not place any new restrictions or obligations on landowners. Management of the land remains the responsibility of the landowner although, with the agreement of the landowner, there may be opportunities that can be explored which allow the local community to become more involved in the management of the space. Furthermore, designation does not confer any rights of access over what exists at present.

Where sites are designated as Local Green Space in a Neighbourhood Plan, new development will only be allowed within those spaces where very special circumstances can be demonstrated in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and which might include provision of essential utility infrastructure, such as drainage pipes or sewer tunnels, or where the proposal is supplementary to and supports the function of that green space, such as new changing rooms associated with sports pitches).

Further information on the Local Green Space designation is set out in Planning Practice Guidance, as included in the appendix to this summary report.

⁷ Paragraph 102, MHCLG, July 2021, National Planning Policy Framework

2. Local Plan Policy Context

The St Albans Local Plan was adopted in 1994 and was due to be replaced by a new Local Plan that was submitted for Examination in 2018 but subsequently withdrawn following the recommendation of the Inspector. Work on a new Local Plan is now underway.

The St Albans Local Development Scheme, published January 2021, envisages that the new Plan will be submitted for examination in Spring / Summer 2023, with adoption by the end of that year. Until such time as the new Local Plan is adopted, the 'saved' policies of the 1994 Local Plan apply. However, the saved policies are dated: the Local Plan notes that some are based on policies originally relating to the 1986 Structure Plan and thus covering the period 1981 – 1996, and that a full review of the Local Plan, *'looking to 2001 or beyond'*, should be undertaken as a *'matter of urgency'*.

Saved policies of relevance to Local Green Spaces in London Colney include Policy 75: 'Green Space within Settlements'. However, this policy does not afford such spaces with the same degree of protection conferred by the Local Green Space designation and is instead a 'consideration' when determining planning applications. Policy 93 of the Local Plan: 'New Areas of Public Open Space' states that 'part of Napsbury Hospital' and 'land adjacent to Morris Recreation Ground' have been allocated as public open spaces on the Local Plan Proposals Map.

Within this context there is very limited policy, beyond those contained in the most recent version of the NPPF (2021), that applies to specific sites and green spaces in London Colney. In the absence of a new Local Plan, and adoption of this still some way off, it is important that London Colney-specific policies are put in place to help inform planning applications. The use of the Local Green Space designation is important to identify those spaces of value to the local community which should be protected.

3. Site Assessment

Green spaces considered potentially suitable for designation by members of the local community are presented and assessed in the tables on the following pages. The assessment follows the criteria set out in the NPPF as well as the following considerations:

1. **Policy review:** this establishes whether a site benefits from existing environmental or historic designations, including: Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Country Parks, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks, RAMSAR, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), and Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Flood Zones 2 and 3, ancient woodland, Conservation Area or Scheduled Ancient Monument designations. If the site falls within a number of the above designations, the site is deemed to already be sufficiently protected and therefore does not warrant designation as a local green space.
2. **Protections through statute:** it is recognised that both allotments and school playing fields are protected under, respectively, the Allotments Act 1925 and Schedule 1 of the Academies Act 2010 and Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. This legislation places great weight against the disposal of allotments and school playing fields and that designation as Local Green Space is not necessary.
3. **Other considerations:** if, through observational analysis, there are clear design considerations, i.e., if the site is small or is well overlooked by surrounding properties, and which would limit the risk of development on such a site, it is not considered appropriate to designate the site. In addition, where a site is considered to have some very localised community value but would not necessarily be valued by the community as a whole, designation is not considered appropriate.

Based on the outcomes of each assessment, recommendations have been made as to whether the nominated green space might be suitable for designation.

1: Site Name	Napier Close Green Space
Description of Green Space	<p>Small incidental space situated between two houses.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	None
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, it is located within the built-up area of London Colney.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Local in character and not extensive (~200m ²)
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Tranquillity 4. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No 2. No 3. No 4. Used by children as a play area. This space is mainly used by those who have limited garden space. Residents use the space for picnics and soaking up the sunshine. This

<p>5. Richness of wildlife 6. Historical significance</p>	<p>space was included within the original planning permission as recreational space.</p> <p>5. No 6. No</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds, but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and provides residential amenity. With this in mind, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>

<p>2: Site Name</p>	<p>Collingwood Drive Green Space</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Small green space between 17-22</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it is located within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Local in character and not extensive (around 150 m²).</p>

<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some mature trees 2. No 3. Used by children and residents for picnics and BBQs. A quiet place to relax, also used by residents to exercise. This space was included within the original planning permission as recreational space. 4. Quiet area 5. Evidence of birds and natural habitat. Occasional sightings of squirrels and hedgehogs.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and provides residential amenity. With this in mind, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>

<p>3: Site Name</p>	<p>Perham Way Green Space</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>A well-maintained grassed area contained by residential dwellings for residents to use.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it is located within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, local in character and not extensive.</p>

<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No 2. No 3. Used by residents in the development, children play out in this area, used by residents to exercise, have picnics, bbqs This space was included within the original planning permission as recreational space. Offers residents access to outside areas, several properties in the development are small with little or no outside space. 4. No. 5. Green space offers habitat to birds and small mammals with mature trees surround the green space.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and provides residential amenity. With this in mind, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>

<p>4: Site Name</p>	<p>Tovey Close</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>A tidy and well-kept small grassed area with two large trees.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No existing designations or applications for development.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it is located within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, local in character and not extensive.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mature trees and shrubs 2 No 3 Used by local children to play 4 Fairly quiet area 5 Space provides natural habitat for birds.

Recommendation:	No. This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney. The site is relatively small and provides residential amenity. With this in mind, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.
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<p>5: Site Name</p>	<p>Oldfield Road</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>A tidy and well-kept small grassed area.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No existing designations or applications for development.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it is located within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, local in character and not extensive.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surrounded by mature trees and shrubs. 2. No historic significance. 3. No ball games allowed. Creates green space in otherwise built up and tarmacked road. 4. Quiet area 5. Space provides natural habitat for birds.

Recommendation:	No. This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney. The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.
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6: Site Name	Oldfield Road Green Space nr No. 32
Description of Green Space	<p>A small, mowed grassed area.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	No existing designations or applications for development.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, it is located within the built-up area of London Colney.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, local in character and not extensive.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is a lovely green place, backing onto housing and used by children and adults alike”. 2. No 3. Plenty of space for children to play, access for dog walkers and walkers alike. 4. No 5. Space provides natural habitat for birds.
Recommendation:	<p>No.</p> <p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate</p>

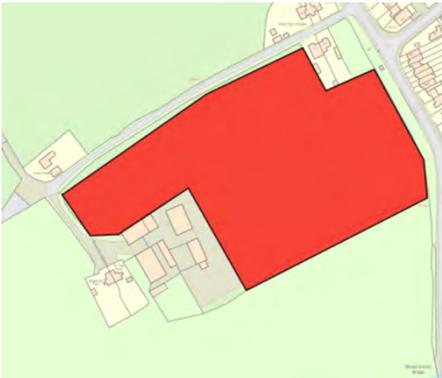
	<p>surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>
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7: Site Name	Green space at junction of Oldfield Road and Alexander Road
Description of Green Space	<p>Neat and tidy green split into two sites.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	No environmental designations and no live planning applications.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, it is located within the built-up area of London Colney.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, local in character and not extensive.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attractive entrance to Oldfield Road with mature trees and shrubs, creates green space within a built-up residential area. 2. No 3. No 4. No 5. Space provides natural habitat for birds. 6. N/A
Recommendation:	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its</p>

	attractiveness and natural beauty. The site does not benefit from any formal designations.
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8: Site Name	Chantry Island
Description of Green Space	<p>A wild area leading to the Chapel.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	Scheduled Ancient Monument (entry no. 1010718) and Green Belt.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Situated approx. 200m from London Colney's settlement edge.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The green space fits within the history of the town and composes part of its unique character. The site is compact.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildflowers of all types. 2. Great historical importance of Saint Alban, the first Christian Martyr. 3. A calming place to visit and contemplate. Space and woodland behind is used by educational providers who rent the site. Site is visited on organised events – e.g. Chantry Island Pilgrimage. 4. Very Tranquil

	<p>5. Open to all types of wildlife - hedgehog, rabbits, foxes, small deer, huge number of bird species.</p> <p>6. Un-spoilt through the years, a pilgrimage to Chantry Island takes place every year in June</p>
Recommendation:	No. <p>This site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and designated Green Belt and would therefore not benefit from being designated as a local green space as it is already protected through those policy designations.</p>

<p>9: Site Name</p>	<p>Land surrounding Barley Mo farm</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Open Meadow with Barley Mo farm to the west and houses to the north. Well grazed by horses with a public footpath running diagonally through.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Green Belt, central section of site falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is adjacent to the built-up edge of London Colney (along Shenley Lane)</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>The site is relatively large and agricultural in nature.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nice field, with lovely horses grazing within it. Footpath and quite well used by the public. 2. Section of former Napsbury Farm – part of Napsbury Manor mentioned in Domesday Book 1086 – for several years in 19th century owned by Michael bass of

