

Mendip District Council

Local Plan Part II (Sites & Policies)

Designation of Local Green Spaces



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Background Paper

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Introduction

- 1.1. Green Spaces in Mendip have been subject to protective designations for many years and a multitude of sites has been identified which make a significant contribution to the quality of the built environment. During consultation for Local Plan Part I, communities made it clear that many of these sites should continue to be protected and that additional sites could be identified.
- 1.2. The sites designated under Policy Q2 of the previous Local Plan (2002) were retained in the Local Plan Part I (2006-2029) under Development Policy 2: Open Areas of Local Significance. A commitment was made in Part I that Part II of the Local Plan will review the ongoing appropriateness of protecting such areas. This would also provide an opportunity for new areas to be identified.
- 1.3. Importantly, since the previous Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) introduced the Local Green Spaces designation. This gives Local Planning Authorities the ability to designate green areas that are considered to be of importance locally. In order for local designations to be in line with national policy, all of the sites designated as OALS were reviewed as Local Green Spaces and their significance to their area and communities assessed against both the government guidance and supplemented by a more detailed local set of criteria.

What is a Local Green Space?

- 1.4. A Local Green Space (LGS) is a designation which can be made through Local or Neighbourhood Plans. Designation as a LGS provides similar protection to that of the Green Belt, ruling out development in all but very exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5. Paragraph 77 of the NPPF outlines the criteria for LGS designation, and states that the designation should only be used under the following circumstances:

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

- 1.6. The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) provides some further guidance and examples of sites that could be designated. These include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located; allotments; or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis. In all cases, whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion.
- 1.7. In terms of size it states that although there are no hard and fast rules, and no lower limit, the designations mustn't be used to protect extensive areas of land. Additionally, public access is neither required nor conferred by a designation and the management of the site remains the responsibility of the landowner.
- 1.8. LGS designations will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented.

Assessment Methodology

- 1.9. All areas previously identified as Open Areas of Local Significance were reviewed in line with the NPPF criteria and aided by the additional local checklist below. All suggestions for new Local Green Spaces which were received during the Issues and Options consultation were assessed using the same criteria.
- 1.10. Site visits were conducted to all proposed Local Green Spaces in order to view the areas in context and assess their contribution to the settlement.
- 1.11. Views from participants in the Issues and Options consultation, as well as reviewing existing village design statements and Neighbourhood Plan work, were used to inform the reasons for designation. GIS mapping systems (including historic mapping) were also used to inform the proposed designations, indicating factors such the site's history, planning status and ecological value.

Local Green Spaces – Criteria for Designation in Mendip

Local Green Spaces will be designated in Mendip where the site meets the following requirements:

1. They are located in reasonably close proximity to the community they serve,
2. They do not represent an extensive tract of land,
3. Their contribution to the settlement is not already protected through other policies or designations,
4. They are demonstrably special and warrant special protection as a result of fulfilling at least one of the following roles:
 - i. Protecting an important public view towards or out from a significant local feature, for example a church or manor house, which aren't already protected by other designations;
 - ii. A park, play area or recreation facility which makes a significant visual contribution to the street scene or character of the settlement;
 - iii. An important part of the street scene or character of the settlement, for example spaces such as orchards or gardens within a village characterised by its open layout or sectioned form;
 - iv. Contributing to an important public view into or out of an otherwise built up street scene;
 - v. Offering informal recreation space (i.e. not a park or formal recreation facility) and/or tranquillity within a settlement, for example seating areas and riverbanks;
 - vi. Being of local historical or cultural value to a settlement, for example land surrounding a memorial, cemeteries or allotments which aren't already protected by other designations;
 - vii. Being valuable for the richness of its wildlife.

Sites protected by other designations

- 1.12. The aim of the Local Green Space designation policy is to protect open areas that play an important role in a settlement. It is only intended for sites which are not already protected through other means. Consequently, sites were only included if they fell within or were well related to a settlement.
- 1.13. It can be argued that sites which are already subject to a statutory designation (such as falling within the curtilage of a Listed Building) would not benefit from an additional local designation. However, many of the original OALS designations have been in place for many years and during the consultation communities felt strongly that these sites should now be designated as LGS regardless of other layers of protection. As a

result, a number of sites have been included which may already have some level of protection through planning policy.

- 1.14. Additionally, there were instances where green areas were covered by another designation that did not directly relate to its visual contribution and would not necessarily be protected as open space in perpetuity. Recreation areas for example could, in exceptional cases, be developed where alternative provision is made. Therefore some recreation areas are proposed for designation where their openness and visual appearance enhances a town or village.
- 1.15. Churches and churchyards are important local features and are often of historic and cultural value, providing a focal point for the village and events, as well as offering a tranquil seating area. Therefore a number of areas in or around churchyards which enhance the church's setting and/or provide informal recreation space are proposed for designation.

Private Land and Gardens

- 1.16. In some exceptional cases, private land and gardens have been proposed for designation where the loss of the garden would result in a detrimental impact on the street scene. Examples include gardens fronting the street in a village characterised by its open form, or a garden of notable historic value (as outlined in a Village Design Statement for Example).
- 1.17. Designations made on private land will mean that certain types of development would not be permitted and therefore consultation with the owners is important. As well as wide-reaching public consultation on the sites throughout the plan process, land registry searches have been conducted on all of the proposed sites and all landowners will therefore be formally notified prior to the formal pre-submission consultation.
- 1.18. For the avoidance of doubt, it should also be noted that public access is neither required nor conferred by a designation and maintenance of the site will remain the responsibility of the landowner.
- 1.19. Some fields have been proposed for designation where they were an integral part of a settlement, contributing to the sense of space within a settlement, or protecting the setting of an important local feature for example. However, national policy makes clear that the LGS designation should not be used to protect fields on the periphery of a settlement, unless it can be demonstrated that they fulfil another important role or function for which protection is required (protecting the setting of a church or landmark or affording an important public view into the village for example). A number of sites proposed around the periphery were not proposed for designation.

Smaller Sites

- 1.20. No upper or lower size limits were applied, although spaces needed to have a definable quality in order to warrant designation.

Principal Settlements

1. Frome

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSFRO001	Riverside playing field with woodland walk	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views of the river and across the playing field. It is well used for recreation.
LGSFRO002	Allotments between the river and the railway.	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views of the river and contributing a sense of openness to the built up area. It is valued as allotments
LGSFRO003	Riverside area with play park, BMX track and woodland	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views of the river and is well used for formal and informal recreation.
LGSFRO004	Water meadows alongside the River Frome on the north side	Rodden Meadows as a whole is important to the character of Frome surrounding the river that helped to define the historical development of the town. The site is one part of a complex of sites along the river valley, which are visually important allowing views along the river valley, introduce a sense of tranquillity to this part of the town and are well used for informal recreation. This site is the most accessible and visually important of all the parcels that make up the meadows.
LGSFRO005	Meadows alongside the River Frome on the south side	Rodden Meadows as a whole is important to the character of Frome surrounding the river that helped to define the historical development of the town. The site is one part of a complex of sites along the river valley, which are visually important allowing views along the river valley and introducing a sense of rural tranquillity to this part of the town. This site is not used for recreation and does not have public access, but is important to the character of the part of the meadows that is well used for recreation. It forms a backdrop to views from the meadows to the north of the river.
LGSFRO006	Area of woodland and play park at the	The site makes a significant contribution to the street scene, allowing views of the woodland on

	junction of New Road and Wallbridge.	this important approach to the town. Its significance is increased by the creation of an informal green area and children's play park on the site adjacent. The play park and informal green area should be included in the site.
LGSFRO007	Frome Cemetery	The cemetery, including the extension, is a valued local feature and should be protected.
LGSFRO008	Grassed valley running down from Culverhill to Adderwell, with a brook, trees and paths.	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views out of the otherwise built up areas at Culverhill, The Mount and New Buildings. It is a marked valley between 2 hillsides and this adds to its visual significance. It is well used for informal recreation.
LGSFRO009	Informal park with trees, grass and café and bowls club to the western end of site. Mary Baily Field, with children's play area, skate park, tennis courts and grassed area.	The site offers a range of recreation facilities, including informal recreation, sports pitches and children's play area. It is a well valued recreational resource. It offers views out of the built up area, forming an open space along one side of Weymouth Road and Somerset Road. Parts of the site also offer panoramic views to open countryside to the east. The roof scape of parts of the historic central area of the town can be seen from the northern edge of the site as the land slopes away to the north.
LGSFRO010	Wetland area and ponds north west of Asda	This site makes an important contribution to the character of the edge of Frome and has value as a resource for informal recreation.
LGSFRO011	Green area south of the river alongside Willow Vale. Adjacent to Garsdale	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views across the river and contributing to the character of Willow Vale, which is a distinctive rural lane, close to the town centre and on the approaches to Rodden Meadow.
LGSFRO012	Collection of gardens adjacent to the river alongside Willow Vale.	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views along and across the river and contributing to the character of Willow Vale, which is a distinctive rural lane, close to the town centre and on the approaches to Rodden Meadow.
LGSFRO013	Flood mitigation area at New Road	This site makes an important contribution to the built up area surrounding it. It adds value to the footpath network as a resource for informal recreation and creates a feature of interest along the route.
LGSFRO014	Churchyard surrounding Trinity	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome and provides a

	church and an area of garden adjoining the churchyard and adjacent to Goulds Ground	tranquil area. It allows panoramic views of the countryside to the north. The open part of the site should be designated LGS, but the church, car park and associated buildings excluded. The garden adjoining the churchyard contributes significantly to views and creates a sense of openness.
LGSFRO015	Historic cemetery	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome and provides a tranquil area, it is locally distinctive and has significant local historic interest
LGSFRO016	Wooded area alongside the River Frome on the north side, opposite riverside path and open area at Low Water. The site is between the river and the sewage works.	The site is one part of a complex of sites along the river valley, which are visually important allowing views along the river valley and introducing a sense of rural tranquillity to this part of the town. This site is not used for recreation and does not have public access, but is important to the character of the recreation area at Low Water across the river
LGSFRO017	Grassed area with sports pitches and play equipment at the old cheeseshow field	The site offers a range of recreation facilities, including informal recreation, sports pitches and children's play area. It is a well valued recreational resource. It offers views out of the built up area. Views of the cricket field with its distinctive circular white fence inform the character of Rodden Road. It also has a role in the heritage of the town, having been the Cheese show field for many years.
LGSFRO018	Grassed area with walling, wooded area.	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views across the town centre and contributing a sense of openness to the built up area.
LGSFRO019	Wooded area on rising slopes west of Rodden Meadow	This site was brought into use to commemorate the millennium and makes an important contribution to the character of Rodden Meadows. It is well used for informal recreation.
LGSFRO020	Wooded area on rising slopes north of Rodden Meadow	This site makes an important contribution to the character of Rodden Meadows, which as a whole is important to the character of Frome. The site is part of a complex of sites along the river valley, which are visually important, introduce a sense of tranquillity to this part of the town and are well used for informal recreation. The land is very visible from the lower part of Rodden Meadows and the site slopes up contributing to the sense of enclosure that is important in the character of the meadow.

