Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan





Local Green Spaces Report 2020

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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 and safe communities (NPPF, 2019, Section 8, para. 99-101). 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 inappropriate development except in 'very special circumstances' (para. 143).

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. 94) 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.
- Sites with planning permission: A green space within a site with extant planning permission cannot be designated until the development is complete.
- Highway land/verges: Corby Borough Council¹ state that 'national guidance states that the space must be capable of enduring beyond the plan period. Land adjoining an existing highway is the subject of 'Permitted Development' rights, which could be used to bring forward development that may be contrary to a Local Green Space designation, but would not require planning permission to be granted. Highway land may also be utilised in bringing forward future highway/transport schemes. Therefore, highway land/roadside verges would not normally be suitable for designation.'

¹Corby Borough Council Technical Guidance Note – Local Green Space Designation, May 2018: <u>https://www.corby.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Technical%20Guidance%20Note%20-</u> <u>%20Local%20Green%20Space%20Designation.pdf</u>

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In Seend Parish, it is relevant to note that some draft LGS proposals are located adjacent to an existing highway(Entrance to Love Lane and Dial Close). In these instances, the spaces are considered not roadside verges but discrete spaces that are evidenced to hold a particular significance to the local community. Because of their location adjacent to the Highway, these spaces may not be appropriate for designation.

Some open spaces are already protected by other designations such as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or Conservation Area 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 Seend Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan, is outlined below:

Stage	Explanation	Notes
Initial Long List (March - April 2018)	The NDP Steering Group put together an initial long list of potential LGS.	A copy of the articles in Spotlight are found at Appendix 1
	To inform the initial long list of LGS, the steering group invited suggestions from the local community via: - Articles placed in local newsletter Spotlight (March & April 2018) - Consultation during the Canal and River Trust Lock Open Day (10 th March 2018) - Letters to surrounding parishes and Wiltshire Council (April 2018)	A copy of the table used at the Lock Open Day is found at Appendix 2 A copy of the letter sent to neighbouring parishes / Wiltshire Council is found at Appendix 3
Further Suggestions & Shortlisting (May 2018)	An initial assessment of the long list was carried out; site visits and testing the sites against NPPF criteria as outlined in Section 1. Further LGS suggestions were discussed, assessed and added to the shortlist at the May 2018 Steering Group Meeting.	
Community Evidence Collection on shortlisted sites (August - October 2018)	Letters and forms sent to each residence in the Parish to collect evidence on the special nature of each space. Reminders to complete and return the forms were included in Spotlight from July – October. An additional space – Dial Close - was suggested for consideration during this process.	A copy of the letter / form sent to each residence is found at Appendix 4. July edition of Spotlight is found at Appendix 5.
Community Consultation on emerging shortlist of Local Green Spaces at Coffee Morning (January 2019)	One of the A1 consultation boards at the drop in Coffee Morning consultation event covered Local Green Space and the emerging shortlist. Attendees were asked to comment on the list and add any suggestions for further nominations. Two additional spaces – Weavers	A copy of the consultation board is at Appendix 6.

	Cottage Allotments and the Lye Green Area C – were suggested for consideration during this event.	
Additional Community Evidence Collection (April - May 2019)	Assessment of the additional suggestions that came forward through public consultation indicated that the entrance to Dial Close could fit the national planning policy criteria for local green spaces. Letters and forms were sent to the 30 properties on Dial Close (and 4 properties whose drives come out around the Dial Close entrance) in order to collect evidence on the special nature of the space. This was also advertised in Spotlight.	A copy of the letter / form sent to each residence is found at Appendix 7. The associated Spotlight article is found at Appendix 8.
Landowner Notification (March 2019)	Landowners formally notified in writing of nomination of their land as potential local green space. Some landowners responded, detailed in Section 4.	Copies of letters sent to landowners are found at Appendix 9. Landowner responses and other correspondence with landowners, are found at Appendix 10.
Additional Community Evidence Collection (Summer 2019)	Co-working with Melksham Without Parish Council to collect more evidence on the BRAG space.	See Appendix 11 for consultation undertaken in Melksham and Melksham Without.
Additional Landowner Notification July 2019	Landowner of BRAG picnic site (Wiltshire Council) formally notified in writing of nomination of their land as potential local green space. Landowner of Dial Close green space unknown, so a site notice was displayed on site for a period of 5 weeks.	See Appendix 9.
Assessment of evidence (Spring – Autumn 2019)	Review of all evidence collected and assessment of spaces against NPPF LGS criteria.	See Section 4.
Draft Regulation 14 Proposals (November 2019)	Steering Group agreed regulation 14 draft Local Green Space designations	

