

Appendix 10 of Base Evidence

HINDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Local Green Spaces Report
Draft, June 2018

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1. Introduction

The Local Green Space (LGS) designation was introduced in national planning policy, as part of the Government's commitment to promoting healthy communities (NPPF, 2012, Section 8, para. 76-78). Through Local and Neighbourhood Development Plans, local communities can identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Once a site is designated as a Local Green Space, it is protected against new development except in 'very special circumstances'.

The designation of Local Green Space must be complementary to the objectives of sustainable development, and to sufficient investment in homes, jobs and other essential services. It must also be consistent with national and local Green Belt policy.

National policy states that blanket designation of all green space is not appropriate. For a Local Green Space to be eligible for designation, it must be:

- In reasonable proximity to the community which it serves;
- Demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife, and
- Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

Proposed designations must be supported by evidence that the green area is special to the community.

National planning policy and guidance (Section 8 of the NPPF, and paragraphs 005-022 of National Planning Practice Guidance) identifies a number of specific exceptions where designating Local Green Space is not appropriate:

- **Education sites:** The NPPF (para. 72) places great weight on the importance of ensuring a sufficient number of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities, and therefore on the need to create, alter or expand schools. Because of this, it is very unlikely that green spaces within school grounds, including playing fields, are suitable for Local Green Space designation.
- **Highway land/verges:** Land adjoining highways may need to be utilised or reconfigured for highway works, and is subject to permitted development rights for this, making it unsuitable for designation,
- **Sites with planning permission:** A green space within a site with extant planning permission cannot be designated until the development is complete.

Some open spaces are already protected by other designations such as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) etc. If this is the case, consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as a Local Green Space. For sites such as this, the added value of Local Green Space designation needs to be demonstrated over and above the existing designation.

2. Process

The process undertaken to date, to identify Local Green Spaces for designation in the Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan, is outlined below:

Stage	Explanation	Notes
Initial List (Spring 2017)	NDP Steering Group put together a long list of all potential LGS in Hindon, and an initial assessment against NPPF criteria was carried out to come up with a shortlist.	
Initial Public Consultation (January 2018)	As part of a wider NDP consultation, the LGS on the shortlist were displayed at a public consultation event, where people were encouraged to comment, show their support (or not) and suggest further potential LGS.	See Appendix 1 for a copy of the map poster displayed at the event.
Public Consultation (March-May 2018)	Letters and forms to collect community evidence on those LGS on the shortlist were distributed to neighbouring residences of each LGS. An article was placed in the Village Newsletter (sent to every household in the village) informing readers of the LGS consultation.	See Appendix 2 for an example letter sent to neighbouring residents to the proposed LGS. See Appendix 3 for a copy of the article placed in Village Newsletter.
Landowner Notification (6 th April 2018)	Letters were sent to the landowner of each potential LGS, formally notifying them of the NDP's proposed potential LGS designation and requesting comment.	See Appendix 4 for a copy of the template letter sent to Landowner. See Appendix 5 for an extract of the Parish Council Meeting Minutes (24.05.18), during which the LGS recommendations were agreed.
Collation and Review of Evidence (May – June 2018)	Evidence assessed and collated into this report.	
Final Recommendations for Regulation 14 Consultation (June 2018)	List of recommended LGS produced for inclusion in Regulation 14 Consultation.	

What follows is a collation and summary of the evidence received for each nominated space, together with an assessment of each against the criteria set out in paragraphs 76-78 of the NPPF.

3. Summary of Recommendations

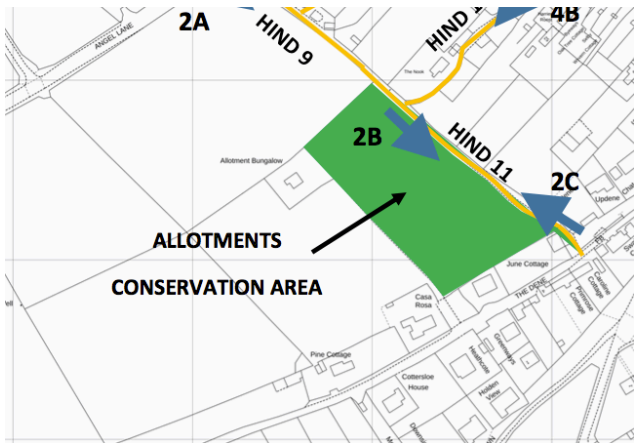
The table below provides a brief summary of recommendations based on the information and evidence gathered. The colour coding system described below is also used throughout Section 4.