LGSFRO021	Open field with children's play area and informal grassed area off Packsaddle Way	This site makes an important contribution to the street scene. It is valuable for formal and informal recreation. It lends a sense of openness to this otherwise densely built up area and allows extensive views out into open countryside.
LGSFRO022	Churchyard surrounding Christchurch, Christchurch Street West	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome allowing views out of the densely built up area towards the listed church.
LGSFRO023	Steep slopes along both side of the river valley from Adderwell to the railway line.	This site makes an important contribution to the character of this part of Frome, allowing views out of the built up area across and along the river valley. Historic features such as the railway bridge add interest, and views of the housing juxtaposed with the green valley sides are attractive in their own right and this adds to its visual significance. It is well used for informal recreation.

2. Glastonbury

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSGLAS001	Cemetery and land surrounding the Chapel.	This site is demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity, contributing to the character of the town by providing a large area of green space along the Wells Road – an area which is otherwise densely developed. It also has historical value as whilst the site is not within the Glastonbury Conservation Area, the site includes three Grade II Listed Buildings (Two Cemetery Chapels and Cemetery Lodge). This site also includes a number of mature trees falls within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl, therefore being of some value to wildlife.
LGSGLAS002	Play area with mature trees and seating at Whiting Road/Chinnock Road/Breyton Road.	This site is demonstrably special for its recreational value, beauty and tranquillity. It provides a large area of green space and trees in an otherwise densely developed area of the town. The site's position on the top of a hill makes this green area particularly prominent and makes a significant contribution to the character of this area, creating a more open and green feel.

		Whilst the site has formal play equipment, much of the site is open and offers informal recreation spaces and tranquillity. The site has some wildlife value, containing a number of mature trees and falling within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl.
LGSGLAS003	Glastonbury Abbey and surrounding grounds.	The site is clearly of great historical importance, incorporating the site of what was once one of the richest and most powerful monasteries in England and a number of historic buildings and ruins. Whilst much of the site is already afforded significant levels of protection through scheduling as an Ancient Monument and Listed, the site is also of great aesthetic and cultural importance. It is an important pilgrimage destination and the surrounding walls and sense of openness and green space behind form an important part of the street scene and character of the town.
LGSGLAS004	St John's Church and Churchyard.	Whilst already subject to strong protection through the site's inclusion within the Glastonbury Conservation Area and the Listing of the Church and walls, this site provides the setting of an important feature in the town, as well as providing a green area of beauty and tranquillity in this densely developed historic core of the town.
LGSGLAS005	Recreation Ground and Pavilion.	Whilst this site is covered by DP16: Protection of Formal and Informal Recreation Spaces, it is demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity in addition to its formal recreation provision. It provides a large area of green space and trees in an otherwise densely developed area of the town. It is also of wildlife value, falling within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl and Dingy Skipper Butterfly as well as forming a suitable habitat for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat and Soprano Pipistrelle Bat. There are a number of mature trees around the edge of the site, including a protected beech tree on the south-eastern corner and group of protected horse chestnuts on the southern edge. The Town Council requested extension of this site to the north; however, this area is not green and therefore does not fulfil the same role as the existing site area.

LGSGLAS006	Park with mature trees and seating	Whilst this site is covered by DP16: Protection of Formal and Informal Recreation Spaces, it is demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity in addition to its formal recreation provision. It provides a large area of green space and trees in an otherwise densely developed area of the town. The site's position on the brow of a hill on the southern approach to the town makes this green area particularly prominent and makes a significant contribution to the character of this area, creating a more open and green feel. Whilst containing formal play equipment, much of the site is open and offers informal recreation space and tranquillity. The site has some wildlife value, containing a number of mature trees and falling within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl.
LGSGLAS007	Community Garden Bowyers Close.	This site is demonstrably special for its cultural value and tranquillity. It provides an area of green space in an otherwise densely developed area of the town. It also is of cultural value through its use as a community garden.
LGSGLAS008	Thorndon Play Park – Holman Close. Includes a children's play area with facilities for 5-a-side football	This site is demonstrably special for its recreational value. Provides an area of beauty and tranquillity within the built up area, containing mature trees and green in an otherwise densely developed area of the town. Open grassed area offers opportunity for informal recreation as well as a formal play area / football pitch.
LGSGLAS009	Abbey Barn, a Scheduled Monument which sits on the corner of Bere Lane and Chilkwell Street in an orchard grazed by rare breed sheep – this is now used as the Somerset Rural Life Museum	This site is demonstrably special for its historical value as well as its beauty, tranquillity and richness of wildlife. The site surrounds the former Abbey Barn, described as the “most important building” in this part of the Glastonbury. The site is a traditional orchard and traditional orchards are of great importance to the character and history of Glastonbury. The site falls within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl and forms part of a Stepping Stone of the Somerset Ecological Network. The site includes a number of mature trees and is designated as Traditional Orchard which is a Priority Habitat under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.
LGSGLAS010	Orchard between St Annes and Richmond	This site is demonstrably special for its historical value, as well as beauty and tranquillity. The site is a designated as a Traditional Orchard in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and contains a number

	Villas, Chilkwell Street Glastonbury.	mature trees. Traditional Orchards form important feature of Somerset and Glastonbury, and this particular example and the views it affords to Chalice Hill are described as “significant” in the Glastonbury Conservation Area Appraisal. It is also of value for its wildlife value, as Traditional Orchards form a Priority Habitat under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.
LGSGLAS011	Orchards behind Chalice Well	This site is demonstrably special for its wildlife value, as well as historical value and tranquillity. This site forms part of the Special Landscape Feature of Glastonbury Tor, including Chalice Hill – a natural hill with great historical and spiritual significance. The site falls within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl and forms a suitable habitat for the Great Crested Newt, Lesser Horseshoe Bat, Brown Long Eared Bat and Common Pipistrelle Bat. The site also forms part of a Stepping Stone of the Somerset Ecological Network (Broad leaf Woodland). There are a number of mature trees on the site and the band of trees along the northern edge are described as “significant” in the Glastonbury Conservation Area Appraisal. It is also designated as Traditional Orchard which is a Priority Habitat under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan as well as a significant part of the history of Glastonbury and Somerset.
LGSGLAS012	Chalice Well and surrounding gardens.	This site is demonstrably special for its historical and cultural value, as well as beauty and tranquillity. The gardens surround the Chalice Well, a Grade I Listed feature which is of great historical, cultural and spiritual significance. It provides an area of beauty and tranquillity within the built up area of the town, containing a number of mature trees and grassed areas. The site also falls within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl and forms a suitable habitat for the Great Crested Newt.

3. Shepton Mallet

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation

LGSSHEP001	Land surrounding River Sheppey weir	Site is demonstrably special as it envelopes the River Sheppey and an associated weir. The river is an important feature within the town and contributes to its character. This area is one of the few area where the river is above ground and visible.
LGSSHEP002	Land to the east of Coombe Lane	This site is a large wooded area which separates two areas of housing and sits on a very steep slope. It is an important part of the street scene and the character if this area of the town.
LGSSHEP003	Shepton Mallet Cemetery	Land surrounding a cemetery with two Grade II listed chapels. Site is demonstrably special due to its local historical and cultural value and that it also offers a tranquil place within a settlement for informal recreation.
LGSSHEP004	Land adjacent to Whitstone School	Demonstrably special due to being an open area amongst quite dense housing which will be intensified as a result of the development of the prison site.
LGSSHEP005	Collet Park	The site is demonstrably special due to being a park and recreation area which makes a significant visual contribution to the street scene and provides a tranquil area in the centre of the town
LGSSHEP006	Kilver Court Gardens	The site is demonstrably special as it protects the view in and out of Kilver Court and also the view to the viaduct. The site is also of local historical and cultural importance to the town.
LGSSHEP007	Land to the east of Charlton Viaduct	The site is demonstrably special as it protects the view in and out of Kilver Court and also the view to the viaduct. The site is also of local historical and cultural importance to the town.
LGSSHEP008	Land around Old Brewery	This site is part of the Charlton Estate and includes a number of renovated historical buildings including an old brewery. The site is demonstrably special as it provides the setting for these buildings which have historical and cultural importance in the town.
LGSSHEP009	Grounds of care home, Cannards Grave Road	The site is demonstrably special as it protects the view in and out of large house on the outskirts of the town.
LGSSHEP010	Play area, off Queen's Road	A play area which provides an open green space in this area of the town.