Regulation 14 Consultation (February – March 2020)	The draft Local Green Space proposals were consulted on as part of formal Regulation 14 consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. Relevant landowners were contacted again as part of this formal process.	See the Consultation Statement for a full record of comments received in relation to Local Green Space.
Additional landowner consultation – Giles Wood (June 2020)	Following a number of comments received during regulation 14 consultation regarding the importance of Giles Wood, the Steering Group decided to propose Giles Wood as a Local Green Space. The landowner was formally notified in writing of nomination of their land as potential local green space.	See Appendix 12 for landowner correspondence.
Assessment of evidence (June 2020)	The Steering Group reviewed all evidence, including comments received during and after Regulation 14 consultation, to arrive at the Regulation 15 Local Green Space proposals.	
Draft regulation 15 proposals Summer 2020	This report includes the Regulation 15 Local Green Space proposals.	

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 99-101 of the NPPF.

Full copies of the comments received during consultation are available on request.

3. Summary of Draft Proposals for Local Green Space Designation

The table below provides a summary of the draft proposals for Local Green Space designation based on all of the information and evidence gathered. Full details of the assessment undertaken are in Section 4. The colour coding system described below is also used throughout Section 4.

Key

Do not designate as Local Green Space

Proposed for Local Green Space designation

Site No.	Site Name	Regulation 14 Draft Local Green Space Proposal
LG\$1	Parish Council Allotments	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS2	Bowerhill Residents Action Group Picnic Area	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS3	WI Allotments	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS4	Entrance to Love Walk	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS5	The Horse Pond	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS6	The Lye Green Area A	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS7	The Lye Green Area B	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS8	Entrance to Dial Close	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS9	Giles Wood	Proposed for Local Green Space Designation
LGS10	Pelch Lane Grass Triangle	Not suitable for designation.The space is a green verge adjacent to the highway with limited special quality.
LGS11	Field adjacent to Holy Cross Churchyard	Not suitable for designation.The space is not local in character. It is also ecclesiastical land and therefore inappropriate for designation. Included in GI network.
LGS12	West of Caravan Park	Not suitable for designation; the space is not local in character.
LGS13	Rusty Lane	Not suitable for designation; the space is a linear corridor running along the right of way, which is already protected under other legislation (see Planning Practice GuidancePara. 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306).

LGS14	Dismantled Railway along footpaths SEEN52 and POUL33	Not suitable for designation; as above.
LGS15	Curnicks Lane	Not suitable for designation; as above.
LGS16	Broad Lane	Not suitable for designation; as above.
LGS17	Weavers Cottages Allotments	Not suitable for designation; the space is not accessible to the public and not visible from public right of way.
LGS18	The Lye Green Area C	Not suitable for designation; the space is not considered able to be evidenced to be demonstrably special to the community relevant to the criteria that the NPPF requires.

4. Full Assessment & Summary of Evidence

LGS1 - Parish Council Allotments- Key Information		
Potential Local Green Space name	Parish Council Allotments	
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS1	
Landowner	Seend Parish Council	
Description of potential Local Green Space	Allotments – 15 plots, all rented and well maintained. There is a waiting list for would-be tenants.	
Planning context	Outside of settlement boundary	
Мар	Participant of the second seco	
LGS1 – Parish Council Allotme	nts - Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, at the edge of the built settlement and accessed via Bollands Hill	
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	This small space is located at the edge of the built settlement of Seend Village. There is open countryside to the west and north of the allotments.	
	The space is bounded to the west by a barbed wire fence.	
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example	13 responses received in support, 1 objecting. Summary of comments made during informal consultation: Beauty	
because of its beauty,	8 comments	

historic significance, tranquility, recreational value (including as a playing field), or richness of wildlife	 Great views out from the space Historic Significance 3 comments Allotments have been a feature of the village for generations
	 Recreational Value 10 comments Well used, with waiting list which shows the allotments are valued. There is a strong community spirit amongst tenants.
	Tranquility 6 comments - Tranquility afforded by high hedgerows and gated entrance.
	 Richness of Wildlife 7 comments Cultivated plots and surrounding hedgerows provide habitat for wildlife. The hedgerow to the south of the allotments is designated SSSI. Birds, grass snakes, mice shrews, moles. Fox and deer also sighted
Landowner consultation	Landowner notified in writing on 11 th March 2019. See Appendix 9.
	Contacted again as part of Regulation 14 consultation in February – March 2020.
Landowner comment	Seend Parish Council support the proposed designation of this land as Local Green Space (see Parish Council Meeting Minutes 24 th September 2019 – Appendix 10)
LGS1 – Parish Council Allotme	ents – Regulation 15 Proposal
Summary	Designate as a Local Green Space. The Parish Council Allotments proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways:
	 It is close to the community it serves (within the 'Parish Hub' Character Area); Although at the edge of the built settlement, it is local in character and bounded by a wire fence where it is adjacent to open countryside. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in relation to its beauty and recreational value.
How else is this space protected in the	Included as an Important Open Space on the Community Facilities Map – this map forms the

•	evidence base for the policy to protect community facilities in the draft Plan.

