

# **Brampton Parish Local Green Spaces**

## **Supporting Evidence Document – November 2021**

**BRAMPTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PLAN**

## 1.0 Introduction

This supporting evidence document aims to provide Brampton Parish Council with evidence to support the policy in the Brampton Neighbourhood Plan concerning Local Green Spaces.

It briefly sets out the background to their designation, context and explains the methodology used. A short description of what makes each one special with supporting photographic evidence is also provided.

## 2.0 Methodology

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)<sup>1</sup> introduced the concept of Local Green Space (LGS) designation. LGS designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of importance to local communities.

Paragraph 99 of the NPPF provides the following information on Local Green Space designations, *'The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them'*.

Adding in paragraphs 100 and 101 that:

'The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

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

Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts'.

These requirements and guidance contained in the NPPF are developed in the National Planning Practice Guidance document 'Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space'<sup>2</sup> and other supporting policies and documents.

The identification and protection of local green spaces through neighbourhood plans is also supported through local planning policies. Special mention here should be made to para 9.97 of the draft North East Derbyshire Local Plan<sup>3</sup> headed 'Local Green Spaces', which states, *"Local Green Spaces' are green spaces of particular importance to the local community. National policy makes provision for these to be identified through local and neighbourhood plans. Local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances by designating land as Local Green Spaces. However, National Policy makes clear that this specific designation would not be appropriate for most*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/index.php/your-council/document-library/local-plan-exam-library/01-submission-documents>

*green spaces and specifies when it should be used. In North East Derbyshire, the Local Plan does not designate Local Green Spaces, but any forthcoming Neighbourhood Plans may do so’.*

### **3.0 Methodology**

Whilst the NPPF establishes the concept of LGS designation and provides some guiding principles, it gives local communities preparing a neighbourhood plan some discretion to determine how to implement this at the local level.

A four-stage approach was adopted by the group leading in the preparation of the Plan.

#### Step 1: Identification of potential sites.

The potential sites were derived from local knowledge including the outcomes from the community consultation events and other input from the local community.

#### Step 2: Assessment against the NPPF criteria

The ‘long list’ of sites was then assessed to consider their suitability for LGS designation. To allow comparative assessment of the sites, a form was created based on the criteria in the NPPF. This enabled a consistent and transparent methodology for identifying LGSs in the Parish. Each potential site was assessed by the Steering Group as well as the consultants helping the Parish Council preparing the Plan acting as a critical friend.

The Group, like most groups undertaking LGS analysis, faced challenges. In particular, the sheer number of potential local green spaces in the Parish of some significance. National planning policy enables a neighbourhood plan to protect those of local significance. Also, the absence of a statutory or commonly used definition of these terms, particularly what constitutes, ‘special’ or comprises an ‘extensive tract of land’. A common-sense approach was taken, while at the same time having regard to good practice and the experiences of LGS designations in approved neighbourhood plans.

The Group was also mindful of the fact that several sites are already given some protection through their location in the Green Belt and the Peak National Park as well as designations in existing and emerging local plans. National Planning Practice Guidance on Local Green Space designation suggests that, where land is already protected by another designation, consideration should be given as to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as LGS.

Through this process several sites were identified which were considered locally significant, valued by the community and met the tests set out in the NPPF to be designated as a LGS.

#### Step 3: Further review

All the proposed sites were then reviewed for their appropriateness for designation as LGS by the independent consultant helping prepare the Plan, acting in a ‘critical friend’ role.

#### Step 4: Consultation

Satisfied that the sites met, in principle, the criteria for LGS designation and should be formally proposed for designation in the Neighbourhood Plan, they were then “tested” through the Plan process.

### **4.0 Local Green Spaces Assessment Forms**

The following section summarises how each of the sites meets the Local Green Space criteria set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. An indicative photograph is also provided for each one. A detailed map showing the sites can be found at APPENDIX 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan document.

## 4.0 Local Green Space Site Assessment Forms

Site No.	1.
Site Name	Greenspace at the junction of Cutthorpe Road and Four Lanes End, Cutthorpe.
Address/location	Cutthorpe Road, Cutthorpe.
Public Access	Yes, but not encouraged due to its location on a roundabout
Current Planning Permission/allocation on site	No.
Compliance with the NPPF criteria	
Summary	This is a small circular raised, maintained and walled feature located on a traffic island at the junction of three roads. It is an important landmark and gateway feature that is important to the setting and character of Cutthorpe and the wider Parish. It makes a significant contribution to local distinctiveness.
Is it beautiful?	Yes. Its prominent location adds to its value.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Is it of recreation value?	Not especially.
Is it tranquil?	Not especially.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Not especially.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.