4. Street

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSSTR001	The Holy Trinity Church and Churchyard.	Whilst already subject to strong protection through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area and the Listing of the Church, this site provides the setting of an important feature in the town, as well as providing a green area of beauty and tranquillity in an otherwise densely developed area of the village.
LGSSTR002	Grassed area next to the Mullions Hotel along High Street.	Whilst already protected through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area, it provides a green area of beauty and tranquillity in an otherwise densely developed area of the village and offers opportunity for informal recreation.
LGSSTR003	Garden of The Bear Hotel with mature tree and seating.	Whilst already protected through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area, it is of historic value to this part of the village which is dominated by its industrial heritage and the Clark's Factory. It provides a green area of beauty and tranquillity in an otherwise densely developed area.
LGSSTR004	Grassed area with walkway into Clark's Village. Contains a number of mature trees.	Whilst already protected through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area, it is of historic value to this part of the village which is dominated by its industrial heritage and the Clark's Factory. It provides a green area of beauty and tranquillity in an otherwise densely developed area of the village and contains a well-used walkway connecting Clarks Village to The High Street. The site also offers opportunities for seating and picnicking etc.
LGSSTR005	Area around Greenbank Pool and fields behind. Contains public art.	Whilst already protected through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area, it is of historic value to this part of the village which is dominated by its industrial heritage and the Clark's Factory. It provides a green area of beauty and tranquillity in an otherwise densely developed area of the village.
LGSSTR006	Field adjacent to Hindhayes Lane.	Whilst already protected through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area, it is

	Crossed by a number of footpaths.	of historic value to this part of the village which is predominantly rural in nature and this and space is one such space which give the historic landscape context to Middle Leigh and Overleigh. This site also contains well-used rights of way and provides a green area of beauty and tranquillity.
LGSSTR007	Park and play area (Merriman Gardens). Contains a bandstand, memorial and play equipment.	Whilst already protected through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area, it is of historic value to this part of the village which is predominantly rural in nature and this and space is one such space which give the historic landscape context to Middle Leigh and Overleigh. This site also contains well-used rights of way and provides a green area of beauty and tranquillity.
LGSSTR008	Grassed area with seating in front of the Houndwood Development.	This site offers beauty and tranquillity in an otherwise densely developed area of Street. It offers opportunity for informal recreation as it provides seating and areas of flat grass. It contains a number of mature trees.
LGSSTR009	Field adjacent to Middle Leigh. Crossed by a number of footpaths.	Whilst already protected through the site's inclusion within the Street Conservation Area, it is of historic value to this part of the village which is predominantly rural in nature and this and space is one such space which give the historic landscape context to Middle Leigh and Overleigh. This site also contains well-used rights of way and provides a green area of beauty and tranquillity. It contains a number of mature trees and forms a habitat for protected bat species.
LGSSTR010	Land adjacent to Woods Batch Recreation Fields.	Site is demonstrably special for its beauty, providing a green area which is surrounded by otherwise dense development. It is well used for informal recreation (ball games, dog walking etc.) and provides opportunity for tranquil seating and picnicking. It contains numerous mature trees.
LGSSTR011	Woods Batch Recreation Fields.	Site is demonstrably special for its beauty, providing a large green area which is surrounded by otherwise dense development. It is well used for informal recreation (ball games, dog walking etc.) and provides opportunity for tranquil seating and picnicking. The site forms a suitable habitat for the Common Toad, Lesser Horseshoe Bat, Noctule Bat, Soprano Pipistrelle, Brown Hairstreak Bat. It contains numerous mature trees and forms part of a stepping stone for the

		Somerset Ecological Network (broad leaved woodland).
LGSSTR012	Couture Grove pond	Site is demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity, providing a green area and walkway which forms a pleasant entrance to the southern part of the Houndwood development. It is valuable as an informal recreation space, used for walking, dog walking etc. It contains a number of mature trees.
LGSSTR013	Couture Grove community garden	Site is demonstrably special for its recreational value, beauty and tranquillity. It comprises a community garden including walkways and seating areas. It also forms an important wildlife habitat, containing pond areas, reed beds with living willow hurdle, grass banks with wildflowers and a clover lawn.
LGSSTR014	Wraxhill Road Park	Site is demonstrably special for its recreational value, beauty and tranquillity. It comprises a pleasant green space in an otherwise densely developed residential area and includes seating areas, a number of mature trees and plants.
LGSSTR015	Bovemoor Road park	Site is demonstrably special for its recreational value, beauty and tranquillity. It comprises a small but pleasant green space in an otherwise densely developed residential area and includes play equipment, seating and a handful of mature trees.

5. Wells

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSWELLS001	Part of Blue School Playing Fields	The site creates a sense of openness alongside the Blue School Playing Fields and contributes to the character and tranquillity of this part of Wells. The site can be accessed via footpath and provides opportunities for informal recreation.
LGSWELLS002	Land opposite The Liberty	The site creates a sense of openness on The Liberty and is vitally important to the street scene and the setting of numerous listed buildings. It contributes to the sense of tranquillity and character of this historic part of Wells. It also supports a number of protected species.

LGSWELLS003	Public Garden along Tor Street	The site creates a sense of openness on Tor Street, is and is important to the street scene. It is also important to the setting of the Cathedral. It contributes to the sense of tranquillity and character of this historic part of Wells. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS004	Church and Churchyard of St Thomas's Church	The site creates a sense of openness on St Thomas Street, and is an important open area in the otherwise densely built up street frontage. It contributes to the sense of tranquillity and character of this historic part of Wells. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS005	Mendip Hospital Cemetery	The site has a sense of tranquillity and is an important historical and cultural feature in its own right. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS006	Land surrounding the Pavilion Sports Ground	The site protects an important view from Tor Street and is seen in the foreground of views of Tor Woods. It is important to the setting of the Cathedral and appears as a continuation of the open land to the west of Tor Street. It also allows opportunities for recreation and supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS007	Walled Garden forming part of Bishops Palace	The site is important to the setting of the Cathedral and appears as a green space in the foreground of views of the Cathedral from the east. It is also important in views from Tor Street. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS008	Enclosed Gardens of the Bishops Palace	The site is important to the setting of the Bishops Palace and moat and allows views out of Market Place (when the gates are open) creating a sense of space. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS009	Cathedral Green	The site is vitally important to the setting of the Cathedral and the numerous surrounding listed buildings. It allows views out of surrounding streets where there are gaps in the frontage building, creating a sense of space and contributing significantly to the character of the historic core of the City. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS010	Wells Recreation Ground	The site is an important open space within the built up area of Wells and is vital to the setting of the grade 1 listed Bishops Barn. It allows views out of surrounding streets where there are gaps in development, creating a sense of space and

		contributing to the character of the area. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS011	Church and Churchyard of St Cuthbert's Church	The site is an important open space within the built up area of Wells and is important to the setting of a number of listed buildings. It allows views out of surrounding street creating a sense of openness. The church and church yard are important features in the street scene in their own right. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS012	Land alongside Glastonbury Road	The site is an important pocket of green space within along Glastonbury Road. It creates a sense of openness and allows the stream to be seen. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS013	Land at Jocelyn Drive and Glastonbury road	The site is an important pocket of green space within along Glastonbury Road. It creates a sense of openness and allows the stream to be seen. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS014	Wells Cemetery	The site is an important open area allowing views out of Portway. It has a sense of tranquillity appropriate to its use and cultural and historical significance. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS015	Railway embankment at Portway	The site is an important open area and is a landmark feature on Portway. It frames views of the Cathedral from this direction. It also supports a number of protected species.
LGSWELLS016	East of Churchill Rd/ Sealy Crescent	The site is an important open area and is important to the character of this estate. It allows informal recreation and creates a sense of openness, and allows dramatic views of the countryside. It also supports a number of protected species.

Primary and Secondary Villages

Baltonsborough

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSBALT001	Land surrounding St Dunstan's Church	The site protects views in and out of the churchyard from both the east and west. It provides a tranquil informal recreation space.
LGSBALT002	Land surrounding Orchard Neville, Ham St	The site provides a green, wooded space within a built up area and has wildlife value due to a species record for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat and providing suitable habitat for this species.
LGSBALT003	Former Play Area off St Dunstan's Park	Site is a former play area which now provides a tranquil informal recreation area within a built up area.

Beckington

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSBECK001	Elevated grass and treed area enclosed by stone walling.	Site contributes to the village scene by providing a buffer between the historic buildings on Goose Street and the new development at The Lays.
LGSBECK002	Land surrounding St George's Church including the church yard along with enclosed land and private gardens of the old Rectory, stretching down to Warminster Road.	Site contributes to the village scene by protecting views of the church from Church street and the rurality of the footpath approach to the church from Warminster Road. It is also important in the village scene on Warminster Road. The site includes the immediate setting of the church, and the surrounding areas stretching as far as Warminster Road, which are important to the church's setting and sense of tranquillity.
LGSBECK003	Small mound with grass and trees forming a local amenity space within a modern housing estate.	Site contributes to the village scene by providing local amenity space within an area of modern development and contributes to the character of the settlement.
LGSBECK004	Glebe field which forms a break in development	Site contributes to the street scene in Warminster Road, and has historic associations with the

	along Warminster road and rises towards the church. Footpath to the church follows the eastern edge.	church, contributing to the scenic value of the footpath approach from the north
LGSBECK005	Site is a small field fronting Church Street.	Site contributes to the village scene as it is a gap in the otherwise built up frontage of Church Street, allowing views out of the village and framing views of the grade 1 listed church and adjacent listed cottages from this direction.

Butleigh

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSBUT001	Land surrounding Butleigh Court & Butleigh House	Site protects important views of the Church, Butleigh Court & Butleigh House.
LGSBUT002	Corner of High Street & Water Lane	The site provides green space in the centre of the village (akin to a small village green).