LGS2 – Bowerhill Residents Action Group Picnic Area – Key Information		
Potential Local Green Space name	Bowerhill Residents Action Group Picnic Area	
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS2	
Landowner	Wiltshire Council	
Description of potential Local Green Space	Community garden and picnic sitemaintained by Bowerhill Residents Action Group, including flower beds, planters, wildlife shelters, bird feeders, picnic benches, notice and information boards and pets' memorial garden.	
	Though used predominantly by Melksham Without Parish residents, this green space is in Seend Parish and located along a regionally important Green Infrastructure asset of the Kennet& Avon Canal. National Cycle Network 4 and the Long Distance Walking Route the Mid Wiltshire Way (both regionally important routes) and Bridleway SEEN13 run alongside the space.	
Planning context	Outside of settlement boundary	
Мар	Ponds Swing- Bridge	
LGS2- Bowerhill Residents Act Criteria	LGS2- Bowerhill Residents Action Group Picnic Area - Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes – walkable from Bowerhill in Melksham Without and from within Seend Parish via the Towpath and nearby swing bridge.	

2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The area is clearly defined by physical boundaries and is surrounded by open countryside.
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	10 responses received in support during initial round of informal consultation (Autumn 2018). Summary of comments made during this consultation: Beauty 7 comments - Attractive area for relaxing - Well maintained by volunteers - Won South West Britain in Bloom awards Historic Significance 5 comments
	 Nearby Kennet and Avon Canal is an important historic feature
	 Recreational Value 8 comments Space for picnics and bird spotting The space was created and is maintained by volunteers, demonstrating how communities can come together to produce something of benefit. Canal users, dog walkers, walkers all use the area A key space for socialising
	Tranquility
	8 comments
	 It is mostly peaceful and quiet here Away from any roads, the canal adds to the sense of calm and slower pace here.
	Richness of Wildlife
	 9 comments Birds (buzzards, heron and kite), small rodents, plants and pond life Wildlife is actively encouraged here, with bird feeders, the bug hotel and wildflowers etc.
	 A further 10 comments of support received during consultation in Melksham held during Summer 2019. Comments referred to: Value of the space for wildlife including butterfly species and other insects Commitment of the Bowerhill Residents Action Group volunteers to the site's upkeep – recreational value and importance to the community The space as a haven for peace and tranquility The space's location near to the loop of footpaths (via Giles Wood, towpath and cycle path) means that it is regularly used

	 Beautiful design and upkeep of the space.
	The space has achieved RHS Level 5 'Outstanding' in 'It's your Neighbourhood' for the last 5 years (see Appendix 11). The most recent assessment states 'It is well used by those from the canal boats as well as walkers and those cycling through. The group work tirelessly to improve the site and make it very welcoming.' This suggests the space's significance for recreational use and importance to the community.
	Melksham Without Parish Council and Melksham Town Council strongly support its designation as a local green space.
	The Canal and River Trust also support its designation as a local green space.
	The potential designation of the space was also discussed at the Melksham Area Board Meeting on 3 rd September 2019. The Area Board resolved that the space is an important community asset and should be designated a Local Green Space (see Appendix 10).
	Two comments in support of the proposed designation were also received during Regulation 14 consultation.
Landowner consultation	Landowner notified in writing on 18 th July 2019. See Appendix 9
	Contacted again as part of Regulation 14 consultation in February – March 2020
Landowner support / objection	No response to date
LGS2 - Bowerhill Residents Ac	tion Group Picnic Area -Regulation 15 Proposal
Summary	Designate as a Local Green Space. The Bowerhill Residents Action Group Picnic Area proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways:
	 It is close to the community it serves, accessible via the PRoW SEEN13, as well as the well-used K&A Canal Towpath. The space is accessible for communities within Seend Parish and also Bowerhill residents in Melksham Without (located outside of the Neighbourhood Plan area). Although surrounded by open countryside, the space is clearly bounded and accessible, and therefore considered local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in

	relation to its recreational value and richness of wildlife.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Included as an Important Open Space on the Community Facilities Map, which forms the evidence for the NDP Community Facilities policy, and as part of the Green Infrastructure Network of the Parish which the NDP will seek to protect and grow through plan policy. The space also forms part of the setting to the Avon and Kennet Canal which is a key asset of the Parish in terms of heritage, character and Green Infrastructure. A policy to highlight the importance of the canal and its setting is prepared as part of the emerging draft NDP.

