

Local Green Spaces

- 1.1 The predominantly rural nature and aspects of the Parish, together with the open spaces in the Lincoln 'edge' area, are much valued. Individually and collectively a number of important spaces, ranging from playing fields to village greens, make a vital contribution to the character and appearance of the Parish and are valued by the community, be it for resting on the seats, having a family picnic or learning about the local history etc., as well as providing visual breaks and green lungs for the Parish.
- 1.2 A detailed assessment and justification for the designation of local green spaces against the principles set out in the NPPF can be found in Appendix B.
- 1.3 The largest areas of protected green spaces (over ½ Ha) are principally playing fields (1, 12), a Scheduled Ancient Monument site (4), a burial ground extension (3), recreational amenities (4, 16, 20), and the village green (11). This review includes additional Local Green Spaces (15 to 21) with the justification added to Appendix B.

Policy E2 – Local Green Spaces

1. The Neighbourhood Plan designates the following locations as Local Green Spaces as shown on the Proposals Map.
2. Applications for development on the identified local green spaces which would adversely affect their function as open green spaces will not be permitted.

- (1) Mulsanne Park Playing field.
- (2) The disused quarry at the southern end of the Swathe.
- (3) The Swathe (burial ground extension).
- (4) The Bishops Meadow area.
- (5) The Bishops Palace.
- (6) The Old Quarry Washdyke Lane.
- (7) Almshouse site Washdyke Lane.
- (8) Police HQ Playing field and woodland walk area.
- (9) Becksides.

- (10) Vicars Wood.
- (11) The Nettleham Village Green.
- (12) Bill Bailey's Memorial playing field.
- (13) Ridge and Furrow earthworks off Deepdale Lane.
- (14) The Pinfold Mill Hill.
- (15) Kingsway junction with Washdyke Lane
- (16) Lagoon Field
- (17) Eden Square
- (18) Wolsey Way/Sanderson Road Footpath
- (19) Sanderson Road/Lexington Road Village Green
- (20) Minster Fields Green
- (21) Gibson Road Arc

APPENDIX B - Nettleham Green Space Designations

Each Local Green Space tabled below (1 – 21) meets the following Local Green Space designation criteria of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

- “is in reasonable close proximity to the community it serves”
- “is demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance”
- “is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land”

Additionally, each Local Green Space:

- Is not with an extant planning permission within which the Local Green Space could not be accommodated
- is not allocated for development in the relevant Neighbourhood Plan or the Local Plan.

As a guide the Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt) define the likely size of a suitable Local Green Space and its distance from the local community.

Each of the green spaces tabled below (1-21) accord with this size standard:

- a Local Green Space should normally be located within 2km (1.25 miles) of the community it serves and
- a site of 2ha (5 acres) or less should be located within 300m (325 yards) (or 5 minutes" walk) of the community it serves.
- A site of over 20ha (50 acres) would be considered to be "an extensive tract of land" and, therefore, not suitable for designation as a Local Green Space.

All sites numbered 1-15 are located within 2Km from the village centre. The site numbered 16 is immediately adjacent to the Minster Fields development in the Lincoln 'edge' part of the Parish, while the site numbered 19 is within that development. And all small sites are 5 mins walk and within the footprints of either the village or the Minster Fields development. This ANGSt standard has only been used for guidance and is not promoted as a standard for any future development in Nettleham.

Significance or rationale for designation as Local Green Space								
	Name / Location	Adjacent to existing properties?	Local or Community Value	Landscape Value	Historical Value	Recreational Value	Wildlife or GI Value	Size Ha Approx
1	Mulsanne Park playing field	Land is bounded to north by housing	Village sports field and pavilion, owned by parish council,			Football, cricket and tennis all played on a regular basis	A variety of tree and hedgerow planting around the perimeter	4
2	Disused quarry – southern end of the Swathe	The land is adjacent to the Swathe burial ground extension. Located in open countryside but 5 mins walk from houses	The site is accessible from the Swathe and is at the edge of a village footpath.	Rare cliff to the south of the village providing good cover for wildlife		Footpath from end of Swathe is possible and/or a linkage to existing Bridleway (BW147) at The Dales	The site provides a small un-farmable plot at the base of a unique small cliff in a good location for providing a small sheltered wildlife reserve/wetland area	0.2

3	The Swathe (village burial ground extension)	Adjacent to the Junior School playing field.	Originally bought by the Parish as a future extension to the current burial ground in the meantime it provides an attractively planted grassed area	Outstanding views across open countryside to the south		Public access, and is used for picnics and walking	Planted with a variety of native trees and shrubs.	0.6
4	Bishops Meadow	Land is bounded to the north by houses	Managed by the Parish Council for public enjoyment	Fine view to the south across farmland towards Lincoln Cathedral		Public access footpaths	Woodland planted and wildflower meadow	0.5
5	Bishops Palace SAM site	Houses to the north and west of the site	Managed by the Parish Council for public enjoyment	Fine view to the south across farmland towards Lincoln Cathedral	Scheduled Ancient Monument site with walking trails and interpretation panels on the sites history	Public access		2.54
6	The Old quarry, Washdyke Lane	Houses to the south, east, and west.	The site has been used for public social events,			Open green space where children can play		0.2

			particularly the Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilees. It remains a break in the street scene and a small park for the south west side of Nettleham.					
7	Almshouses site Washdyke Lane	Houses to the north	The site is a natural break in the road scene and is well planted and maintained by Nettleham Parish Council. The site is too large for protection as a verge and without registration could, and in part has been, been enclosed into private ownership		The site of 5 Almshouses the last of which was removed in 1948 after serving the village for many years.			0.04