Binegar and Gurney Slade

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSBIN001	Church and Churchyard Holy Trinity Church	Site is demonstrably special for its historical and cultural value, providing a setting for a prominent local feature (Holy Trinity Church). Contributes to the openness and rural feel of Binegar and views out of the linear development along Station Road.
LGSBIN002	Land to the rear of Holy Trinity Church	Demonstrably special due to its historical and recreational significance, as well as provide the setting of and public views towards the landmark building of the Holy Trinity Church.
LGSBS001	Play area and field	Site contributes to the street scene and character of the village by providing a green area in linear development alongside and opposite the site on Station Road.
LGSBS002	Field, bordered by wall and trees	Site demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity, forming a break in a linear section of

		development and affording views towards Kingscombe Vale.
LGSGS003	Green seating area near the western entrance to Gurney Slade	The site's openness contributes to the setting of the western edge of the village and provides informal recreational space and seating area. It contributes to the character of the villages and forms a green space between the distinctive built up areas of Gurney Slade and Binegar.

Chewton Mendip

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSCHEW001	Church and churchyard of St Mary Magdalene Church and adjacent field. Also includes a small portion of private garden (Mendip End).	Site incorporates the church and churchyard of St Mary Magdalene Church which is a prominent landmark in the village. The adjacent field slopes steeply from Lower Street (on the B3114) up to the church and affords views of this distinctive landmark on the approach to the village. The churchyard includes some seating and a well-used Right of Way runs adjacent to and across the site linking Lower Street to the Church and wider countryside. The site therefore has some informal recreation and community value and is demonstrably special for its important contribution to the character of the village by providing the setting of and views towards St Mary Magdalene Church – the village's most prominent landmark.
LGSCHEW002	Sloping field above the main road through the village (A39). Currently used as a paddock.	This area is an important green space in the centre of the village and contributes to the openness and rural charm of the village. Whilst there are no landmarks of historical significance on the site itself, the open space affords views of the village (including the Grade II Listed Vicarage and Grade I Listed St Mary Magdalene Church) from the Right of Way on the southern edge.

Chilcompton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSCHIL001	Green area along “The Street”	Demonstrably special by virtue of its provision of green area in the otherwise built up area along The Street, between the upper and lower clusters of the village. It provides a green wooded backdrop to the River Somer which is an important part of the street scene.
LGSCHIL002	Recreation Ground	Recreation facility and village event venue situated at the end of Linear development on the B3139. It is an important green open space on approach to the village.
LGSCHIL003	River Somer Walk and Watercress Beds	This is a green space wooded space which permeates the built up area between the lower village cluster and development on Parsonage Lane. Affords views of woodland along the River Somer from The Street. Forms a walk past historic watercress beds, much used by walkers and therefore has significant recreational value.
LGSCHIL004	Green area along Parsonage Lane	Green area which provides a green gap between clusters in the village and demonstrably special due to its importance as a green space intrinsic to the village’s rural character and layout. Provides informal recreation and tranquillity as used by walkers.
LGSCHIL005	Green area behind houses on Wells Road	Green space which permeates the built up areas on Stockhill Road, the Wells Road and Rocks Road, forming a village green style area which is important to the character of the village.

Coleford

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSCOLE001	Small green area within modern housing estate at Beacon View	Site contributes significantly to the character of this modern estate and is valuable for informal recreation.
LGSCOLE002	Small green area within modern housing estate at Careys Mead	Site contributes significantly to the character of Highbury street and is valuable for informal recreation.

LGSCOLE003	Small green area within modern housing estate at Farley Dell	Site contributes significantly to the character of this modern estate and is valuable for informal recreation.
LGSCOLE004	Area of garden opposite modern housing at The Green alongside the river.	Site contributes significantly to the character of Lower Coleford.
LGSCOLE005	Small green area within modern housing estate at Beacon View East	Site contributes significantly to the character of this modern estate and is valuable for informal recreation. It adjoins a site to the west which was previously designated OALS and is of equal value to the designated area.
LGSCOLE006	Small green area alongside Anchor Road, opposite the Post Office with village sign and bench	This site makes a contribution to the street scene on Anchor Road and accommodates the village sign, which contributes to Coleford's sense of local identity.
LGSCOLE007	Public garden with paths and benches alongside Church Street opposite the surgery	This site makes a contribution to the street scene on Church Street and creates a sense of tranquillity in its vicinity.
LGSCOLE008	Playing fields and children's play area off Church Street	This site offers scope for recreation, both formal and informal. Although it is hidden in views from Church Street it makes a significant contribution to the character of Lower Coleford. It also has heritage and wildlife interest.
LGSCOLE009	Green area within the apex of the very sharp corner at the bottom of Church Street	This site makes a contribution to the street scene on Church Street and contributes to Coleford's sense of local identity.

Coxley

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
N/a. No sites were put forward for designation.		

Croscombe

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSCROS001	Allotments	Demonstrably special for its cultural value as allotments and providing tranquillity and green space within the densely developed village core.
LGSCROS002	Churchyard of St Mary's Church	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing a setting for a prominent local feature (Grade II Listed St Mary's Church). The Church provides a focal point for the village and the churchyard protects its setting is important to the character of the densely developed historic village core.
LGSCROS003	Griffin's Green	Yes demonstrably special for its cultural and informal recreation value providing a tranquil seating area and green space within the village core.
LGSCROS004	Area alongside the River Sheppey	Occupies a prominent position in the centre of the village and provides a green space within the densely developed village core. Provides the setting for the River Sheppey which is a significant feature that characterises the village.
LGSCROS005	Weir and area alongside the River Sheppey	Occupies a prominent position in the centre of the village and provides a green space within the densely developed village core. Provides the setting for the River Sheppey which is a significant feature that characterises the village.
LGSCROS006	School Sports field/Adventure Playground and Fayrefield, Fayreway	Site demonstrably special for its historical, ecological and recreational value. The site is used as a playing field and outdoor classroom and Fayreway field is used by walkers on a regular basis. The steepness of the field allows for activities such as sledging in the winter and the site is greatly valued by the community and many letters of support were submitted to evidence its importance and uses. This included support from the landowner.

Ditcheat

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSDIT001	Church and Churchyard of St Mary Magdalene	The site is an important space around the imposing St Mary Magdalene Church which is an important focal point in the village. The space makes a significant to the character of the village by providing the setting for Church
LGSDIT002	Playground and Playing Field	Whilst a small site, it provides a significant green recreational space in the centre of the village and is prominent from the right of way that runs through the village.
LGSDIT003	Land at Ditcheat House	This site should be designated as an LGS by virtue of its demonstrable historical and cultural significance as a traditional orchard. It contributes to the character of the village, enhancing views of village landmarks such as Ditcheat House and Church of St Mary Magdalene as well as external views towards Ditcheat Hill.
LGSDIT004	Green at Lintern's Close	The site provides a green space in the core of the village, forming a natural break between the modern Linterns Close development and the older part of the village.

Doultong

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSDOU001	Play Area	Site has value to the street scene beyond its protected recreation status (under Local Plan Policy DP16) as it provides a green space in an otherwise built up area in the core of the village
LGSDOU002	St Aldhelm's Church and Churchyard	Site has historic and visual value to the community as the site surrounds the landmark building of St Aldhelm's church.
LGSDOU003	Glebeland Community Area	This site was put forward by the Parish Council (who manage and own the site) and support for this designation was also received. The area is clearly of great value to the community and a well-used area for informal recreation, with picnic area, skate park and woodland walks. It is also

		contains managed grassland habitat and is an obvious candidate for designation as an LGS.
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Draycott

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSDRAY001	Church and churchyard of St Peter's Church and adjacent field	The churchyard provides seating and opportunity for tranquillity and quiet reflection and the site is felt to be special to the village because of its landscape and historic value. The site is also of ecological significance to the village, containing a protected walnut tree and bordering a group of protected trees as well as representing a habitat for a number of protected species.

Evercreech

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSEVE001	Evercreech Sports Club - recreation field off Pecking Mill Road.	Site demonstrably special for its recreational and cultural value as the site is a venue for local events and includes a range of recreation facilities. It is also of visual importance to the south western edge of the village.
LGSEVE002	Playing field with play area	Site demonstrably special for its recreational value and provides a green space in an otherwise densely built up area of the village
LGSEVE003	Former railway line, (northern section) which is lined by trees. Some of the site is incorporated into private gardens.	Site demonstrably special for its cultural and historical significance as it includes remnants of the village's railway heritage. The grassed or planted embankments form a backdrop to the existing housing and glimpses of these can be seen from the street, creating a distinctive characteristic to the areas around the former railway line.
LGSEVE004	The Millennium Garden containing a paved walkway, pond, planting and seating.	Site demonstrably special for its informal recreational value, providing a tranquil green space and seating area in an otherwise densely built up area of the village.

LGSEVE005	Former railway line, (southern section) covered by mature trees. Includes a number of private gardens.	Site demonstrably special for its cultural and historical significance as it includes remnants of the village's railway heritage. The grassed or planted embankments form a backdrop to the existing housing and glimpses of these can be seen from the street, creating a distinctive characteristic to the areas around the former railway line.
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Faulkland

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSAULK001	Village Green	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and views of the built up area. It is important to the setting of the buildings around The Green, some of which are listed.
LGSAULK002	Village pond and surrounding grassland	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and views of the built up area. It is important to the setting of the centre of the village and is an attractive feature in its own right. Note; this area has been reduced in size from the previous OALS to reflect the importance of the pond and immediate surrounds. Part of the OALS which comprised gardens and outbuildings has now been excluded.

Holcombe

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSHOL001	Recreation Ground	Site makes a significant contribution to the character of the village, as evidenced in the VDS which states that although Holcombe has no village green or obvious central point it does have a significant and valued playing field and recreation area where all the main approach roads to the village meet. It contributes to a sense of spaciousness in the village and provides

		formal and informal recreation space as well as a venue for local events.
LGS HOL002	St Andrews Churchyard	The Church is a focal point on Holcombe Hill and the church yard is an important feature in views of the church. The site is an important feature of views along Holcombe Hill.
LGS HOL003	Jubilee gardens, Stratton Road	Whilst this is a small open space, it provides a focal point with benches and seating alongside the footpath link and bus stop. It provides a meeting point for the local community. The site contributes to the street scene and is an open area within an otherwise built up frontage. It has cultural value as it is a community garden created for the jubilee.