LGS3– WI Allotments - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	WI Allotments
Potential Local Green Space number	LG\$3
Landowner	Women's Institute
Description of potential Local Green Space	Allotments to the rear of old WI hall. 9 plots, all currently in use, no waiting list
Planning context	Within settlement boundary and Conservation Area
Мар	Allot Gdns Hall Brace Brace
LGS3 – WI Allotments - Assess	ment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes, within the 'Community Hub' Character Area.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes in that the allotments are adjacent to the community hub area. There is open countryside to the north and west.
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	 20 responses received in support, 1 against. Summary of comments made during informal consultation: Beauty 8 comments Open views from the allotments to the north west Character changes from season to season and owner to owner, but plots are well-maintained and laid out.

	- Plots are full of naturally beautiful plants
	 Historic Significance Part of the WI plot which is a rich part of Seend's history; 100 years there in 2019. At times of conflict, 'digging for victory' became an important focus for the community. The space was first used as grass tennis courts (in 1940s). Central to village recreational amenities for a long time, part of the village hub (Lye Field, Pavillion and Community Centre nearby) Recreational Value 18 comments Important outside recreation space, used by generations of families for years Allotments are sociable and good for wellbeing and physical health.
	 Tranquility 13 comments A haven for outside working. Next to open countryside An important peaceful and quiet space A quiet retreat from the busy main road through the Village
	 Richness of Wildlife 13 comments Diverse wildlife seen here: Red Kites, bats, insects, birds including various birds of prey Well established hedgerows and trees provide habitat for wildlife
	The response received objecting to the proposed designation cited the site's potential for development.
Landowner consultation	Informal notification, letter sent 13 th December 2018. Landowner notified in writing on 18 th July 2019. See Appendix 9.
	Contacted again as part of Regulation 14 consultation in February – March 2020.
Landowner support / objection	No response to date
LGS3 – WI Allotments - Regula	tion 15 Proposal
Summary	Designate as a Local Green Space. The WI Allotments proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways:

	 It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'Parish Hub' Character Area). Although the space is adjacent to open countryside to the north, it is clearly bounded and adjacent to residential properties to the south, and therefore considered local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in relation to its recreational value, richness of wildlife and tranquility.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Also included as an Important Open Space on the Community Facilities Map – this map forms the evidence base for the policy to protect community facilities in the draft Plan.

LGS4 – Entrance to Love Walk	- Key Information
Potential Local Green Space name	Entrance to Love Walk
Potential Local Green Space number	LG\$4
Landowner	
Description of potential Local Green Space	Distinct area of green verge with mature tree with bench underneath. To the west of Grafton House and east of Manor Field. Adjacent to High Street. This space forms the entrance to Love Walk which is to the south of the High Street and accessible through a gateway at the south of the space.
Planning context	Within settlement boundary and Conservation Area
Мар	B8.9m B8.9m Grafton House
LGS4 – Entrance to Love Walk	- Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes, located within the 'Historic Core' character area and on the High Street.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Green verges are a key part of the character of the High Street. It is a small area that is a distinct element along the High Street, it connects to a green walk to the south and the wider landscape.
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	 27 responses received in support. Summary of comments made during informal consultation: Beauty 24 comments Avaluable open green space along a busy road, enhances the look of the High Street Encourages view down the lane behind, out

playing field), or richness of wildlife	towards the distant Salisbury Plain. - A Village feature with commemorative Oak Tree and seat
	 Historic Significance 13 comments Significant Oak Tree planted by the Village in 1977, to commemorate the Queen's silver jubilee. Folklore attached to the Oak Tree The nearby PROW has been an important route for hundreds of years. Displays the 'Best Kept Village' plaque
	 Recreational Value 22 comments Entrance to Love Lane behind, a well used footpath and important route down to Inmarsh Lane. Love Walk is also part of a circular walk. Well used by parishioners with and without dogs. Children pick up conkers by the gate Circular seat around Oak Tree highly valued
	Tranquility 12 comments
	Richness of Wildlife 14 comments - Trees and hedging provides habitat for birds, squirrels and rabbits. - Foxes, deer, owls seen here
Landowner consultation	Landowner notified in writing 21 st March 2019 (see Appendix 9)
	Contacted again as part of Regulation 14 consultation in February – March 2020.
Landowner comment	Landowner contacted the group in August 2018 to object to designation. The landowner also attended the consultation coffee morning in January, where they verbally expressed objection to the designation.
	Landowner also contacted Seend Parish Council in May 2019 to object to designation in response to letter sent 21st March 2019.
	Landowner objects due to the space being the only vehicular access route into land which they own, and raised concerns that designation may affect this.
	See Appendix 10.
LGS4 – Entrance to Love Walk	- Regulation 15 Proposal