<p>4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values</p>	<p>brewing family, one of the richest men in England at the time, and site of steam plough trials during his ownership.</p> <p>3. Yes, some but mainly used for keeping (very nice) horses in.</p> <p>4. Situated close to Shenley Lane so suffers some traffic noise</p> <p>5. Yes, Kites overhead, foxes and lots of rabbits. Its proximity to the River Colne can lead to flooding in winter and also ducks and geese in the field</p> <p>6. Nice field and maybe included in the County plans for a nature park.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its historic significance and richness of wildlife. Although within the Green Belt, it is clearly valued by the community for wider reasons.</p>

<p>10: Site Name</p>	<p>Field 1 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Grassy area with Mature Trees and a river/stream along one edge of the field. Green Belt restored gravel pits. Wonderful wildlife habitat with a rich undisturbed. Suitable for walkers and dog walkers, naturalists, etc. Nice area, quite wild and used as a cut through to Halsey Park and the shopping centre. The site contains a play park run by the district council in one corner of the meadow and has a river/stream running along the edge of the field. Public rights of way across the space.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Green Belt, the northern boundary of the site falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3.</p>
<p>Map</p>	

Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, the site lies approximately 100m from London Colney's settlement edge.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The site is relatively large, but fairly local given that it is contained by development along most boundary edges/
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very pleasant area with shade and long grass blowing in the breeze of summers days. Wide and diverse range of plant and animal species live in this area between the village and the M25. 2. None 3. Walking, running, exercise, dog walking, photography and preservation of animal and plant species. Includes a play area Evidence 4. A very nice space and an important environmental resource for local people's health and well-being. 5. Yes, lots including red kites, fieldfares, rooks, wrens, long tail tits, robins, blackbirds, thrushes, pheasants, green woodpeckers, blue tit, robin, great tit, woodpigeon, dunnock, chaffinch, starling swifts, swallows, house martins, greenfinch, goldfinch, bullfinch, foxes, muntjac deer, hedgehogs, weasels, rabbits and possibly hare. The site has also benefitted from some re-wilding and tree planting. 6. Peaceful boundary between the village and the M25
Recommendation:	Yes The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. Although within the Green Belt, the site is

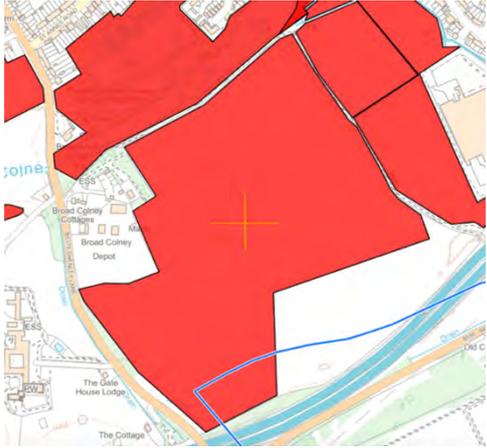
	clearly valued by the community for its wider recreation and wildlife benefits.
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<p>11: Site Name</p>	<p>Field 2 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Meadow planted with trees and re-wilding with footpaths cut into the meadow for walkers to enjoy. Links the Village Green area to surrounding fields. Good – foot paths cut throughout field, with re-wilding in centre, planted with trees and shrubs, hedgerow line the perimeter of field with apple and cherry trees and sloes.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Green Belt.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it is a short walk from the River Colne on the south side of London Colney, with access from several residential roads.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>The site is fairly extensive, with links to the surrounding countryside.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular</p>	

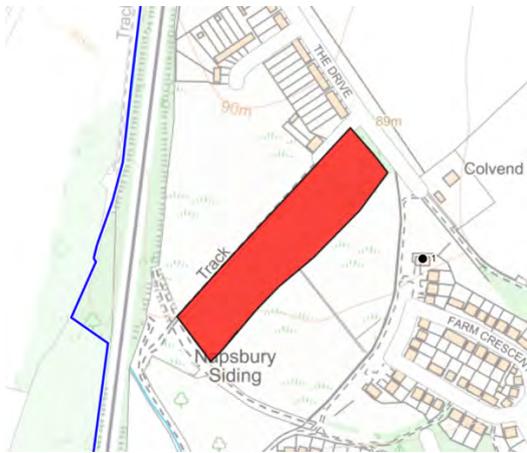
<p>significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's a lovely area, it is a peaceful place. Wide range of fauna and flora. Undulating hills, with an array of birdlife and general wildlife such as foxes. Kites fly overhead. You will see rabbits and foxes every day when walking, and if you are lucky you will also see the muntjac deer. 2. None 3. Yes, highly frequented by those who ramble and those who walk their dogs. It is close to the lakes so can be combined in a circular walk with the River Colne. 4. Yes, it is very peaceful and has benefitted from tree planting schemes. 5. Yes, lots of wildlife including red kites, fieldfares, rooks, wrens, long tail tits, robins, blackbirds, thrushes , pheasants, green woodpeckers, blue tit , robin , great tit, woodpigeon , dunnock , chaffinch, starling swifts, swallows, house martins, greenfinch, goldfinch, bullfinch, foxes, muntjac deer, hedgehogs, weasels and rabbits amongst others are often seen, possibly hare. 6.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. Although within the Green Belt, the site is clearly valued by the community for its wider recreation and wildlife benefits.</p>

<p>12: Site Name</p>	<p>Field 3 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Wild meadow, lined with hedgerow, with shrubs planted, far end floods sometimes, and ducks take residence. Public rights of way across the field, wilding in centre. Nice open space that sometimes floods towards the northern edge when the river is high in winter.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site falls within the Green Belt.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is a short walk from the River Colne on the south side of London Colney and is highly used by locals.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the land was used for landfill in the 1960s, but is now wild meadow land. The site is, however, relatively large.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's a lovely area, and although close to the M25 it is a peaceful place. Undulating hills, with an array of birdlife and general wildlife such as foxes. Kites fly overhead.

<p>3. Recreational value (including as a playing field)</p> <p>4. Tranquillity</p> <p>5. Richness of wildlife</p> <p>6. Other values</p>	<p>2. No</p> <p>3. Yes, frequented by those who ramble and a large number of people who walk their dogs. It is close to the lakes so can be combined in a circular walk with the River Colne.</p> <p>4. No</p> <p>5. Yes, lots of wildlife including red kites, fieldfares, rooks, wrens, long tail tits, blue tits, yellow tits, sparrows, magpies, pigeons, robins, blackbirds, thrushes , pheasants, rabbits, hares, hedgehogs, muntjac deer, sparrow-hawks and foxes. Hedgerows, with sloes and shrubs around perimeter and in meadow. Most of the meadow is left to be wild natural habitat.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. Although within the Green Belt, the site is clearly valued by the community for its wider recreation and wildlife benefits.</p>

<p>13: Site Name</p>	<p>Field 4 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Very large meadow, used for grazing sheep with several rights of way across the field. Public rights of way across the field, which is used for sheep grazing.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site falls within the Green Belt.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>The site is separated from London Colney's settlement edge by the River Colne.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>This site is extensive, and, whilst severed to the west by Shenley Lane, has a relationship with the existing agricultural fields to the west.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <p>1. Beauty</p>	<p>1. Feel connected with the countryside when walking through this field.</p> <p>2. No</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Yes, frequented by those who ramble and those who walk their dogs. It is close to the lakes so can be combined in a circular walk with the River Colne, and joins Rights of Way over Shenley Lane and towards Colney Street or Park Street and Napsbury. Several rights of way across the land. 4. Yes, very popular with residents for walks and feeling connected to the countryside with undulating small hills across the field. 5. The site is surrounded with hedgerows and mature trees, one side has a slim “forest line” which is home for foxes, rabbits, birds, mice, weasels, muntjac deer, insects, possibly hare. The field is used to graze sheep. The northern side of the field floods during high rain fall, and often in winter creating small ponds across the land.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site forms part of the network of green spaces to the southwest of London Colney. Although within the Green Belt, the site is clearly valued by the community for its wider recreation and wildlife benefits.</p>

<p>14: Site Name</p>	<p>Napsbury Orchard</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Old Orchard for the Napsbury Hospital which started supplying fruit to the hospital in 1911. Dense scrubland and mature trees</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Part of the Napsbury Historic Park & Gardens and falls within Green Belt. It is outside the Napsbury Conservation Area. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is in close proximity to the edge of Napsbury.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, it is an old orchard. A rare example of what was once commonplace in Hertfordshire. The site is relatively compact.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular</p>	