Kilmersdon

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGS KILM001	Churchyard	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and views into the built up area. The church is a landmark feature and is surrounded by listed buildings.
LGS KILM002	Recreation ground in a central location behind the village hall	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and views from the built up area. This is an open area at the heart of the village and allows formal and informal recreation.
LGS KILM003	Agricultural field north of the B3139	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and views into and out of the built up area. This is an open area at the heart of the village which is prominent from the B3139 and contributes to the setting of the church and numerous other listed buildings.

The Lydfords

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
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LGSWESTLYD001	Gardens of Bridge Farm House	The site protects the view towards Bridge Farm House – a Grade II listed property. It is also an important part of the character of West Lydford which is generally characterised by large stone houses and extensive gardens.
LGSWESTLYD002	Gardens of Higher House	The site protects the view towards Bridge Farm House – a Grade II listed property. It is also an important part of the character of West Lydford which is generally characterised by large stone houses and extensive gardens.

Meare and Westhay

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSMEA001	St Mary's Church & Churchyard	The site protects an important view towards the church and churchyard, a significant local feature.
LGSMEA002	Cemetery	The site protects an important view towards the cemetery, a significant local feature.

Mells

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSMELLS001	Area of field and woodland between Gay Street and Selwood Street, backing onto the recreation ground.	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to the street scene in Selwood Street and Gay street. It offers views into and out of the built up area. The area alongside Selwood Street is most prominent in the village scene, but the field behind contributes a sense of openness and a rurality that is important to the character of Mells.
LGSMELLS002	Open area adjacent to Rashwood Lane, adjoining the recreation ground	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views Rashwood Lane and across the Recreation ground. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells.
LGSMELLS003	Steeply sloping tree belt rising from Bottom	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views along the

	Lane and Doctors Walk towards Rashwood Lane	valley floor on Bottom Lane. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells. It is important for the richness of its wildlife.
LGSMELLS004	Sloping area of garden with trees in the triangle between Tynts Hill, Gay Street and Bottom Lane.	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views in this part of the village. It is important to the setting of the historic lock up which is a locally distinctive and valued feature. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells.
LGSMELLS005 (formerly OALS 005, 006, 008 and 009)	Complex of sites along the river valley through the centre of the village, including the area around the footbridge areas of flat meadow alongside the river and adjoining steeply sloping valley sides.	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views along the valley floor on Bottom Lane and the street scene on Top Road. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells. The site frames views of and beyond Bridge Cottage from the footbridge. The views of and from the footbridge, when approached via footpaths linking Tynts Hill and Top Road is especially valuable.
LGSMELLS006	Village recreation ground	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views from Rashwood Lane, Gay street and Longfield. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells. It is valued recreation facility, offering both informal and formal facilities.
LGSMELLS007	Area of field central to the village between Gay Street, Selwood Street and Bottom Lane.	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is an open area at the heart of the village. The site allows glimpses of open space and specimen trees above high walls or through gateways and in some places rises above the surrounding land forming a green backdrop to the village scene. The land is important in views from land around the tithe barn, nursery gardens and old rectory.
LGSMELLS008	Large triangle of open land at Mells Green, extending down as far as Holes Lane, consisting of open grassland and	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views from Holes Lane, Little Green, Mells Green and the lane past the school. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building (often older buildings both listed and unlisted) surrounded by open space

	woodland with 2 enclosed fields.	that is important to the character of Mells. It has recreation use and is valued for its footpaths and open access.
LGSMELLS009	Churchyard	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to the street scene in New Street. It offers views into and out of the built up area. It offers a sense of tranquillity appropriate to its use as a churchyard and has significant historical and cultural value.
LGSMELLS010	Riverside grass area behind the shelter opposite the village shop.	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views in this part of the village. It is vital to the setting of the historic shelter which is a locally distinctive and valued feature. It offers opportunities for informal recreation. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells. Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views in this part of the village. It is vital to the setting of the historic shelter which is a locally distinctive and valued feature. It offers opportunities for informal recreation. The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells.
LGSMELLS011	Area of water meadow between Mells Brook and the mill leat running to the north. Site continues along the river from the complex of sites along Bottom Lane.	Site contributes significantly to the character of the village and is important to views from Holes Lane and Bottom Lane The site contributes to the sense of rurality, with building interspersed with open spaces, which is important to the character of Mells. It has cultural association with the former mill complex at Bilboa House and the old Reading rooms.

Norton St Philip

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSNSP001	Area of garden rising from Norton Brook to Wellow Lane at Old Hopyard.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. Although some parts of it are enclosed it still creates a sense of openness, with vistas glimpsed through gaps in the enclosing walls and vegetation and a sense of

		open space above and behind the frontage. The openness of the site is particularly important to this part of the village, which is rural in character. The land is much higher than the meadows at the bottom of Ringwell Lane and is an important feature when viewed from this direction.
LGSNSP002	Lyde Green. Triangular green area at the junctions of Wellow Lane, Ringwell Lane, Chevers Lane and The Barton with grass and a number of small trees.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It allows views along the network of lanes that join around the triangle and is important to the rural character of this part of the village, characterised by a network of narrow lanes interspersed by open spaces, and divided by walls, trees and historic buildings.
LGSNSP003	Great Orchard. Area of grassland surrounded by high walls, residential buildings and Bell Hill garage within the built up area of the village. Numerous trees adjacent to the boundary walls.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It is important to the rural character of this part of the village, characterised by a network of narrow lanes interspersed by open spaces, and divided by walls, trees and historic buildings. The open space can be glimpsed through breaks in the walls that surround it and there are views from the elevated ground to north east, across and over the site. The openness of the site is also an important feature in the historic development of the village, marking a break between the rural character of the lower village and the more densely built upper village, mirroring Church Mead on the other side of Bell Hill. It is important in views of the village from footpaths to the south of the village. These views are particularly significant and the historic settlement can be seen marching up the hillside towards the ridgeline.
LGSNSP004	Ringwell Lane. Greenfield area alongside Ringwell Lane, made up of water meadow surrounding Norton Brook and steeply rising land to the east.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It is important to the rural character of this part of the village, characterised by a network of narrow lanes interspersed by open spaces, and divided by walls, trees and historic buildings. The open space can be seen through breaks in the vegetation that surrounds it and the openness creates important views from Ringwell Lane, which open up suddenly on approach. Both the water meadow and the embankment to the east are important to the site's contribution to the street scene. Vegetation in the gardens to the south is particularly important as a backdrop to the views from Ringwell lane.

LGSNSP005	Church green. This is a triangle of green space at the front of the church.	The site is important to the character of the church and the surrounding area. It frames views of the Church and adds to the sense of tranquillity of the area.
LGSNSP006	The churchyard adjoining Church Mead	The site is extremely important to the character of the village. It provides an appropriate and tranquil setting for the church and churchyard and is important in views across Church Mead, which are pivotal in defining the character of Norton St Philip.
LGSNSP007	Fortescue Fields South. Greenfield area south of the new Fortescue Fields development, including a complex of ponds.	The site has recreational value and allows views across the ponds from higher land to the north. It is also important to views across Church Mead, and although not in the foreground, the presence of open countryside beyond the immediate confines of Church Mead is visually important.
LGSNSP008	Fortescue Fields West. Greenfield area between the Fortescue Fields development and the recreation field.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It contributes significantly to the sense of tranquillity surrounding Church Mead and views across Church Mead.
LGSNST009	Church Mead. This is an open field in a central village location, overlooking the church. It is used as the village recreation ground.	The site is extremely important to the character of the village and it is a valuable recreational facility. The view across the site to the Church, gardens and countryside beyond is iconic in the village and is often used to sum up the character of Norton St Philip.
LGSNSP010	Shepherds Mead. This is an open field in an elevated position on the eastern edge of the village. It is currently used for grazing sheep.	The site is important to the character of the village, and is an open space in an elevated location on the ridge. Its value is in the views it allows out of the area, across the village and open countryside. It also allows views out of the adjacent built up area across the open land.

Nunney

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSNUN001	Riverside green area across the River from Nunney Castle.	Site is demonstrably special as a result of its historical importance, providing the setting of and affording views of Nunney Castle – an important landmark feature of the village. It provides green space in the densely developed historic core of the village and affords views of the Castle from

		Church Lane in particular. It is also of great ecological value, providing a habitat for a number of protected species including the Adder and a number of bats. It also forms a stepping stone of the Somerset Ecological Network.
LGSNUN002	Includes Nunney Castle and adjacent Riverside Land. Includes a pond.	Site is demonstrably special as a result of its historical importance, providing the setting of and affording views of Nunney Castle – an important landmark feature of the village. It provides green space in the densely developed historic core of the village and affords informal recreation space for village residents and visitors to Nunney Castle. It is also of great ecological value, providing a habitat for a number of protected species including the Adder and a number of bats. It also forms a stepping stone of the Somerset Ecological Network.
LGSNUN003	Land surrounding the Village Hall. Includes allotments.	Site is demonstrably special as a result of its informal recreational value, situated along a well-used footpath which links parts of the village. This area forms a green area in the heart of the otherwise built up area in the historic core of the village.
LGSNUN004	Wooded area adjacent to the River.	Site is demonstrably for its richness of wildlife providing a habitat for a number of protected species including the Adder and a number of bats. It also forms a stepping stone of the Somerset Ecological Network. It is also an area of great beauty which is important to this historic part of the village and contains a well-used footpath which gains access to open countryside.
LGSNUN005	Quarry Gardens. Former quarry which is now a community garden.	Site is demonstrably for its richness of wildlife providing a habitat for a number of protected species including the Adder, Barn Owl and a number of bats. It also forms a stepping stone of the Somerset Ecological Network. It is also of great recreation and community value providing a community garden, with picnic area and bike track.

