

**Blyth Neighbourhood Plan**

**Local Green Space and Protected Open Space**

**Background Paper**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The local green space (LGS) designation is a way to protect green areas or open spaces against development where they are of particular importance to local communities. LGS designations are made for use in local plans or neighbourhood plans. These plans can identify on a map ('designate') area for special protection. Once designated, LGSs receive protection consistent with national Green Belt policy.
- 1.2 Protected open space (POS) designation is a way to protect other areas of open space which are valued for their local amenity and for informal or formal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the full LGS criteria. Once designated, they should be safeguarded and only lost where detailed criteria are met.
- 1.3 The purpose of this background paper is to explain the process which will lead to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the Blyth Neighbourhood Plan (BNP). It sets out the national and local background to LGS and POS and explains the methodology used in the assessments.
- 1.4 Blyth Town Council are inviting comments on the sites that have been identified for possible allocation as LGS and POS. Comments will inform the preparation of a pre-submission draft plan on which there will be further consultation. Comments can be submitted in the following ways:
  - Completing an online form at [www.blythtowncouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-consultation.php](http://www.blythtowncouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-consultation.php);
  - Email to: [info@blythtowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@blythtowncouncil.org.uk); or
  - Write to: Blyth Town Council, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS.
- 1.5 Comments must be received by **Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2024**.

## 2. Planning policy background

### National Planning Policy Framework

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF – 2023) sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. Section 8 of the NPPF highlights the important role the planning system can play in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities.

2.2 Paragraph 98 highlights that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities. Paragraph 99 states that:

*‘Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:*

- *an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or*
- *the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or*
- *the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.’*

2.3 With regard to Local Green Space (LGS) designation, paragraph 101 states:

*‘The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should 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 updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.’*

2.4 Paragraph 102 explains when the designation should be used:

*‘The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:*

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

2.5 Paragraph 103 identifies that local policy for managing development within a LGS should be consistent with policy for Green Belts. National Green Belt policy requires that inappropriate development, that which is harmful to the allocation, on land designated as LGS will only be permitted where very special circumstances can be demonstrated.

### National Planning Practice Guidance

2.6 The NPPF is supported by guidance set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). With regard to LGS, NPPG identifies:

- Designating LGS needs to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. 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: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306);

- LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306);
- LGS may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village, neighbourhood, town or city (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306);
- If land is already protected by another designation, consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as LGS (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-010-20140306);
- The LGS will need to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the NPPF (see paragraph 2.3 above). Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, as well as urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis (Paragraph: 013 Reference ID: 37-013-20140306);
- 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 (Paragraph: 014 Reference ID: 37-014-20140306);
- There are no hard and fast rules about how big a LGS can be because places are different, and a degree of judgment will inevitably be needed. However, paragraph 100 of the NPPF is clear that LGS designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently, blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. 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 (Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306);
- Provided land can meet the criteria at paragraph 77 of the NPPF there is no lower size limit for an LGS (Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 37-016-20140306);
- Land can be designated as LGS even if there is not public access e.g., green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty. Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with landowners, whose legal rights must be respected (Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 37-017-20140306);
- Areas that may be considered for designation as LGS may be crossed by public rights of way. There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation (Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306);
- A LGS does not need to be in public ownership. However, the qualifying body should contact landowners at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as LGS. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan (Paragraph: 019 Reference ID: 37-019-20140306);
- Designating a green area as LGS would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners (Paragraph: 020 Reference ID: 37-020-20140306);
- Management of land designated as LGS will remain the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is likely to be an important consideration. Local communities can consider how, with the landowner's agreement, they might be able to get involved, perhaps in partnership with interested organisations that can provide advice or resources (Paragraph: 021 Reference ID: 37-021-20140306); and

- Land designated as LGS may potentially also be nominated for listing by the local authority as an Asset of Community Value. Listing gives community interest groups an opportunity to bid if the owner wants to dispose of the land. (Paragraph: 022 Reference ID: 37-022-20140306).