<p>significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This wild scrubland is rich in flora and fauna and includes footpaths commonly used by residents 2. This site is possibly of Archaeological significance with this particular part of the park referred to in the Doomsday Book as the 'Manor of Absa'. There is some evidence from aerial photography that this part of the park shows remains of prehistoric earthworks that will require an archaeological excavation if development is approved and if remains are found that they may have to be 'preserved in situ'. 3. This area has been used by residents for many years for recreational purposes. Whilst parts of it are very wild and idea for wildlife, it does include footpaths to other areas of Napsbury and the surrounding fields. We are told that some residents have rights of access to the land written into their house deeds. 4. It is a peaceful un-spoilt part of Napsbury that is hidden away, has poor access by road and has therefore been left to grow wild over the last 30-40 years. The site is full of a rich variety of birdsong from spring through to late summer. 5. This site has foxes, badgers, deer, bats and toads and is home to many native species of birds. Due to its wild state, it is a breeding site for wild animals and one of the few remaining in the area. This is especially true if some of the building plans go ahead around Napsbury. It is a green corridor and connects habitats to the north and south of Napsbury.
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	<p>6. This site offers a wonderful outlook to the residents of Lovett Road and North Cottages. With its blossom filled trees in spring, and its finches balancing on teasel seed heads to feed in late summer and its Red Kites flying overhead it is greatly valued by residents and the many visitors to Napsbury Park.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The site forms an important part of Napsbury's history. Although within the Green Belt and a Historic Park and Gardens, the site is clearly valued by the community for its beauty, historic, recreational, tranquility and richness of wildlife benefits.</p>

<p>15: Site Name</p>	<p>Halsey Park Play Area</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Childrens playground. Small and well-maintained.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations and no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is located within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes the site is very compact.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Historic significance • Recreational value (including as a playing field) • Tranquillity • Richness of wildlife • Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No 2. No 3. Important to families living there, offers play space for housing development, for toddler aged children 4. It is a quiet residential area 5. No 6. The only local play area for children in Halsey Park and surrounding streets.

Recommendation:	Yes. The site provides play facilities for toddlers. Despite its small size, the site is clearly valued by the community for its recreational and tranquility benefits.

16: Site Name	Caledon Road Play Area
Grid Reference	TL 175455 04048
Landowner	Parish council
Description of Green Space	<p>Children’s playground, in good condition and well maintained. A varied range of play equipment.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	No environmental designations and no live planning applications. There is an existing covenant that restricts the change of use of this site.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, situated within the built-up area. It serves a large estate and is well used by children from Bowmans Green School after school. A very busy park, used by children of all ages.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, inset within the settlement and compact.

<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surrounded by trees and shrubbery from the adjacent field. Situated next large community green space. 2. No 3. Greatly valued by local children of all ages. 4. I'm sure the children find tranquillity there. 5. No. 6. Important for local children, a great meeting place for parents and children alike
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>17. Site Name</p>	<p>Caledon Community Centre Open Green Space</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Recreational area adjacent to the community centre and play park. Bowmansgreen Primary School lies directly to the west of the site.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations. The northern edge of site falls within site location of planning application 5/2019/2164 (construction of mixed use Class A1 (retail) and Class D1 (non-residential institutions) medical centre and pharmacy with associated parking and landscaping), conditional permission granted on 15th November 2019.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it serves a large area of London Colney.</p>

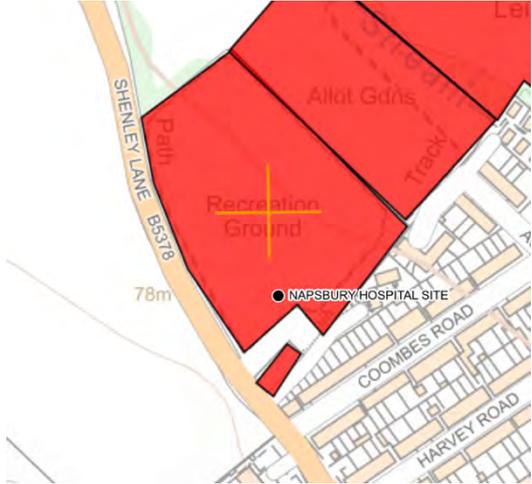
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>This piece of land is contained by urban development and not an extensive tract of land.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is central and nice to see greenery within a busy area of the village. 2. None 3. This field has a basketball net for older children to use. It is used frequently by dog walkers. Football, ball games and other children's games are played here. Community events such as the Larks in the Park take place on the green space. 4. It is a quiet area. Residents of all ages, come and sit in the green space, have picnics and enjoy the outdoors. The space is surrounded by residential roads, offering green outlook for neighbours. 5. This provides a natural habitat for birds.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Part of this site is subject to a recent planning permission for a medical centre and pharmacy and therefore it is recommended that this site is not designated.</p>

18: Site Name	Walsingham Way Open Space
Grid Reference	TL 17723 03702
Landowner	Parish council
Description of Green Space	<p>Large green used as a play area with unconventional play equipment for all ages.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	No environmental designations and no live planning applications.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves.	Yes
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	It is inset within the built-up area of London Colney and is not extensive.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mature trees, shrubs and flowers. Large area of saplings planted by St Bernadette School Children. 2. N/A

<p>3. Recreational value (including as a playing field)</p> <p>4. Tranquillity</p> <p>5. Richness of wildlife</p> <p>6. Other values</p>	<p>3. Used by all ages, children and dog walkers. Seating available in all areas. Highly utilised by residents exercising, doing yoga and outside martial arts. The scout hut is also next to this location and is used by local groups. The green space also has a play area within its boundary offering outdoor entertainment to school aged children.</p> <p>4. Free from road noise, quiet, plenty of natural sounds and sights. A secluded green space in the centre of the village</p> <p>5. 450 trees have been planted in a fenced area in 2020 to create a new woodland area. Hedgerow surrounds the site, with mature trees and grass offering habitat to birds, insects and small mammals as well as foxes, hedgehogs etc. In conjunction with St Albans City and District Council 'Towards a Wilder St Albans' project, the site has also been identified by the Parish Council as a rewilding and habitat project site.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational and richness of wildlife benefits. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations, but has been identified as a rewilding project area.</p>

<p>19: Site Name</p>	<p>Shenley Lane Allotments</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large area containing individual allotment plots. Well looked after and used by all ages.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Flood Zones 2 and 3 and no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies less than 50 metres from the settlement edge.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies adjacent to the built-up edge of London Colney and is relatively compact.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is of significant beauty, full of flowers, shrubs, fruit and vegetables. 2. No 3. A valued space used by people of all ages. Provides 68 allotment

<p>3. Recreational value (including as a playing field)</p> <p>4. Tranquillity</p> <p>5. Richness of wildlife</p> <p>6. Other values</p>	<p>plots to London Colney residents. It is a great community space, providing social interaction as well as offering a place for horticultural therapy to improve health and wellbeing.</p> <p>4. Very quiet and tranquil, a place to think and enjoy your allotment plot.</p> <p>5. Visited by foxes, birds bees and all manner of local wildlife.</p> <p>6. N/A</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>This site is protected under the Allotments Act 1925, whereby councils can only develop statutorily protected land with the permission of the Secretary of State, and only if strict criteria are met.</p>

<p>20. Site Name</p>	<p>Shenley Lane Playing Fields</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large playing field</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site is designated Green Belt. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Close to Napsbury Park and the Kings Road Estate. The site lies less than 50 metres from the settlement edge.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies adjacent to the built-up edge of London Colney and is relatively compact. The site is contained to the west by Shenley Lane.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The field is surrounded by trees and shrubbery. A beautiful area. 2. None 3. The field contains an outdoor fitness circuit, zip wire, and is used

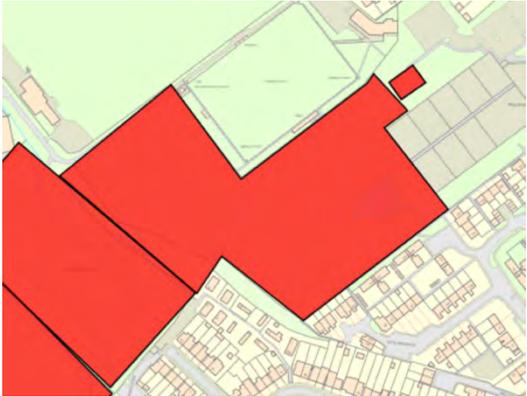
<p>3. Recreational value (including as a playing field)</p> <p>4. Tranquillity</p> <p>5. Richness of wildlife</p> <p>6. Other values</p>	<p>by many groups for football training and matches and keep fit classes.</p> <p>4. The site is fairly tranquil.</p> <p>5. The site provides natural habitat for birds and other local wildlife.</p> <p>6. Great area used by adults and children of all ages. Used by dog walkers.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. Although being within the Green Belt, it is clearly of value to the community for its recreational function.</p>