Key

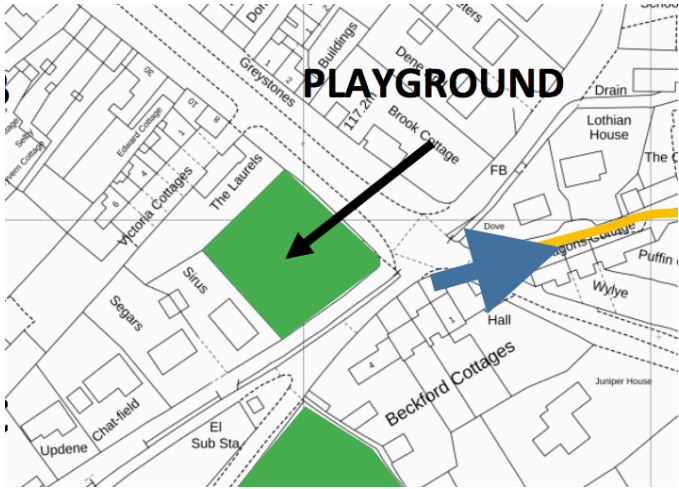
	Do not designate
	Recommended for Designation

Site No.	Site Name	Initial view on designation
LGS1	Allotments	Recommended for designation
LGS2	Playground	Recommended for designation
LGS3	East Street Green	Do not designate
LGS4	The Lamb Lawn	Do not designate
LGS5	Whitehill Green Space	Do not designate
LGS6	Pinchers Down	Do not designate
LGS7	The Churchyard	Do not designate

4. Full Assessment & Summary of Evidence

LGS1 Allotments - Key Information	
Site name	Allotments and Conservation Area
Site number	LGS1
Landowner	Hindon Parish Council
Description of green space	20 allotment plots rented by Hindon Allotments and Conservation Association (HACA). The plots comprise both private food plots and a village amenity and open space. Conservation area of wildflower rich meadow.
Planning constraints / designations	AONB
Map	
LGS1 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	Yes
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	Yes. Nine out of twenty questionnaires returned, 100% in favour of LGS designation. Beauty - Wild flowers, orchids, cowslips, birds, insects & views. Historical Significance - Been allotments for many years. - There have been finds of remains of clay pipes & flint scrapers. Recreational Value - Gardening, socialising, BBQs, seed swaps, bee-

	keeping. - Also used well by visitors HACA runs a range of activities throughout the year which are open to all (seed and plant swaps, outdoor workshops, the 'Big Mow' etc). Richness of wildlife - Wildflower rich meadow attracting insects and more than 20 species of butterfly, small mammals, slow-worms, common lizards. - Cowslips, orchids, dry grassland wildflowers. - Full of wild flowers, insects, butterflies, reptiles and up to recently, hedgehogs Tranquility - There are many benches on which to sit and relax in peace and away from traffic.
LGS1 Next Steps	
Landowner consultation	Letter sent to Parish Council on 6 th April 2018.
Landowner support / objection	The NDP, including the Local Green Space proposals (the Allotments and Playground), was discussed and approved at the Hindon Parish Council meeting held 24 th May 2018.
Recommendation	Recommended for designation as a Local Green Space in the Hindon NDP.
What other protection could the NDP offer?	The allotments are also identified an important green space on the Amenities map.