Summary	 Designate as a Local Green Space. The Entrance to Love Walk proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'Historic Core' Character Area). The space is local in character It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in relation to its beauty and recreational value. The landowner has expressed concerns that designation would affect access onto their land (this space provides vehicular access to their field behind the High Street to the south).
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	The green verges along the High Street are included in the Seend Conservation Area Assessment Design Statement as a key characteristic of the Village which the NDP seeks to protect and enhance through policy. This is also included in the Green Infrastructure work which again will be the subject of a planning policy. The Oak tree is also identified as a 'significant tree' in the Conservation Area Assessment which forms the evidence base for a Plan policy to protect and enhance the Conservation Area and its assets.

LGS5 – The Horse Pond- Parish Council Allotments - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	The Horse Pond
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS5
Landowner	
Description of potential Local Green Space	Pond to the front of properties at the High Street / Spout Lane junction. Bounded by low stone wall to the south.
Planning context	Within Conservation Area and Settlement Boundary
Мар	House House hree Ways Seend Park
LGS5 – The Horse Pond - Asses	ssment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes, within the 'Historic Core' Character Area and located on the High Street
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, this small space is surrounded by residential development and clearly bounded.
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	20 responses received in support during pre-regulation 14 consultation. Summary of comments made during informal consultation: Beauty 10 comments Historic Significance 16 comments - Has been a watering space since 18 th Century -Part of Seend's history; once provided a drinking place

	for horses at the top of the hill
	- The space's history is documented on the information
	board - This was the local village pond where farm animals were driven to drink when traveling through the village - 2 ponds; one for horses and one for cattle
	Recreational Value 3 comments
	 Tranquility 6 comments Gives a place for those on foot to rest on the wall whilst looking at wild flowers and bull rushes The planting here provides a tranquil space at the end of the busy High Street
	Richness of Wildlife 12 comments - Insects, newts, dragon flies, frogs
	During Regulation 14 consultation, one comment was received arguing that the space is not 'usable' and therefore not appropriate as a Local Green Space.
Landowner consultation	Landowners contacted in writing on 21st March 2019 (see Appendix 9)
	Contacted again as part of Regulation 14 consultation in February – March 2020.
Landowner support / objection	No response received to date.
LGS5 – The Horse Pond - Regu	lation 15 Proposal
Summary	Designate as a Local Green Space. The Horse Pond proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: - It is close to the community it serves (located
	 The space is local in character. The space is local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in relation to its historic significance.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Identified as a pond in Green Infrastructure evidence base which will form the basis for NDP policy.
	The Horse Pond is also identified as a landscape feature of particular note in the Conservation Area Assessment which forms part of the evidence base for a Plan policy to protect and enhance the Conservation Area and its assets.

LGS6 – The Lye Green Area A – Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	The Lye Green Area A
Potential Local Green Space number	LG\$6
Landowner	Aster Housing Group
Description of potential Local Green Space	Open grass area within the Lye residential area, with mature tree. Bounded to the west by a footpath.
Planning context	Within settlement boundary and Conservation Area.
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LGS6 – The Lye Green Area A	- Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes, located within 'The Lye' Character Area, and adjacent to the 'Parish Hub' Character Area.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, this small space contributes to the character of The Lye
3. Demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance, for example	21 responses received in support. Summary of comments made during informal consultation: Beauty