Oakhill

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSOAK001	Cemetery adjacent to Pepy's Cottage.	Demonstrably special for its historical and cultural value as a cemetery as well as affording views towards the village on the approach from the west. Contributes to the character of the village by providing a distinctive green space in the beginning of the built up area along High Street.
LGSOAK002	Walled grounds of Pondsmead Nursing Home.	Site demonstrably special for its historical significance as the gardens and setting of Pondsmead. The stone walling and high trees as well as glimpses into the open space beyond contribute significantly to the character of the village, particularly on the approach from the west.
LGSOAK003	Church and churchyard of All Saint's Church.	Demonstrably special for its historical value providing a setting for a prominent local feature (All Saint's Church). Adds to the character of the village by providing a green space in the densely developed historic core of the village.

Rode

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSR0DE001 Designated in Neighbourhood Plan	Area of garden with high hedge and trees in front of Langham House	Site contributes significantly to the village scene. The high hedge, tall trees and sense of space beyond contribute to the character and appearance of this part of Rode. The high hedge and trees are themselves an important feature of Rode Hill and there are glimpses of the gardens beyond through gaps and gateways on Rode Hill and Langham Place.
LGSR0DE002 Designated in Neighbourhood Plan	Village Green. Triangle of grass within the built up area and central to the Conservation Area.	Site contributes to the village scene by providing green space in an otherwise densely built up area and allows views along High Street. It is important to the character of the conservation area and the setting of the village core, including its many listed buildings. It provides an appropriate setting for the village war memorial.

LGSRODE003 Designated in Neighbourhood Plan	Browns Ground. 2 fields in the centre of Rode, which lie between the village core and the 2 clusters of building to the east.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It contributes a sense of space and views across the site be glimpsed through gaps in the surrounding hedges. It provides a green area well used for informal recreation and there are dramatic long range views from the footpaths that cross the site, including views of the church. The area contributes and sense of tranquillity and is important to the rural character of the area.
LGSRODE004 Designated in Neighbourhood Plan	Village recreation ground.	The site is a valued recreation facility and provides a sense of openness to Orneage Close and allows extensive countryside views. It is part of the green wedge south of Church Lane, which is characteristic of the village's layout, with green areas between clusters of development.
LGSRODE005 Designated in Neighbourhood Plan	Pathway with a distinctive aisle of overhanging trees leading to a wooded area around the ruins of Rockabella House.	This site offers informal recreation in a tranquil rural setting and surrounds an area of local interest. The pathway allows views of interest out of the Mead.
LGSRODE0016 Designated in Neighbourhood Plan	Trackway to Beckington	An ancient lane known locally as Cooper's Lane, thought to be part of a route from Rode to Beckington.

Stoke St Michael

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSSSM001	Churchyard of St Michael's Church and adjacent land.	Demonstrably special for providing the setting for St Michael's Church, a focal point for the village. It also has historical value and provides an area of tranquillity and green space within the densely developed village core.
LGSSSM002	Originally listed as Allotments in the Issues and Options paper, although responses to the consultation and the Stoke St Michael Village Design Statement state the	Demonstrably special for providing tranquillity and green space within the densely developed village core. Contributes to the sense of rurality on the route into and out of the village on Mill Lane.

	site is actually a smallholding and paddocks.	
LGSSSM003	The Lychgate and garden.	Significant contribution to the street scene and demonstrably special for providing tranquillity and green space within the densely developed village centre. Cultural value as used in the village's annual Duck Race.
LGSSSM004	The green, St Michael's Close	Demonstrably special for providing tranquillity and green space within the village core. Significant contribution to the street scene, forming a village green style area in the centre of St Michael's Close.
LGSSSM005	Play area, Moonshill Road.	Demonstrably special for providing tranquillity and green space within the village core. Contributes to the character area of Moonshill Area by providing a green in the built up area and active playspace.
LGSSSM006	The Millennium Wood. An area of maturing deciduous woodland on the southeast of the village. Currently in the process of being bought by SSMPC as a community asset.	Site has significant value to the village by enhancing the rural setting of the eastern edge of the village. It provides a well-used area of informal recreation for villagers, linking the village core to the countryside and there are plans to develop its use for education, with links to the village school and youth organisations

Walton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSWAL001	Grounds of The Rectory	Site is demonstrably special as it forms an open area around significant house, in contrast to the more densely development built form to the north. It also has ecological value due to the presence of the Brown Hairstreak Butterfly.
LGSWAL002	Ground of Walton House (part of Millfield School)	Site is demonstrably special as it forms an open area around a large house, in contrast to the more densely development built form to the north. It also has ecological value due to the presence of the Brown Hairstreak Butterfly.
LGSWAL003	Large site including the Churchyard and private walled gardens	Site is demonstrably special as it protects the view into the Churchyard and of the Grade II listed church and Grade II* listed Old Parsonage.

		It forms an open area around significant village buildings, in contrast to the more densely development built form to the north and west. It also has ecological value due to the presence of the Brown Hairstreak Butterfly.
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West Pennard

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSWESTPEN001	Gardens surrounding Whitegates & The Grange	Site is an important part of the character of this part of the settlement which does contain a number of large houses with extensive gardens.
LGSWESTPEN002	Churchyard of St Nicholas' Church and private gardens surrounding The Old Vicarage & West Pennard House.	Protects view towards St Nicholas' Church – a significant local feature. Part of the site also offers a tranquil location for informal recreation.

Westbury Sub Mendip

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSWSM001	Field fronting old Ditch between Ash Tree Farm and Stream Farm.	Demonstrably special for its historical value and beauty. Westbury Sub Mendip is a village characterised by historic farms and comprises linear development punctuated by paddocks. This site forms one of such spaces that adds to the character and rural feel of the village. The site also forms part of an important habitat for several protected species of bats.
LGSWSM002	Field between Old Ditch and Free Hill	Demonstrably special for its historical value and beauty. Westbury Sub Mendip is a village characterised by historic farms and comprises linear development punctuated by paddocks. This site forms one of such spaces that adds to the character and rural feel of the village. The site also forms part of an important habitat for several protected species of bats.

LGSWSM003	Land at the Hollow and School Hill.	Demonstrably special for its historical value and beauty. This prominent raised green area creates a sense of openness and space along School Hill and is of many several historic paddocks that adds to the historic character and rural feel of the village. The site also forms part of an important habitat for several protected species of bats.
LGSWSM004	Land at Court Farm and St Laurence Church	Demonstrably special for its historical value and beauty. The site forms an important green space in the centre of the village, providing the setting for several of the village's landmarks such as the church, Court Farm and the shop. This site contains several important mature trees and contributes to the historic character and rural feel of the village. A well-used Right of Way runs across the northern part of the site. The site also forms part of an important habitat for several protected species of bats.

Wookey

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSWOOK001	Site which includes churchyard of St Matthew's Church and the grounds of Mellifont Abbey (now a nursing home). The Mellifont Abbey section lies behind high stone walling.	Site should be designated for its historical significance, forming a prominent part of the core village
LGSWOOK002	Grassed area with some mature trees in front of housing.	Site should be designated for its beauty and local significance, forming a green entrance to the village with two fine beech trees. Whilst not a formal recreation site with equipment etc. the open and flat nature of this grassed area offers potential for formal recreation.

Wookey Hole

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSWOOKH001	Densely wooded “wedge” on steep slope above the village. Enclosed by stone walling. Footpath runs alongside one edge	This wooded green area provides a natural break between clusters of development and forms a distinctive wooded green “wedge” in the heart of the village which adds to the village’s sense of rurality and character. This site is also demonstrably special for its richness of wildlife, falling within a consideration zone for the Brown Hairstreak Bat and representing a highly suitable habitat for the soprano pipistrelle bat. The site also falls within a dispersal area of the SAMSEN ecological network.
LGSWOOKH002	Church and churchyard of St Mary Magdalene’s Church	The site is an important space around St Mary Magdalene’s Church which is a significant feature of the village. The space contributes to the character of the village by providing the setting for Church.
LGSWOOKH003	Riverside gardens	The site previously designated as OALS was extensive and covered a range of areas, some unsuitable for the LGS designation. However, parts of the site do have demonstrable merit and it is proposed to designate a smaller area, excluding the car parks and built up section at the northern end. Much of the site forms a green area around which the village is developed and is integral to the character of the village. Whilst the hardstanding car park has little aesthetic merit, the green spaces beyond and around this area provide the green heart of the village.

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Some descriptions have been updated

1. Batcombe

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSBATO01	Private gardens within the Batcombe Conservation Area, area between Back Lane and Gold Hill.	Site demonstrably special for its contribution to the character of the village and richness of wildlife.
LGSBATO02	St Mary's Church and grassed area at church, behind housing with seating.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting for St Mary the Virgin church, a landmark feature of the village.

2. Buckland Dinham

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSBUCK001	Church of St Michael and churchyard.	The site is demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting for the Church of St Michael, a landmark feature of the village. Additionally, the churchyard provides opportunity for tranquillity and is important for its richness of wildlife, home to a protected English Yew tree and providing a habitat for the Hazel Dormouse and several bat species.

3. Chantry

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSCHAN001	Grassed area behind housing with seating.	Site demonstrably special for its tranquillity and provision of informal recreation space.

4. Dinder

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSDIN001	St Michael's Church and Churchyard along and adjacent garden.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting for St Michaels Church, a landmark feature of the village. The Churchyard provides opportunity for tranquillity and the Dinder Conservation Area Appraisal states that the site provides an important open space which helps to soften this more densely developed area of the village.
LGSDIN002 Site proposed during the Issues and Options Consultation	Meadows south of Church Street and north of Dinder House Bridge.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting for Dinder House, a feature of the village, as well as providing the setting of the Dinder Conservation Area. It also a site of beauty and tranquillity, contributing the sense of enclosure, privacy and tranquillity which characterises the village.

5. Dulcote

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSDUL001	Private garden north of the River Sheppey and adjacent to B3139 Constitution Hill.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value as the site lies adjacent to the Grade II Listed Bridge Farm House and roadside wall. The garden is a space of beauty and forms an important part of the entrance to the village, giving a sense of space and views of the River Sheppey.
LGSDUL002	Private garden, enclosed by mature trees, adjacent B3139 Constitution Hill.	Demonstrably special for its historic value, providing views towards the Grade II Listed The Old Mill House on the approach to the village from Wells. The garden and trees surrounding provide an element of green in the line of linear development.
LGSDUL003	Play area, enclosed by mature trees, to the south west of the triangle at the bottom of B3139 Constitution Hill.	Whilst the site covered by Local Plan Policy DP16: Protection of Formal and Informal Recreation Spaces, it does make an additional contribution to the settlement through providing an area of tranquillity and beauty in an otherwise densely developed area of the village.

6. East Horrington

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSEASTH001	Walled garden in the centre of the village, adjacent to Veal Lane.	Whilst the site comprises a private garden, it is demonstrably special for its historical value, beauty and sense of tranquillity in the heart of the village. Historic mapping shows this site was formerly an orchard and a feature of the village since at least the 1800's and the site today adds to the traditional feel of the village which is characterised by stone buildings and walling.

7. Easton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSEAST001	Green grassed area with seating and parish notice board, adjacent to The Green.	Provides a green space and tranquil seating area in an otherwise built up area of the village.

8. Great Elm

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSGREAT001	Private garden adjacent to St Mary Magdalene's Church.	Site affords views to several landmark buildings in the village, namely the Grade I Listed St Mary Magdalene's Church and Grade II Listed Glebe House and Church Cottage. It provides a green space in an otherwise built up area of the village and is also valuable for its richness of wildlife, forming a stepping stone and dispersal area of the Somerset ecological network as well as providing a habitat for a number of protected bat species.

LGSGREAT002	Green triangle at a road junction in the centre of the village.	Site affords views to the Grade I Listed St Mary Magdalene’s Church – a focal point of the village. It provides a green space in an otherwise built up area of the village and is also valuable for its richness of wildlife, containing a significant tree and forming part of a dispersal area of the Somerset ecological network. It also provides a habitat for a number of protected bat species.
LGSGREAT003	Roadside verge mirroring GREAT002.	Site is a small but distinctive open space at the core of the village, which contributes to the character of the village centre. Affords views to the Grade I Listed St Mary Magdalene’s Church. It is also valuable for its richness of wildlife, containing a significant tree and forming part of a dispersal area of the Somerset ecological network. It also provides a habitat for a number of protected bat species.
LGSGREAT004	Green space at road junction on Elm Lane. Contains a significant tree.	Site is a small but distinctive green wedge of the village, which contributes to the rural character of the village centre. It offers beauty and a sense of tranquillity and is also valuable for its richness of wildlife, containing a significant tree and forming part of a dispersal area of the Somerset ecological network. It also provides a habitat for a number of protected bat species.
LGSGREAT005	Sloping area of scrubland. Includes a local monument, to the west of the Bridge on Elm Lane.	Site is a small but distinctive green wedge in the south of the village, which contributes to the rural character of the village and views into the village across the Mells Stream. Whilst unkempt at present the green space offers beauty and a sense of tranquillity and is also valuable for its richness of wildlife, adjacent to the Mells Stream Local Wildlife Site and dispersal area of the Somerset ecological network. It also provides a habitat for a number of protected bat species.

9. Henton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSHEN001	Christ Church and churchyard, north of B3139 Wells Road.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting for Christ Church, a landmark feature of the village. Additionally, the churchyard provides opportunity for tranquillity.

10. Lamyatt

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSLAM001	St Mary and St John's Church Churchyard and private gardens.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting of the Grade II* Listed Church of St Mary and St John (and two Grade II* Listed Tombs) and the Grade II Listed Manor House, both landmark features of the village. Additionally, the churchyard provides opportunity for tranquillity and is important for its richness of wildlife, providing a habitat for the Barn Owl.
LGSLAM002	Raised grassy enclosure at Portway Hill.	Site demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity, providing a pleasant green area in the centre of the built up southern part of the village. It is also of value for the richness of wildlife, falling within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl and forming part of a stepping stone in the Somerset ecological network.
LGSLAM003	Triangle of land between lanes which includes a bus shelter on the nw corner, at Portway Hill.	Site demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity, providing a pleasant green area in the centre of the built up southern part of the village. It is also of value for the richness of wildlife, falling within a Consideration Zone for the Barn Owl and Serotine Bat.
LGSLAM004	Walled garden of the Grade II listed Montgomery Farm House.	Demonstrably special for its historical value as it comprises the walled garden of the Grade II Listed farmhouse Montgomery Farm House. The site forms a distinctive feature of the village and affords views towards Lamyatt Beacon / Creech Hill beyond. These hills are designated as a Special Landscape Feature in the Local Plan.

LGSLAM005	Grounds and gardens of the Old Rectory.	The site is demonstrably special for its beauty, tranquillity and historical value. It surrounds the Old Rectory, which while not Listed, forms a significant local feature which has been present in the village for over a century (presence shown in 1880 mapping). Whilst a private garden, it adds to the sense of space, tranquillity and rurality which characterises the village.
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11. Leigh-on-Mendip

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSLEI001	St Gile's Church and churchyard, additional land and buildings behind.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting for St Gile's Church, a landmark feature of the village. Additionally, the churchyard provides opportunity for tranquillity.
LGSLEI002 (Proposed by Leigh on Mendip Parish Council during the Issues and Options Consultation)	Recreation space adjacent to the St Gile's Church and school.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value as in addition to affording views of the impressive St Gile's Church, it is one of several valuable open spaces in the village that reflects the village's rural and agricultural heritage. As evidenced in historical mapping, the village has traditionally been formed of dispersed development in a linear pattern. This site contributes to the rural feel and character of the village.
LGSLEI003 (Proposed by Leigh on Mendip Parish Council during the Issues and Options Consultation)	Field north of Leigh Street between Sparks Farm and Bellfield.	Site is demonstrably special for its historical value and beauty. In addition to affording views towards the church and open countryside from the centre of the village, it reflects the village's rural and agricultural heritage. As evidenced in historical mapping, the village has traditionally been formed of dispersed development in a linear pattern. This particular field and footpaths have been in the centre of the village for many years and contribute to the open and rural feel of the village.
LGSLEI004 (Proposed by Leigh on Mendip Parish Council during the Issues and	Recreation Field north of Leigh Street and east of the Shieling.	Site is demonstrably special for its historical and recreational value as well as its tranquillity and beauty. Whilst a formal recreation space, the site provides seating and opportunities for informal play and forms a tranquil green space which forms a break in linear development in Leigh Street and affords views out to open countryside. Open spaces in the Leigh on Mendip are also of value as they

Options Consultation)		reflect the village’s rural and agricultural heritage. As evidenced in historical mapping, the village has traditionally been formed of dispersed development in a linear pattern. This particular field contributes to the open and rural feel of the village.
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Please Note: An additional site was put forward by the Parish Council north of the playing field off Leigh Street. This land has been allocated as an extension of the recreation ground but is currently in agricultural use. However, it is felt that this particular site is relatively removed from the core of the village and therefore does not meet the criteria for designation as a LGS which states that sites must be in reasonably close proximity to the community they serve.

12. Litton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSLIT001	Churchyard of St Mary's Church.	Site demonstrably special for its historical value providing the setting for St Mary's Church, a landmark feature of the village. Additionally, the churchyard provides opportunity for tranquillity and is important for its richness of wildlife, home to numerous protected trees and providing a habitat for the Hazel Dormouse.
LGSLIT002	Private garden enclosed by stone walling, to the rear of The Litton pub.	The Walled Garden provides an important green space in the historic core of the village. The Conservation Area Appraisal states that green spaces such as this are intrinsic to its character, making a significant positive contribution to its setting and appearance.

13. North Wootton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSNWOOT001	Long narrow field with isolated trees, north of the High Street and adjacent Stream Farm.	The site is demonstrably special for its richness of wildlife forming part of a traditional orchard (UK BAP Priority Habitat). Whilst the site has limited trees on site at present, Traditional orchards are an important part of the district's heritage as well as forming an important wildlife habitat. The site forms one of many enclosed spaces that characterise the village and affords views into the open countryside beyond, specifically towards Worminster Down / Launcherley Hill which are designated as a Special Landscape Feature in the Local Plan.
LGSNWOOT002	St Peter's Church and Churchyard and private gardens adjoining Tanyard Lane.	Site is demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity – providing a pleasant green area around which the village has developed. It also has historical value, providing the setting of the Grade II* Listed St Peter's Church and footbridge over the Redlake River. A right of way runs through the site and it provides an important wildlife habitat for a number of protected species.

LGSNWOOT003	Land adjacent to the Old Cider Mill, High Street.	The site is demonstrably special for its historical significance, beauty and tranquillity and is important for its richness of wildlife. It forms one of many enclosed spaces that characterise the village and affords views into the open countryside beyond. The site is adjacent to The Old Cider Mill, which although is not listed, is a significant feature of the village and is shown on historical mapping from the 1880s. Site is shown as orchard on the historical mapping and is now adjacent to a formally designated traditional orchard (UK BAP Priority Habitat). Traditional orchards are an important part of the district's heritage (as well as forming an important wildlife habitat). The site falls within a Consideration Zone for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat, forms a suitable habitat for the Brown Long Eared Bat borders a traditional orchard (UK BAP Priority Habitat) which forms a stepping stone of the Somerset Ecological Network.
LGSNWOOT004 (Proposed by North Wootton Parish Council during the Issues and Options Consultation)	North Wootton Village Green, High Street.	Site demonstrably special for its cultural and recreational value, forming a village green for the village. Offers opportunity for recreation and tranquillity as well as providing a green space in a village characterised by sparse pockets of development and orchards.
LGSNWOOT005 (Proposed by North Wootton Parish Council during the Issues and Options Consultation)	Pilton Road Community Garden.	Site demonstrably special for its cultural and recreational value, forming a community garden which offers opportunity for recreation and tranquillity as well as providing a green space in a village characterised by sparse pockets of development and orchards.