2.7 POS designation can be applied to those areas of open space which are valued for their local amenity value and for informal or formal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the full LGS criteria. NPPG identifies that open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors, and country parks. It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have an ecological value and contribute to green infrastructure, as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development.

### 3. Local green space and protected open space methodology

#### Background

3.1 In order to seek to identify areas of LGS and POS which meet the requirements of the NPPF and NPPG, Blyth Town Council (LPC) prepared a methodology to be followed. The application of the methodology is described below.

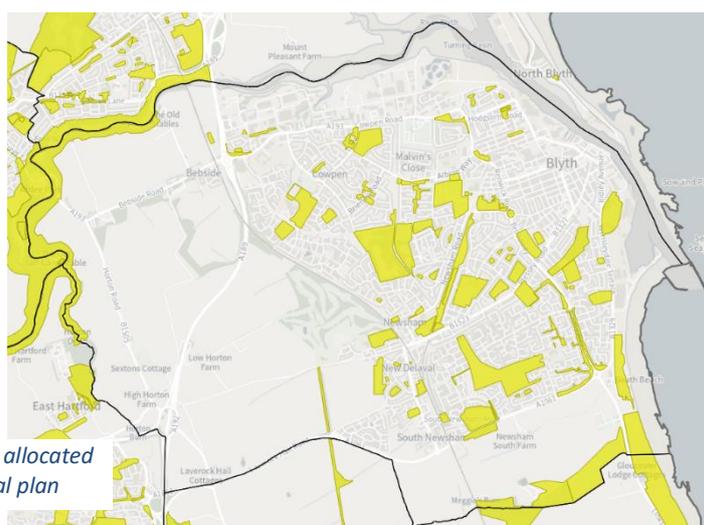


**Figure 1:** LGS identification process

#### **Step 1: Identification of green/ open spaces, including early engagement**

3.2 The first step was to identify a list of green areas and open spaces to assess as potential LGS and POS. A variety of sources of information will be used to inform this process:

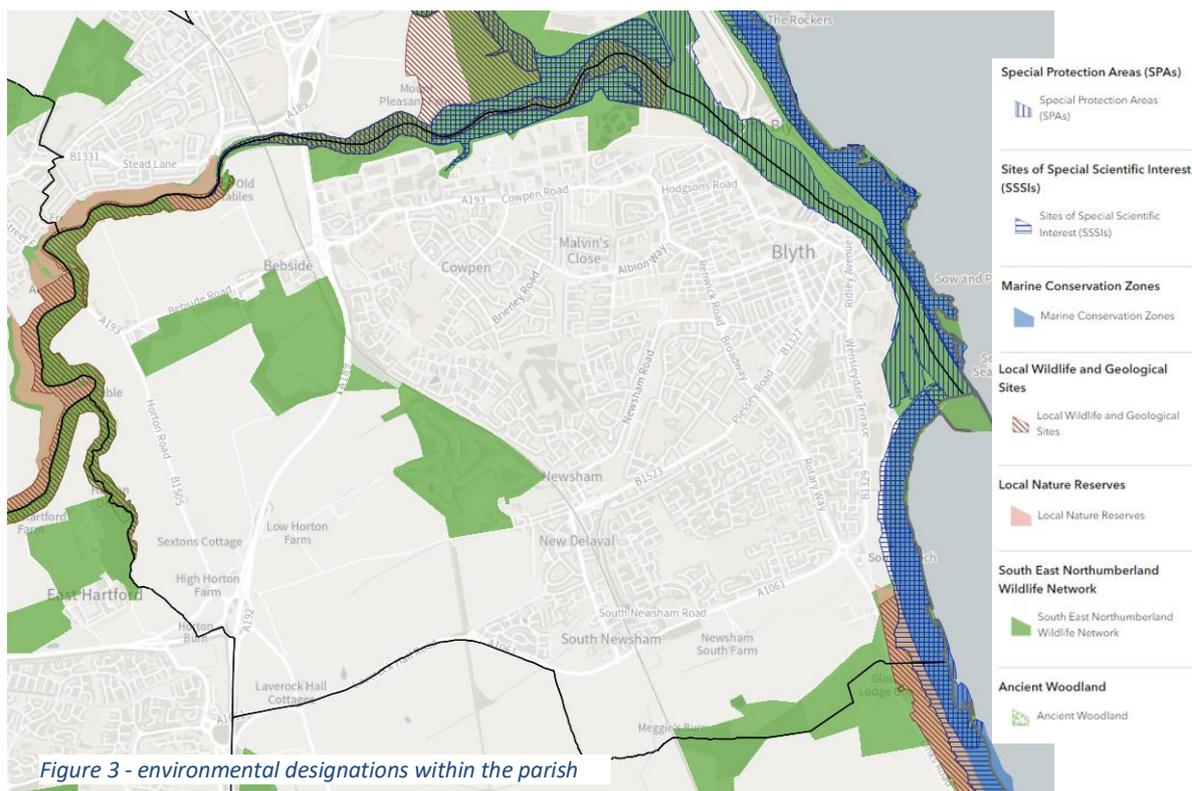
- Sites allocated as POS in the Northumberland Local Plan;
- Northumberland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision Assessment (2011)<sup>1</sup>;
- Northumberland Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011)<sup>2</sup>;
- Review of current information, such as local studies, character appraisal and the historic environment record; and
- Feedback from early engagement on the neighbourhood plan.