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because of its beauty, historic significance,	 13 comments Beautiful mature walnut tree, loved by everyone
tranquility, recreational	in the Lye all year round.
value (including as a	- Sense of openness within the development
playing field), or richness of	
wildlife	Historic Significance
	10 comments
	- Walnut tree is old and significant, pre-dating the
	Lye built development.The open space is reflective of the housing
	estate design of the 1950s; giving people
	community space to share
	Recreational Value
	 Local space for children to meet and play
	 Recent addition of rope swing
	- Local people collect walnuts to eat, as they
	have done for generations.
	- Provides space for talking with neighbours
	Tranquility
	Tranquility 11 comments
	- Green offers tranquil relief from built up nature
	of the Lye.
	- Not much traffic around here
	Richness of Wildlife 11 comments
	- Woodpeckers and other birds often seen eating
	nuts in the tree.
	- Snow drops and bluebells
	 Bats and owls at night in the tree
	- Foxes and hedgehogs seen
Landowner consultation	Landowner notified in writing on 21 st March 2019 (see Appendix 9)
Landowner support /	No response received to date
objection	
LGS6 – The Lye Green AreaA	- Regulation 15 Proposal
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Summary	 Area A proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'The Lye' Character Area).
Summary	 Area A proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'The Lye' Character Area). The space is local in character.
Summary	 Area A proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'The Lye' Character Area). The space is local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special
Summary	 Area A proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'The Lye' Character Area). The space is local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence
Summary	 Area A proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'The Lye' Character Area). The space is local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special
Summary	 Area A proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'The Lye' Character Area). The space is local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in

How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Green spaces in the Lye like this are mentioned in the Design Statement as a key characteristic of the area. This forms part of the evidence base for a policy to protect Green Infrastructure in the draft Plan.
	The walnut tree is noted as a 'Significant Tree' in the Character Area analysis. This forms part of the evidence base to support the Character and Design policy in the draft Plan.

LGS7 – The Lye Green Area B - Key Information		
Potential Local Green Space name	The Lye Green Area B	
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS7	
Landowner	Aster Housing Group	
Description of potential Local Green Space	Open grass area within the Lye. Surrounded by residential development, with car parking to the south.	
Planning context	Within Settlement Boundary and Conservation Area.	
LGS7 – The Lye Green Area B	LGS7 – The Lye Green Area B - Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria	
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes	
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, this small space contributes to the character of The Lye as a focal green space.	

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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	 20 responses received in support. Summary of comments made during informal consultation: Beauty Comments Sense of openness within the development Historic Significance Comments The open space is reflective of the housing estate design of the 1950s; giving people community space to share Recreational Value Comments Local space for children to meet and play Provides space for talking with neighbours Tranquility Comments Green offers tranquil relief from built up nature of the Lye. Not much traffic around here Richness of Wildlife Comments Foxes and hedgehogs seen
Landowner consultation	Landowner notified in writing on 21 st March 2019 (see Appendix 9) Contacted again as part of Regulation 14 consultation in February – March 2020.
Landowner support / objection	No response received to date
LGS7 – The Lye Green Area B	- Regulation 15 Proposal
Summary	 Designate as a Local Green Space. The Lye Green Area B proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'The Lye' Character Area). The space is local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in relation to its recreational value.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Green spaces in the Lye like this are mentioned in the Design Statement as a key characteristic of the area. This forms part of the evidence base for the Design and Character policy in the draft Plan.

LGS8 – Entrance to Dial Close	- Key Information
Potential Local Green Space name	Entrance to Dial Close
Potential Local Green Space number	LG\$8
Landowner	Unknown – not shown on land registry
Description of potential Local Green Space	Green space with trees, bench and bin at the entrance to Dial Close from the High Street. Two footpaths / pavements cross the space, linking the High Street and Dial Close for pedestrians.
Planning context	Within Settlement Boundary and Conservation Area
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LGS8 – Entrance to Dial Close	- Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, within the 'Dial Close / School' Character Area and is a gateway to a residential street / neighbourhood
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes, this small space serves as a gateway to Dial Close and is a notable green space along the High Street

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	 21 responses received, 19 in support and 2 against. Summary of comments made during informal consultation: Beauty 17 comments Variety of trees: silver birch, hazel, beech, apple Snow drops and daffodils Welcome open green space at the side of the High Street and entrance to Dial Close Historic Significance 4 comments Historical significance relates mainly to the trees which have matured over 45 years.
	 The bench is popular with walkers, and people stopping to rest on the way to/from the school and High Street.
	 Tranquility 10 comments The area is a welcome green space to rest along the busy High Street. Many comments noted that the space is even more important as the road can be very busy and noisy.
	Richness of Wildlife 15 comments - Trees (see 'beauty' above) and mature shrubs and flowers. - Gardens birds and small mammals.
Landowner consultation	Landowner unknown, notice displayed on site from 23.07.19 for 5 weeks (see Appendix 9)
	Contacted again as part of Regulation 14 consultation in February – March 2020.
Landowner support / objection	No response received to date. Wiltshire Council confirm that they do not own this land, but mow the grass as it forms part of the adopted public highway.
LGS8– Entrance to Dial Close	- Regulation 15 Proposal
Summary	Designate as a Local Green Space. The Entrance to Dial Close proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways:
	 It is close to the community it serves (located within the 'Dial Close and School' Character Area).

