



East Hagbourne

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN -
2018 to 2033

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**Appendix 3: Evaluation of Local Green
Spaces proposed for designation**

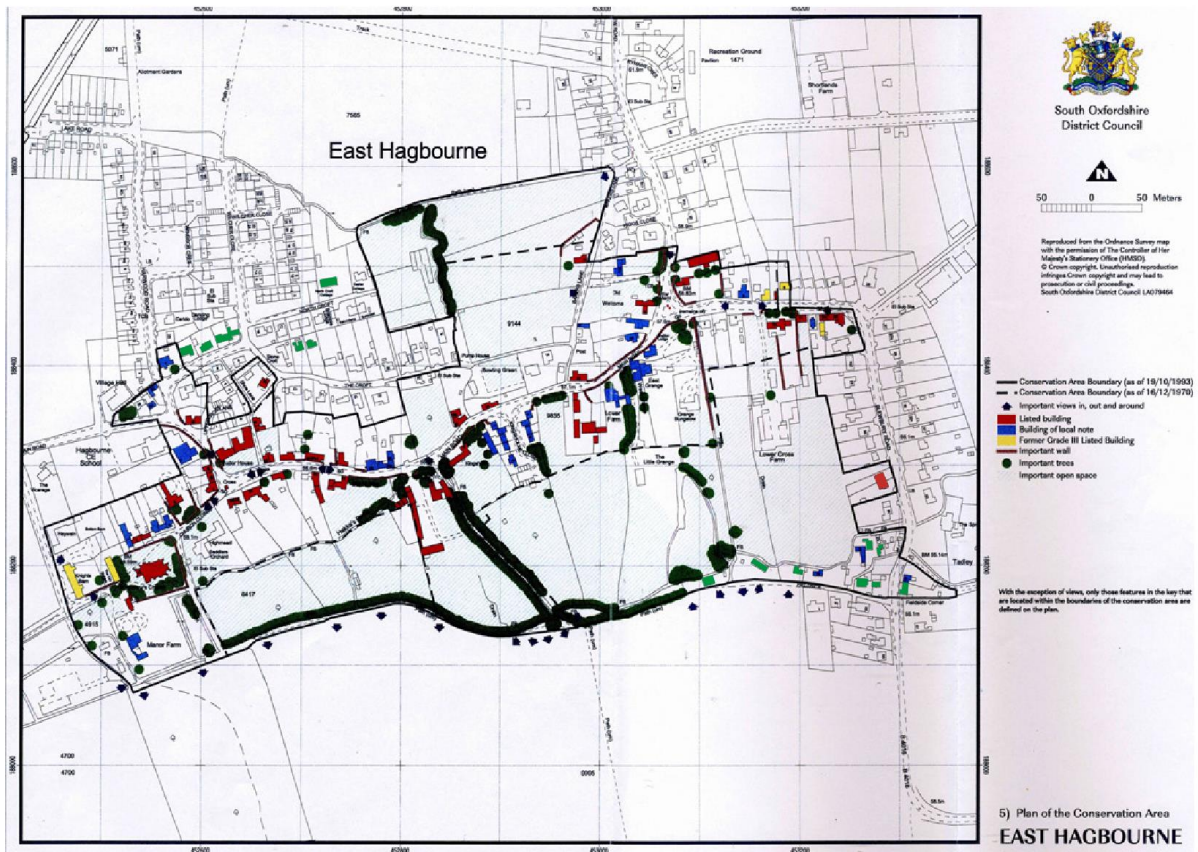
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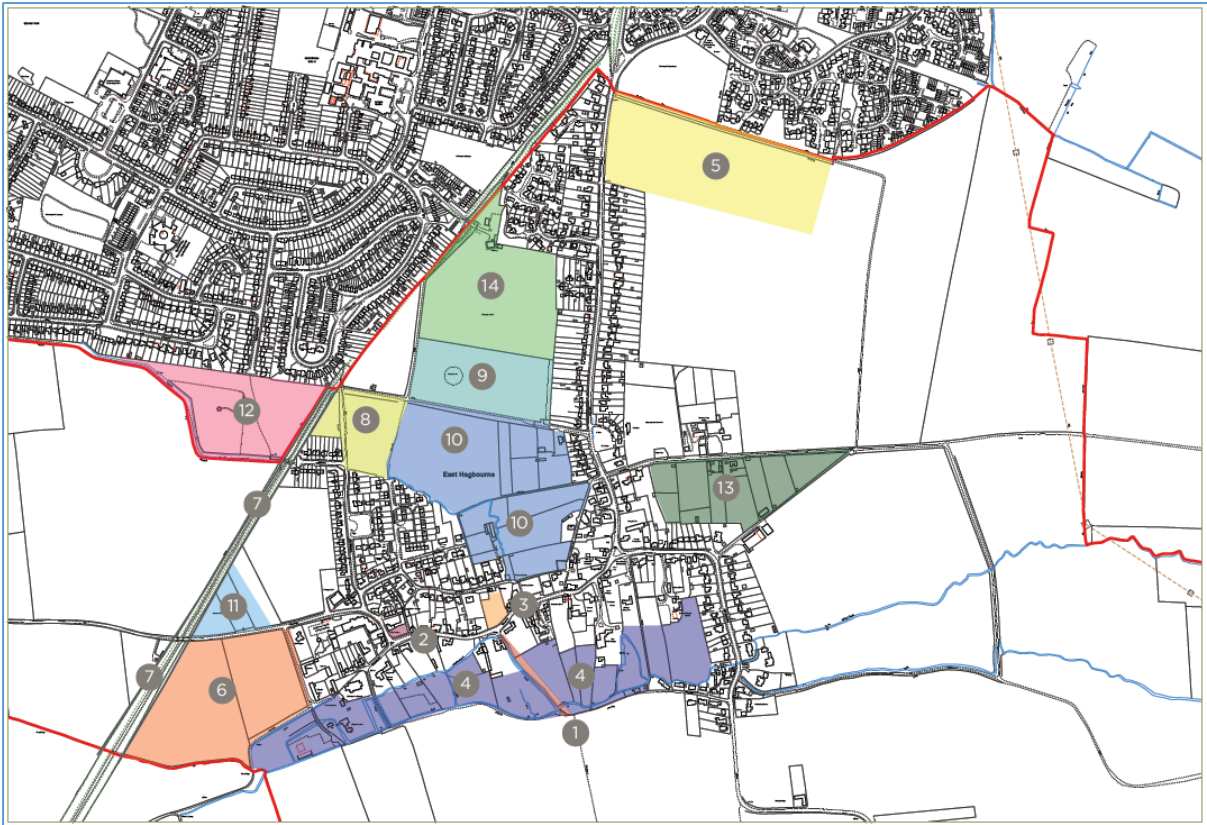
Evaluation of Green Spaces and proposals for designation

Updated October 2022

Within the Conservation Area, the SODC Character Assessment of 2000 identified a number of buildings, trees, important green spaces and views of local merit which complement and provide the environment for those buildings that have statutory listing as shown on the map below.



The East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017) extended the evaluation to the whole parish and identified 13 sites for consideration as potential Local Green Spaces as shown on the map below



The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group endorses the importance accorded to the sites identified in both studies. These spaces form part of the rural character of the village which is valued by people from town and village alike.

Five of these sites have been selected as deserving special attention, because of their importance to the character of the village.

This Appendix details the case for protection of the five selected sites. A detailed review of each site is included in the Attachments, numbered as shown below. More detailed maps of each area are also presented in the Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Butts Piece and Parish Allotments (part of 8 in above map))
- Attachment 2 Lawson's Orchard (area 3 on the map)
- Attachment 3 Paddocks along Bakers Lane (part of area 10 on the map)
- Attachment 4 Tudor House Allotments (area 2 on the map)
- Attachment 5 Millennium Wood (part of area 10 in above map)

The Neighbourhood Plan provides protection for these five sites designation as Local Green Spaces (policy E1).