<p>21. Site Name</p>	<p>Shenley Lane Play Area</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Fenced play area.</p>  
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site is designated Green Belt. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies less than 50 metres from the settlement edge.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies adjacent to the built-up edge of London Colney and is relatively compact. The site is contained to the west by Shenley Lane.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surrounded by shrubbery with views to the north of the open playing fields. 2. N/A

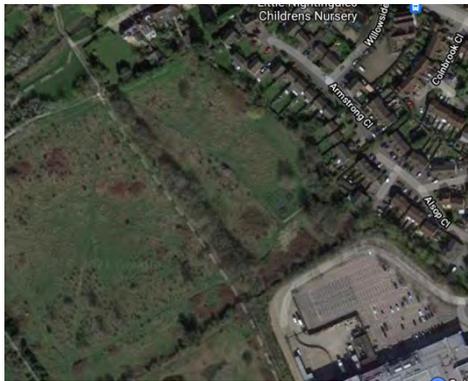
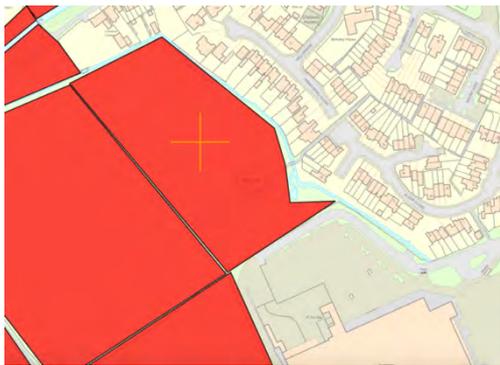
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Provides recreational and play space for children and families 4. N/A 5. Provides natural habitat for birds. 6. Widely used by local children
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. It forms part of the wider Playing fields site and should be amalgamated with that.</p>

22. Site Name	Cotlandswick Playground
Description of Green Space	<p>Children’s play area, secured with a fence.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	The whole site is designated Green Belt. No live planning applications.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, the site lies approximately 100 metres from the High Street.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, the site lies within the Cotlandswick Leisure Centre complex and is relatively compact.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N/A 2. N/A 3. The site contains children’s play equipment, swings, roundabout etc. 4. The site is situated within a central area away from the main road 5. N/A 6. Frequented by families, a great outdoor space for all the family

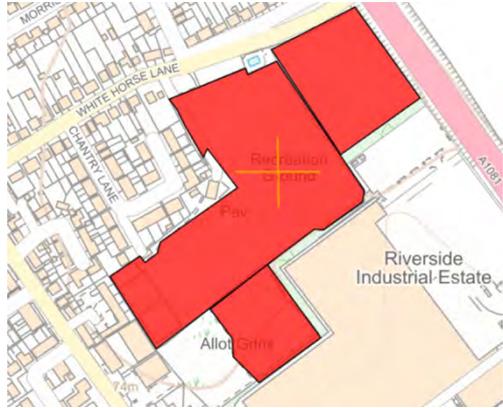
Recommendation:	No Whilst this site undoubtedly has recreational value, its designation may prevent future changes to the operational requirements of the Cotlandswick Leisure Centre.

<p>23. Site Name</p>	<p>Cotlandswick Open Space</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large, grassed area</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Western section falls within Flood Zone 2 and 3. Whole site falls within Green Belt. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is adjacent to the settlement edge and is accessible via the High Street.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>The site is relatively large but is separated from the wider countryside by a strong tree line to the north.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lovely open space, surrounded by mature trees and shrubs 2. N/A 3. Used by the local football club 4. Fairly quiet area, away from the main roads 5. Provides habitat for natural wildlife, including birds, foxes, bees

<p>6. Other values</p>	<p>and all insects. Hedgerows and mature trees flank the open space.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Whilst this site undoubtedly has recreational value, its designation may restrict future changes to the operational requirements of the Cotlandswick Leisure Centre.</p>

<p>24. Site Name</p>	<p>Alsop Close Play Area</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>A lovely playground situated in unique area of wild meadow.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Edges of site fall within Flood Zones 2 and 3. Whole site falls within Green Belt. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies adjacent to the settlement edge and is accessible via Alsop Close.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is relatively compact and is separated from the wider countryside to the west by a defined tree line.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's a wildlife haven 2. N/A 3. Offers play space to local children living in surrounding roads and immediate housing development. 4. The site is surrounded by fields and is very tranquil being tucked behind houses and

<p>5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values</p>	<p>remaining in its natural state. A lovely area which promotes good mental health.</p> <p>5. An abundance of wildlife, foxes, birds, hedgehogs, rabbits and all the usual natural habitat surrounding the playground. There are also mature trees in the playground.</p> <p>6. N/A</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. Although the site benefits from Green Belt designation, it is of clear value to the community for its recreational function.</p>

<p>25. Site Name</p>	<p>Morris Way Playing Fields</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large Playing Field with football and cricket pitches.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental constraints and no live planning applications. Has a charitable status and covenants that restrict use for recreational purposes only.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is accessible via White Horse Lane and lies adjacent to residential areas.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is contained by the local road network, housing and industrial units and is separated from the wider countryside by the A1081.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular</p>	<p>1. The field itself is surrounded by mature trees and shrubbery</p>

<p>significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. N/A 3. Football, Cricket, Keep Fit, and Personal Training are all held here. Firework displays, picnics, childrens parties and community events are held on the green. The site incorporates a childrens play area, water play area and sports pavilion. 4. The site is setback from the High Street and provides plenty of space to relax. Very tranquil. 5. N/A 6. N/A
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>26. Site Name</p>	<p>Lowbell Lake & Riverside</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Whole site falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is located off the Barnet Road close to the south of the village.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site benefits from local paths and is compact. The site consists of the narrow River Colne river course.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very lovely place to visit. High mature trees give it shade in summer. The lakes appear clean and support a wide array of waterfowl including swans, ducks, geese and coots. Some people fish here too! 2. The site comprises the former gravel pits. 3. Lots of activity with nice footpaths and benches. It is a great area to go

	<p>with the family to feed the ducks. These paths link with the Willows Farm area and offer a longer walk to those who want it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Shady and tranquil. Lots of wildlife 5. Yes, lots of wildlife including swans, ducks, geese, coots, grebes and tufted ducks, but also red kites, herons, fieldfares, rooks, wrens, long tail tits, robins, blackbirds, thrushes, pheasants, rabbits muntjac deer, sparrow-hawks and foxes 6. Great area for children and families
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its wildlife richness. The site does fall within Flood Zones 2 and 3, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, Flood Zones 2 and 3 do not necessarily preclude the site from future development.</p>

<p>27. Site Name</p>	<p>Napsbury Sports fields and tennis courts around pavilion.</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Adjacent to historic Napsbury Park, these playing fields are well used and maintained by LCPC. The site consists of a flat mowed grass with mature trees bordering the site. The pavilion is in need of improvement.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site is designated Green Belt and is a Registered Park and Garden. The eastern parcel of the site is designated as wood pasture and parkland habitat.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, very close proximity to 500 dwellings in Napsbury and many thousands in London Colney.</p>

<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Open grounds that are maintained as three football pitches, or in summer a senior and junior cricket pitch. It is a relatively long tract of land.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N/A 2. This was part of the historic Napsbury Hospital complex. 3. Yes, this space has significant recreational value for visitors and local people. It has two tennis courts, a five-a-side football hard pitch, offers football and rugby pitches and cricket ground. It is also widely used for general exercise, dog walking and picnics. It is a nice open area that is well used by visiting sports teams, some from local schools, and local people for all sorts of recreation from team sports to dog walking and picnics. 4. Yes, location has countryside views, in grade 2 listed park. Benches have been installed by residents of Napsbury Park and these overlook the cricket pitch and people often use them to watch the cricket. 5. This site has foxes and deer have been seen from time-to-time. Good array of birdlife and swifts are seen often sweeping over the pitches catching insects. Other birds commonly spotted are Jackdaws, Wrens, Mistle Thrush, Bullfinch, Blue Tits, Starlings and Goldfinches. Areas of Meadow grass on the edges of sports fields and wildflower banks. 6. It has good parking facilities which are used for people visiting the site and Napsbury Park.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>The site benefits from Green Belt and Registered Park and Garden designations</p>

	and is therefore already protected from development.
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<p>28. Site Name</p>	<p>Village Green (nr Green Dragon Pub)</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Open grassy space with river frontage and large mature trees.</p>  
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Sits within the London Colney Conservation Area and is the site of an ancient ford. The bridge is protected & listed and was built C 1775. Whole site is situated in Flood Zones 2 and 3. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, at the heart of the southern part of the village. Contained on all sides by urban development.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, it is a beautiful spot that is highly valued by residents as the River Colne runs</p>

	<p>through the site. The site is compact and contained on all sides by urban development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mature Weeping Willows and other large trees. Wildfowl on the river makes this a favourite spot for many. Two pubs nearby mean that this area is well frequented. 2. Heart of the old village that centered around the old coaching route out of London. Some of the buildings here date back to the 1600s. Lovely arched bridge over the river. The ford was part of the original London road, with coaching inns nearby, London Colney was a staging area on the coaching routes out of London. 3. Yes, the site is extensively used by residents and visitors alike. The site links Broadlakes with Lowbell lakes and is often walked by ramblers, perhaps with a quick stop for a beer and sandwich at one of the three local pubs. Community events are sometimes held at this location. This area is very well used by families and is a great favourite with residents and visitors alike. It is often crowded at weekends in summer. 4. Yes, lovely shady area and with the River Colne makes for a special place indeed. Lots of waterfowl and other birds to see. A tranquil waterside setting ideal for families for children to feed the ducks and play. The river gently flows through this area of the village. It is a great favourite with residents. 5. Yes, home to many wildfowl but also red kites, herons, swans, geese, ducks, coots fieldfares, rooks, wrens, long tail tits, robins, blackbirds, thrushes, pheasants, rabbits muntjac deer, sparrow-

	<p>hawks, grebes, tufted ducks and foxes.</p> <p>6. Possibly the most treasured part of the village. The River Colne is an essential part of peoples lives in the village. Good meeting place for those of walking around the area. Villagers often stop for lunch at one of the three nearby pubs.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is highly valued by the local community. The site does fall within a Conservation Area and Flood Zones 2 and 3, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily preclude the site from future development.</p>

<p>29. Site Name</p>	<p>Water Paddock (over small bridge by green dragon to second green space)</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Wild meadow field with foot paths, surrounded by mature trees and River Colne runs along side</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Whole site falls within the London Colney Conservation Area, Flood Zones 2 and 3 and Green Belt. The site also benefits from Village Green status. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies adjacent to the settlement edge.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is compact and is contained on all sides by waterways.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular</p>	

<p>significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, a tranquil green space in the heart of the Conservation Area, with views of the surrounding fields and nature reserve, mature trees, fauna and flora. 2. Lies within the Conservation Area 3. Popular with walkers, dog walkers, and highly utilised by residents 4. Very tranquil by the river, surrounded by fields 5. Meadow land, rich in insects, small mammals, foxes, birds as well as the wildlife from the river – swans, ducks coots, along the edge of the river is a bank of wild growth, which is home for a huge number of butterflies, bees and moths. The herons are often seen here.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is highly valued by the local community. The site does fall within Green Belt, a Conservation Area, Flood Zones 2 and 3, and benefits from Village Green status, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily preclude the site from future development.</p>

<p>30. Site Name</p>	<p>Chester Gibbons Green</p>
<p>Grid Reference</p>	<p>TL 17713 04186</p>
<p>Landowner</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Green space in front of residential homes.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations and no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is compact and is contained on all sides by urban development.</p>

<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contains mature trees, shrubs and seasonal flowers. It includes flower display stand installations. 2. The green incorporates the Village Clock erected for the Millennium and contains names of villagers living in the village at the time. 3. Seating provided. Utilised by residents on lunch breaks, enjoying coffee, floral displays positioned here for residents enjoyment. Parish events run here – such as Christmas lights switch on, and is home to the village Christmas tree during December. 4. A peaceful area of the High Street, setback from the shops 5. A range of birds and insects due to the variation of shrubs and bushes. 6. A good meeting place for people visiting the shops.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>31. Site Name</p>	<p>Dudley Wood</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Woodland just off of White Horse Land comprising mainly of beech trees which has paths running through it and is obviously well used by residents and their children. Nice woodland which has been left alone for many years. A variety of paths lead through this wood to near Coppice Wood. It borders farmland and there are active animal runs through the long grass and crops. This is part of the Watling Community Forest and part of the Timberland Trail. It is identified as a site for future investment including paths and nature trails.</p> <div data-bbox="890 875 1347 1279" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="849 1308 1366 1503" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Whole site falls within Green Belt. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	

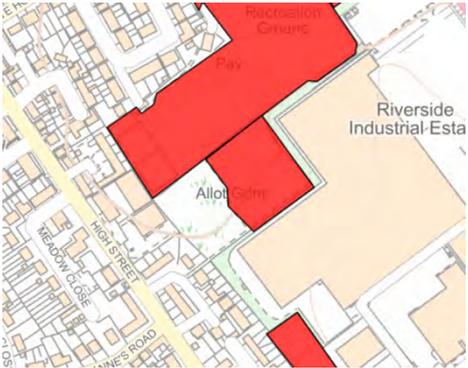
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, situated just up White Horse Lane it is a short walk from the centre of London Colney. There are many houses nearby. It is, however, separated from the main settlement.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, it is similar in some ways to other small woodlands in the area. Not extensive.
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, mature trees, a variety of bird song and a selection of wild animals live here and is the adjacent to farmland and lakes. There is apparently a number of muntjac deer present and I was lucky enough to see one whilst on my visit. Great area for walking and bird watching. This site is well known for its bluebells in spring and some residents have been walking this area for many years. 2. This site is named after Dudley Wood, a Parish Councillor of Colney Heath and great rambler who sadly went missing on a walking trip to South America in the 1990s. Site of the arrest of a German Spy, Karel Richter, on May 12 1941 who parachuted into England to spy on a new RAF aircraft maiden flight nearby. 3. Yes, the use of this land is apparent by adults and children of the community. The paths are well walked and the area is well used by dog walkers. Residents have been enjoying this woodland for over 50 years. Great for supporting mental health and escaping busy lives. 4. A variety of birdsong and evidence of foxes, deer and most likely badgers. Lovely tranquil

	<p>atmosphere, dappled light and an abundance of birdsong.</p> <p>5. Abundance of bird life and is a well-known locally as a site for bird watchers. Deer, foxes and most likely badgers breed here. Adjacent local farmland offers cover for different species</p> <p>6. Peaceful, dappled sunlight in summer makes this an ideal place to walk. Located close to ponds and Willows Farm and can be part of a lovely circular walk.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The site benefits from Green Belt designation and forms part of the Watling Chase Community Forest. Despite this, the site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its aesthetic beauty, historic significance, recreational uses and richness of wildlife.</p>

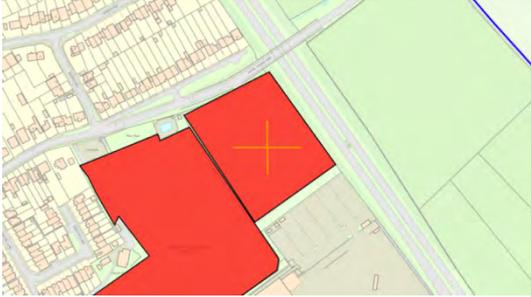
<p>32. Site Name</p>	<p>Coopers Wood</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>This is delightful small wood filled with lovely mature trees including beech, oak and maple. It is situated between the Barnet Road and Thamesdale flats and is adjacent to Colne Gardens.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>Northern half of site falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3. The site falls within the London Colney Conservation Area and is part of a woodland management project. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it is close to the Barnet Road, Thamesdale flats and many other houses. It is in a well walked part of the village and close to the river and three pubs.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, it is little more than a heavily wooded spit of land but is has a wonderful</p>

	<p>atmosphere and a calmness to it even though the road traffic can be heard throughout the site. Not extensive.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This site has lots of birdsong, dappled light on a sunny day and a wonderful small pond that I suspect hosts species of fish & reptiles and yellow iris plants. 2. Transferred to the Parish Council in 2012 and it was named after Robin Cooper, a former teacher and community activist for many years in London Colney. 3. This wood is a lovely place to walk, sit and think. It also is a great place for children to play as well as acting as a walk through from the main road to Thamesdale flats. 4. Yes, for such a small wood it has a beautiful calm atmosphere that is rich in birdsong. On a hot day it offers welcome shade. 5. The heron is sometimes spotted here therefore suspect reptiles and possibly fish are living in the pond. other species are hare, speckled wood butterfly, red admirals and banded snails. the plant life includes rowan, bluebells, bittersweet nightshade, doves-foot cranes-bill and deadly nightshade. There is a wealth of mature trees. Hedgehogs, foxes and possibly badgers live there as the undergrowth is dense and unspoilt.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is highly valued by the local community. The site does fall within a Conservation Area and Flood Zones 2 and 3, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily</p>

	preclude the site from future development.
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<p>33. Site Name</p>	<p>Glebe Allotments</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large space partly used for allotments. One area unused and overgrown and a larger area used for allotments. One way entrance/exit via Richardson Close.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations and no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, compact and contained on all sides by urban development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surrounded by mature trees and fencing. 2. N/A 3. Used by Allotment holders of all ages. Access to Morris Playing fields.