	 The space is local in character. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during informal evidence collection; comments received particularly in relation to its beauty.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	The Design Statement includes reference to the Conservation Area Appraisal content which states that open spaces are part of an open grain to the settlement and should not be seen as development opportunities.

LGS9 – Giles Wood - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Giles Wood
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS11
Landowner	
Description of potential Local Green Space	Woodland to the north of Canal at western edge of the Neighbourhood Area. Bridleway SEEN17 passes through.
Planning context	Outside of settlement boundary
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LGS9 – Giles Wood - Assessme	ent against NPPF LGS Criteria
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Outside of main settlements, but accessible via PRoW SEEN17, which connects to SEEN16 and SEEN52 (which includes the canal towpath) and MELW45 in Melksham Without. The space is accessible for communities in Seend Parish and Bowerhill in Melksham Without Parish.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Although surrounded by open countryside, the area is distinctly woodland.

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. During Regulation 14 consultation, three comments were received from local people querying why the space had not been suggested as a Local Green Space. Respondents noted the Wood's recreational value, tranquil nature and biodiversity value.
Landowner consultation	Landowner notified in writing on 14 th May 2020 (see Appendix 12), after Regulation 14 consultation.
Landowner support / objection	Landowner supports designation of Giles Wood as a Local Green Space – response received on 18 th May 2020 (see Appendix 12). The landowner commented that the purpose of the wood is for local people to visit to walk and play, and to feel a sense of local ownership. They comment that the wood is used by school and youth groups, as well as runners and walkers.
LGS9 – Giles Wood - Regulatio	on 15 Proposal
Summary	 Designate as a Local Green Space. Giles Wood proposed Local Green Space aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework Local Green Space criteria in the following ways: It is close to the community it serves in that it is easily accessible for communities in Seend Parish and Melksham Without Parish via PRoWs. The space is local in character as it is identifiable as a discrete area of woodland. It has been evidenced as demonstrably special to the community during formal evidence collection; comments were received particularly in relation to its recreation and wildlife value, and tranquil nature.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Giles Wood is identified as woodland within the Green Infrastructure (GI) network, this work forms part of the evidence base to support the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity policy in the draft Plan.

LGS10 – Pelch Lane Grass Triangle - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Pelch Lane
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS9
Landowner	Unknown
Description of potential Local Green Space	Triangle of grass at junction on Pelch Lane.
Planning context	Adjacent to SSSI to the south.
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LGS10 – Pelch Lane Grass Tria	ngle - Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes, key junction at entrance to Seend Cleeve.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Yes – clearly bounded by highway on all sides.
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 – community evidence not collected
Landowner consultation	N/A

Landowner support / objection	N/A
LGS10 – Pelch Lane Grass Triangle - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation. The space is part of high way infrastructure which has limited special quality. The land already has some Protection due to its location within the setting of Grade II Listed Meadow Bank to the north.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	N/A

LGS11– Field adjacent to Holy Cross Churchyard - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Field adjacent to Holy Cross Churchyard
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS10
Landowner	Holy Cross Church
Description of potential Local Green Space	Rectangular area of land to the south of Churchyard.
Planning context	Within Conservation Area
Мар	Church of the Holy Cross
LGS11– Field adjacent to Holy Criteria	Cross Churchyard - Assessment against NPPF LGS
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes – at the edge of the built area of Seend Village.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	No. The space is surrounded by open countryside to the south, east and west.
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 – community evidence not collected

Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A
LGS11– Field adjacent to Holy Cross Churchyard - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation. The space is not local in character. It is also ecclesiastical land and therefore inappropriate for designation.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Identifiedas part of the Green Infrastructure network, which forms part of the evidence base to support the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity policy in the draft Plan.