**Figure 2 - POS allocated within the local plan**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Reports.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Reports.aspx>



**Step 2: Assessment of spaces, including further engagement**

- 3.3 Once the list of green spaces and maps have been collected from the sources listed in step 1, a small working group assessed their suitability for designation as LGS against the criteria in the NPPF and NPPG as outlined in section 2.
- 3.4 To be identified as LGS all of the following criteria, identified in table 1 below were required to be met:

*Table 1 – LGS assessment criteria required to be met by all potential sites*

Criteria	Explanation
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the designation would be compatible with the planning permission or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented. (NPPG Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306) <b>Q: Does the space have planning permission?</b>
Land is not allocated or proposed for development in the local or neighbourhood plan. Unless it can be shown that the LGS could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development.	LGS should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services (NPPF Paragraph 99) Designating any LGS 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 (NPPG Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306)

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	The space should be capable of enduring beyond the plan Period (NPPF Paragraph 99) <b>Q: Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Development Plan?</b>
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	LGS designation should only be used where the green area is not an extensive tract of land. Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. (NPPG Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306) <b>Q: How close is the space to the community it serves?</b> <b>Q: Where are the nearest centres of population?</b>
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	LGS may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or a neighbourhood in a town. (NPPG Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306) The space must be demonstrably special by meeting at least one of criterion in the following table. <b>Q: Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the town council, ward member(s)?</b>

- 3.5 The criteria in table 2 below then seeks to draw out what it is about the space that makes it ‘demonstrably special to the local community’. A LGS should meet at least one of the criteria in the table below, although some spaces will meet more than one of the criteria:

*Table 2 - criteria to demonstrate why a site is special*

Criteria	Explanation
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. conservation area)
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g., conservation area) Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation. (NPPG Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306) What variety of recreational activities does the space

Criteria	Explanation
	support? (e.g., the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation) Is the space already identified in the Northumberland Open Space study?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? Why is the space considered to be tranquil? Is the space used for quiet reflection?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g., is it a SSSI, SNCI or local nature reserve). Are any important habitats or species found in the space? Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g., protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the red, amber or green lists of species of conservation concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria above	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?