<p>5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values</p>	<p>4. A quiet area enjoyed by many residents while tending to their allotment plots</p> <p>5. Small mammals, foxes, hedgehogs, insects and birds, allotments surrounded by mature trees and hedges.</p> <p>6. N/A</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>This site is protected under the Allotments Act 1925, whereby councils can only develop statutorily protected allotment land with the permission of the secretary of state, and only if strict criteria are met. As such, it is recommended that a separate policy is used to address allotment protection and enhancement.</p>

<p>34. Site Name</p>	<p>Field White Horse Lane – land adjacent to Morris Way Playing Fields</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large open space, mostly left to nature, shrubbery, trees and wildlife.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The site was previously covered by Policy 142a (page 227) of the Local Plan and was set out as open space after the development of the NFT distribution centre. However, this designation was subsequently removed in 2007. Despite this, this is still covered by Policy 93 in the saved policies of the Local Plan as ‘Land Adjacent to Morris Recreation Ground). Planning application submitted for 30 dwellings on site in 2020 (5/2020/0060) and refused based on open space allocation.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is accessible via White Horse Lane.</p>

<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is compact and is relatively contained by urban development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Freely left to nature, beautiful open wild space with footpaths 2. N/A 3. Lovely for walking. Footpaths utilised by dog walkers, ramblers as part of a longer walk. 4. Lovely quiet ambience. 5. Plenty of wildlife, nesting birds, squirrels, foxes, Insects, moths and butterflies. Wild meadow area, with mature trees and shrubs, wildflowers, muntjac deer.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. Despite its inclusion in Policy 93 of the Local Plan (which is dated and has a different function to Local Green Space), the site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>35. Site Name</p>	<p>St. Peters Church Yard</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large green space, with access to St Peters Church and Cemetery.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations. Whole site falls within the London Colney Conservation Area. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is located within the built-up area.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is compact and contained by urban development on all sides.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many mature trees, shrubs and flowers. Leads onto the river. Set within a beautiful, picturesque area.

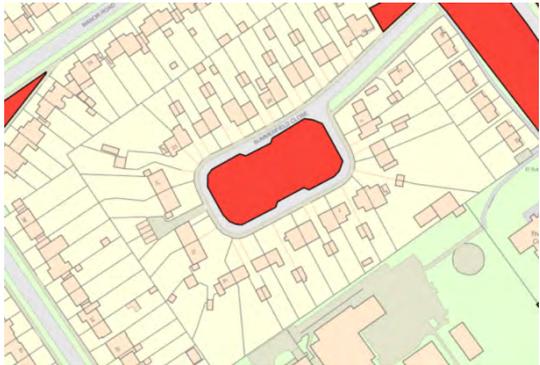
<p>3. Recreational value (including as a playing field)</p> <p>4. Tranquillity</p> <p>5. Richness of wildlife</p> <p>6. Other values</p>	<p>2. When St Peter’s Church was built in 1825 the churchyard was enclosed from former hay meadows. These hay meadows all around the village provided fodder for the coach horses as they were changed and refreshed, plus all the inns for the passengers they carried. Just as the petrol station and the hotel today provide by the M25.</p> <p>Over the years so many of the village inhabitants were interred here, that in time further extensions were added, now over one acre. To the present day some 2,000 people are at rest here.</p> <p>3. Used consistently by young and old alike. Available seating. Great for, resting and enjoying the beauty.</p> <p>4. Very tranquil and peaceful due to its location by the river.</p> <p>5. Plenty of wildlife here, river wildlife as well as natural habitat for this area. Home to mature trees and flora, including spotted orchid. Site managed to allow old meadow species to continue growing here.</p> <p>6. A place for contemplation and peace.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>It should be noted that there are no statutory protections against proposals for licences to excavate human remains. The site does fall within a Conservation Area which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily preclude the site from future development.</p>

<p>36. Site Name</p>	<p>Green Space Manor Road – Caledon Road/Manor Road</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large green area on the corner, surrounded by residential properties. Managed by District Council. This site includes both areas marked on the map.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations and no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is situated within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site comprises a small tract of incidental space within a residential area.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Historic significance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A variety of wildflowers are evident. Mature trees 2. N/A

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational value (including as a playing field) • Tranquillity • Richness of wildlife • Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Offers green local space, in otherwise built-up residential area, breaking up the solid build of houses. Used by local children to play and dog walkers. 4. N/A 5. Birds and natural habitat were observed. Mature trees and wildflowers located on the site.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>37. Site Name</p>	<p>Caledon Road Green Space</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>3 large green areas in front of bungalows. Kept in good order, neat and tidy.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations and no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site falls within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is relatively compact and is contained on all sides by urban development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A lovely outlook for the OAP bungalows. There are several mature trees. Spring flowers are grown in the grass. 2. No 3. Some seating available, enjoyed by residents in better weather. The site creates a green feel to the

<p>5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values</p>	<p>residential area and a barrier between the houses and road, thus creating a feeling of space and calm.</p> <p>4. Quiet road most of the time 5. Birds and insects. Mature trees along all of the areas.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its aesthetic-pleasing setting and recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

38. Site Name	Summerfield Close
Description of Green Space	<p>Large green space, centered in a cul-de-sac, surrounded by various types of residential housing.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	No environmental designations and no live planning applications.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, the site is within the built-up area of London Colney.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, the site is relatively small and is contained on all sides by urban development.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Several mature trees are situated on the green. 2. N/A 3. Safe for children use the green as a play area. Area enjoyed by residents to socialize. All houses in close look out onto the central green area.

<p>5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values</p>	<p>4. Quiet area away from main roads. 5. Evidence of birds and natural habitat. Mature trees</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>39. Site Name</p>	<p>Bluett Road</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large central green area. Good condition, tarmacked areas for parking.</p>  
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The western half of the site falls within Flood Zone 2 and 3. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is relatively small and is contained on all sides by urban development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular</p>	<p>1. Grassed area with mature trees in centre of residential area, will many</p>

<p>significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<p>properties benefit from a lovely view from their window.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. N/A 3. Yes, green space is used as a place for residents to socialise and a play space for local children. 4. Surrounded by housing and cut off from main roads, the site is a peaceful green space for residents 5. Birds and squirrels and usual natural habitat. Mature trees. 6. In keeping with local road designs, with large green verges or greens for the houses to look out on to.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>40. Site Name</p>	<p>Birch Way</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Small green area surrounded by elderly persons bungalows. Kept well and in good order.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is relatively small and is contained on all sides by urban development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p>	<p>1. Mature trees. The site is in a tucked away location away from busy roads and vehicles.</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. N/A 3. Lovely outlook for the residents of this area. Place for residents to socialise with each other 4. Peaceful and quiet. 5. General wildlife, birds etc. mature trees and grassed area.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.</p>

<p>41. Site Name</p>	<p>Collyer Road Green Space</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Small roundabout at the top of Collyer Road. Two mature trees, vehicles parked in between trees. Ignored "No Parking Sign". Cars are parked on all grass verges in this area.</p> <div data-bbox="831 524 1378 860" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="842 891 1374 1272" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations, no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>

<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is relatively small and is contained on all sides by urban development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No it is used for parking, as parking is in short supply, in this street. 2. No 3. No, it is not big enough for any recreation. 4. No, it is surrounded by houses and cars. 5. Possibly some natural habitat.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>This site has limited community value, is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development.</p>

<p>42. Site Name</p>	<p>Green Space at Junction of St. Annes Road and Caledon Road.</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Large, grassed corner plot.</p>  
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, in keeping with the style of housing and development in the area, with green spaces throughout the residential areas.</p>

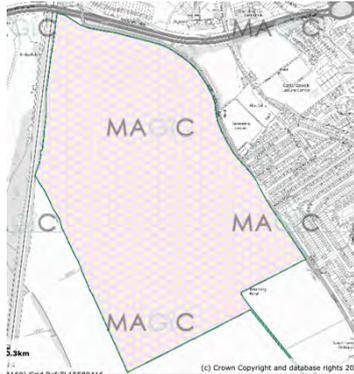
	Not extensive.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residential properties look out onto the grassed area 2. N/A 3. N/A 4. N/A 5. Evidence of birds and natural wildlife. Mature tree 6. N/A
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>This site has limited community value, is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development.</p>

<p>43. Site Name</p>	<p>Telford Road nr houses 18 – 20 and 65-67 (both sites marked on map)</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Rectangular grassed area.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No environmental designations and no live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site is within the built-up area of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is relatively small and is contained on all sides by urban development.</p>

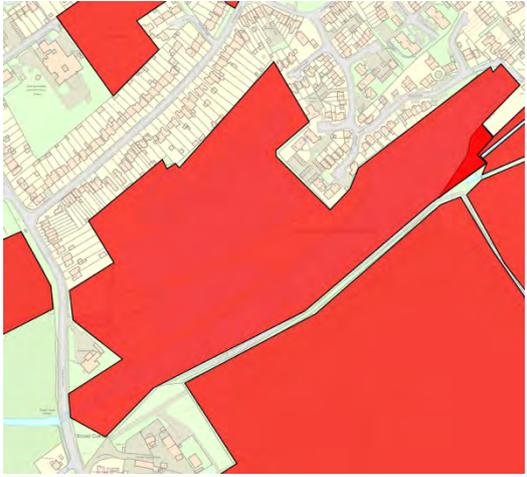
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lovely corner plot, close to the entrance of Bowmansgreen school. The site contains, mature trees wildflowers and shrubbery. 2. N/A 3. Local children use it for play after school hours. 4. It is a quiet area of London Colney. 5. Birds are evident and the usual habitat.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>This site has limited community value, is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development.</p>