LGS12 – West of Caravan Park - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	West of Caravan Park
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS12
Landowner	Unknown
Description of potential Local Green Space	Irregular shaped area to the west of Caravan Park. The area comprises woodland to the east, and three fields.
Planning context	Outside of settlement boundary
LGS12 – West of Caravan Park	c - Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes, adjacent to Caravan Park, walkable from Sells Green.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	No. The area is surrounded by open countryside to the south, west and north.
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 – community evidence not collected
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A

LGS12 – West of Caravan Park - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation; the area is not local in character and is surrounded by open countryside on most sides.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	N/A

LGS13 – Rusty Lane - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Rusty Lane
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS13
Landowner	
Description of potential Local Green Space	Wooded linear area along Bridleway SEEN44 linking Canal to Seend Village via Little Foxes Farm.
Planning context	Outside of settlement boundary
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LGS13 – Rusty Lane - Assessm 1. In reasonably close proximity to the community	ent against NPPF LGS Criteria Yes
it serves 2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	No. Distinctly wooded area although surrounded by open countryside on all sides.
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 – community evidence not collected

Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A
LGS13 – Rusty Lane - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation. The space is a linear corridor running along the right of way, which is already protected under other legislation (see Planning Practice Guidance Para. 018 Reference ID: 37-018- 20140306).
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	The space is identified as part of the extensive network of routeways which is a key characteristic of the Green Infrastructure network in the Parish. This forms part of the evidence base to support the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity policy in the draft Plan.

LGS14 – Dismantled Railway - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Dismantled Railway
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS14
Landowner	Unknown
Description of potential Local Green Space	Dismantled railway along footpaths SEEN52 and POUL33
Planning context	Outside of settlement boundary
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LGS14 – Dismantled Railway -	Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	Yes, near to industrial area and Marina.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	No. Distinctly linear although open countryside lies to the north.
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 – community evidence not collected
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A

LGS14 – Dismantled Railway - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation, see LGS12 above
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	The space is identified as part of the extensive network of routeways which is a key characteristic of the Green Infrastructure network in the Parish. This forms part of the evidence base to support the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity policy in the draft Plan.

LGS15 – Curnicks Lane - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Curnicks Lane
Potential Local Green Space number	LG\$15
Landowner	Unknown
Description of potential Local Green Space	Linear green corridor along Bridleway SEEN55.
Planning context	Outside of Settlement Boundary
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LGS15 – Curnicks Lane - Asses	ssment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	No
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	No. Distinctly linear although open countryside surrounds the path.
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 – community evidence not collected
Landowner consultation	N/A

Landowner support / objection	N/A
LGS15 – Curnicks Lane - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation, see LGS12 above
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	The space is identified as part of the extensive network of routeways which is a key characteristic of the Green Infrastructure network in the Parish. This forms part of the evidence base to support the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity policy in the draft Plan.

LGS16 – Broad Lane - Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Broad Lane
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS16
Landowner	Unknown
Description of potential Local Green Space	Linear green corridor along Bridleway SEEN40
Planning context	Outside of settlement boundary
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LGS16 – Broad Lane - Assessm	nent against NPPF LGS Criteria
 In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves 	No.
2. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	No, see LGS14 above.
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 – community evidence not collected
Landowner consultation	N/A

Landowner support / objection	N/A
LGS16 – Broad Lane - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation, see LGS12 above
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	The space is identified as part of the extensive network of routeways which is a key characteristic of the Green Infrastructure network in the Parish. This forms part of the evidence base to support the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity policy in the draft Plan.

LG\$17 – Weavers Cottages Allotments- Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	Weavers Cottages Allotments
Potential Local Green Space number	LGS17
Landowner	Wadworth Brewery
Description of potential Local Green Space	Private allotments to the front of Weavers Cottages. Screened from public pavement by high hedgerow. Not open to the public.
Planning context	Within settlement boundary and Conservation Area.
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LGS17 – Weavers Cottages Al	lotments - 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 – community evidence not collected
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A

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LGS17 – Weavers Cottages Allotments - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation. The space is not publicly accessible nor visible from public footpath.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	N/A

LGS18 – The Lye Green Area C- Key Information	
Potential Local Green Space name	The Lye Green Area C
Potential Local Green Space number	LG\$18
Landowner	Aster Housing Group
Description of potential Local Green Space	Grassed space in front of numbers 7 & 8 The Lye. The south west corner of the space is used for car parking.
Planning context	Within settlement boundary and Conservation Area.
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LG\$18 – The Lye Green Area (C - Assessment against NPPF LGS Criteria
 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 – community evidence not collected
Landowner consultation	N/A
Landowner support / objection	N/A

LGS18 – The Lye Green Area C - Regulation 15 Proposal	
Summary	Not suitable for designation– the Steering Group does not consider that the space could be evidenced to be particularly special to the local community. The space is sometimes used for car parking.
How else is this space protected in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Green spaces in the Lye like this are mentioned in the Design Statement as a key characteristic of the area. This forms part of the evidence base for the Design and Character policy in the draft Plan.