- 3.6 The assessment then concluded whether all the nationally required criteria have been met and listed the relevant local criteria and whether the space is considered to be suitable as LGS.
- 3.7 For sites that were not considered to meet the required criteria, consideration was then given to whether they should be allocated as protected open space. This considered whether the space was valued for any of the following reasons: as a natural/ semi-natural greenspace; as amenity green space; or for informal recreation.
- 3.8 Protected open space designation would not be considered appropriate for large areas of arable land which form part of the open countryside, which would be protected as part of its countryside location outside of the settlement boundary. As part of the assessment, the working group were mindful proposed allocations within the Northumberland Local Plan.
- 3.9 To inform the initial assessment engagement is currently taking place on this draft LGS and POS background paper. This included consultation with the owners of the sites proposed for designation.

### **Step 3: Feedback - pre-submission neighbourhood plan**

- 3.10 The pre-submission neighbourhood plan will then propose the allocation of areas of local green space and protected open space. Through consultation on the plan, the town council will seek further feedback on the proposed designations.

### **Step 4: Submission neighbourhood plan**

- 3.11 Responses received to the consultation on the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan will be considered and will inform the preparation of the submission plan, which will be subject to a further six-week public consultation organised by Northumberland County Council.

### **Step 5: Examination/ referendum/ adoption**

- 3.12 Following the submission of the neighbourhood plan, it will then be examined by an independent examiner. The examiner will review the evidence base for the plan – including whether there is evidence to justify the allocation of LGS and POS. Once the plan passes examination it will then go to referendum and will be formally ‘made’ by Northumberland County Council.

## **4. Conclusion and next steps**

- 4.1 This background paper explains the process which will led to the proposed designation of areas of LGS and POS in the Blyth Neighbourhood Plan. It summarises the national and local background to LGS and POS and explained the methodology that has been used in the assessments.
- 4.2 All the sites that have been assessed for designation are included in appendix 1 – this provides a brief explanation of the reasons why a site has or has not been proposed to be included in the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan. Further details on those that have proposed to be allocated as LGS is included within Appendix 2 and site maps included within Appendix 3.
- 4.3 Appendix 4 contains the assessment for the areas of POS proposed to be allocated within the neighbourhood plan, with maps included within Appendix 5.
- 4.4 Responses received to this consultation will inform the preparation of a pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan that will be subject to further consultation.

## Appendix 1 All sites assessed – summary

Site Ref	Site name	The space is not designated for development/ has planning permission	The space is not an extensive tract of land	The space in close proximity to the community it serves	The space is demonstrably special for any of the following reasons?					The space should be designated as Local Green Space	Comments
					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife		
1	Bolam Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Large allotments located within the centre of the urban area. Allocated as POS in NLP (3252 and 3304). Managed by Blyth Smallholdings and Allotment Association. Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being in the town. The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects. <b>The allotments meet the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>
2	Carlton Avenue Allotments	x								x	No longer allotments – lost to development.
3	Delaval Crescent Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Small allotments surrounded by residential development. Allocated as POS in NLP (3279). Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A

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4	Beatrice Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Large allotment site located on the edge of the built up area. Allocated as POS in NLP (part of 3280) managed by Newsham and New Delaval Allotment Association. Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being in the town. The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects. <b>The allotments meet the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>
5	Laverock Place Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Small allotment site located on the edge of the built-up area (with further allotments to the west). Allocated as POS in NLP (part of 3280). Used regularly by allotment holders and

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6	Bebside Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Small allotment site located on the edge of the built-up area. Allocated as POS in NLP (3288). Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town. The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects. <b>The allotments meet the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>
7	Newsham Side Club Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Allotment site within the built-up area. Opposite another allotment site. Allocated as POS in NLP (3289) managed by Newsham and New Delaval Allotment Association. Used

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8	South View Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Allotment site within the built-up area. Opposite another allotment site. Allocated as POS in NLP (3290) managed by Blyth Smallholdings and Allotment Association. Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being in the town. The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects. <b>The allotments meet the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>
9	Tenth Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Small allotment site surrounded by residential dwellings. Allocated as POS

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											in NLP (3291). Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being in the town. The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects. The Northumberland Historic Environment Record identifies that an arrowhead was found in this location. <b>The allotments meet the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>
10	Wensleydale Terrace Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Allotment site within the built-up area. Allocated as POS in NLP (3298). Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town. The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects. <b>The allotments meet the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>