LGS2 Playground - Key Information	
Site name	Playground
Site number	LGS2
Landowner	Hindon Parish Council
Description of green space	Play area with play equipment and outside seating
Planning constraints / designations	AONB. Protected as Recreation Space (Policy R5 in Core Strategy).
Map	
LGS2 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	Yes
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	Yes. Nine out of ten questionnaires distributed were returned, 100% in favour of LGS designation. Beauty - Spacious and "green" with interesting Alder tree. - Forms part of village's unique character. Historical Significance - Bought from Shaw-Stewart sale by Lt. Col. Heseltine who replaced stone wall with hedging, and donated playground to the village in 1922 Recreational Value - Well used and appreciated by families with young children in a safe surrounding

	- Used for village events such as Annual Flower & Craft Show - Teenagers play football in the area Tranquility - Peaceful, especially in early morning and during school hours. Richness of Wildlife - Some small common birds nesting in hedges. - Hornbeam Tree
LGS2 Next Steps	
Landowner consultation	Letter sent to Parish Council on 6 th April 2018.
Landowner support / objection	The NDP, including the Local Green Space proposals (the Allotments and Playground), was discussed and approved at the Hindon Parish Council meeting held 24 th May 2018.
Recommendation	Recommended for designation as a Local Green Space in the Hindon NDP.
What other protection could the NDP offer?	Also identified as an important green space on the Amenities map.

LGS3 East Street Green - Key Information	
Site name	East Street Green
Site number	LGS3
Landowner	Unknown
Description of green space	Small grassed area marking entrance to East Street houses. Mature chestnut tree and flower tub maintained by local residents
Planning constraints / designations	AONB
Map	
LGS3 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	Yes
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	N/A
LGS3 Next Steps	
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A

3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	The lawn is regularly used during spring and summer months. It also acts as a venue for small events hosted by The Lamb and the village (BBQs, bands etc.)
LGS4 Next Steps	
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A
Recommendation	Do not designate. The land is already protected by its location within the Conservation Area and setting of the Listed Building. LGS designation is not typically suitable for land within the curtilage of a building.
What other protection could the NDP offer?	The space is identified as an important green space on the Amenities map.

LGS5 Whitehill Green Space - Key Information

Site name	Whitehill Green Space
Site number	LGS5
Landowner	Unknown
Description of green space	Green, steep bank with open grass. Ash and Sycamore trees along bank.
Planning constraints / designations	AONB

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LGS5 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	Yes
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	Yes. Ash and Sycamore trees act as a corridor for wildlife, as well as form an important and attractive view from the north to the south of the village (looking down the High Street)

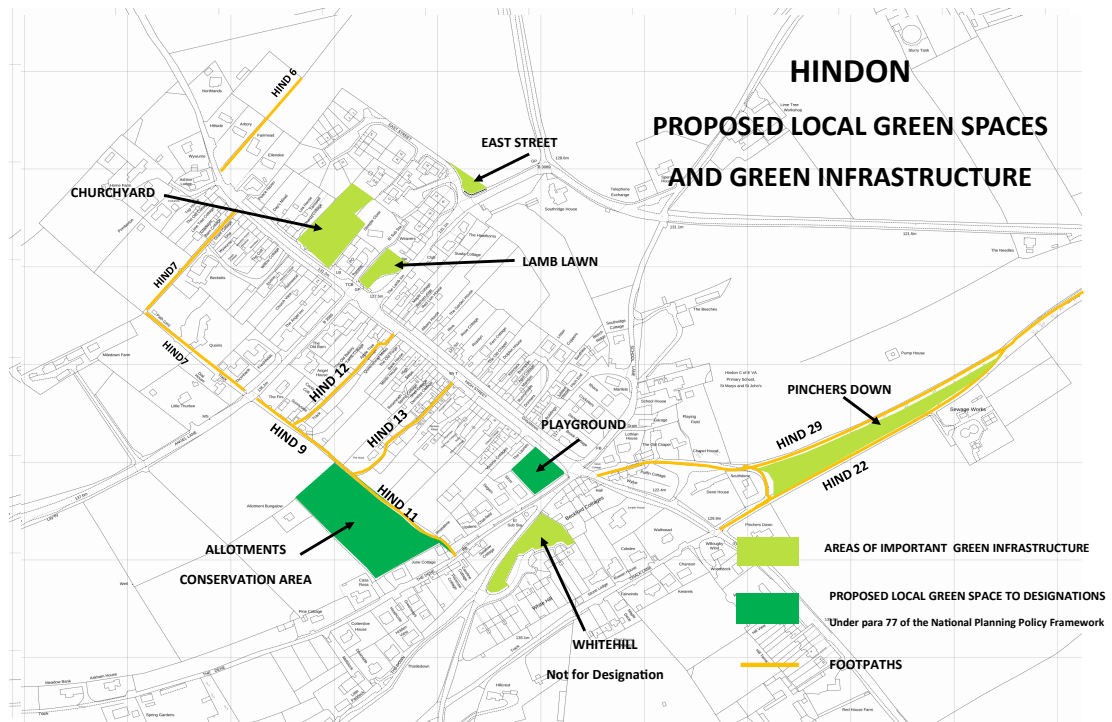
LGS5 Next Steps

Landowner consultation	N/A
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3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	N/A
LGS6 Next Steps	
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A
Recommendation	Do not designate. The land is already protected by virtue of being well outside of the settlement boundary, adjoined by Public Rights of Way, and in the AONB. Planning Practice Guidance states that most linear tracts of land are unsuitable for LGS designation.
What other protection could the NDP offer?	The land could be better protected as part of the Green Infrastructure Network in the NDP.

LGS7 The Churchyard - Key Information	
Site name	The Churchyard
Site number	LGS7
Landowner	St. John's Church
Description of green space	Churchyard with sections maintained for wildflowers
Planning constraints / designations	AONB. Ecclesiastical land.
Map	

LGS7 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	Yes
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	Valued as an open space by residents and visitors alike.
LGS7 Next Steps	
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A
Recommendation	Do not designate. Ecclesiastical protection warrants the land non-developable, so there is not merit in designating as LGS
What other protection could the NDP offer?	The space could be better protected, and is included in the NDP as part of the Green Infrastructure Network. The space is also identified an important green space on the Amenities map.



Appendix 2 - Example letter sent to neighbouring residents to the proposed LGS

Willow Cottage
High Street
Hindon
Salisbury
SP3 6DJ

Tel: 01747 820393 email: crobin4416@aol.com

To residents of:

1, 2 & 3 Beckford Cottages, The Dene 6ED
Sirius, The Dene 6EE
Brook Cottage, High Street 6DP
Greystones, High Street 6DP
The Laurels, High Street 6DR

6th April 2018

Dear Hindon Resident,

I am writing as co-ordinator of the Steering Group for the Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan. As part of our work in developing the Plan, local people have suggested to us some small areas of land that they think could benefit from being formally designated in the Plan as what are termed 'Local Green Spaces' (LGS).

The spaces proposed so far are the Playground and the Allotments.

This questionnaire relates to **the Playground** (as labelled on the attached plan) and is being distributed, in line with national practice, to nearby properties. If you know other people who may wish to comment, they can contact me or the Parish Council for an additional form (or simply use a copy of this form).

In order to satisfy the rigorous legal process to designate a space, we first of all need to know the views of those who value the site because community support is essential. According to national planning policy, sites must be '*demonstrably special to a local community, and hold a particular local significance*' (National Planning Policy Framework, para. 77). That significance is about whether a site is:

- Beautiful (as local people see that);
- Historically significant (which can be in terms of very local history);
- Valuable for recreation;
- Tranquil (mostly quiet);
- Rich in, or important to, wildlife (not necessarily living on the site, but also using it, eg. bats).

To our knowledge there is no current intention to develop the site, but please let us know, by filling in and returning the form overleaf, if it meets – for you – any of the five criteria above. We are also contacting the landowner, who has the right to object to the proposed designation. The results will then be assessed by the independent Examiner who will eventually report on the Neighbourhood Plan, and so the strength of local evidence is crucial.

The form overleaf gives details of how to return it and by when. If you have any comments, please contact me either by phone or email as above

Many thanks for your assistance, John Robinson

Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan
Possible Local Green Spaces

Name of Possible Local Green Space: *The Playground*

What is your general view as to whether this area of land should be a
Local Green Space? (please circle as appropriate)

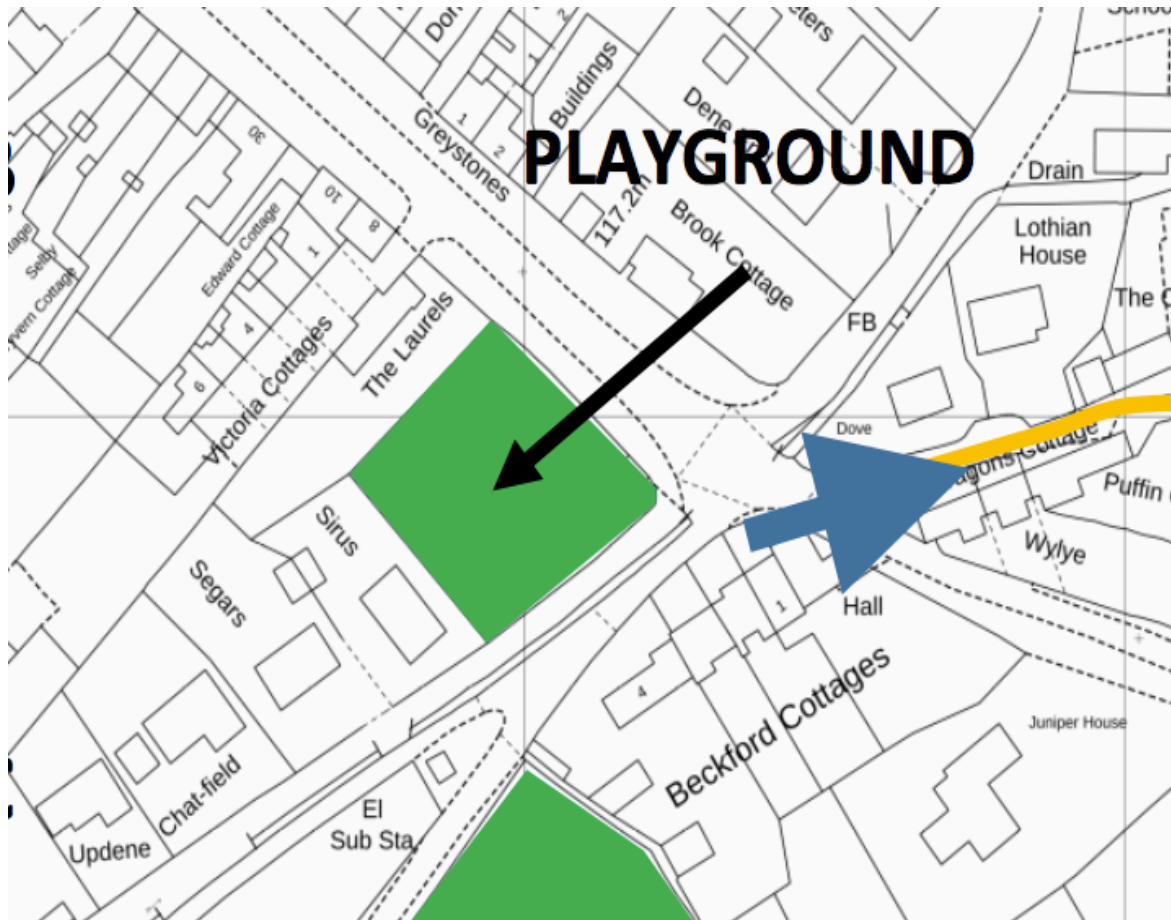
YES NO

*Please note down in the boxes below, as briefly as possible, how you think this site
might meet the various criteria (or not, if that is your view).
Only fill in the boxes you consider to be relevant.*

BEAUTY
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
RECREATIONAL USE
TRANQUILITY
WILDLIFE

Please return this form by Monday 30th April 2018

To John Robinson at Willow Cottage, High street or email to crobin4416@aol.com
Or phone on 820393 if you wish to discuss this form or have it collected.