<p>44. Site Name</p>	<p>Siding Way Meadow</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>Rectangular meadow situated between Siding Way and Tamarix Crescent. Good, maintained and cut twice a year due to its protected status.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site falls within Green Belt the Napsbury Conservation Area and is recognised as wood pasture and parkland habitat. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, this meadow is surrounded by houses and well-maintained paths. There is also a very attractive park bench for use by residents.</p>

<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, a lovely space to relax and enjoy the birds and butterflies. Not extensive.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The meadow is allowed to grow in summer. Wildflowers populate the area and an array of insects are evident. The site is surrounded by mature trees which offers shade on hot summer days. 2. Part of the historic Napsbury Hospital site. 3. Yes, many people walk around this meadow. It is beautiful in the summer evening sun. 4. Yes, this is quiet and peaceful area of Napsbury surrounded by mature trees. A small wood on the eastern edge offers shade and an area for wildlife to breed. 5. Owls can be heard and bats can be seen as well as green & spotted woodpeckers and an array of common birds. Foxes, squirrels, and occasionally deer can be seen. 6. Tranquil and enjoyed by many for walking and bird spotting.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>The site benefits from Green Belt designation and Conservation Area status and is therefore already protected from development.</p>

45. Site Name	Napsbury Park
Description of Green Space	<p>Large area with lovely open spaces between residential dwellings and mature woods. Private estate which is very well maintained at the residents cost.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	<p>The site is designated Green Belt and a Registered Park and Garden, falls within the Napsbury Conservation Area and is Grade II listed. No live planning applications.</p>
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	<p>Yes, on the western side of London Colney and has about 1000 residents.</p>
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	<p>No, the site includes the whole of the Napsbury Park Estate. This is extensive.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lovely place to walk around and it is visited by many people from the local area. Lovely meadows are allowed to grow wild throughout summer. 2. Yes, Napsbury Hospital was established in the early 1900s to treat the mentally ill. It was later

<p>6. Other values</p>	<p>used to treat WW1 soldiers returning from the trenches.</p> <p>3. Yes, there are cricket pitches rugby and football pitches. Lots of space to walk and play.</p> <p>4. There are a number of wooded areas and also open spaces and meadows. It is a peaceful place.</p> <p>5. Yes, foxes, deer, rabbits, badgers and many birds including red kites flying overhead, green woodpeckers, blackbird , blue tit , robin , great tit , jackdaw , magpie , lesser lack-backed gull , carrion crow, woodpigeon , dunnock , chaffinch , starling , pied wagtail , green woodpecker , buzzard , house sparrow , collared dove , nuthatch, swifts, swallows , house martins , kestrel , great spotted woodpecker , linnet , greenfinch, goldfinch, bullfinch, black-headed gull , long-tailed tit and mistle thrush.</p> <p>6. Wonderful balance between residential buildings and wilder areas as it has not been overdeveloped.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>The site benefits from Green Belt, Registered Park and Garden and Conservation Area designations and is extensive. With the above in mind, it is considered that the site is already sufficiently protected from development and it does not fulfil all NPPF local green space criteria.</p>

<p>46. Site Name</p>	<p>Broad Colney Lakes</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>A series of lakes situated between Shenley Lane and The Village Green by the Green Dragon Pub.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>The whole site falls within Green Belt and Flood Zones 2 and 3 and the northeastern edge of the site falls within the London Colney Conservation Area. The site also includes priority habitat. No live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, it is situated near to the river Colne and approximately 50m to the pubs at the south of the village. There are lots of access points from residential areas and widely used by residents dog walks, cyclists and more.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the lakes were formed from gravel extractions made many years ago and is nourished by the River Colne which runs</p>

	<p>through the main lake. The site is not extensive.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 6. Other values 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The site it is a popular walking site and is well-loved by residents. It is full of mature trees, marginal plants, flora and fauna and a wealth of wildlife. Benches located part way down the lakes and at the top end, provide resting places to view the lake. Yes, this is quiet and peaceful area of Napsbury surrounded by mature trees. A small wood on the eastern edge offers shade and an area for wildlife to breed. 2. The River Colne flows through the site. 3. The site is used by a large number of residents. Footpaths through the site are popular routes for walkers, dog walkers and cyclists. The site was home to a local fishing club until recently. 4. The site is tranquil as it provides a calm and watery setting with shady spots and some benches. It is a lovely place to visit and stroll around. 5. A wide range of waterfowl and birds are resident here, including but not limited to: Mallard, Geese, Cormorants, Heron, Kingfishers, Coots Moorhens, Swans and many other common birds. There is an array of fish in the lake as well. 6. This is a pleasant walking area which links parts of the western part of the village with the pubs in the south. It is well used and links many footpaths together to form good circular walks.
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>The site benefits from Green Belt and Conservation Area designations, falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3 and contains priority habitat. With the above in mind, it is</p>

	considered that the site is already sufficiently protected from development.
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47. Site Name	Five Acres open space
Description of Green Space	<p>A secure grassy open space accessed via a path from Oldfield Road or Five Acres.</p> 
Planning Constraints/Designations	No planning constraints/designations or live planning applications.
Map	
Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, the site lies within the built-up settlement of London Colney.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, the site is not extensive and is contained on all sides by development.
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 3. Recreational value (including as a playing field) 4. Tranquillity 5. Richness of wildlife 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A large open green space within a housing estate. 2. N/A 3. The site is suitable for a range of sports and activities and can accommodate community groups. 4. The site has no vehicular access and is surrounded by trees.

<p>6. Other values</p>	<p>5. A range of birds visit the site. Mature trees and hedges surround the site.</p> <p>6. The site offers a central green space for residents in the surrounding area to escape and relax.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its beauty, recreational uses, tranquility and richness of wildlife. The site does not benefit from any other designations.</p>

<p>48. Site Name</p>	<p>Five Acres open space 2 (near houses 50-70). Note: the site consists of two different areas (the most northerly sites visible on the map below).</p>
<p>Description of Green Space</p>	<p>A green situated towards the back of 1950's built housing estate, with houses looking out onto it, offering a buffer from the dual carriage way behind the site.</p> 
<p>Planning Constraints/Designations</p>	<p>No planning constraints/designations or live planning applications.</p>
<p>Map</p>	
<p>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</p>	
<p>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Yes, the site lies adjacent to the built-up settlement of London Colney.</p>
<p>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</p>	<p>Yes, the site is not extensive and is contained on all sides by roads and development.</p>
<p>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beauty 2. Historic significance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A green area within the housing estate. The houses look out on to mature trees. 2. N/A 3. An open space for residents to play.

<p>3. Recreational value (including as a playing field)</p> <p>4. Tranquillity</p> <p>5. Richness of wildlife</p> <p>6. Other values</p>	<p>4. Yes, the site is in the far corner of the housing estate with very little traffic. It offers residents tranquility from the dual carriageway that is behind the bank and trees beyond.</p> <p>5. Birds visit the site. There are mature trees and hedgerows at the back of the site which provide a buffer from the dual carriageway.</p> <p>6. N/A</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its beauty, recreational uses, tranquility and richness of wildlife. The site does not benefit from any other designations.</p>

4. Summary Assessment Table

Site number	Site name	Should it be designated?	Justification
1	Napier Close Green Space	No	<p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds, but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>
2	Collingwood Drive Green Space	No	<p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>

3	Perham Way Green Space	No	<p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>
4	Tovey Close	No	<p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>
5	Oldfield Road	No	<p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney</p>

			<p>as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>
6	Oldfield Road Green Space nr No. 32	No	<p>This site is likely to be highly valued by those living within the immediate surrounds but has limited overall community value in London Colney as a whole. Incidental green spaces in London Colney form part of the overall character of the area and therefore can potentially be covered and reflected in policies regarding design, character and sense of place in London Colney.</p> <p>The site is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development due to associated design issues such as overlooking and lack of privacy. However, these types of spaces may be suitable test cases for biodiversity net gain and conservation improvements.</p>
7	Green space at junction of Oldfield Road and Alexander Road	Yes	<p>The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its attractiveness and natural beauty. The site does not benefit from any formal designations.</p>
8	Chantry Island	No	<p>This site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and designated Green Belt would therefore not benefit</p>

			from being designated as a local green space.
9	Land surrounding Barley Mo farm	Yes	The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its historic significance and richness of wildlife. The site only benefits from Green Belt designation.
10	Field 1 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre	Yes	The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. The site only benefits from Green Belt designation.
11	Field 2 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre	Yes	The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. The site only benefits from Green Belt designation.
12	Field 3 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre	Yes	The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. The site only benefits from Green Belt designation.
13	Field 4 behind Colney Fields Shopping Centre	Yes	The site forms part of the network of green spaces to the south west of London Colney. Although within the Green Belt, the site is clearly valued by the community for its wider recreation and wildlife benefits.
14	Napsbury Orchard	Yes	The site forms an important part of Napsbury's history. Although within the Green Belt and a Historic Park and Gardens, the site is clearly valued by the community for its beauty, historic, recreational, tranquility and richness of wildlife benefits.