Site No.	2.
Site Name	Coronation Tree greenspace, Cutthorpe.
Address/location	Main Road, Cutthorpe.
Public Access	Yes.
Current Planning Permission	No.
Compliance with the NPPF criteria	
Summary	This small green space comprise a substantial tree surrounded by seating. It is an important and prominent landmark feature that is important to the setting and character of Cutthorpe. It is also of some recreational value.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	The Coronation Tree was planted to celebrate the coronation of King George V in 2011.
Is it of recreation value?	Yes, mainly informal sitting. It includes a bench.
Is it tranquil?	Though situated adjacent to the Main Road through Cutthorpe it is a popular place for people to sit and view the surrounding countryside.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Not especially.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.



Site No.	3.
Site Name	Cutthorpe Recreation Ground, Cutthorpe.
Address/location	Off Cutthorpe Road, Cutthorpe.
Public Access	Yes.
Current Planning Permission/allocation on site	No.
Compliance with the NPPF criteria	
Summary	This long-standing recreation ground, is a focal point for the village of Cutthorpe with seating, cricket pitch, football pitch, children's play area etc. Centrally located in the village of Cutthorpe, it is well used for informal and formal recreation and affords attractive views of the surrounding countryside.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, long standing focal point for community activities.
Is it of recreation value?	Yes, both formal and informal.
Is it tranquil?	Not especially
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Of some value.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.



Site No.	4.
Site	Cutthorpe Allotments, Cutthorpe.
Address/location	Common Road, Cutthorpe.
Public Access	Yes.
Current Planning Permission	No.
Compliance with the NPPF criteria	
Summary	This is a small and well-used allotment site conveniently located just north of the centre of Cutthorpe.
Is it beautiful?	Of limited beauty.
Does it have historic significance?	Not especially.
Is it of recreation value?	Yes. Well used and popular allotment site.
Is it tranquil?	Yes.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Not especially, some wildlife and wildflowers, plus the crops grown on the site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes, relatively small and compact in size.
Other	No.



Site No.	5.
Site Name	Greenspace on the bend of road, Prathall.
Address/location	Off the B6050, Prathall.
Public Access	Yes.
Current Planning Permission	No.
Compliance with the NPPF criteria	
Summary	This is a prominent and roughly triangular area of maintained open space separating a group of houses from the road. It rises up from the road creating a sense of separateness and place. It makes an important contribution to their setting and the character of the area.
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Not especially.
Is it of recreation value?	Not especially. More of amenity value.
Is it tranquil?	Yes. Offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Not especially.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.



Site No.	6.
Site Name	Linacre Reservoir and woodlands.
Address/location	Group to add.
Public Access	Yes.
Current Planning Permission	No.
Compliance with the NPPF	
Summary	A reservoir surrounded by woodlands. It is an asset of particular importance to large numbers of people from within the local community. This was reflected in the findings of the community survey undertaken in 2019 (Linacre Reservoir ranked fourth highest of features that make the area a special place to live), the intensive visiting of the area, the number of trails and footpaths that cross it and the facilities that can be found (including picnic area, car park and interpretative boards. It is also of some nature conservation value which adds to its importance as a green space.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Group to consider.
Is it of recreation value?	Yes, both formal and informal
Is it tranquil?	Yes.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Yes. Designated Derbyshire Wildlife Site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.



Site No.	7.
Site Name	Wadshelf Play Area next to Wadshelf Village Hall, Wadshelf.
Address/location	Main Street, Wadshelf.
Public Access	Yes.
Current Planning Permission	No.
<b>Compliance with the NPPF criteria</b>	
Summary	This is a small well-equipped play area within a village where there is relatively little formal recreation provision. It provides an important safe play space, especially for young children.
Is it beautiful?	Not especially.
Does it have historic significance?	Not especially.
Is it of recreation value?	Yes, formal and informal.
Is it tranquil?	Not especially.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Not especially.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.



Site No	8.
Site Name	Greenspace at the corner of Main Road and School Lane, Wadshelf.
Address/location	At the corner of Main Road and School Lane, Wadshelf.
Public Access	Yes.
Current Planning Permission	No.
<b>Compliance with the NPPF criteria</b>	
Summary	This is a pleasant, centrally located and long-standing irregular shaped area of amenity space. It is an important feature of the setting and character for the village, where there is little green space and is relatively tightly developed.
Is it beautiful?	Yes. Important to the character and amenity of the area.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Is it of recreation value?	Not especially. Mainly of amenity value.
Is it tranquil?	Not especially.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Not especially.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.



Site No	9.
Site Name	Greenspaces either side of Bradshaw Lane, at its junction with Baslow Road, Wadshelf.
Address/location	Bradshaw Lane and its junction with Baslow Road, Wadshelf.
Public Access	No.
Current Planning Permission	No.
<b>Compliance with the NPPF criteria</b>	
Summary	These are two small and prominent areas of grass either side of Bradshaw Lane at its junction with Baslow Road. They contribute to the character of the area and sense of space.
Is it beautiful?	Of some beauty.
Does it have historic significance?	Not especially.
Is it of recreation value?	Not especially.
Is it tranquil?	Not especially.
Does it have richness of wildlife?	Not especially.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Other	No.