8	Police HQ playing fields & woodland walk area	Houses to the south and east of the site	Green lane to the east of the site is managed by the Parish Council and affords a link to the Nettleham Beck from Deepdale Lane. A footpath runs along south side of the site beside a lake.		Green lane (BW219) is an ancient highway	Much valued area for walking, (FP145) recreation, , watching wildlife and contemplation	Site includes strip woodland where over 4000 trees were planted by the community, under the direction of Nettleham Woodland Trust. Site also contains a lake, which is home to a variety of nesting wildfowl	3.5
9	Beckside	Runs through the centre of the village	An area of open space alongside the picturesque Nettleham Beck which runs in front of the All Saints Church			Much valued area for walking, recreation and contemplation	home to a variety of nesting wildfowl	0.256
10	Vicars Wood	Houses to the north and west with All Saints Church to the east	Adjacent to Beckside and is an area of native woodland containing footpaths and seating and is			Walking trails through the woods.	Woodland home to a variety of nesting birds squirrels and other wildlife	0.25

			located beside All Saints Church. The woodland is managed by the Parish Council					
11	Village Green	The Village Green is in the centre of the conservation area bounded on all sides by houses and shops.	The Village Green is at the cultural and commercial centre of the community and It is also the site of the village war memorial			It is the place where many local functions take place such as the annual village carnival.		0.5
12	Bill Baileys Memorial playing field	The site is surrounded by houses and bounded on the west side by Scothern road	This childrens' play area, owned and managed by the Parish Council, is a relatively large green space in a largely built up area of the village. Thus making it ideal for younger children to visit.			An open play area and containing play equipment for the younger children and a small football pitch.	Extensive tree planting surrounds the site to act a screen for the nearby houses and to encourage wildlife.	1.2

13	Ridge & Furrow earthworks off Deepdale Lane	Houses to the south	Opportunity to preserve this last remaining example of ridge and furrow farming in Nettleham and to incorporate it as public open space in the development proposed for Site A in the allocations		Some 97% of all UK ridge and furrow earthworks have now disappeared and it is proposed to protect the only remaining example in Nettleham	Accessible via FP166 from Deepdale Lane	Currently untended farmland	0.25
14	The pinfold, Mill Hill	Houses to the north and Mill Hill to the south.	The site, maintained by the Parish, is too large for protection as a verge and without registration could, and in part has been enclosed into private ownership.		The Pinfold on Mill Hill is where, by right; residents could gather and enclose their livestock.	The site is has trees and seating to provide a resting place for older residents after climbing Mill Hill		0.038
15	Kingsway Junction with Washdyke	Houses to the west	The site is a large corner grassed area adjacent to Nettleham	The site contributes positively towards the streetscene of	The site is used informally by residents to access the	The site has a number of mature trees which provides an extensive green	Extensive tree cover provides habitat for bird life and other wildlife. The site also contributes towards enhancing the	0.025

			Beck and is covered with mature trees.	this part of Nettleham.	Beck and to walk through between Washdyke and Kingsway	area to this part of the village	environment of the adjacent Nettleham Beck.	
16	Lagoon Field, alongside the A15 Lincoln bypass on the eastern side of the B1182 Lincoln Road	Housing to the west, with the Minster Fields housing development being immediately behind Megg House (an old farm house) to the south	Short cut used by pedestrians for access via the gravel track from Harland Road in Minster Fields to the B1182 Lincoln Road. Maintained by management company funded by Minster Fields householders for their benefit.	Dramatic views from the high point of the site, near Megg House, (a) looking west over the northern part of the city of Lincoln, including the cathedral and (b) looking north towards Riseholme over pleasant open countryside		When the grass is allowed to grow long, curving pathways are mown through it, providing an enjoyable experience for residents. When the grass is mown short, recreational opportunities arise. Children play on the site, which is very popular with dog-walkers. Seating should be installed.	Amenity woodland area, also containing a lagoon used for surface water drainage from the Minster Fields development. Extensive mature hedgerows around the site, which is a haven for wildlife.	1.95
17	Eden Square, by the south western corner of Harland Road	Houses on all sides	Maintained by management company funded by Minster Fields householders for their benefit.			Close mown grass encourages recreational use and it is popular with children playing. Seating should be installed.		0.04

18	Wolsey Way/Sanderson Road Footpath	Houses to east and west	Maintained by management company funded by Minster Fields householders for their benefit.			Close mown grass encourages recreational use and it is popular with children playing	A short corridor facilitating movement by pedestrians and cyclists from within the Minster Fields development to the facilities accessible from Wolsey Way, which is the spine road through the Glebe Park area of Lincoln	0.01
19	Sanderson Road/Lexington Road Village Green	Houses on all sides	Maintained by management company funded by Minster Fields householders for their benefit.			Close mown grass encourages recreational use and it is popular with children playing. Seating should be installed.		0.05
20	Minster Fields Green, open space from Wolsey Way (by its junction with Gibson Road) to the A15	Houses to east and west	Maintained by management company funded by Minster Fields householders for their benefit.	The south-west facing outdoor "amphitheatre" takes advantage of the visual corridor towards the towers of Lincoln Cathedral to the west and, to the east, of views of expansive open		Site for the children's play area for the Minster Fields development. It is used for community events, such as a picnic to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and Easter Egg Hunts, etc. Seating should be installed.	Link from the open countryside east of the A15 via a "green finger" across Wolsey Way to King George V playing fields. Two footpaths/cycleways across the site serve as corridors encouraging movement from one side of the Minster Fields development to the other.	1.08

				countryside, with the Lincolnshire Wolds just visible on the horizon				
21	Gibson Road Arc, village green style open space in front of 34 & 36 Gibson Road	Houses on all sides	Maintained by management company funded by Minster Fields householders for their benefit.			Close mown grass encourages recreational use. Seating should be installed.		0.01