

# Appendix 11 of Base Evidence Report

## Hindon Green Spaces Report

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Summary of Evidence for the two designated local green spaces, Playground and Allotments, selection process. The full report is Appendix 11 of the Evidence Report that can be found on the Hindon Village Website<sup>1</sup>

### 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), tranquillity 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.

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

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<sup>1</sup> *Playground and Allotments Selection Appendix 11 of Evidence Report* [https://www.hindonvillage.org/HNDP\\_Reg16/Appendix11\\_Hindon Local Green Space Report June 2018 - V2.pdf](https://www.hindonvillage.org/HNDP_Reg16/Appendix11_Hindon%20Local%20Green%20Space%20Report%20June%202018%20-%20V2.pdf)

Details of the full process undertaken to identify Local Green Spaces for inclusion in the Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan are given in Appendix 10 of the Base Evidence document. This covers the various meetings and consultations from June 2015 to June 2019 at which this subject was considered. This included a display of all possible sites for consideration, from which a shortlist was produced and villagers were asked to respond with their views and comments. The evidence was collated and assessment into the Base Evidence Report.

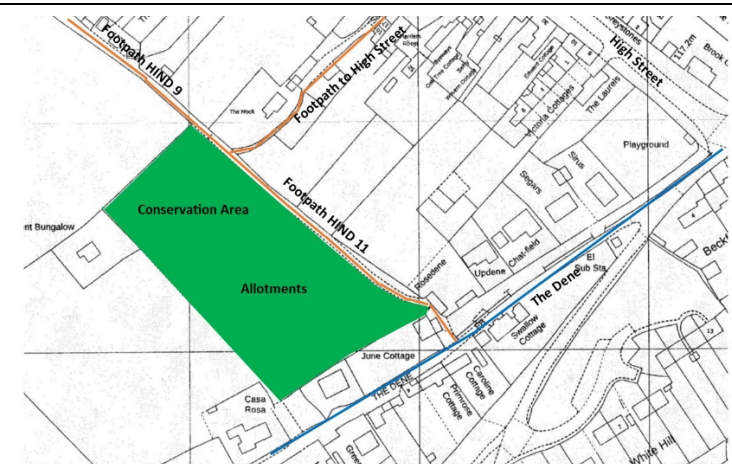
### 3. Summary of Recommendations

The table below provides a brief summary of recommendations based on the information and evidence gathered to date.

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|  | Do not designate            |
|  | Recommended for designation |

| Site No. | Site Name             | Initial view on designation |
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| LGS1     | Allotments            | Recommended for designation |
| LGS2     | Playground            |                             |
| 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        |                             |

| LGS1 Allotments - Key Information                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 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, tranquillity, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife | <p>Yes. Nine out of twenty questionnaires returned, 100% in favour of LGS designation.</p> <p><b>Beauty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wild flowers, orchids, cowslips, birds, insects &amp; views.</li> </ul> <p><b>Historical Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Been allotments for many years.</li> <li>- There have been finds of remains of clay pipes &amp; flint scrapers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> |

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|                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gardening, socialising, BBQs, seed swaps, bee-keeping.</li> <li>- Also used well by visitors</li> </ul> <p>HACA runs a range of activities throughout the year which are open to all (seed and plant swaps, outdoor workshops, the 'Big Mow' etc).</p> <p><b>Richness of wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildflower rich meadow attracting insects and more than 20 species of butterfly, small mammals, slow-worms, common lizards.</li> <li>- Cowslips, orchids, dry grassland wildflowers.</li> <li>- Full of wild flowers, insects, butterflies, reptiles and up to recently, hedgehogs</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are many benches on which to sit and relax in peace and away from traffic.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Next Steps</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Landowner consultation</b>                     | Letter sent to Parish Council on 6th April 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Landowner support / objection</b>              | The NDP, including the local Green Space proposals (the Allotments and Playground), was discussed and approved at the Hindon Parish Council meeting held 24th May 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Recommendation</b>                             | Recommended for designation as a Local Green Space in the Hindon NDP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>What other protection could the NDP offer?</b> | The Allotments are also identified an important green space in the Amenities map.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## LGS2 Playground - Key Information

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| <b>Site name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Site number</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | LGS2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Landowner</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Hindon Parish Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Description of green space</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Play area with play equipment and outside seating                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Planning constraints / designations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | AONB. Protected as Recreation Space (Policy R5 in Core Strategy). Covenanted space registered with Fields in Trust                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Map</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, tranquillity, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife</b> | <p>Yes. Nine out of ten questionnaires distributed were returned, 100% in favour of LGS designation.</p> <p><b>Beauty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spacious and "green" with interesting Alder tree.</li> <li>- Forms part of village's unique character.</li> </ul> <p><b>Historical Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bought from Shaw-Stewart sale by Lt. Col. Heselfine who replaced stone wall with hedging, and donated playground to the village in 1922</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well used and appreciated by families with young children in a safe surrounding</li> </ul> |

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|                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Used for village events such as Annual Flower &amp; Craft Show</li> <li>- Teenagers play football in the area</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peaceful, especially in early morning and during school hours.</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some small common birds nesting in hedges.</li> <li>- Hornbeam Tree</li> </ul> |
| <b>Next Steps</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>What other protection could the NDP offer?</b> | Also identified as an important green space in the Amenities map.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |