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Background Paper**

**Local Green Space
(Updated as at October 2016)**



UPDATED BACKGROUND PAPER ON LOCAL GREEN SPACE, OCTOBER 2016

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1.0 **Introduction**

- 1.1 This Updated Background Paper (UDP) supports the Council's proposals for Local Green Space (LGS) in the Publication (October 2016) version of the emerging Site Allocations Plan (SAP). The UDP updates previous background papers on LGS which were produced to support the Consultation Draft version of the Sites and Policies Plan of February 2013, and the Site Allocations Plan Consultation Draft of March 2016.
- 1.2 Respondents to the Site Allocations Plan of March 2016 suggested a number of new sites for consideration for possible designation as LGS, and they have been assessed, as shown in Table 1 below. The resulting full list of sites now proposed for LGS designation, (taking account of these latest assessments, and sites assessed at earlier stages), is in Table 2, and reflected in the Publication (October 2016) version of the Plan.
- 1.3 Guidance on LGS is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at paragraphs 76-79:

76. "Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period".

77. "The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- *where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves*
- *where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic importance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and*
- *where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land"*

78. “Local policy for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with policy for Green Belts”.

- 1.4 In March 2014 the government published national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), which includes a section on the Local Green Space designation. The guidance (paragraph 013 of the LGS section) states that green areas to be identified as LGS will need to meet the criteria in NPPF paragraph 77 above, but “whether to designate is a matter for local discretion”. The Council regards this as support for its ability to decide whether a site is designated as LGS, and to set out the guidance in this document.
- 1.5 The PPG (paragraph 007 of the LGS section) also states that “designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs, and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making”.

2.0 Interpretation of Local Green Space within North Somerset

- 2.1 The NPPF and PPG are national guidance and since the language is general, further clarification is required to guide their interpretation regarding LGS for the North Somerset context. This Updated Background Paper sets out that interpretation.
- 2.2 The PPG paragraph 020 states that “designating a green area as LGS would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt”, and paragraph 78 of the NPPF states that “local policy for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with policy for Green Belts”. The Council’s policy SA7 on LGS in the Site Allocations Plan reflects this, in stating that development affecting a LGS will not be permitted “except in very special circumstances” (see paragraph 4.1 below). This wording also reflects paragraph 76 of the NPPF.
- 2.3 A particular local significance
As mentioned, the LGS designation will not be appropriate for most green spaces. Sites should have a particular local significance in terms of the criteria identified in NPPF paragraph 77. The Council’s interpretation of the criteria is set out below.

- 2.4 **Beauty:** This relates to the visual attractiveness of the site, and its contribution to townscape, landscape, and /or character of the settlement, which would normally be expected to be significant.
- 2.5 **Historical significance:** The site or elements of the site may have a historical significance. Perhaps they include part of a scheduled monument, or a park or garden of historic interest. The Council has considered sites against its Historic Environment Record (HER) to help in this assessment.
- 2.6 It does not necessarily follow, however, that just because the HER shows a green space to include an archaeological site (or sites) that it will be considered to warrant LGS designation. The criterion is more likely to be met where the archaeological site affects most of the green space, (as opposed to comprising isolated buried finds within part or parts of it) or where the archaeological site relates to a significant feature which is visible above ground.
- 2.7 **Recreational value:** Green space may be considered to warrant LGS designation on grounds of recreational value, particularly where it supports a variety of activities and is therefore of greater value to the community.
- 2.8 The Council is mindful of the following phrase in NPPF paragraph 77: “*where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its...recreational value (including as a playing field)*”... However it is considered that here the guidance is simply giving an example of how community green space can be used, perhaps for informal ball games by youngsters, and is not advocating designation of formal playing fields as LGS. The Council does not consider that formal playing fields, including recreation grounds used for marked sports pitches, will normally be appropriate for LGS designation. Such facilities are often associated with sports clubs, sports centres, schools or colleges, with restricted access to the general public in the local community. Also they are already covered by other protective policies; (see paragraph 2.15 below).
- 2.9 LGS designation based on the recreation criterion is more likely to be appropriate where the area is informal open space within a settlement, and its recreational value is enhanced by being of appropriate size and shape to be used as an informal playing field, as described above. Such areas may also exceptionally be designated as LGS in locations outside but within 400m of settlements, where there is strong evidence that they are used for that purpose, or they are part of a wider area appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 3.5 below, regarding the 400m distance.)

- 2.10 Tennis courts or bowling greens will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, particularly where they stand alone. However, exceptionally, where they are part of a wider site suitable for LGS designation, such as a public park, they may be considered appropriate for inclusion.
- 2.11 Informal public open space (used for informal recreation) may be eligible for LGS designation. However the existence of a public right of way across farmland would not in itself be likely to merit designation on grounds of recreational value.
- 2.12 Allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, a designation which “should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period”, (paragraph 76 of the NPPF). The Council considers that the demand for allotments varies through time and that allotments are already more appropriately covered by policy DM68 of the adopted Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 Development Management Policies on sporting, cultural and community facilities. (See paragraph 2.15 below). That policy provides a significant level of protection but allows for development of such community facilities in certain circumstances, including where the site is “genuinely redundant/surplus to requirements for cultural/community uses and does not comprise open space or undeveloped land with recreational or amenity value”.
- 2.13 Cemeteries, gardens of rest and church yards will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, but exceptionally, they may be designated where there is particularly strong justification. Again this might be where they are part of a wider area with particularly strong characteristics appropriate for a LGS.
- 2.14 Golf courses will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, but exceptionally they may be designated where they are within the defined limits of a settlement and there is particularly strong justification, or they are part of a wider area with particularly strong characteristics appropriate for LGS.
- 2.15 However formal playing fields, allotments, tennis courts, bowling greens and cemeteries are already covered by other policies, such as policy DM68 of the adopted Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 Development Management Policies. That policy provides a significant degree of protection. (See [Sites and Policies Plan Part 1](#))

- 2.16 **Tranquillity:** Green spaces may also provide value to the local community in terms of providing an oasis of calm, or space for quiet reflection, perhaps within a town. However the Council would not normally designate LGS on the basis of tranquillity alone and would normally expect a site to also be important in terms of one or more of the other criteria.
- 2.17 **Richness of wildlife:** A LGS may be of particular local significance because of its importance for wildlife, which will normally require appropriate evidence such as a designation, like a Wildlife Site.
- 2.18 Local in character and not an extensive tract of land:
The NPPF, paragraph 77, requires that the “green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land”. The PPG (paragraph 015 on LGS) adds that “consequently, blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate”.
- 2.19 While the PPG (paragraph 016) states that there is no lower size limit for a Local Green Space provided that land can meet the criteria in paragraph 77 of the NPPF, it also states (in paragraph 015) that “a degree of judgement will inevitably be needed” regarding how big a LGS can be. The Council considers that the LGS designation would be undervalued, and be potentially unmanageable, if numerous sites of small size were designated, like small roadside verges for example. As they are green spaces of particular local significance the Council would normally expect LGS to be at least 0.2 hectares in size, but this does not rule out smaller spaces where they are clearly shown to have particularly strong justification, normally requiring them to be out of the ordinary.
- 2.20 It may well be that sites which are smaller than 0.2 hectares which are not considered to merit LGS designation, may nevertheless be afforded some protection under other policies. For example Policy SA8 of the Site Allocations Plan on undesignated green space might apply; (see paragraph 4.2 below). However this would only be determined at the time of determining planning applications.
- 2.21 The Council considers that LGS areas would normally have clearly defined edges.

3.0 **Definitions and other points of interpretation**

3.1 Green areas:

LGS applies to 'green areas'. These areas must therefore be predominantly comprised of grass, trees, shrubs, and other vegetation. Solely or mainly hard surfaced areas will not normally be appropriate. However, LGS areas can include some hard surfaced elements and structures, but the overall character and visual impression would normally be of a green vegetated site. Lakes, ponds and water features may be found within LGS sites.

3.2 Private land and public access

The PPG (paragraphs 019 and 017 on LGS) states that LGS does not need to be in public ownership and that land "could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (eg. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty)". However the Council considers that designation of land with public access will generally be most appropriate, although private land may be included where the land is considered to be particularly worthy of designation. School and college playing fields and grounds, and residential gardens are normally excluded.

3.3 Small areas and landscaping

LGS would not normally include highway and cycleway verges and small areas of land, open space or landscaping left over from development.

3.4 Agricultural land and orchards

LGS would not normally include agricultural land or orchards. Only exceptionally would this be included, in particular special circumstances where there is particularly strong justification, it clearly meets the criteria, and there is strong evidence that it holds a particular local significance and that the local community considers it to be demonstrably special, which must be satisfactorily explained. General countryside which does not meet this exception will not be appropriate for designation.

3.5 Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves:

The PPG (paragraph 014 on LGS) states that "the proximity of a LGS to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served". The Council considers that LGS should normally be within 400m of the defined limits of a settlement, or the main built up part of a settlement without defined limits. The 400m distance is appropriate since that is a figure which is considered to be reasonable walking distance. (The supporting text of policy DM27 of the adopted Sites and Policies Plan Part 1

Development Management Policies refers to 400m as being a reasonable distance from a bus stop, regarding location of development.)

3.6 Demonstrably special to a local community:

Evidence of how and why the site is demonstrably special to a local community, and holds a particular local significance, will be needed. The Council will normally expect this to relate to the criteria in the NPPF: beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquility, richness of wildlife. Evidence of town or parish Council support for designation of the site will normally be expected.

3.7 Requests for LGS designation should reflect a desire to protect demonstrably special, specific green spaces, in recognition of their particular local significance having regard to the criteria, rather than a desire to resist development pressure generally in the locality. The LGS designation should not be seen or used, for example, as a means to try to prevent development on the edge of a village. As indicated above, the PPG, paragraph 007 states that “designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs, and the LGS designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making”. Paragraph 015 states that “blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular designation should not be proposed as a back door way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name”.

3.8 Land with planning permission for development and allocations in Local Plans

Land with planning permission for development will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation. That is consistent with paragraph 008 of the PPG’s section on LGS. Similarly, the same will apply to land allocated or proposed for development in adopted or emerging local plans. Again that is consistent with the PPG (paragraph 007).

4.0 **Proposed policies on green space in the Site Allocations Plan**

4.1 The following policy on LGS is proposed in the Plan:

Policy SA7: Local Green Space

Planning permission will not be granted except in very special circumstances for development which adversely affects a designated Local Green Space as shown on the Policies Map and set out in Schedule 4, particularly regarding the characteristics underpinning its designation, such as beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquility or richness of wildlife.

- 4.2 In addition, as the LGS designation is not appropriate for most green areas or open spaces, the plan includes a policy (SA8) relating to undesignated areas of green space:

Policy SA8: Undesignated Green Space

Within settlements planning permission will not be granted for development that unacceptably affects the value of undesignated green space making a worthwhile contribution to amenity and/or the townscape, character, setting and visual attractiveness of the settlement.

5.0 Note on Amenity Areas

- 5.1 The adopted North Somerset Replacement Local Plan (NSRLP) includes a policy ECH/1 which protects Amenity Areas, stating that “planning permission will not be granted for development that unacceptably harms the amenity of open space of public value defined as an Amenity Area on the Proposals Map”.
- 5.2 In preparing the Consultation Draft Sites and Policies Plan, March 2013, the sites which the Council considered for LGS designation were mostly Amenity Areas and some sites suggested by town and parish Councils.
- 5.3 In view of the new LGS designation, it is envisaged that the Amenity Areas designation would eventually be deleted when the Site Allocations Plan is adopted and the NSRLP is finally superseded. However many of the existing Amenity Areas in the NSRLP are likely to be re-designated as LGS, where they meet the criteria.
- 5.4 While some existing Amenity Areas in the NSRLP may not be proposed for re-designation as LGS, (and are thus likely to be eventually deleted), they might be eligible for protection under policy SA8 on undesignated green space.

However this can only be determined at the planning application stage, when it would be considered whether the site makes the “worthwhile contribution” referred to in that policy, and if so, whether the policy would be met.

Table 1

Assessment of new sites suggested for LGS designation in responses to the Site Allocations Plan Consultation Draft March 2016

(Designation criteria considered to be met are indicated by an x. “No records on HER” means no reference is shown on the Council’s electronic Historic Environment Record map to a listed building, registered or unregistered historic park or garden, scheduled monument or archaeological site on the site.)

Site	Grid Ref (ST)	Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquillity	Wildlife	Site Area (ha)	Is a change from the March 2016 Plan being proposed?	Justification
Clevedon Land at Brookfield Walk	418 710			x			1.88	Yes	Yes. Grass area on east edge of Clevedon adjacent to Millennium Orchard. Used for informal recreation. Boundary hedges. No records on HER.

Site	Grid Ref (ST)	Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquillity	Wildlife	Site Area (ha)	Is a change from the March 2016 Plan being proposed?	Justification
Land east of Moor Lane allotments	411 708						0.048	No	No. Small narrow area of grass. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).
Play area on Walton Road near All Saints Church	415 718						0.13	No	No. Small narrow area of grass with play equipment. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).
All Saints Church and School playing field	416 718						0.26	No	No, school playing field, not normally appropriate for LGS designation. (see paragraph 3.2 of this Background Paper).
Clevedon Court Hill	419 718						89	No	No. Very large wooded hill. Extensive area of land not appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.18 of this Background Paper).
Land at Teignmouth Road/Beaconsfield Road junction with play area.	412 711			x			0.35	Yes	Yes. Grass area with trees and play area, for informal recreation. No records on HER.

Site	Grid Ref (ST)	Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquillity	Wildlife	Site Area (ha)	Is a change from the March 2016 Plan being proposed?	Justification
Cherry Avenue play area	413 709			x			0.22	Yes	Yes. Grass open space for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Land by River Land Yeo at Somerset Road/Kingston Avenue.	413 712						0.092	No	No. Small narrow area of grass. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).
Bowling Green, Princes Road.	408 714						0.38	No	No. Bowling green, standing alone within urban area. Not considered appropriate for designation. (See paragraph 2.10 of This Background Paper.)
Land at Walton Road in front of Conygar Close	419 724	x		x			0.27	Yes	Yes. Attractive grass area with trees, for informal recreation. HER shows archaeological site: site of Walton Park station, c1907-1940.
Westbourne housing estate open spaces	399 707	x		x			Various areas of 0.2hectares or more	Yes	Yes. Grass areas with trees amidst housing. Visual amenity and informal recreation. No records on HER.

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Clevedon tennis club, Princes Road.	405 715						0.42	No	<i>No, standalone artificial surface tennis courts in the urban area, not part of a wider area suitable for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.10 of this Background Paper)</i>
Promenade bowling green, Elton Road	399 711			x			0.2	No	Yes, but already proposed as LGS in the March 2016 Consultation Draft Plan, as part of wider LGS area at Salthouse Fields.
Land behind houses on Coleridge Vale Road	403 708						0.14	No	<i>No. Small area of grass. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).</i>
Land at Wordsworth Road/Coleridge Vale Road South junction	403 707						0.02	No	<i>No. Very small area of grass. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).</i>
Land to north of Churchill Avenue	402 707						1.1	No	<i>No. Proposed housing allocation in the March 2016 Consultation Draft Plan. Schedule 1 of that plan states: "Part of site to be given over to improved play/Public Open Space facilities".</i>

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									<i>The site would provide both housing and improved public open space opportunities in a sustainable location within the urban area of Clevedon. A proposal for LGS designation would be contrary to paragraph 3.8 of this Background Paper, and paragraph 007 of the section on Local Green Space in the national Planning Practice Guidance.</i>
Clevedon South playing fields, south east of Churchill Avenue.	406 708						2.78	No	<i>No. Formal playing fields, not considered appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of this Background Paper).</i>
Green area Jesmond Road	404 712						0.15	No	<i>No. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper)</i>
Land, including walk, north of former Hangstone Quarry, running from junction of Victoria Road with Old Church Road.	404 711	x		x			0.24	Yes	Yes. Attractive area including ornamental garden, with grass and treed areas as part of walk. The route rises and falls at each end, and the high lying central grassed part affords attractive views over the town.

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									HER shows some archaeological sites just outside boundary, including Pleistocene bone deposits and Roman pottery from cave, at the quarry.
Hazell Close football field and play area.	413 702	x		x			4.7	No	Yes in part only. The play area (and adjoining land alongside River Blind Yeo) is already proposed for LGS in the March 2016 Consultation Draft Plan. The "football field" comprises formal playing fields, not considered appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of this Background Paper).
Green area at Tutton Way (Newlands Green)	409 700						0.17	No	No. Small area of grass. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).
Elgar Close (next to no.6)	411 702						0.04	No	No. Small area of grass. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).

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Grass patch at Hillview Avenue, by ring path	407 706						0.11	No	No. Small area of grass. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper)
Clevedon cricket field and play area	409 718						2.42	No	No. Formal playing field, not considered appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of this Background Paper).
Land at Walton Castle, including Clevedon golf course	415 728						52.19	No	No. Extensive area of land, contrary to NPPF paragraph 77. Also golf courses outside settlement limits are not normally appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.14 of this Background Paper).
Wooded land at Old Park Road and Thackeray Road	411 716	x		x			Part of proposed LGS area at Strawberry Hill, which is over 11 ha	No	Yes, but already proposed as LGS in the March 2016 Consultation Draft Plan.

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Area west of horse trough on Marine Hill	402 719						0.069	No	No. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper.)
Land off Southern Way between Strode Sports Centre and Ashton Close/Westerleigh Road	397 704						Unspecified boundary	No	No. This is part of an area used for formal playing fields, not considered appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of this Background Paper).
Ruddymead green space	405 705						0.068	No	No. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper.)
Butterfield Park green space	404 703						0.052	No	No. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).
Chipping Cross green space	401 699						0.17	No	No. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).

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Cobley Croft/Cannons Gate green space	405 700						0.035	No	No. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).
Netherways green space	396 701						0.055	No	No. Under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper)
Congresbury Area of Millennium Green south of the river, including community orchard.	439 637	x		x		x	0.67	Yes	Yes. Attractive grass area with community orchard. Comprises the southern part of the Millennium Green. While orchards are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, it is considered that an exception is appropriate here. That is because this is a community orchard which is accessible to the public for informal recreation. Part of the site fringing the river is within the Wildlife Site associated with that. HER shows archaeological site: site of tannery east of the Ship and Castle, C18.

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Nailsea Land at Moorend Spout; (Nailsea Environment and Wildlife Trust's nature reserve)	466 715	x		x		x	2.39	Yes	Yes. Nature reserve owned by Nailsea Environment and Wildlife Trust. Managed for benefit of wildlife and as a public amenity. Partly a designated Wildlife Site. Attractive, includes small area of carr woodland and a pond. Low lying, with adjacent rhynes. Crossed by public footpath. No records on HER.
Land south of The Uplands	463 694						2.5	No	<i>Proposed housing allocation in the March 2016 Consultation Draft Plan. Proposal for LGS designation would be contrary to para 3.8 of this Background Paper, and paragraph 007 of the section on Local Green Space in the national Planning Practice Guidance.</i>
Tickenham Village recreation area by village hall	451 719			x			0.5	Yes	Recreation area including grass area and area with play equipment. No records on HER.

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Wrington The Mike Bush Paddock, Wrington Hill	474 633						0.14	No	<i>No. This site is under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.19 of this Background Paper).</i>
Land to the west of Garstons Orchard, Wrington	469 623						1.7	No	<i>No agricultural land not considered to warrant LGS designation. (See paragraph 3.4 of this Background Paper).</i>
Land at the junction of Alburys with West Hay Road, Wrington	467 631	x					0.25	Yes	Attractive area of grass and trees. Wrington Parish Council states that it provides an open but valued green approach to the settlement. No records on HER
Yatton Land at Moor Road	425 665						2.77	No	<i>No agricultural land. Formerly an orchard now with only a few trees. Not considered to warrant LGS designation. (See paragraph 3.4 of this Background Paper).</i>

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Cadbury Hill LNR, part owned by NSC, includes scheduled monument.	440 649						20.23	No	<i>No. This is considered to be an extensive tract of land. Designation would be contrary to paragraph 77 of the NPPF. Note however that the area would still be likely to have a significant level of protection from development, having regard to other policies, being designated as a Local Nature Reserve and Wildlife Site (Cadbury Hill Fort). It also includes a scheduled monument, and is in the Green Belt.</i>
Rock Road playing field.	433 651						1.54	No	<i>No. Formal playing fields, not considered appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of this Background Paper).</i>
Hangstones playing field.	434 657						4.0	No	<i>No. Formal playing fields, not considered appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of this Background Paper).</i>

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Claverham cricket ground.	437 652						1.34	No	<i>No. Formal playing field, not considered appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of this Background Paper).</i>
Field east of Hangstones (for extension to Hangstones for playing pitch).	436 656						2.28	No	<i>No agricultural land not considered to warrant LGS designation. (See paragraph 3.4 of this Background Paper).</i>
Village green off Church Road.	432 654	x		x			0.23	Yes	Yes, comprises attractive grass areas subdivided by paths, with trees and ornamental planted borders. Includes seats. Partly bounded by stone walls. HER: 3 archaeological sites: site of two tenements, The Causeway, cC19; site of cottages opposite Causeway House, ?C18; site of row of six tenements, High Street, C18.
St Marys church yard.	431 653	x	x				1.1	Yes	Yes. Attractive church yard, important to the setting of the grade 1 listed church. While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, the historic importance of the site, with listed monuments, together with its

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									importance to the setting of the church, is considered to warrant an exception. HER: Listed buildings: Church of St Mary; churchyard cross 6m south of church porch.
Play space at Broadcroft, Claverham	445 660			x			0.28	No	Yes, but already proposed for LGS in March 2016 Consultation Draft Plan.
Site POP21, proposed for strategic open space, Claverham.	444 661						2.4	No	<i>No, this is an agricultural field not considered to warrant LGS designation. (see paragraph 3.4 of this Background Paper). While proposed for strategic open space in the adopted North Somerset Replacement Local Plan, (and also the emerging Site Allocations Plan) this has not yet been implemented.</i>
Area adjacent to Claverham village hall used for May Day celebrations	448 661	x		x			0.63	Yes	Grass area adjacent to village hall, with area of trees to west. This is described as the “May Day Field” in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for Claverham, and “the grassland is to be accessible for village gatherings”, and the “existing tree plantations and specimen trees are to be preserved, as are boundary walls”.

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									According to the Chairman of the Steering Group for the Claverham Neighbourhood Plan, the site is used for May Day celebrations, open air theatre, beer festival and other events. No records on HER.

Table 2.

Full list of LGS sites now proposed in the Site Allocations Plan Publication version, with their assessments.
(Includes the new sites assessed as being appropriate for LGS designation in Table 1 above)

(Designation criteria considered to be met are indicated by an x. “No records on HER” means no reference is shown on the Councils electronic Historic Environment Record map to a listed building, registered or unregistered historic park or garden, scheduled monument or archaeological site on the site.)

Site	Grid Ref (ST)	Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquillity	Wildlife	Site Area (ha)	Justification
WESTON-SUPER-MARE Grove Park	318 619	x	x	x			3.15	Visually attractive, with landscaped grounds, gardens, fountain, bandstand, war memorial, trees, etc. Includes play area. Important for recreation, historic interest. On HER: Registered historic park and garden, several archaeological sites, including C19 Grove Park. Listed structure (band stand).
Ashcombe Park	336 620	x	x	x			13.46	Visually attractive, important for recreation, historic interest. On HER: Registered historic park and garden, several archaeological sites, including Ashcombe Park, c1912.
Ellenborough Park West	319 618	x	x	x		x	1.85	Visually attractive with trees. Wildlife interest (SSSI and Wildlife Site). HER refers to Ellenborough Park archaeological site, 1855.
Ellenborough Park East	320 608	x	x	x		x	1.17	Visually attractive with trees. Wildlife interest (Wildlife Site). HER refers to Ellenborough Park archaeological site, 1855.

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Clarence Park West	318 601	x	x	x			3.73	Attractive park with landscaped grounds and trees. HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site, Clarence Park, late C19 park.
Clarence Park East	319 601	x	x	x			2.76	Attractive grass space with boundary trees. HER: Unregistered park or garden, archaeological site, late C19 municipal park.
Beach Lawns	Various, eg. 317 603	x	x	x		x	5.48	Long grass areas along sea front. Attractive and important in townscape. Also important for recreation, including use for events. Wildlife Site. HER: unregistered park or garden.
Prince Consort Gardens	309 623	x	x	x			0.73	Ornamental gardens, with grass space, some trees and seating. Attractive, overlooking Severn Estuary. HER: unregistered park or garden; municipal gardens created 1870s.
Walford Avenue	371 634	x		x			10.89	Area of mainly open grass with some trees, crossed by cycleways. Includes playground. HER: some archaeological points; eg. Roman occupation NE of Priory School, site of dwelling, Banwell 1815. A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Castle Batch	361 635	x	x	x			8.21	Grassed area, with numerous boundary trees and some trees on scheduled monument. Crossed by public footpaths. HER: includes motte in north centre, a scheduled monument.

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								A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Land north of St Andrews Bowls Club, south east of Ullswater Close, east of Baildon Crescent	331 598			x			1.03	Grassed area Used for recreation. Includes play area. A few trees. Crossed by paths. No records on HER.
Land at The Tips, Broadway	327 585	x		x			1.34	Grass play area surrounded by woodland. Attractive area. HER: archaeological site: The Tips railway spoil heap, 1840s.
Coronation Estate play area	326 592			x			0.35	Grassed play area amidst area of housing. No records on HER
Land at Shrubbery Terrace/ Shrubbery Avenue.	315 622	x	x	x			0.34	Attractive grass space with well treed area towards south. Includes play area. Called "Shrubbery Park". HER: unregistered park or garden.
Eastfield Park	325 621	x	x	x			0.66	Attractive park, grass and well treed area. HER: unregistered park or garden; archaeological site:1870s park.
Land at Spring Terrace	344 626	x		x			0.59	Grass area with some boundary trees. No records on HER. Used for informal recreation.

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Land at Old Bristol Road	363 626	x					0.25	Attractive well treed grass space, clearly visible from adjoining roads. No records on HER
Land at Almond Close	362 622	x		x			0.4	Grass area. Used for recreation. No records on HER.
Land to the rear of Willow Gardens, St Georges	375 628	x		x			0.28	Grass open space with play area. Used for recreation. Some boundary trees. No records on HER
Lynch Farm near Savernake Road	355 633	x		x			4.22	Grass area, fairly high lying, with numerous trees on boundary. Includes play area. Crossed by public right of way. No records on HER. A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Land west of Beechmount Drive	329 584	x					0.91	Largely sloping area, much of it well treed, particularly visible from Broadway and Beechmount Close. Important for townscape. Helps break up urban fabric and enhances street scene. No records on HER.

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Jubilee Park, including land at Windwhistle Lane	323 591	x		x			4.17	Grass area subdivided by footpaths, used for recreation. Includes tree groups especially on boundary. No records on HER.
The Potteries Millennium Green	332 609			x			0.49	Grassed open space partly bounded by trees, with seats. Crossed by footpaths. Includes play area. Used for recreation. No records on HER.
West of Summer Lane, Locking Castle, (west to Moor Lane)	362 621	x		x		x	6.14	Attractive area alongside railway which includes lake for fishing with lakeside trees and footpaths. Includes Wildlife Site. HER: archaeological site: Railway borrow pit at Banwell Road bridge, 1840s (north east end of site). A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Ebdon Grounds, south of Buttercup Crescent	360 639	x		x			0.29	Grass open space fringed by trees. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Land at Railway Triangle (Worle Moor) Locking Castle	348 613	x		x			3.16	Attractive grassed area, including trees, particularly alongside paths. Includes play area and pond.
Silverberry Road	363 624	x		x			1.51	Grass area used for recreation. Numerous trees on boundary. No records on HER.

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Cemetery, south of Bristol Road Lower	327 618	x	x				7.1	Historic cemetery with grass and trees. Attractive. War memorial, listed cemetery chapel. HER: archaeological sites, including Milton Road cemetery, 1856, and Bronze age cremations; pottery. Though a cemetery, normally not appropriate for LGS designation, the particular qualities of this site are considered to warrant an exception. These include the fact it is a historic cemetery on the HER. The site has a path through it.
Land at Bransby Way, Locking Castle	362 618	x		x			0.58	Open space south west of the local centre, Locking Castle, Weston super Mare. No records on HER.
Plumley Park, Locking Castle (SW of Moor Lane railway bridge)	357 617	x		x		x	5.74	Open space alongside railway with footpath. Includes small lake, a Wildlife Site. No records on HER.
Land at Lynchmead Farm, adjoining Bluebell Road.	363 643	x		x			1.33	Grass open space with footpath around. Surrounded by housing. Used for recreation. No records on HER. A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
CLEVEDON Salthouse Fields	398 710	x		x			3.89	Iconic grass space, used for recreation, alongside Marine Lake and Severn estuary.

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								HER: Includes archaeological site: site of C17 saltworks, also Victorian promenade sea defences, C19.
Wains Hill (Poets Walk)	394 709	x	x	x		x	4.55	Attractive hill, grass with some treed areas, near Severn estuary. Used for informal recreation, (walking etc). Local Nature Reserve recognised by Natural England, and Wildlife Site. HER shows site is a scheduled monument, with some archaeological sites (points); eg. slight univallate hillfort, and Wains Hill hillfort (Iron Age).
Church Hill	395 708	x		x		x	4.4	Attractive hill, grass and treed areas, near Severn estuary. Used for informal recreation, (walking etc). Local Nature Reserve recognized by Natural England, and Wildlife Site. HER: Includes archaeological sites (points) ridge and furrow, Church Hill; post medieval mining on south side of Church Hill; C19 Lookout tower, Church Hill.
Alexandra Gardens	404 718	x	x	x			0.81	Attractive well treed area with more open grassed part to south. Crossed by footpaths. HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site, C19 municipal park.
Pier Copse	403 718	x	x	x			0.44	Attractive grassed but well treed area. HER: Unregistered park or garden.
Herbert Gardens, East of Herbert Road	406 716	x	x	x			1.21	Attractive area well treed on boundaries. HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site, C19 municipal park.

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Dial Hill	408 719	x		x			4.64	Hill including wooded slopes crossed by footpaths, more open at top. HER: number of archaeological sites, (points) including old C19 quarries, late prehistoric lynchets, Iron Age, site of C19 reservoir, site of C19 limekiln, etc
Strawberry Hill	414 716	x		x		x	11.86	Long area of woodland crossed by public footpaths. Wildlife Site. HER: some archaeological sites, including stone macehead, a flint knife, Neolithic/Bronze Age, etc.
Land at Old Park Road	409 720	x					0.3	Attractive woodland in residential area. No records on HER.
Land at Green Beach	399 713	x	x	x			0.75	Attractive grassed area with some trees and ornamental gardens overlooking Severn estuary. HER: unregistered park and garden; includes archaeological sites: late C19 municipal park; Golden jubilee bandstand, 1887.
Sunhill Park, Sunnyside Road	404 714	x	x	x			0.56	Area of dense trees with more open central area next to community centre. Attractive. HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site; early C20 garden, now municipal park.
Highdale Hill	409 713	x		x			1.16	Attractive area with woodland and some more open areas to west, crossed/bounded by public footpath. HER shows archaeological site: Christ Church and Highdale Farm.

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Land near M5 and River Blind Yeo, along south east and southern edge of Clevedon	414 701	x		x			7.01	Largely linear open space with trees alongside M5 and River Blind Yeo. Used for informal recreation. Also contributes to townscape. Includes play area near Hazell Close. No record on HER.
Land at Crabtree Path	402 699	x		x			0.21	Grassed area with some boundary trees. No records on HER.
Land at Brookfield Walk	418 710			x			1.88	Grass area on east edge of Clevedon used for informal recreation. Boundary hedges. No records on HER.
Land at Teignmouth Road/Beaconsfield Road junction with play area.	412 711			x			0.35	Grass area with trees and play area, for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Cherry Avenue play area	413 709			x			0.22	Grass open space for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Land at Walton Road in front of Conygar Close	419 724	x		x			0.27	Attractive grass area with trees, for informal recreation. HER: archaeological site: site of Walton Park station c1907-1940.
Westbourne Housing Estate open spaces	399 707	x		x			Various areas of 0.2hectares or more	Grass areas with trees amidst housing estate. Visual amenity and informal recreation. No records on HER.

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Land, including walk, north of former Hangstone Quarry, running from junction of Victoria Road with Old Church Road.	404 711	x		x			0.24	Attractive area including ornamental garden, with grass and treed areas as part of walk. The route rises and falls at each end, and the high lying central grassed part affords attractive views over the town. HER shows archaeological sites bordering site, but in Hangstone quarry: Pleistocene bone deposits and Roman pottery from cave.
Marshalls Field, Clevedon	393 704	x		x			3.49	Grass open space part bounded by River Land Yeo, with some boundary trees. Part bounded by a raised cycle/walkway to west. No record on HER. A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Land north east of Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon	407 725	x	x	x			2.27	Grassed area with woodland, overlooking Bristol Channel. On HER: unregistered park or garden (Walton gardens and park, late C19 park.) HER also shows archaeological site: old quarries and tramway at cliff top, Walton St Mary, C19 quarry).
Millennium Orchard, Clevedon	418 709			x			0.3	While orchards are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, it is considered that an exception is appropriate here. That is because this is a

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								community orchard which is accessible to the public for informal recreation. Clevedon Town Council have indicated that the orchard is used for community events like apple picking and wassailing. No record on HER.
NAILSEA Scotch Horn (Millennium) Park	478 707	x		x			3.7	Attractive park with landscaped grounds. Includes play area. On HER the Nailsea glassworks Scheduled Monument just extends far enough south to include a very small area on north edge of park.
Land south of Bibury Close, west of Trendlewood Way.	480 700	x		x			0.35	Rectangular grass area with some trees. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER. Part of Trendlewood Community Park
Nowhere Wood, land west of Bibury Close, and land north of Avening Close.	479 701	x	x	x			3.1	Includes (north part) a wooded area with public access and the site of a former Pennant sandstone quarry. Grassed area to south. Used for recreation. HER shows the site of the quarry as an archaeological site (site of C19 quarry) Part of Trendlewood Community Park
Land at junction of Blackthorn Way and Nailsea	480 708	x		x			1.04	Grass area south of Blackthorn Way, with scattered trees and tree group. HER: 4 archaeological sites:

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Park, west of Hawthorn Way								1. tented camp for British troops in WW2 pre 1941, Nailsea Park; 2. site of WW2 hutted camp, c1941-43, Nailsea; 3. site of WW2 USA coloured troops camp, 1943-5, Nailsea Park; 4. coal mine shaft and spoil heap, Nailsea Park, post medieval coal mine.
Land to the west of Trendlewood Way, east of Hawthorn Way, opposite Cedar Way.	481 708	x		x			0.94	Elongated area of grass with scattered trees and tree group.
Land south of Turnbury Avenue and land south of Fowey Close	484 701	x		x			1.93	Linear space on south east edge of Nailsea used for informal recreation. No records on HER. Part of Trendlewood Community Park
Land east of Trendlewood Way, north of Chelvey Rise	481 700	x		x			0.38	Long shaped area of grass and trees. No records on HER. Part of Trendlewood Community Park
Land at Moorend Spout; (Nailsea Environment and	466 715	x		x		x	2.39	Nature reserve owned by Nailsea Environment and Wildlife Trust. Managed for benefit of wildlife and as a public amenity. Partly a designated Wildlife Site. Attractive, includes small area of carr woodland and

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Wildlife Trust's nature reserve)								a pond. Low lying, with adjacent rhynes. Crossed by public footpath. No records on HER.
Nightingale Gardens	466 710	x		x			2.44	Open space used for recreation, crossed by paths. Partly bounded by trees.
Hannah More Park	460 699			x			1.12	Grassed open space with trees and play area.
Rhyme View open space	456 702			x			0.49	Grassed area used for informal recreation. No record on HER.
Stockway North nature reserve Nailsea.	471 708	x		x			0.27	Attractive area with woodland, and public access at advertised opening times. Though called a nature reserve it is not a designated Wildlife Site, but provides opportunities for informal recreation. No record on HER.
Glassworks site, east of garage to Royal Oak inn.	476 708		x				0.39	Historic interest as scheduled monument, (Nailsea glassworks).
Middle Engine Pit, Caversham Drive, Nailsea	482 705		x				0.37	Historic interest, as scheduled ancient monument (remains of former Elms Colliery), and site of listed building (Engine House and associated buildings from Middle Engine Pit).

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Nowhere Lane (East End Pit) Nailsea	482 701	x	x				0.25	Includes former coal tip ("tump") of historic interest, well treed. Site is important for setting of and views towards this feature. On HER as archaeological site: site of East End Pit, Trendlewood Way, post medieval coal mine .
The Perrings open space, Nailsea	474 696	x		x			1.78	Grassed open space used for informal recreation. Includes play area. HER shows site of old quarry, post medieval in SE corner.
Netcott's Meadow, north of Backwell Lake, west of Bucklands End, Nailsea	475 695	x		x		x	0.99	A designated Wildlife Site, managed by Avon Wildlife Trust and accessible to the public. Includes grassland, a pond, higher land and trees. Includes footpaths and seat. HER shows archaeological site: site of WW2 home guard trench and post on north boundary.
West of Sedgemoor Close, Nailsea	468 697	x		x			1.80	Open space with trees, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Land north of Vowles Close, bordering north east edge of Nailsea, but in Wraxhall and Failand parish	483 712	x		x			5.39	Grass area, crossed by footpaths. Attractive, with some wooded areas and trees. Owned and managed by North Somerset Council as public open space, Used for informal recreation. HER shows archaeological site: coal workings at Lodge Lane/High Street, post medieval coalmine.

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PORTISHEAD Lake Grounds	464 770		x	x			10.96	Grassed area with lake and trees, adjacent to Severn Estuary. HER: Unregistered park or garden; C20 municipal park dominated by Marine Lake; also archaeological site: Lake Grounds c1905-10 Park.
Eastwood and Battery Point	467 775	x	x			x	10.92	Battery Point is an attractive grass area adjoining Severn Estuary. Eastwood is the adjoining woodland to east, crossed by public footpaths. Local Nature Reserve recognised by Natural England, and Wildlife Site. HER: Battery Point has a number of archaeological sites, eg. Gun battery at Portishead fort rebuilt 1864, dismantled 1914, WW2 observation platform, 1940, etc. Eastwood has some too, such as Iron Age hillfort; old limekiln C19, etc.
Central Park, Port Marine	472 771	x		x			0.94	Attractive landscaped grassed area with ornamental gardens, including statues. HER: includes archaeological site on periphery: site of Baileys Mill Portishead Dock, 1890s-1950s, cattle field mill.
Land at Newhaven Road	439 756	x		x			1.21	Area of grass open space and woodland to north. Includes small play area, with linking path. No records on HER.

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Woodhill between Pier Road and Woodhill Park	468 773	x					0.64	Wooded area. Attractive, helps break up urban fabric. HER: 2 archaeological sites both on peripheral locations: post medieval stone, and site of light AA Portishead VP 508 (4) (1 Bofurs gun).
Welly Bottom	463 765	x		x			1.48	Long area of woodland and grassed open space, crossed by public footpath. No records on HER.
Land at Fedden Village, north of Nore Road, west of Glenwood Rise	446 762	x	x				5.36	Includes attractive open space associated with grade 2 listed Portishead Nautical National School, overlooking Severn estuary. Also includes woodland. HER shows the listed building.
Portishead Golf Course	455 766	x		x			11.44	Golf course sloping down towards Severn Estuary. There are attractive views looking down across the site from Nore Road. No records on HER. While golf courses are normally not appropriate for LGS (see paragraph 2.14 of this Background Paper) it is considered that this site, within the settlement, warrants an exception. The importance to townscape of this open land within the settlement, affording views down from Nore Road to the sea, is

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								considered to be particularly strong justification for designation.
Kilkenny Fields	460 768	x		x			8.39	Open space sloping down towards Severn Estuary, used for informal recreation. There are attractive views looking down across the site from Nore Road to the sea. Bordered by public footpaths. A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Land at Blackdown Road	455 763	x		x			2.7	Long grassed area, high lying, between residential areas. Crossed by public footpath. Used for recreation. HER: 2 archaeological sites (points): site of postmedieval stone; flint scatter at Nore Road, Neolithic/Bronze Age. A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Land at St Peter's Church	466 759	x	x				0.92	Graveyard to the grade 1 listed church, and adjoining land, including the Millennium Garden, important to the setting of the church, and attractively laid out, with seating. While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, an exception is considered to be warranted, notably in view of the particular importance of the land in townscape and historic terms.

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								HER refers to listed tomb of John Hobbes to west of Medieval Churchyard Cross, and archaeological site: the site of a post medieval dwelling house 40m south of the church.
Land at The Vale	475 761	x		x			1.85	Landscaped grassed open space with trees, pond, play area etc. No records on HER.
Land at the Russets	477 758	x		x			0.23	Grass area with trees crossed by footpaths, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Linnet Gardens, The Finches, Ashlands, Portishead	479 766	x		x			0.68	Open space, with trees. No records on HER.
Land at Stonechat Green, Ashlands, Portishead	480 768	x		x			0.70	Open space, with trees and playground. No records on HER.
Merlin Park	451 756			x			4.28	Recreational space with play area, boundary trees. No record on HER.
Land north of Hawthorn Close	448 761	x					2.49	Woodland visible from footpath off Hawthorn Close and from roads to north. Contributes to townscape. Crossed by public footpath. HER shows archaeological site (point): site of hydraulic ram, C19.

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Land north of Denny View	451 763	x					1.3	Woodland visible from roads. Contributes to townscape. HER shows archaeological site (point): and remains of landscape garden of Bruton Manor C19.
SERVICE VILLAGES Farleigh Fields, Backwell (two)	493 685	x					8.85	Two fields meeting in a T shape near St Andrew's Church. Pasture, but considered to exceptionally warrant LGS designation because of the site's particular importance in terms of the setting of the grade 1 listed St Andrew's Church, being high lying, prominent and visible from a significant distance to the south. The fields are also crossed by public rights of way, which lead towards and afford views of the church. On HER, there is an archaeological site within the northern field (Neolithic stone slab).
Backwell Lake	476 694	x		x		x	5.42	Attractive area with lake and surrounding grass and trees. Wildlife Site and Local Nature Reserve recognised by Natural England. No records on HER.
Banwell recreation ground, Westfield Road, Banwell	393 591			x			1.22	Recreation ground, with boundary trees. No record on HER.
Riverside Green, Banwell	399 595	x		x			0.53	Grass open space, some trees, play area. Used for informal recreation.

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								HER shows archaeological site: site of Daniel Day's House, Riverside, 1815.
Land west of Rowan Way Churchill	451 603	x		x			1.51	Grass space with trees, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Congresbury Millennium Green	438 638	x		x		x	2.63	Comprises attractive grass spaces either side of river. Larger northern area has some mature trees on boundary and includes public footpaths and play area. Used for informal recreation. Southern area includes community orchard. While orchards are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, it is considered that an exception is appropriate here. That is because this is a community orchard which is accessible to the public for informal recreation. Part of the site fringing the river is within the Wildlife Site associated with that. HER: Archaeological site: site of tannery east of the Ship and Castle C18.
Land at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury	436 637	x	x				0.8	Attractive grass area with trees, and the adjoining historic church yard, adjacent to and important to the setting of the grade 1 listed church. While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, the historic importance of the site, with listed walls and monuments, together with its

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								importance to the setting of the church, is considered to warrant an exception.
Recreation area adjoining King George V Jubilee playing field, Congresbury	438 634			x			0.47	Grass recreation area with play equipment. No record on HER.
Yew Tree Gardens, Easton in Gordano/Pill	521 759	x		x			0.38	Grassed open space, bounded by hedgerows and trees. Used for recreation. Includes play area. No records on HER.
Crockern Pill, Easton in Gordano/Pill	525 759	x	x				0.29	Grassed open space, adjoining the historic pill leading to the River Avon, (which has been used by mariners since before the C15th). HER: some archaeological sites including site of C19 dry dock, Pill, and site of C19 boat breakers yard, Pill, etc.
Watchhouse Hill, Easton in Gordano/Pill	527 759	x	x	x			10.94	Hill area of grassland and woodland, adjacent to the River Avon. Crossed by paths (including Public Right of Way), Listed under "open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site.

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								<p>Watchhouse Hill is “owned and managed by North Somerset Council as public open space for its nature conservation and amenity value”, (paragraph 3.3.2 of Watchhouse Hill Management Plan 2013-17, by North Somerset Council.)</p> <p>HER: includes part of an unregistered park and garden (late C18 pleasure grounds and park, Ham Green Hospital); also some archaeological sites; eg. boundary stone; site of Ham Green Farm, palaeolithic flint flake, Ham Green Farm.</p>
Victoria Park, Easton in Gordano/Pill	525 758	x	x	x			0.22	Grass area with trees. HER: archaeological site: Victoria Park, Pill, C19 park.
Land at village hall, Keeds Lane, Long Ashton	536 703						2.01	<p>Open space used for recreation. Includes play area. No records on HER.</p> <p>Was proposed as LGS in the Long Ashton Neighbourhood Plan, which the Inspector to the Examination accepted, and that plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.</p>
Birdwell Recreation	540 700						0.21	Grass open space. No records on HER.

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Ground (Lampton Road), Long Ashton								Was proposed for LGS in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.
Peel Park, Long Ashton	534 703						2.55	Was proposed for LGS in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.
Long Ashton cricket ground	552 703						1.50	Was proposed for LGS in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.
Winscombe Millennium Green	418 578	x	x	x			1.89	Grass space flanked by trees, used for community events, informal recreation. Historic interest by association with former station and railway walk; (line of railway opened 1869 but rail use discontinued in 1963 following Beeching report). HER: archaeological site: site of Winscombe station, 1869.
Play area and Glebe Field off	469 626	x		x			0.3	Grass space with tree groups, play area.

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Church Walk, Wrington								HER: site is within broad archaeological site of Wrington core settlement.
The Old Quarry off Wrington Hill, Wrington	475 631		x	x		x	1.3	Woodland with site of former quarry, used for informal recreation. Wildlife Site. HER: includes archaeological sites: disused post medieval quarry in Prestow Wood, and C19 limekiln at Wrington Hill.
Land at the junction of Alburys with West Hay Road, Wrington	467 631	x					0.25	Attractive area of grass and trees. Wrington Parish Council states that it provides an open but valued green approach to the settlement. No records on HER.
Village green off Church Road, Yatton	432 654	x		x			0.23	Yes, comprises attractive grass areas subdivided by paths, with trees and ornamental planted borders. Includes seats. Partly bounded by stone walls. HER: 3 archaeological sites: site of two tenements, The Causeway, cC19; site of cottages opposite Causeway House, ?C18; site of row of six tenements, High Street, C18.
St Mary's church yard.	431 653	x	x				1.1	Yes. Attractive church yard, important to the setting of the grade 1 listed church. While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, the historic importance of the site, with listed monuments, together with its importance

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								to the setting of the church, is considered to warrant an exception. HER: Listed buildings: Church of St Mary; churchyard cross 6m south of church porch.
INFILL VILLAGES Claverham Playground, Broadcroft Close, Claverham	445 660			x			0.28	Grass space with play area, some boundary trees. Used for recreation. No records on HER.
Area adjacent to Claverham village hall used for May Day celebrations	448 661	x		x			0.63	Grass area adjacent to village hall, with area of trees to west. This is described as the “May Day Field” in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for Claverham, and “the grassland is to be accessible for village gatherings”, and the “existing tree plantations and specimen trees are to be preserved, as are boundary walls”. According to the Chairman of the Steering Group for the Claverham Neighbourhood Plan, the site is used for May Day celebrations, open air theatre, beer festival and other events. No records on HER.
Locking Green, Locking	364 598			x			0.74	Grassed open space including and bounded by trees. Includes play area.

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								HER: within broad archaeological site for core settlement of Locking.
Open space / play area south of Anson Road, near Parklands Village, Locking parish.	364 606			x			1.38	Grass open space with boundary trees. Includes play area. No record on HER
Donkey Field, Uphill	318 589	x				x	1.39	Attractive grassed area with mature trees, woodland to rear. Wildlife Site. No records on HER.
Uphill Recreation Ground, New Church Rd, Uphill.	319 587			x			0.73	Grass space with boundary trees. Includes play area and seating. No records on HER.
Uphill Hill, Uphill	316 584	x	x	x		x	18.35	Attractive hill, grassland crossed by footpaths, topped by St Nicholas's Church, a listed building. Site is a Natura 2000 site (of international importance for wildlife). HER: Includes several archaeological sites, such as core settlement of Uphill Old Church; site of quarry at Folly Lane; site of Folly House; remains of WW2 searchlight battery, E of St Nicholas Church; C19 limekilns and Bronze Age Round Barrows etc.
OTHER SETTLEMENTS	536 731	x	x	x		x	3.91	Area with lake amidst woodland, with bridleway and footpaths. Used for informal recreation. Wildlife Site.

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AND COUNTRYSIDE Abbots Pool, Abbots Leigh								HER: archaeological site: Abbots Pool and 2 pools to north medieval; C20 fishponds.
Conygar Hill, Portbury	498 750	x	x			x	2.13	Hill of historic interest (scheduled monument) adjoining settlement of Portbury. Wildlife Site. HER: Includes scheduled monument (slight univallate hillfort on Conygar Hill.) Also includes archaeological sites like core settlement (Portbury enclosure).
Village recreation area by village hall, Tickenham	451 719			x			0.5	Recreation area including grass area and area with play equipment. No record on HER.
Land north of Macrae Road, Ham Green, Pill and Easton in Gordano parish.	530 755	x		x			1.16	Grass open space with avenue of trees. Suitable for informal recreation. No record on HER.
Land at Church Road/Redhill (A38) junction, Redhill, Wrington parish	498 632	x		x			0.28	An attractive area with grass and trees, crossed by footpaths, used for informal recreation. Maintained by and on behalf of the community. No record on HER
Land north east of Long Ashton	550 720						298.01	While this is a very large site, partly comprising the Ashton Court Estate , it was suggested for LGS in

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	(general location)							the Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.
The Rocks common land, Blagdon	498 586			x			0.36	Fairly high lying area of grass and trees above rocks, with woodland to south, crossed by footpath (PROW), and used for informal recreation. Includes seats and picnic area. HER shows archaeological site, old quarry at Street End, post-medieval quarry.