15	Halsey Park Play Area	Yes	The site provides play facilities for toddlers. Despite its small size, the site is clearly valued by the community for its recreational and tranquility benefits.
16	Caledon Road Play Area	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
17	Caledon Community Centre Open Green Space	No	Part of this site is subject to a recent planning permission for a medical centre and pharmacy and therefore it is recommended that this site is not designated to enable future expansion of the medical centre to respond to any future further demand.
18	Walsingham Way Open Space	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational and richness of wildlife benefits. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
19	Shenley Lane Allotments	No	This site is protected under the Allotments Act 1925, whereby councils can only develop statutorily protected allotment land with the permission of the Secretary of State, and only if strict criteria are met. As such, it is recommended that a separate policy is used to address allotment protection and enhancement.
20	Shenley Lane Playing Fields	Yes	The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site only benefits from Green Belt protection.

21	Shenley Lane Play Area	Yes	The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site only benefits from Green Belt protection
22	Cotlandswick Playground	No	Whilst this site undoubtedly has recreational value, its designation may prevent future changes to the operational requirements of the Cotlandswick Leisure Centre.
23	Cotlandswick Open Space	No	Whilst this site undoubtedly has recreational value, its designation may restrict future changes to the operational requirements of the Cotlandswick Leisure Centre.
24	Alsop Close Play Area	Yes	The site is situated adjacent to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses and richness of wildlife. The site only benefits from Green Belt designation.
25	Morris Way Playing Fields	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
26	Lowbell Lake & Riverside	Yes	The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its wildlife richness. The site does fall within Flood Zones 2 and 3, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, Flood Zones 2 and 3 do not necessarily preclude the site from future development.
27	Napsbury Sports fields and tennis courts around pavilion.	No	The site benefits from Green Belt and Registered Park and Garden designations and is therefore already protected from development.

28	Village Green (nr Green Dragon Pub)	Yes	The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is highly valued by the local community. The site does fall within a Conservation Area and Flood Zones 2 and 3, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily preclude the site from future development.
29	Water Paddock (over small bridge by green dragon to second green space)	Yes	The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is highly valued by the local community. The site does fall within Green Belt, a Conservation Area and Flood Zones 2 and 3, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily preclude the site from future development.
30	Chester Gibbons Green	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
31	Dudley Wood	Yes	The site benefits from Green Belt designation and forms part of the Watling Chase Community Forest. Despite this, the site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its aesthetic beauty, historic significance, recreational uses and richness of wildlife.
32	Coopers Wood	Yes	The site is situated close to the built-up area, is compact and is highly valued by the local community. The site does fall within a Conservation Area and Flood Zones 2 and 3, which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily

			preclude the site from future development.
33	Glebe Allotments	No	This site is protected under the Allotments Act 1925, whereby councils can only develop statutorily protected allotment land with the permission of the Secretary of State, and only if strict criteria are met. As such, it is recommended that a separate policy is used to address allotment protection and enhancement.
34	Field White Horse Lane – land adjacent to Morris Way Playing Fields	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. Despite its inclusion in Policy 93 of the Local Plan, the site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
35	St. Peters Church Yard	Yes	It should be noted that there are no statutory protections against proposals for licences to excavate human remains. The site does fall within a Conservation Area which, whilst in practice it is unlikely development would come forward on this site, does not necessarily preclude the site from future development.
36	Green Space Manor Road – Caledon Road/Manor Road	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
37	Caledon Road Green Space	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its aesthetic-pleasing setting and recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.

38	Summerfield Close	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
39	Bluett Road	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
40	Birch Way	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its recreational uses. The site does not benefit from any formal environmental designations.
41	Collyer Road Green Space	No	This site has limited community value, is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development.
42	Green Space at Junction of St. Annes Road and Caledon Road.	No	This site has limited community value, is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development.
43	Telford Road nr houses 18 – 20 and 65-67	No	This site has limited community value, is relatively small and is unlikely to be at risk of development.
44	Siding Way Meadow	No	The site benefits from Green Belt designation and Conservation Area status and is therefore already protected from development.
45	Napsbury Park	No	The site benefits from Green Belt, Registered Park and Garden and Conservation Area designations and is extensive. With the above in mind, it is considered that the site is already sufficiently protected from development and it does not fulfil all NPPF local green space criteria.

46	Broad Colney Lakes Nature Reserve	No	The site benefits from Green Belt and Conservation Area designations, falls within Flood Zones 2 and 3 and contains priority habitat. With the above in mind, it is considered that the site is already sufficiently protected from development.
47	Five Acres open space	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its beauty, recreational uses, tranquility and richness of wildlife. The site does not benefit from any other designations.
48	Five Acres open space 2 (near houses 50-70).	Yes	The site is situated within the built-up area, is compact and is valued for its beauty, recreational uses, tranquility and richness of wildlife. The site does not benefit from any other designations.

APPENDIX 1: PLANNING PRACTICE GUIDANCE

The following is extracted from Planning Practice Guidance and provides an overview of the Local Green Space Designation, how these should be identified and what is conferred by designation.

What is Local Green Space designation?

Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities.

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How is land designated as Local Green Space?

Local Green Space designation is for use in Local Plans or Neighbourhood Plans. These plans can identify on a map ('designate') green areas for special protection. Anyone who wants an area to be designated as Local Green Space should contact the local planning authority about the contents of its local plan or get involved in neighbourhood planning.

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How does Local Green Space designation relate to development?

Designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making.

Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

What if land has planning permission for development?

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

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Can all communities benefit from Local Green Space?

Local Green Spaces may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or in a neighbourhood in a town or city.

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What if land is already protected by Green Belt or as Metropolitan Open Land (in London)?

If land is already protected by Green Belt policy, or in London, policy on Metropolitan Open Land, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space. One potential benefit in areas where protection from development is the norm (e.g.: villages included in the green belt) but where there could be exceptions is that the Local Green Space designation could help to identify areas that are of particular importance to the local community.

Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-010-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

What if land is already protected by designations such as National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Site of Special Scientific Interest, Scheduled Monument or conservation area?

Different types of designations are intended to achieve different purposes. If land is already protected by designation, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

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What about new communities?

New residential areas may include green areas that were planned as part of the development. Such green areas could be designated as Local Green Space if they are demonstrably special and hold particular local significance.

Paragraph: 012 Reference ID: 37-012-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

What types of green area can be identified as Local Green Space?

The green area will need to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis.

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How close does a Local Green Space need to be to the community it serves?

The proximity of a Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served.

Paragraph: 014 Reference ID: 37-014-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

How big can a Local Green Space be?

There are no hard and fast rules about how big a Local Green Space can be because places are different and a degree of judgment will inevitably be needed. However, paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework is clear that Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name.

Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

Is there a minimum area?

Provided land can meet the criteria at paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework there is no lower size limit for a Local Green Space.

Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 37-016-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

What about public access?

Some areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may already have largely unrestricted public access, though even in places like parks there may be some restrictions. However, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (e.g.: green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty). Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with land owners, whose legal rights must be respected.

Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 37-017-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

What about public rights of way?

Areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may be crossed by public rights of way. There is no need to designate linear corridors as Local Green Space simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation.

Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

Does land need to be in public ownership?

A Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership. However, the local planning authority (in the case of local plan making) or the qualifying body (in the case of neighbourhood plan making) should contact landowners at an early stage about

proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan.

Paragraph: 019 Reference ID: 37-019-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

Would designation place any restrictions or obligations on landowners?

Designating a green area as Local Green Space would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners.

Paragraph: 020 Reference ID: 37-020-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

Who will manage Local Green Space?

Management of land designated as Local Green Space will remain the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is likely to be an important consideration. Local communities can consider how, with the landowner's agreement, they might be able to get involved, perhaps in partnership with interested organisations that can provide advice or resources.

Paragraph: 021 Reference ID: 37-021-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014

Can a Local Green Space be registered as an Asset of Community Value?

Land designated as Local Green Space may potentially also be nominated for listing by the local authority as an Asset of Community Value. Listing gives community interest groups an opportunity to bid if the owner wants to dispose of the land.

Related policy: paragraphs 99-100 Paragraph: 022 Reference ID: 37-022-20140306