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11	Cramlington Terrace Allotments	x								x	No longer allotments – lost to development
12	20th Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Allotments within the built-up area, adjacent to open space. Allocated as POS in NLP (3307). Managed by Blyth Smallholdings and Allotment Association. Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being in the town. The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects. <b>The allotments meet the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>
13	Cottingwood Green	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	Area of green space which is important to the character of the local area. The site includes a park and MUGA. Well used by the local community for recreation, close to new residential development. Allocated as POS (amenity greenspace) in NLP (3031). <b>The site therefore meets the criteria for protection as LGS.</b>

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14	Leaholme Crescent	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) within the NLP (3098) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
15	Stannington Street	x								x	Whilst the site was identified in the open space assessment, it has been <b>allocated for housing in the NLP therefore cannot be allocated as LGS.</b>
16	Millfield Gardens	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3101) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
17	Play area on Crawford Street/ Millfield Gardens	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Not allocated as POS within the NLP, however the site includes a play area. it is therefore considered appropriate <b>for allocation as POS within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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18	Chestnut Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Part of the site is allocated as (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3102) is considered an appropriate designation. The local plan POS allocation does not include all of the open space which is important to the amenity of the area. Therefore, it is <b>considered that the POS designation should be extended.</b>
19	Cowpen Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area and includes a small park, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3103) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
20	Trevelyan Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3104) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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21	Rotary Way	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3110) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
22	Glendale Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3112) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
23	Devonworth Place	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3114) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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24	Brierley Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3115) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
25	Briarley Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3116) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
26	Stanton Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3117) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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27	Wharton Street	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3118) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
28	St Bedes Place	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3122) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
29	Laverock Place	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3123) and also includes play area, it is considered that POS designation is appropriate. <b>No need to repeat this within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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30	Balfour Street	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area and used for informal recreation, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) (3154) and (provision for children and young people) (3003) in NLP is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
31	Maple Crescent	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3155) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
32	Cowpen Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3156) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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33	Lonsdale Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3157) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
34	Renwick Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3158) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
35	Weardale Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3159) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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36	Albion Way 1	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3161) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
37	Albion Way 2	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3163) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
38	Albion Way 3	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3164) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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39	Princess Louise Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3165) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
40	Ninth Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3176) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
41	Sixth Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3177) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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42	Rear of Newsham Road	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Area of open space which is well used by the local community for recreation, including dog walking. Several informal paths cross the site. The site contains a railway signal post which is identified on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record. Important to the character of the local area. Allocated as POS (amenity greenspace) in NLP (3178). As a result of the importance of the site to the local community it is considered <b>appropriate for LGS designation.</b>
43	Seventh Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3183) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
44	Dent Street	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3184) is

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											considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
45	Solingen Estate 1	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3186) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
46	Solingen Estate 2	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3187) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
47	Wansbeck Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3188) is considered an appropriate

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48	Wharton Street	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3190) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
49	Dunlin Drive	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3193) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
50	Plover Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3194) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat</b>

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51	Shearwater Way	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3195) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
52	Ashford Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3196) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
53	Broadway Roundabout	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3240) is considered appropriate. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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54	Gladstone Street	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3241) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
55	Briardale Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	Area of open space that includes MUGA and informal greenspace. Well used by the local community. The site includes a grade II listed Cowpen war memorial and is important to the setting of the adjacent grade II listed Roman Catholica Church of St Cuthbert. The Northumberland Historic Environment Record also has an entry for ridge and furrow around Cowpen Hall. Allocated as POS (amenity greenspace/ outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3245 and 3071). The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
56	Ullswater Close	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its

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											allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3247) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
57	Burns Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area and includes a play area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3248) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
58	Byron Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3249) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
59	Swaledale Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity

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											greenspace) in the NLP (3251) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
60	Brierley Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area and includes a play area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3259) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
61	The Oval	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area and includes a playing field, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3261) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
62	Chase Meadows	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area and includes a play area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP

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											(3269) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
63	Land at Crawford Street/ Hodgsons Road	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in NLP (6242) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
64	Links Road South Beach Roundabout	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (6232) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
65	Small areas, South Beach	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (6245) is considered an appropriate

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66	Corridor, Sandringham Drive	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x		Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (6244) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
67	Newsham Pond	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Formerly a reservoir from Newsham Colliery, now comprises a partially infilled pond, grassland and scrub. The site is important for wildlife, including many species. Well used by the local community for informal recreation and the site includes informal paths. Allocated as POS (natural and semi natural greenspace) in the NLP (3060). The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
68	Isabella Heap	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Allocated as POS (natural and semi natural greenspace) in the NLP (part 3172 and part 3023). The site formed

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											part of the larger Cowpen Colliery, which has shaped the local area. It is very important to the local community. It has an active volunteer group which undertake and arrange a variety of activities. A tranquil site which is rich in wildlife. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
69	Isabella Field	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (part of 3020 – parks and gardens) in the NLP. Includes a full size grass football pitch, junior pitch and a skate park. The site formed part of the larger Cowpen Colliery, which has shaped the local area. It is very important to the local community. It has an active volunteer group which undertake and arrange a variety of activities. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
70	Crofton Field	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	An area of open space used for informal recreation. Includes wooded walks and open grassed areas. The trees provide a tranquil experience

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											and an important habitat for wildlife. The site lies on the former Crofton Mill Pit which operated from 1885 to 1969. The site is allocated as POS (natural/ semi natural greenspace) in the NLP (3175). The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
71	South Newsham Reclamation	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Although the site is important to the character of the local area, its allocation as POS (natural and semi natural greenspace) in the NLP (3339) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
72	Meggies Burn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Part of the site is allocated as POS (natural and semi natural greenspace) in the NLP (3359). The extended site includes a reservoir. The site is included on the historic environment report. It is used regularly by walkers and a model aircraft club. A tranquil location which forms part of the SE Northumberland Wildlife Network. The site therefore <b>meets the</b>

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73	Halfpenny Woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The site is allocated as POS (natural and semi-natural greenspace) in the NLP (3360) the allocation extends outside the boundary of the parish. Allocated as a local wildlife and geological site (Plessey Woods). The northern most part of the site is allocated as a local nature reserve (Half Penny Woods). The tranquil woodland and riverside setting are of importance to the character of the local area. The site includes several entries on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record. Highly valued by local residents and visited by many people from outside the parish. The site is home to many birds and other animals. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
74	South of Plessey Old Wagonway	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The site forms part of a wider allocation of POS (natural and semi natural greenspace) in the NLP (3340 – part). Well used by the local

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											community, particularly dog walkers and horse riders. A tranquil, wooded area which provides an important habitat for many birds. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
75	Croft Park	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3009). Located within the built-up area. Home to Blyth Spartans Football Club since 1899. Well used facility. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
76	Broadway Field	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) within the NLP (3008). Includes football pitches, play area and open space. Well used by the local community. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
77	Eleventh Avenue	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site provides important recreation facilities, its allocation as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3016) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to</b>

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78	Cricket & Rugby Club	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site provides important recreation facilities, its allocation as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3017) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
79	Gloucester Lodge	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site provides important recreation facilities (two rugby pitches), its allocation as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3018). The site also lies within the Green Belt. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
80	Blyth Academy Playing Fields	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	Although the site provides important facilities its allocation as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3035) is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>

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81	New Delaval Park	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3041). The site includes a grade II listed war memorial. It is well used by the local community for recreation and has a senior football pitch, bowls and tennis court. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
82	Cowpen and Crofton Welfare Bowling Green	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3088). Adjacent to Blyth Civic Centre which was a former colliery welfare building. Included in the historic environment record. Well used by the local bowls club. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
83	South Newsham Pavilion	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3270). Included on the historic environment record – it formed part of the Newsham Colliery. Although there is no public access the club has many local members. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>

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84	Bede Academy (north) Playing Fields	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Part of the site is allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3313). No public access. Although the site is not considered to meet LGS criteria, <b>the POS should be extended to include the full site.</b>
85	St Wilfrid's RC Primary School fields	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3316) this is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
86	Bede Academy (north)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in the NLP (3332) this is considered an appropriate designation. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
87	Cowpen Recreation Ground	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (parks and gardens) in the NLP (3043). Well used by the local community. Includes football pitches and is used as a site for a fairground. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife		
88	South Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	Allocated as POS (parks and gardens) in the NLP (3044). Highly valued by the local community for recreation it includes 3 play areas and senior football pitches. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
89	Blyth Links & Beach Gardens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The site is highly valued by the local community and visitors to the area. It is valued for its beauty (important to the setting of the town), historic importance (includes several designated and non-designated heritage assets), recreation (well-used by the local community), tranquillity (tranquil seaside site) and wildlife value (adjacent to internationally designated sites). Most of the site is allocated as POS (parks and gardens) in NLP (3335). The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
90	Ridley Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The site is important to the character of the local area. It includes a grade II listed war memorial. The park has an

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife		
											active 'friends of' group who organises several activities across the year. Allocated as POS (parks and gardens) in the NLP (3337) with several facilities including park, bowling greens, tennis courts and a water play area. The wooded and wildflower areas in particular support local wildlife. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
91	Blyth Sports Centre	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	A small part of the site is allocated as POS (provision for young people) in the NLP (3002 and 3069). The wider site is also used as for informal recreation and is important to the character of the local area. Whilst it is not considered appropriate to designate the site as LGS given the amenity value of the wider site it is considered that <b>the POS designation should be extended.</b>
92	St Mary's Church	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	Important to the setting of the grade II listed church. Included in open space assessment but not allocation in the NLP as protected by law. Allocation in

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					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife		
											the neighbourhood plan would not add any further protection.
93	Cowpen Cemetery	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	The site includes 3 grade II listed structures and is a tranquil area for personal reflection. Trees and planting on the site support wildlife. Included in open space assessment but not allocation in the NLP as protected by law. Allocation in the neighbourhood plan would not add any further protection. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
94	St Cuthberts	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	Important to the setting of the grade II listed church. Included in open space assessment but not allocation in the NLP as protected by law. Allocation in the neighbourhood plan would not add any further protection. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
95	Blyth Cemetery	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	Included in open space assessment but not allocations in the NLP as protected by law. The site also lies within the Green Belt. Allocation in the

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Site Ref	Site name	The space is not designated for development/ has planning permission	The space is not an extensive tract of land	The space in close proximity to the community it serves	The space is demonstrably special for any of the following reasons?					The space should be designated as Local Green Space	Comments
					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife		
											neighbourhood plan would not add any further protection. <b>No need to repeat designation within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
96	Bede Academy (south), South Beach	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	Playing fields associated with the school. Not allocated within the NLP. <b>Appropriate to include as POS within the neighbourhood plan.</b>
97	South of the River Blyth, east of Halfpenny woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The site is important to the character of the local area. It includes three entries on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record. It is well used by the local community for informal recreation. A tranquil riverside site which supports a variety of wildlife. The site therefore <b>meets the requirements to be allocated as LGS.</b>
98	Blyth Golf Course	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	Although the site is large it is not considered an extensive tract of land in the context of the town. The site is well used by the local community for informal recreation (golf on the course itself and dog walking/ horse riding around the edge of the site) and it is