Hindon Newsletter May 2018

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the Annual Parish Meeting which took place on Tuesday 10th April a report on the progress made to date was given a summary of which is as follows:

Following from the Drop in session on 20th January

- Agreement that Chicklade Road site most suitable of the 4 potential sites
- Positive re-action to the outline ideas for the layout and landscape potential of the site with a preference for the new surgery at the southern edge of the site
- Concern still exists on the number of houses to be built, but will be discussed with developers although actual numbers will not be allowed within the Neighbourhood Development Plan, but mix of housing required will be included.
- View that a new Community Hall was not required at this stage, although additional parking might be included on the site for possible future development.
- Final decision on "Windfall" plots being reviewed with only those in close proximity to High Street with good links into the heart of the village being considered, following a Heritage Assessment report commissioned through our consultants.

GREEN SPACES

A consultation paper has been distributed to immediate houses on the boundaries of The Allotments and the Playground, to obtain residents views regarding the Importance, Beauty, Historical Significance, Recreational Use, Tranquility and Wildlife aspects of each.

If anyone who has not received a form and would like to be included please contact John Robinson on 820393, but please note that all forms must be returned by 10th May.

TIMETABLE

The first Draft of the Plan to be produced by early June for public consultation lasting 6 weeks. The method and venues for material to be viewed will be widely publicised in good time for all to express their views.

Revisions made as appropriate prior to submission of the draft to Wiltshire Council by mid-August.

John Robinson

Appendix 4. Copy of notification letter sent to Landowner

WILLOW COTTAGE
HIGH STREET
HINDON
SP3 6DJ

To:

Mrs E.A Young
Clark Hindon Parish Council
2 Ladydown View
Tisbury
SP3 6LL

6th April 2018

Dear Mrs Young,

Re Local Green Space Nomination - Landowner Notification

I am writing to inform you that **Hindon Allotments and Playground** have been nominated as Local Green Spaces for designation within the Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Enclosed is a map identifying the green spaces that have been nominated. Although an initial assessment has been undertaken, a decision has not yet been made in relation to whether this site is a suitable candidate for Local Green Space designation.

What does Local Green Space Nomination mean?

Successful designation of the site as a Local Green Space would mean that any new development on the land would not be possible other than in "very special circumstances" (National Planning Policy Framework, para 76).

In line with nationally defined criteria to be suitable for designation, the local green space must be:

- In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- Demonstrably special to the local community and hold particular significance, for example, because of its beauty, historic significance recreational value (including playing fields), tranquility or richness of wildlife, and
- Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

In addition, land which is subject to existing national planning designation will need very good justification for additional designation, in line with national guidance, for example land within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Please get in touch with any comments or concerns before 30th April 2018.

A formal consultation on the draft Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan is due to follow in 2018. As part of this process you will be able to comment again on the recommended inclusion/exclusion of your site as a Local Green Space in the Draft Plan. We will write to you again at this stage to notify you in relation to the latest position in relation to your site.

Yours faithfully,

John Robinson

Minutes of extra-ordinary meeting of Hindon Parish Council 24th May 2018.

Apologies for absence: - Councillor Bowen, Councillor Freeman
The extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council took place in two parts

Part one of the meetings

Minutes taken by Parish Council Chairman

The interview took place for the position of Hindon Parish Clerk. Originally there were four candidates but this reduced to one before the interview.

The candidate Bev Ford was asked by members of the Parish Council about her experience and qualification to be our clerk and what she could bring to the position. The Parish Councillors voted unanimously to endorse her for the job.

At the previous normal Parish Council meeting a Draft Data Protection Policy was presented to Councillors so they could look through the draft document and if all agreed, to adopt the policy before the deadline of 25th May 2018. The Council unanimously voted to adopt the new 2018 policy.

Part two of the meetings

The Parish Council was then joined by the present parish clerk to take the minutes and two members of the Steering Group to watch a presentation of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. All present agreed the Draft Document should go forward to Wiltshire Council and the six week consultation commencing mid June.

David Robertson
24th May 2018.