ATTACHMENT 1: BUTT'S PIECE AND PARISH ALOTMENTS

An area of open space to the north of the historic village but less than 500m from the church and Upper Cross. It has been dedicated to public use since the land enclosures of the 19th Century and today provides allotments, a grassy open area and a wooded wildlife area. It is accessible from public footpaths on three sides and informal paths across the grassed and wooded areas.



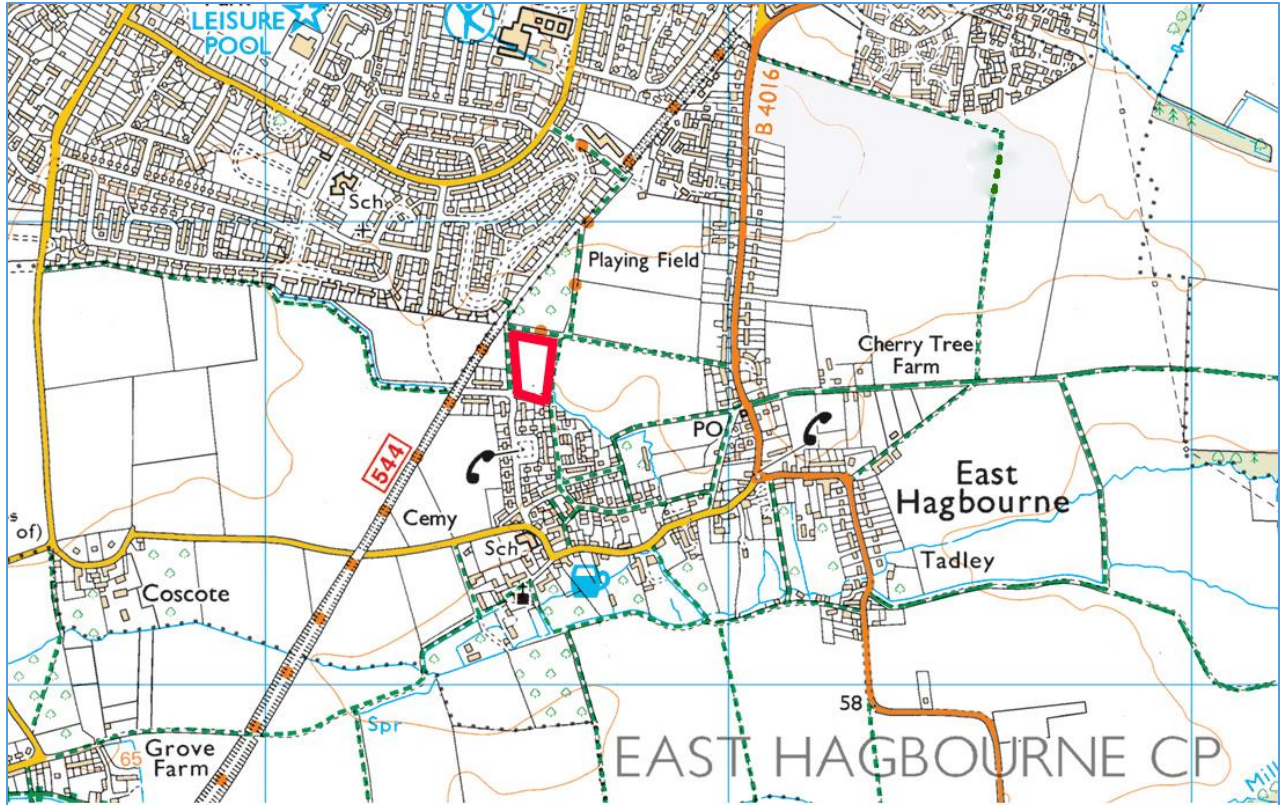
The grassy area



The Allotments



Two views of the wild area showing recent replanting and old hawthorns.



1 km

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CHECKLIST AND CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

Butt's Piece and Parish Allotments

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	Name and address of site	
	<p>Butts Piece and Parish Allotments</p> <p>Land known as Butts Piece on the east side of Harwood Road East Hagbourne, OX11 9LX. The Parish Allotments form part of this site.</p>	
1.2	Site location plan	
	<p>A section of land on the northern edge of the built area of East Hagbourne, close to the boundary with Didcot</p> <p>The land registry document for this land is appended (within VFO2 of East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study, 2017)</p>	
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation	
	East Hagbourne Parish Council	
1.4	Ownership of site if known	
	<p>The Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of Hagbourne Parochial Charities, 1 The Croft, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 9LS.</p> <p>The land is leased to East Hagbourne Parish Council for 20 years from 21 April 2008.</p>	
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)	
	The owners have been informed and submitted detailed comments at the pre-submission consultation. They are not in favour of designation. (see Consultation Statement, Appendix H, Section 11)	

1.6	Photographs of site	
	See cover page	
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space	
	Whole village as a general amenity space including allotments, open for informal recreation and wildlife area.	
2	Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	No	
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	No	
3	Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	Around 2 ha.	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?	
	No	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”?	
	<p>Yes. It is a section of land on the northern edge of the village connected physically as it is accessible by roads leading from the centre of the village and is bounded by public footpaths.</p> <p>Socially, the southern part of the area is public allotments with a further quarter used as a general amenity open area, suitable for children’s ball games and picnics. In the northern section there is a wild area, crossed by informal footpaths that provides a wildlife habitat and is managed by the Hagbourne Environment Group.</p>	
4	Need for Local Green Space	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?	

	<p>The number of open and accessible green spaces in the parish is limited. This site provides a wildlife haven as part of the 'Green Corridor' separating the village from Didcot as well as open space for walking.</p> <p>It is historically an important green space for community use and still of significance to the community.</p>	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves?	
	It is on the edge of the built up area of the village but centrally located within the Parish and less than 500m from the Church and Upper Cross. Within walking distance of most of the households in the village.	
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?	
	No	
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council	
	Designated, with supporting evidence as an Important Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan.	
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals. .	
	In surveys for the Neighbourhood Plan, local residents rated this area highly with 139 of 192 respondees rating the area important or very important. (Neighbourhood Plan, Appendix 6, Community Survey, section 7.1)	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders <i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc.</i>	
	Not solicited	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups	
	All allotments are occupied and when one becomes vacant it is immediately taken over by someone else.	
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local	

	significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable)	
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	No	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	N/A	
7.3	Site visibility <i>e.g. is it easy to see the site from a public place? Are there long-distance views of the site? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</i>	
	It can be seen from the Sustrans path and from Lake Road and the top of Harwood Road. The site is fully visible and accessible from public rights of way to the north, east and west.	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	
	No	
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	
	Yes. In the East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017) forming background to the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan. See references to area VF02 on pages 32 and 33.	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?	
	No	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art?	
	No. Although it may be included in a poetry trail that is just being inaugurated in the village by our village poet and a local artist.	
8	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its <u>historic significance</u>” (if applicable)	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	

8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?	
	No	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?	
	No	
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?	
	When common land was enclosed around 1840 with the loss of grazing rights, it was common practice to allocate small areas of land to the poor in compensation. At this time, Butt's Piece was made available to churchwardens for allotments. Rent from the allotment holders was part of the general income for charitable distribution.	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
	No	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?	
	No	
9	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)", (if applicable)	
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport?	
	An area for informal ball and children's games was introduced from 2008 on the central grassed area between the allotments and wildlife area. This area is freely accessible.	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?	
	Yes, it is fully accessible to the public and allotment holders.	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?	
	The site was originally used for allotments until around 1989, when it fell into disuse. The current layout dates from 2008. Dog walking, ball games take place on the central grassed area and the southern area still	

	provides allotments for local residents.	
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable)	
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil?	
	Yes, the site adjoins quiet residential roads to the south, but on other sides is bounded by public footpaths. There are no through roads or busy areas nearby.	
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?	
	No	
11	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the <u>richness of its wildlife</u>”; (if applicable)	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	
	While not formally designated, the northern most part of the site is kept as a wild area and is managed by the Hagbourne Environment Group. It is an area of scrub, largely covered by hawthorn, blackthorn and brambles, which provides a valuable habitat for a wide variety of woodland birds, insect species and a few mammals. Hagbourne Environment Group have carried out clearance and replanting of part of the area to create a more varied habitat. The East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017) rated the area as of "high natural significance", ref. Table 4, page 48	
11.3		
	The Hagbourne Wildlife blogger lists a variety of species that have been seen at Butt’s Piece, including some birds on the RSPB red/amber list of conservation concern (e.g. redwing, linnet)] Slow worms are also present on Butts Piece.	

	See: https://bramblejungle.wordpress.com/butts-piece/	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?	
	For information on the species seen at Butts Piece, including butterflies and birds see: https://bramblejungle.wordpress.com/butts-piece/ A survey of wildlife on the site has been commissioned by Hagbourne Environment Group and will provide more detailed information.	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?	
	No	
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>”; (if applicable)	
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?	
	It is in part of the "Green corridor", a buffer zone between the communities of East Hagbourne and Didcot. It provides public allotments, a publicly accessible grass area and an important local wildlife area.	

ATTACHMENT 2. LAWSON'S ORCHARD

An attractive green space in the centre of the village providing a break in the mostly built environment and providing a pleasant visual asset. Remains of medieval development, relict orchard, chickens and sheep provide interest.

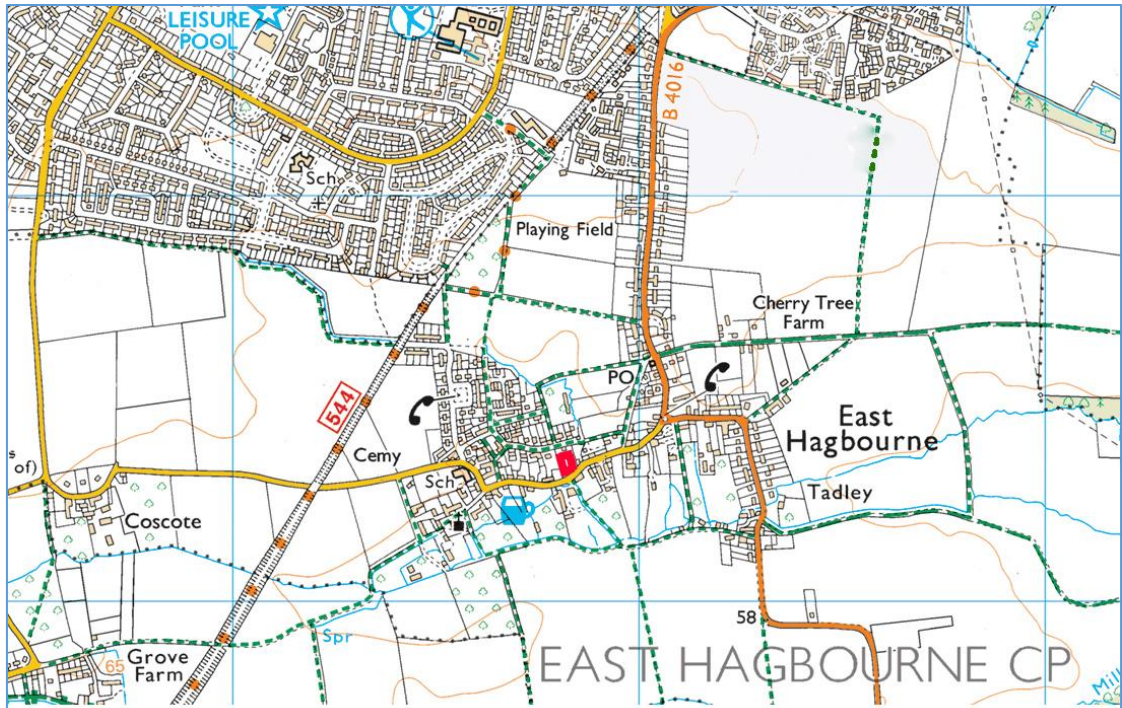


View from Main Road



Hollyhocks along the fence, chickens

and sheep



1 km

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Lawson's Orchard

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	Name and address of site	
	<p>Lawson's Orchard</p> <p>Main Road, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 9LN</p>	
1.2	Site location plan	
	<p>The area is in a central part of Main Road and is a small field opposite Kingsholm house. It used to be an old orchard and is indicative of the many orchards that were once prevalent in East Hagbourne.</p> <p>See map on cover page.</p> <p>The area lies within HV01e of the East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study, 2017.</p>	
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation	
	East Hagbourne Parish Council	
1.4	Ownership of site if known	
	The owners of Kingsholme, Main Road, East Hagbourne	
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)	
	Ownership of the site changed during the consultation process. Former and new owners were informed and submitted comments as part of the pre-submission consultation. They are not in favour of designation (see Consultation Statement, Appendix H, Section 12)	
1.6	Photographs of site	
	See cover page	
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space	

	Whole village, as the pavement runs alongside and a low fence allows views into the field so that the livestock, trees and flowers can be enjoyed by all as they walk along Main Road. There is also a prominent notice board in the field and a record of successes in previous Best Kept Village competitions.	
2	Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	No but the site is opposite Kingsholm, a grade II listed building on the opposite side of Main Road. The owner of Kingsholm bought the field from Parsonage Farm around 1970 and originally had a twenty year codicil against any form of building. Kingsholm is currently on the market (but not this site)	
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	No. The intention is to designate it as a green space in the neighbourhood plan.	
3	Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	Less than 1 ha.	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?	
	No, it is a small field that was an old orchard and possibly an abandoned medieval historic plot.	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”?	
	Very much so. It is in the middle of the historic village on the main road through the centre of the village. Further along Main Road toward Upper Cross is the Fleur de Lys Public House and then the Church. In the other way, Main Road leads towards Lower Cross and the community shop. There are many listed buildings in this part of the village. It is a much photographed and iconic part of the central village.	

	It has a notice board for posters for village events.	
4	Need for Local Green Space	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?	
	Yes, it provides a pleasant green space in the centre of the historic village along the main road and a setting for several listed buildings.	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves?	
	See map - the site is in the centre of the scenic and historically significant Main Road in the centre of the village and in the middle of the Conservation Area.	
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?	
	No, the site is visually accessible from the street	
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council	
	Parish council Designated as an important green space in the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan	
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.	
	In the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey (NPCS), 2016 it was rated highly as an important and significant green space. Of 200 responses, 161 rated Lawson’s orchard and the Tudor House allotments as very important or important. (ref NPCS Section 7.1) The area was designated an "Important Open space" by South Oxfordshire District Council: see "East Hagbourne Conservation Area - a character study (SODC, 2000)"	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders	

	<i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc.</i>	
	As it is so central to the village and has never so far been threatened with any form of development, it has not been the subject of more wide ranging discussion.	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups	
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable)	
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	The field opposite Kingsholm House is the site of an abandoned medieval historic plot (earthworks are discernible but need further investigation), and is an old orchard planted with apple trees, hazel and more recently some specimen trees. It is full of daffodils in spring and hollyhocks grow along the fence in summer. The field provides an attractive setting for the listed buildings in this section of Main Road. At present, It is used for chickens and for some black Hebridean sheep. Along the pavement, a low fence allows views into the field so that the livestock, trees and flowers can be enjoyed by all as they walk along Main Road. It also provides a haven for wild birds and other wildlife including squirrels and muntjac deer. It is an oasis of open green space in the largely built-up street frontage and a popular stopping place for children and adults to enjoy the view and the animals.	
7.3	Site visibility	
	Yes, from along the pavement a low fence allow views into the site from Main Road'	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	
	It is within the Village Conservation Area. Included in Heritage village area 1e in the East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017), which is rated as "very High" historic significance (Table 3, p47).	

7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	
	<p>The East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017) carried out for Neighbourhood Plan mentions the site:</p> <p>"The field opposite Kingsholm House is a highly distinctive remnant of the historic open spaces which characterised many parts of the village into the 20th century. It is probably on the site of an abandoned medieval historic plot (earthworks are discernible but need further investigation) and old orchard planted with apple trees, hazel and more recently some specimen trees (e.g. Liquidamber). It is full of daffodils in spring and hollyhocks grow along the fence in summer. The field provides an attractive setting for the listed buildings in this section of Main Road. Along the pavement, a low fence allows views into the field so that the livestock, trees and flowers can be enjoyed by all as they walk along Main Road. It also provides a haven for local wildlife".</p>	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?	
	Yes, Kingsholm opposite and The Gables, adjoining the field, are grade II listed buildings, and the whole street-scape of Main Road in this area is dominated by old buildings, many of them listed.	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance for example because of its <u>historic significance</u>" (if applicable)	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?	
	Possibly an abandoned medieval historic plot -some earthworks are visible though this needs further investigation (see statement under 7.5).	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?	
	Site of an old orchard and some apple trees remain. The local area was known for its orchards and this is one of the remnants of these orchards. (see statement under 7.5).	
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the	

	village or town?.	
	No	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?.	
	No	
9	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable)	
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	No	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport?	
	Never to our knowledge	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?	
	No, it's value is as a visual asset. It is adjacent to Main Road along its major boundary.	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?	
	No. Local people (not the owners of the land) keep chickens and sheep on the land. It has been used for many years as a chicken field. There is access via a gate to the public notice board.	
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable)	
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil?	
	Yes. Although it is situated on Main Road, it provides a green oasis among the mostly built environment.	
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?	

	It is in the centre of the conservation area.	
11	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the <u>richness of its wildlife</u>”; (if applicable)	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	
	No	
11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site?;	
	Some birds from the red/amber lists of birds of conservation concern have been seen on site (e.g.redwings).	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?	
	Generally a haven for wildlife; squirrels, muntjac deer and foxes have been seen and a number of birds. Old apples and hazels provide a good food source.	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?	
	No	
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>”; (if applicable)	
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?	
	Its very central location and the fact that it is the only remaining unbuilt space on Main Road gives it an iconic importance to the village. It is the nearest asset the village has to a village green.	

ATTACHMENT 3: PADDOCKS ALONG BAKERS LANE

An area of paddocks along Bakers Lane adjacent to the the historic village, and forming part of the "Green Corridor" separating East Hagbourne from Didcot. The area is visually important in providing a green vista both from the northern footpath 197/6 and the village footpaths 197/7 & 8 to the east and south.



View towards Bakers Lane from FP 197/6



Relict orchard tree



View to the Conservation Area



Pony paddock



Two views of the area west of the stream

Reason for Designation

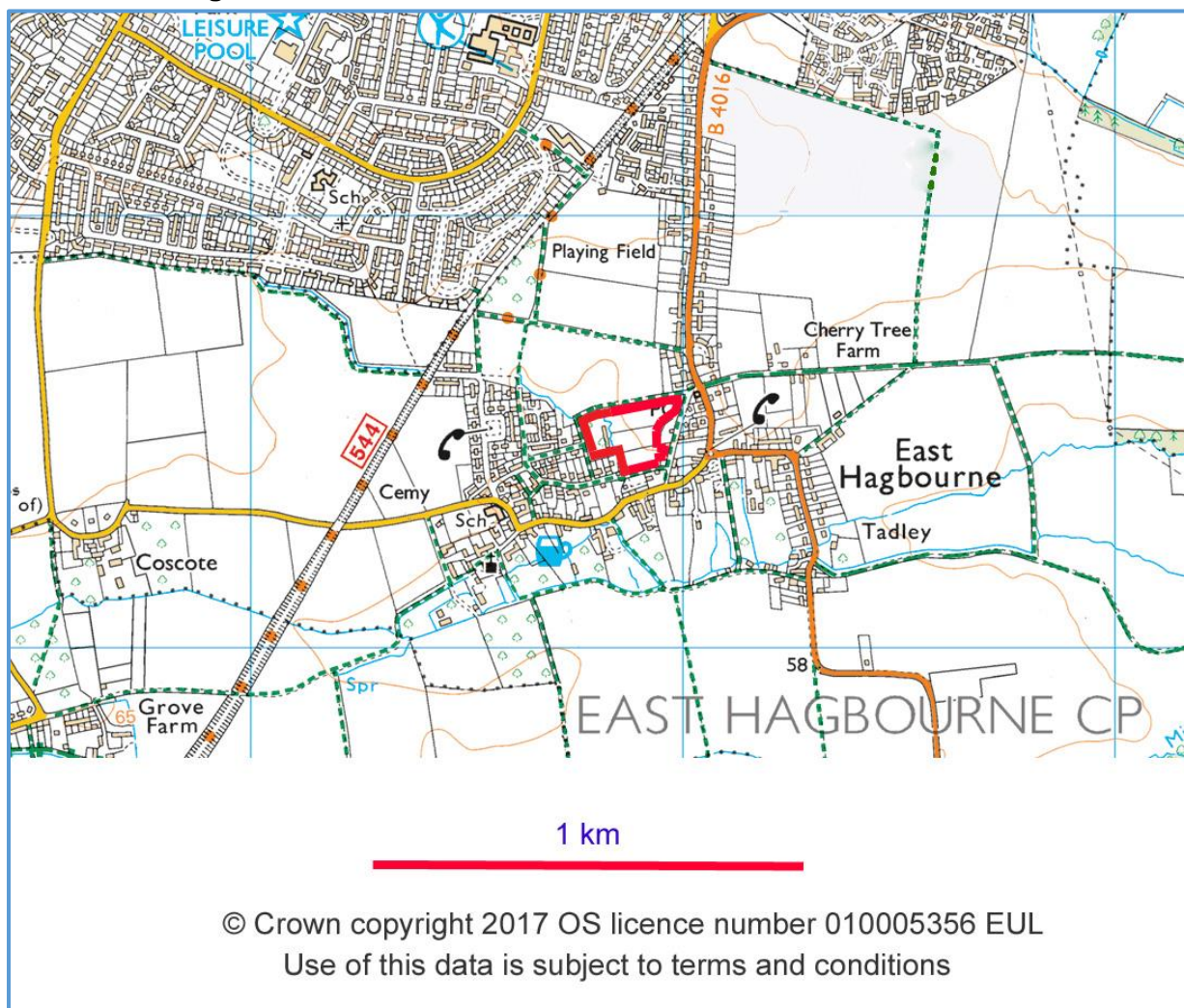
The site forms part of the Green Corridor separating East Hagbourne from Didcot and provides a tranquil, traffic free and highly accessible green environment for pedestrians and cyclists while providing access to the wider footpath network and access to Millennium Wood to the north.

Centrally located small fields such as these, typically used as animal paddocks, are a common feature of many of the ancient villages in this District. They are an important distinguishing feature that differentiates villages from towns and other larger settlements.

This example contains marked remains of ridge and furrow cultivation and relict apple trees from orchards dating back to the 17th century.

It forms part of the Conservation Area and a key element of its setting.

Paddocks along Bakers Lane



This area of paddocks of approximately 1.8 ha, is immediately north of the original village, adjoining Bakers Lane and formerly known as Higg's Field. It lies to the south of the paddocks adjoining Millennium Wood. The area to the east of the stream shows marked remains of ridge and furrow cultivation together with relict apple trees from the extensive orchards that developed in the village from the 17th Century and is currently used as animal paddocks. The area to the

west of the stream, lying behind Orchard Holding on The Croft is used as pony paddocks and provides attractive glimpses through the trees from FP6. The site is important as a green area in the centre of the parish, positioned within the Conservation Area and playing a key role in maintaining its rural setting. There is no public access on to the land itself, but footpaths 197/6, 7 and 8 surrounding the site enable important views into and across the paddocks, to the historic village and to Millennium Wood.

The site is close to the village with all areas within 2km. The green area abuts housing in Bakers Lane, the Croft and Main Road to the south and New Road to the east.

The site lies within the Conservation area and was noted as a Significant Green Space in the NPCA with 155 of 200 responses rating the area as very important or important. Higgs Field is identified as an 'Important Open Space' in the SODC Character study and two buildings on Bakers Lane are identified as "buildings of local note", in addition to the Grade II listed Chestnut Cottage that adjoins one of the paddocks.

A planning application (P17/S1604/FUL) was submitted for a house on one of the Higg's Field paddocks, but was rejected because of its impact on the Conservation Area. Another of the Higg's Field paddocks was put forward as a potential allocation site, but was rejected after evaluation.

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Paddocks along Bakers Lane

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	Name and address of site	
	Paddocks in Higgs Fields, Bakers lane, East Hagbourne, Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 9LH and behind Orchard Holding, The Croft, East Hagbourne, OX11 9LS.	
1.2	Site location plan	
	<p>See map</p> <p>Higgs Field and land behind Orchard Holding, bounded by the unadopted Bakers Lane (Footpath 197/7) to the east, by Footpath 197/6 to the north and west, 197/8 to the south and by the built environment of The Croft further to the west. This area of the site lies within the Conservation Area.</p> <p>The area is within area VF03 of the East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017)</p>	
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation	
	East Hagbourne Parish Council	
1.4	Ownership of site if known	
	Higgs field is divided into three separate paddocks owned by individuals resident in East Hagbourne.	
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)	
	<p>All owners have been informed by letter and responded to the pre-submission consultation (see Consultation Statement, Appendix H, Section 14).</p> <p>No formal objections have been received, although one land owner would like to build a house on part of his paddock (Qu 2.1 refers)</p> <p>The 2022 plan update adds the area of paddocks currently owned by</p>	

	Orchard Holding and lying behind that property and 35/37 The Croft. The owner is supportive of the land being designated.	
1.6	Photographs of site	
	See cover page	
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space	
	The area is of benefit to the whole community. The whole area is accessible and is surrounded by public footpaths, allowing views into and across the area. The area is visually accessible by all and provides a green environment for walkers on the public footpaths.	
2	Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	A planning application (P17/S1604/FUL) was submitted for a house on one paddock of Higgs Field by the owner. Planning permission was refused, the decision notice stating: "The site comprises an important, open, undeveloped paddock within the East Hagbourne Conservation Area. The development would result in the loss and domestication of part of the paddock diminishing the important contribution the site makes to the wider character and appearance of the East Hagbourne Conservation Area and harming the landscape setting of the village."	
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	No	
3	Size, scale and "local nature" of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	Approximately 1.8 ha (including the 2022 addition)	
3.2	Is the site an "extensive tract of land"?	
	No, It is a varied parcel of animal paddocks located centrally and to the north of the village.	

3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”?	
	The area bounded on three sides by the edge of the village physically connected by footpaths and Bakers Lane. It plays an important role in providing a rural setting for the village on all sides.	
4	Need for Local Green Space	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?	
	Yes, it serves an important role to maintain the rural setting of the village and acts as part of the green buffer between the village and Didcot town to the North. Its loss would materially and adversely affect the character of the village.	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves?	
	See map, all areas of the village are within 2km. The site abuts housing in Bakers Lane and New Road to the east the Croft to the west and Main Road to the south. It is close to the village centre and accessible by footpath from all areas of the village.	
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?	
	No. the site can be visually accessed from footpaths surrounding the site.	
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council	
	Parish Council. Designated as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan	
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals. <i>e.g. letters of support; petitions; surveys etc.</i>	
	The fields and paddocks south of the Millennium Wood (of which this area forms a part) were noted as an important green space in the Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey (NPCS), 2016, a survey carried out for the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan in the of summer 2016. 155 of 200 responses (78%) rated the area as very important or important	

	(ref NPCS Section 7.1).	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups	
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable)	
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	A parcel of paddocks and farmland in the centre of the parish, closely positioned to the historic village playing a key role in maintaining its rural setting. There are views of the village and Millennium Wood from footpaths.	
7.3	Site visibility	
	It is easy to see into the site as there are views from the footpaths including Bakers Lane bordering the site.	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	
	Higgs Field lies within the Conservation Area and was designated as "Important Open Space" by SODC in their "East Hagbourne Conservation Area - a character study (SODC, 2000)"	
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	
	In the East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017) carried out as background for the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan, The area is described (p33) as follows: This parcel is sited between The Croft and Bakers Lane to the east, its footpaths affording views towards the medieval village. It contains an intact pattern of small hedged and pastoral fields, contained on three sides by the village edge, enclosed in the 18th-19th centuries. It adjoins and partly overlies the historic Higgs Farm, demolished to make way for	

	new housing at Higgs Close. This area is designated 'important green space' within the conservation area. This parcel is separated by a hedged trackway - which probably pre-dates enclosure - from the field to the north in (towards) Butts Piece (VF02). By at least the 19th century it was mostly orchard, and some veteran trees have survived. Some surviving ridge and furrow has been preserved by long use for both grazing and orchards within the settled perimeter around East Hagbourne village.	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?	
	Yes. It plays an important role in maintaining a rural setting for the village. Higgs Field surrounds a grade II listed cottage (Chestnut Cottage) on Bakers Lane. Two other buildings off Bakers lane are classified by SODC as "buildings of local note" in East Hagbourne Conservation Area - a character study (SODC, 2000)	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance for example because of its <u>historic significance</u>" (if applicable)	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?	
	No	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?	
	There are remains of ridge and furrow cultivation, particularly marked in Higgs Field together with relict apple trees from the extensive orchards that developed in the village from the 17th Century	
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?	
	Higgs Field adjoins and partly overlies the site of the historic Higgs Farm, demolished to make way for new housing at Higgs Close. Although separated by a hedged trackway - which probably pre-dates enclosure in the 1840s - this parcel is a continuation of the agricultural area to the north. There is some surviving ridge and furrow, preserved by long use for both grazing and orchards within the settled perimeter around East	

	Hagbourne village. Ref: East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Assessment (2017), areas VF02 & VF03	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?.	
	Not to our knowledge	
9	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable)	
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes. There are several paddocks used for keeping ponies and horses for recreational use.	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport?	
	No	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?	
	The public cannot enter onto the fields, but there is access to the area by footpaths, from where the whole site can be seen.	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?	
	Walking, dog walking and jogging along footpaths. Some pastures are used for livestock (horses and ponies, donkeys, alpacas).	
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable)	
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil?	
	Yes, it is a quiet and dark area within the surrounding village. There are no public roads adjoining the site	

10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?	
	No	
11	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the <u>richness of its wildlife</u>”; (if applicable)	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	
	No	
11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site?	
	There are mature hedges to the north and west sides	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?	
	No	
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>”; (if applicable)	
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?	
	An open green space that provides a soft transition between town and village and important in preserving the rural setting of the village. Forms part of the extensive network of public footpaths which is so characteristic of the village and forms part of the "Green Corridor" separating East Hagbourne and Didcot.	

ATTACHMENT 4. TUDOR HOUSE ALLOTMENTS

A tract of land on the site of former cottages along the side of Tudor House (listed at grade II*) that is used by members of the village as allotments for growing vegetables and flowers. The allotments make a particularly attractive setting for Tudor House and its thatched barns and for the historic village centre around the medieval Upper Cross. The site is important to the character of this historic area.



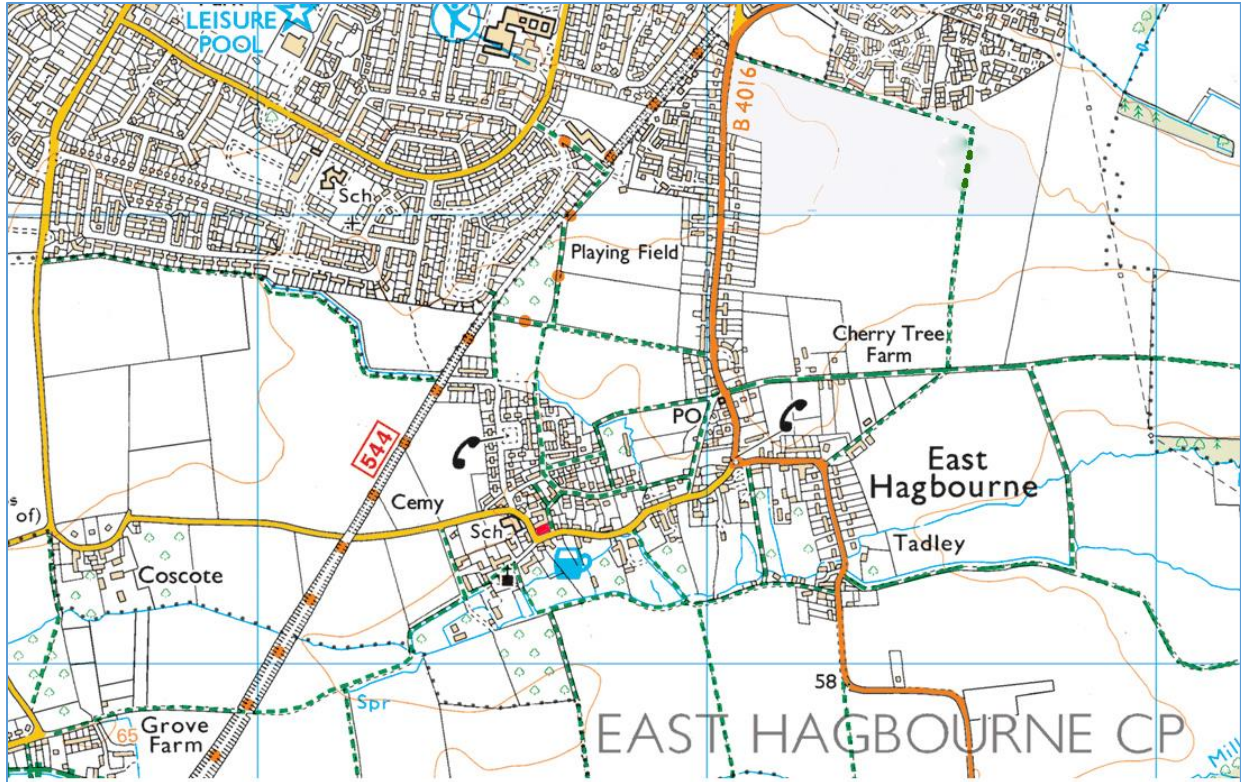
Tudor House and the Allotments in their setting by Upper Cross and Shoe Lane



The allotments in summer



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CHECKLIST AND CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

Tudor house Allotments

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	Name and address of site	
	Tudor House Allotments, Upper Cross, 46 Main Road, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 9LR	
1.2	Site location plan	
	Area is along Main Road on one side of the Upper Cross adjoining Tudor House and barns. See map on cover page.	
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation	
	East Hagbourne Parish Council	
1.4	Ownership of site if known	
	The owner of Tudor House	
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)	
	The owner has been informed and responded to the pre-submission consultation. They have no objection to designation (see consultation Statement, Appendix H, Section 16).	
1.6	Photographs of site.	
	See cover page.	
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space	
	Serves the whole village as an attractive setting for the iconic Upper Cross at the focal point where Church Close joins Main Road.	
2	Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	

	No. The community value of the site would be removed if it were developed.	
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	No	
3	Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	Less than half a hectare	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?	
	No. It is a small tract of land along the side of Tudor house, formerly the site of 19th century farm workers cottages and now used as allotments for flowers and vegetables.	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”?	
	<p>The allotments are in the Upper Cross area, close to the medieval cross, which forms the centre of the old village. Pavements and a footpath along one side and a low fence allow clear views into the site from three sides. The road also bends round at this point, making the site a focal point. The site is bounded to the east by another public footpath known as Shoe Lane.</p> <p>Residents on their way through the village along Main Road, the main route through the village, or walking to the church and school for example, pass by the allotments.</p>	
4	Need for Local Green Space	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?	
	The village is heavily built-up and compact in nature so that even small areas of green space contribute significantly to the rural and historic environment. The allotments make a particularly attractive setting for Tudor House and its thatched barns and for the Upper Cross area in the centre of the historic village.	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”	

5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves?	
	Within the community, in the centre of the old village, close to the school and church. It is less than 2km from all areas of the village	
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?	
	The site is within walking distance from most areas of the village using the extensive footpath network. The site is visually accessible from Main Road protected by a low fence allowing views into the site. The site is physically accessible to villagers holding an allotment who grow flowering plants at the roadside.	
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council	
	Parish council. Designated as an Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan.	
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.	
	In the Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey (NPCS), 2016, local residents rated this area highly. 161 of 200 response scored this area together with Lawson's orchard as important or very important.	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups	
	Regularly used in the Open Gardens Day sponsored by the National Garden Scheme (NGS) . Designated by SODC as an "Important Green Space" in the East Hagbourne Conservation Area - a character study (SODC, 2000)	
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable)	
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	

7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	<p>Members of the village use the allotments for growing vegetables and flowers. The allotments make a particularly attractive setting for the grade II* listed Tudor House and its thatched barns and for the Upper Cross area generally, around the medieval cross, which forms the centre of the old village.</p> <p>Regularly used in the Open Gardens Day sponsored by the National Garden Scheme (NGS)</p>	
7.3	Site visibility	
	The site is highly visible to all passing along Main Road the pavements and from the footpath (Shoe lane) from the side.	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	
	Within the East Hagbourne Village Conservation Area. Included in area HV01d which is rated as "very high" historical significance in the East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017), Table 3, p47.	
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	
	Yes. In the Village and Landscape Character assessment, forming the background to the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan.	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?	
	Yes, it contributes significantly to the setting of grade II* listed Tudor House, a fine example of a late 17 th century house with a brewhouse and L-shaped aisled barn with internal granary and stabling/cattle housing to the rear. Tudor House, together with the grade II* listed Upper Cross, is a focal point at the western core of the village. Other listed buildings in this setting include Cobblers in Shoe Lane adjoining the site, another timber-frame 17 th century building.	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art?	
	It is shown in a picture by Helen Allingham who did several pictures of village houses when she stayed in the village in the early 1900's and	

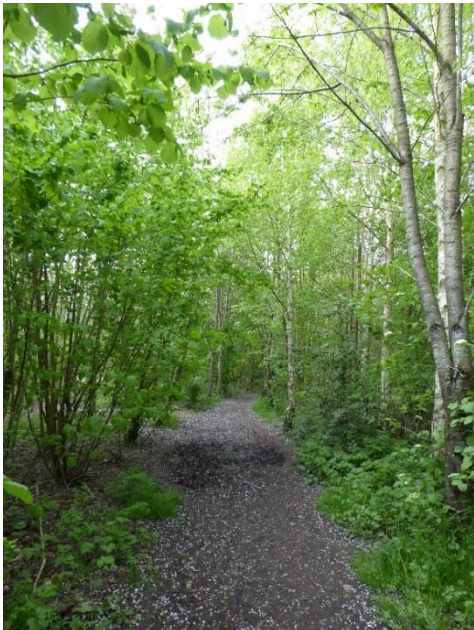
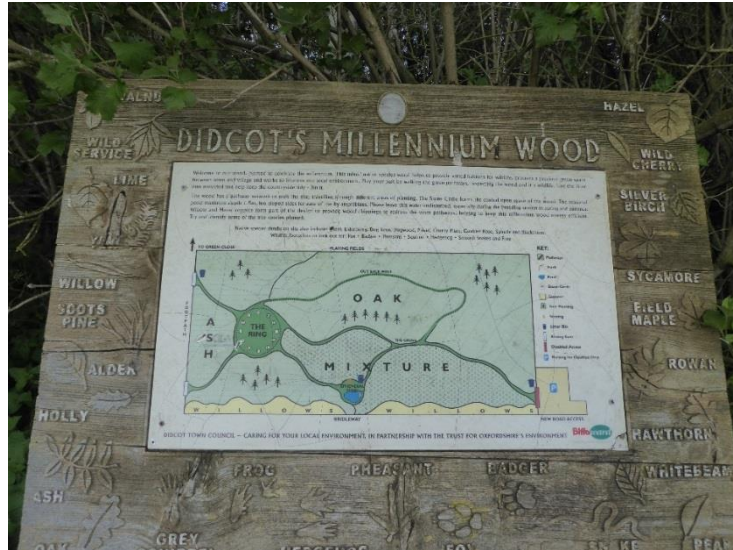
	features in some of the paintings of local artist, Linda Benton..	
8	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its <u>historic significance</u>” (if applicable)	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?	
	Tudor house and the thatched barns form a backdrop to the allotments. The area used to be the site of old cottages.	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?	
	None known - there are no visible remains of the former cottages.	
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?	
	No recorded events.	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?	
	No	
9	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable)	
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport?	
	No	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?	
	Allotment holders can access the site, the site is visibly accessible to pedestrians from three sides.	

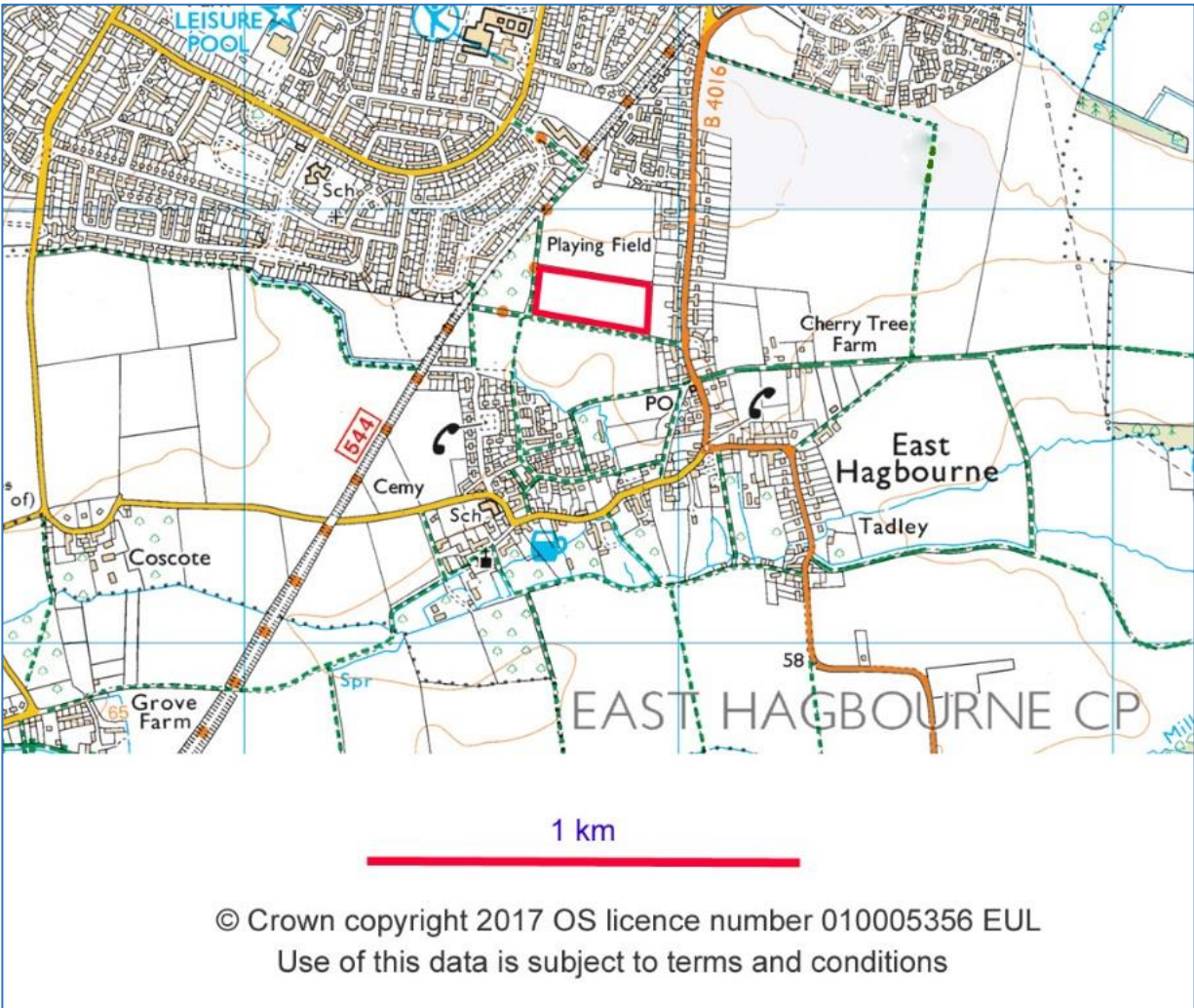
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?	
	The site is used for growing fruit and vegetables in addition to flowering plants	
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil?	
	Yes, the main village street runs past, but the green area gives a feeling of space and tranquility to the village historic centre.	
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?	
	Within East Hagbourne Conservation area.	
11	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the <u>richness of its wildlife</u>”; (if applicable)	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	No	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	
	No	
11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site?	
	No	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?	
	No	

12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u> ”; (if applicable)	
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	Yes	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?	
	Forms a key part of the iconic setting to the historic core of the village and the many listed buildings that surround it.	

ATTACHMENT 5: Millennium Wood

An area of woodland to the north of the historic village within easy walking distance from the village centre. The wood was created in 2000 to celebrate the Millennium as a community resource, an open green space for use by the public. It is crossed by a network of paths and information boards at the entrance list the species on the site. It is accessible from public footpaths from East Hagbourne village and Didcot town.





Reason for Designation

The East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017) notes that East Hagbourne lies in the Harwell Local Character Area as defined by the Oxfordshire Wildlife

and Landscape Study, a landscape dominated by arable farming, where woodland is generally not a characteristic feature.

The Millennium Wood is therefore a particularly valuable asset, being one of the few publicly accessible woodland areas close to East Hagbourne and Didcot. Being created as community woodland in 2000 it also stands as an example of community endeavour and an asset for the local community.

The trees have grown strongly and are already at a good height. The woodland provides a valuable community resource used by the people of East Hagbourne and Didcot for its recreation and as a place of beauty and tranquility as well as being a habitat for wildlife. Its value in all these respects can only increase as it matures and it should be seen as a long-term asset that deserves protection.

CHECKLIST AND CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

Millennium Wood

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	Name and address of site	
	<p>Millennium Wood</p> <p>Northern boundary of East Hagbourne and Didcot. The site is in the Parish of East Hagbourne but is owned by Didcot Town Council. The nearest building is 96 New Road, East Hagbourne, OX11 9JZ.</p>	
1.2	Site location plan	
	<p>See map on cover page and and Land Registry ON69608.</p> <p>Millennium wood is a section of land to the north of the village close to the boundary with Didcot.</p> <p>It is bounded by to the west by FP197/4 an older medieval track. which is part of the Sustrans cycle route that continues down the railway embankment. To the south it is bounded by FP197/5, a track dating from after the 1840 enclosure, providing a paved connection to the Sustrans route.</p> <p>There are school playing fields to the north and gardens associated with 1920s ribbon development along New Road (B4016) to the east.</p>	
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation	
	East Hagbourne Parish Council	
1.4	Ownership of site if known	
	The site is owned by Didcot Town Council, but the land is within the Parish of East Hagbourne.	
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)	
	Didcot Town Council are aware of the proposed designation and gave it their support at a meeting of their Environmental Committee on 30th April 2018. (https://www.didcot.gov.uk/uploads/20180430-minutes.pdf , item	

	542).	
1.6	Photographs of site	
	See cover page	
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space	
	Area of Community Woodland serving both East Hagbourne and Didcot town, providing public recreation and a key wildlife haven..	
2	Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	
	No	
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?.	
	No	
3	Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	3.6 Hectares (8.9 acres)	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?	
	No. The site is has well defined boundaries and is one of the few blocks of woodland within this largely open countryside.	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”?	
	Yes, it is on the northern edge of the village and is well served by footpaths from East Hagbourne village and Didcot town including the Sustrans route. It is open access and used as a community area by both village and town. The wood was planted with a number of different species of trees and native shrubs and provides a wildlife habitat. It is managed by Didcot Town Council with help from the Hagbourne Environment Group.	
4	Need for Local Green Space	

4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?	
	<p>The number of open and accessible green spaces in the parish is limited. Millenium Wood was established as an open community green space and wildlife haven to benefit both town and village.</p> <p>It is part of the "green corridor" separating East Hagbourne and Didcot and acting as a buffer between village and town.</p>	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community?	
	Yes. See map. The site is on the Northern edge of the built-up area but is centrally placed within the Parish. It is around 550m from the Church/Upper Cross and within easy walking distance (less than 2 km) of the majority of village residents and those of South Didcot too.	
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?	
	No there are no barriers .It is very accessible. Footpaths from New Road, Main Road and Didcot are paved and suitable for all-weather use.	
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council	
	<p>Owned and managed by Didcot Town Council as a Community Woodland.</p> <p>Identified as a significant green space in the EH Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study April 2017 prepared for the Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Didcot Town Council support the designation of the Millennium Wood as a Local Green Space.</p>	
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.	
	In the Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey 2016 local residents rated this area highly and over 50% of local residents who responded said that they used the Woods 1-2 times per month or more.	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders	

	Not solicited -other than as noted above	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups	
	Hagbourne Environment Group helps maintain the site. The chairman (who is also Chair of Abingdon Naturalists Society) supports this proposal for the wildlife value of the site.	
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable)	
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	This area of woodland was established in 2000 to provide a green space for the benefit of the whole community. The wood has matured beautifully and is laced with footpaths. It includes a wide variety of species of trees and an ephemeral pond and provides an important wildlife habitat. There is also an impressive and attractive standing stones feature in the centre of the site with new public benches provided.	
7.3	Site visibility	
	There are views of the Millennium wood from footpaths leading north from the Village and from the ‘Greenmere’ footpath (197/5) that passes alongside the wood, crossing from New Road to the Old Railway line (Sustrans route). The site is also visible from FP197/4 passing along the western side of the site. The wood is visible from the elevated Sustrans route and from within the Conservation Area.	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	
	No formal designation, but created as a Community Woodland.	
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	
	Yes. In the Village and Landscape Character Assessment forming the background to the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan.	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other	

	special feature?	
	Not specifically but is a key part of the green buffer providing the overall setting of the village and in particular of the Conservation Area from which the site is clearly visible	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art?	
	The site is relatively new, so we are not aware of any such references.	
8	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its <u>historic significance</u>” (if applicable)	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	No	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?	
	Not to our knowledge, however the East Hagbourne Village Character Assessment and Landscape Study (2017) notes that it is bounded by historic trackways to the south (a track dating from after the 1840 enclosure) and west (an older medieval track to/from the village straightened with a ditch in the 19th century).	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
	Not to our knowledge	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?	
	At the inauguration in 2000 the stone circle area was dedicated by an alternative druid-style Morris Team.	
9	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable)	

9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport?	
	No	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?	
	Yes, the site is open 24/7, year-round. There are many footpaths through the woodland.	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?	
	Yes, walking, dog walking, nature rambles, picnics, children's play.	
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable)	
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil?	
	Yes. It is only accessible by footpaths and away from the roads. The wooded area provides a feeling of tranquillity.	
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?	
	No, but it is away from the roads and effectively acts as a green buffer between East Hagbourne and Didcot	
11	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the <u>richness of its wildlife</u>”; (if applicable)	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	
	No. however as a relatively new community woodland it provides an important wildlife habitat. There are information boards listing the species on the site.	

11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site?	
	<p>Mixed deciduous woodland and native shrubs and ephemeral pond. Bullfinches and many other species of bird can be seen and heard.</p> <p>The South Oxfordshire Landscape Character Assessment (2017) places the site in Character Area 7, (Wessex Downs and Western Vale Fringes) and notes (p131) that the area generally has a sparse covering of trees and woodland, and promotes (p141) small-scale planting of deciduous woodland blocks using locally characteristic species such as oak and ash.</p>	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?	
	Since the woodland is relatively new, no formal survey has been carried out so far. The importance of the site for wildlife is expected to grow as the woodland matures.	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?	
	The site is partly managed by Hagbourne Environment Group who manage coppicing and trimming to encourage wildlife and support this designation, because of the wildlife value of the site.	
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>”; (if applicable)	
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?	
	<p>It was created specifically for the local community, planted in 2000 to celebrate the millennium. It has now matured into a beautiful woodland glade.</p> <p>It is a key and fully publicly assessible part of the “Green Corridor” providing a buffer zone between East Hagbourne and Didcot. It is part of the setting to East Hagbourne’s large and very special Conservation Area. It is within 150m of Mowbray Fields a designated Local Nature Reserve and adjoins Butts Piece an informal local nature reserve. The three areas together provide a key wildlife corridor to the benefit of East Hagbourne and Didcot.</p>	