Please Note: An additional site was put forward by the Parish Council comprising fields to the south of the village. It was not felt that this agricultural land was demonstrably special and did not meet any of the criteria for designation as a LGS.

14. Pilton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
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LGSPIL001	Private gardens of The Old Vicarage, Coach House and Rivendell, to the west of Shop Lane.	The site is demonstrably special for the provision of attractive green space in the historic core of the village, its sense of tranquillity and contribution to the historic setting of the village. The well managed gardens, including that of the noteworthy Old Vicarage, add to an open and rural street scene along Parson's Batch which incorporates the Grade I Listed Church of St John the Baptist.
LGSPIL002	Churchyard of St John the Baptist Church, adjacent Parson's Batch.	The site is demonstrably special for the provision of attractive green space in the historic core of the village, its sense of tranquillity and contribution to the historic setting of the village. It surrounds the landmark feature of the Church of St John the Baptist and the churchyard offers a tranquil seating area.
LGSPIL003	Wooded area to the rear of the Working Men's Club, to the east of Shop Lane.	The site is demonstrably special for the provision of green wooded area within the historic core of the village, adding to a sense of tranquillity and contributing to the historic core of the village. It contributes to rural nature of the village by providing a wooded area which provides a pleasant backdrop to houses and the hall from the surrounding lanes.
LGSPIL004	Grassed area, alongside A361.	The site is demonstrably special for the provision of a grassed area between houses within the historic core of the village, adding to a sense of tranquillity and contributing to the rural character of the village. This site also contributes to public views down towards the historic village core and its key landmarks, as well as into open countryside beyond.
LGSPIL005	Green area with some trees, adjoining St Mary's Cottage at St Mary's Lane.	The site is demonstrably special for the provision of a grassed area between houses within the historic core of the village, adding to a sense of tranquillity and contributing to the spacious rural character of the village as described in Pilton Conservation Area Appraisal.
LGSPIL006	Private gardens on Shop Lane and Cumhill Hill, to the south of Weir Lane.	The site is demonstrably special for its historical importance, as evidenced by its inclusion in the Conservation Area Appraisal. It provides the setting for a number of Listed and unlisted historic buildings and contributes to a sense of tranquillity and as well as the spacious rural character of the village as described in the Pilton Conservation Area Appraisal. The site is also important for its richness of wildlife, forming a habitat for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat and suitable for the Great Crested Newt and Otter.

LGSPIL007	Open grassed area surrounded by houses in the centre of the village, west of Barrow Lane and Ford Lane.	The site is demonstrably special for its historical significance, contributing to a dispersed settlement pattern indicative of the way in which it is believed that Pilton evolved from a number of individual Saxon hamlets to form the present day settlement. It also adds a sense of tranquillity and is crossed by several footpaths, including a pleasant one along the river. It is also of value to wildlife, falling within a consideration zone for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat and forming a suitable habitat for Otters and the Great Crested Newt.
LGSPIL008	Private gardens east of Barrow Lane and west of John Beales Hill.	The site is demonstrably special for its historical significance, contributing to a dispersed settlement pattern indicative of the way in which it is believed that Pilton evolved from a number of individual Saxon hamlets to form the present day settlement. It also adds to a sense of tranquillity and contributes to the rural nature of Pilton.
LGSPIL009	Land between Top Street and Lower Street to the east of John Beales Hill.	The site is demonstrably special for its historical significance, contributing to a dispersed settlement pattern indicative of the way in which it is believed that Pilton evolved from a number of individual Saxon hamlets to form the present day settlement. The site includes land adjacent to several important buildings including the Grade II Listed Pilton House and Grey Gables. It also adds to a sense of tranquillity and contributes to the rural nature of Pilton.
LGSPIL010	Land at Mount Pleasant between Lower Street and the river.	This site adds to a sense of tranquillity and contributes to the rural nature of Pilton. It is also demonstrably special for its historical significance, contributing to a dispersed settlement pattern indicative of the way in which it is believed that Pilton evolved from a number of individual Saxon hamlets to form the present day settlement. The site is also of value to wildlife, falling within a consideration zone for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat and forming a suitable habitat for the otter and great crested newt.
LGSPIL011	Land adjacent to Ebenezer Chapel, on Pylle Road.	This site forms a pleasant grassed area which affords views out of the built up area and adds to the rural atmosphere and tranquillity of Pilton. It is also demonstrably special for its historical significance, as the Pilton Conservation Area Appraisal states this part of the village is characterised by its dispersed settlement pattern and the profusion of vegetation and views of open countryside to the south gives it a

		distinct rural atmosphere. This site forms one of such spaces that contribute to this aspect.
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15. Priddy

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSPRID001	Land at Greenhill adjacent School Hill, near Priddy Primary School.	Demonstrably special for its beauty, cultural and historic value. Whilst a registered village green, Priddy is a village developed around its green spaces and so this site is integral to its character.
LGSPRID002	Village Green surrounded by Manor Farm, St Cuthberts Farm and The New Inn pub, Coxton End Lane.	Demonstrably special for its beauty, cultural and historic value. Whilst a registered village green, Priddy is a village developed around its green spaces and so this site is integral to its character. It is also important for the richness of its wildlife, forming part of a dispersal area of the ecological network (grassland) and an important habitat for a number of protected bat species. There is also a group of protected trees in the south western part of the site.
LGSPRID003	Grassed area behind Pincross Cottages and an unregistered part of the village green, on the Wells Road.	Demonstrably special for its beauty, cultural and historic value. Priddy is a village developed around its green spaces and so as this site is deemed to form a continuation of the main village green then this site is integral to the village's character. It is also important for the richness of its wildlife, forming part of a dispersal area of the ecological network (grassland) and an important habitat for a number of protected bat species.

An additional 3 sites were put forward for designation by Priddy Parish Council, but it was not felt that these were situated in reasonably close proximity to the main built up area of the village and therefore did not meet the requirements for designation.

16. Rodney Stoke

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSROD001	Private garden near Chapel Cottage, adjacent to the A371 (Wells Road).	Rodney Stoke is a rural village with an agricultural history. Historical mapping shows sparse development and pockets of agricultural land, paddocks and orchards. This is one of a few

		remaining pockets of green space which contribute to this character. Whilst this site comprises a private garden it provides an opening along the densely built up development along the A371, breaking the solid line of development through the village and providing views towards the Mendip Hills (AONB) behind. This site is of historical importance given that it includes the historic village pound.
LGSROD002	Private garden of Manor Farm, Stoke Street.	Whilst this site comprises a private garden and is currently enclosed by dense vegetation, it is demonstrably special for its historic value, providing a green space in an otherwise built up area of the village. Rodney Stoke is a rural village with an agricultural history and historical mapping shows sparse development and pockets of agricultural land, paddocks and orchards. This is one of a few remaining pockets of green space which contribute to this character. It is also of value for its richness of wildlife and there is a protected beech tree on the eastern corner of the site. Desktop studies show the site falls within a Consideration Zone for the Water Vole and Serotine Bat. Site also forms a suitable habitat for the Brown Hairstreak Bat and Soprano Pipistrelle Bat. It also sits partially within and adjacent to a stepping stone of the Somerset Ecological Network (Broad Leaf Woodland).
LGSROD003	Private garden enclosed by high hedges.	Whilst this site comprises a private garden and is currently overgrown, it is demonstrably special for its historic value and contribution towards the character of the village. Rodney Stoke is a rural village with an agricultural history. Historical mapping shows sparse development and pockets of agricultural land, paddocks and orchards. This is one of a few remaining pockets of green space which contribute to this character. It also provides a green space in an otherwise built up part of the village, forming a break in linear development along Stoke Street and a sense of openness (even though views out are currently obscured by high hedges). Whilst the site is currently overgrown, it was previously bounded by stone walls and used as a paddock and therefore there is potential for this site to offer greater beauty and tranquillity in the future.

17. Ston Easton

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSSTON001	Village Hall, sports pitches and recreation ground adjacent Green Street.	Demonstrably special for its recreational value and provision of attractive green space in between two clusters of development in the village.

18. Stratton on the Fosse

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSTRAT001	St Vigor's Church and churchyard on Church Lane.	Site is demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity - providing a pleasant green area around St Vigor's Churchyard which is a key feature of the village. It also has historical value, providing the setting of the Grade I Listed St Vigor's Church and home to a Grade II Listed monument in the Churchyard. It provides an important wildlife habitat for a number of protected species, including the Lesser Horseshoe, Soprano Pipistrelle and Serotine Bats, as well as the Hazel Dormouse.

19. Upton Noble

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSUPT001	Private gardens and fields within the centre of the village, between Chapel Street and Top Hill.	Site is demonstrably special for its beauty and tranquillity – forming a pleasant green area around which the village has been developed. Residents feel it is fundamental to the character and layout of the village. It also has some historical value, adjacent to two Grade II Listed Houses (Sunnyside & Highwinds and Manor Farmhouse). It provides an important wildlife habitat for a number of protected species, including Barn Owls, the Common Toad, Lesser Horseshoe Bat, Daubenton's Bat and Serotine Bat.

20. *Witham Friary*

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
LGSWITHFRI001	Grassed playing field area, at the Reading Rooms, Bindon Lane.	The site is demonstrably special for the provision of attractive green space in the historic core of the village, its sense of tranquillity, contribution to the historic setting of the village, views within the built up area and recreational value.
LGSWITHFRI002	Private gardens, at Mulberry House to the South and West of The Yard, Bindon Lane.	The site is demonstrably special for its beauty and provides an attractive green space in the historic core of the village. The site allows views into and out of the built up area of the village and is important in the distinctive rural character of the village. It is important to the setting of a number of historic buildings, including the church and contributes to the street scene.