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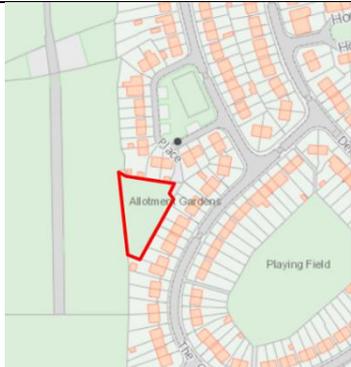
Site Ref	Site name	The space is not designated for development/ has planning permission	The space is not an extensive tract of land	The space in close proximity to the community it serves	The space is demonstrably special for any of the following reasons?					The space should be designated as Local Green Space	Comments
					Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife		
											also important to the amenity and character of the local area. The historic environment record includes a number of entries on the site. Therefore, it is considered it should be <b>proposed for designation as LGS.</b>
100	Dene View Drive	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x		Important to the character of the local area and used for informal recreation. Whilst the site is not considered to meet the LGS requirements <b>it is appropriate to designate as POS.</b>

## Appendix 2 Detailed Assessment of proposed LGS

Site Ref	LGS1	
Site Name	<b>Bolam Avenue Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council - Managed by Blyth Smallholdings and Allotment Association.	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3252 and 3304)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Whilst the allotments are large (7.99ha) in the context of Blyth they are not an extensive tract of land.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the centre of the urban area, close to residential properties
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS2	
Site Name	<b>Delaval Crescent Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council	
  		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3279)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small site 0.10ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Surrounded by residential development
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

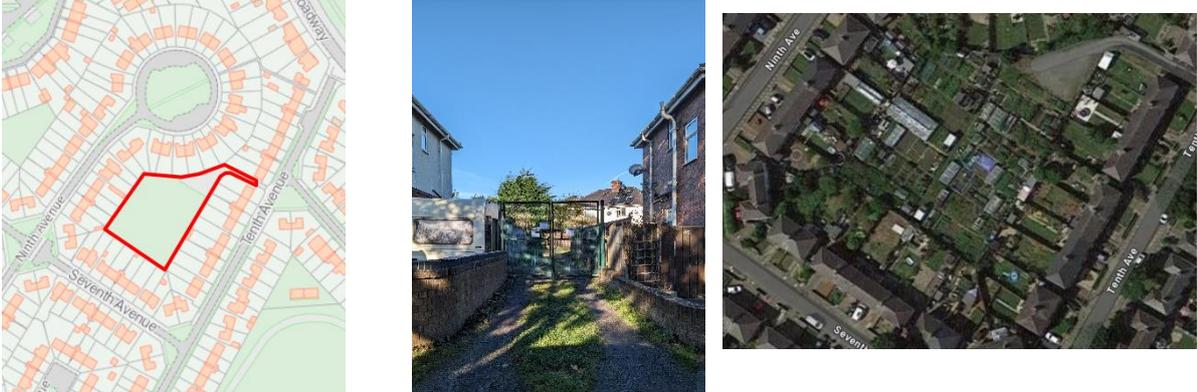
Site Ref	LGS3	
Site Name	<b>Beatrice Avenue Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council - managed by Newsham and New Delaval Allotment Association	
  		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (part of 3280)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Whilst the allotments are fairly large (2.71ha) in the context of Blyth they are not an extensive tract of land.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the town, adjacent to residential properties.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS4	
Site Name	<b>Laverock Place Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council	
  		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (part of 3280)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small allotments
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the town, adjacent to residential properties
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS5	
Site Name	<b>Bebside Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3288)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small allotments (0.36ha)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the built up area, close to residential properties
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS6	
Site Name	<b>Newsham Side Club Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council - managed by Newsham and New Delaval Allotment Association	
  		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3289)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small allotments (1.79ha)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Lies within the built up area of the town, close to residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS7	
Site Name	<b>South View Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council - managed by Blyth Smallholdings and Allotment Association	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3290)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small allotment site (0.47)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built-up area, close to residential properties
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS8	
Site Name	<b>Tenth Avenue Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3291)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small allotment site (0.27ha)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Surrounded by residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
<p>It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS9	
Site Name	<b>Wensleydale Terrace Allotments</b>	
Ownership	Blyth Town Council	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3298)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small allotment site (1.79ha)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built-up area, close to residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
<p>It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS10
Site Name	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Allotments</b>
Ownership	Blyth Town Council - Managed by Blyth Smallholdings and Allotment Association.

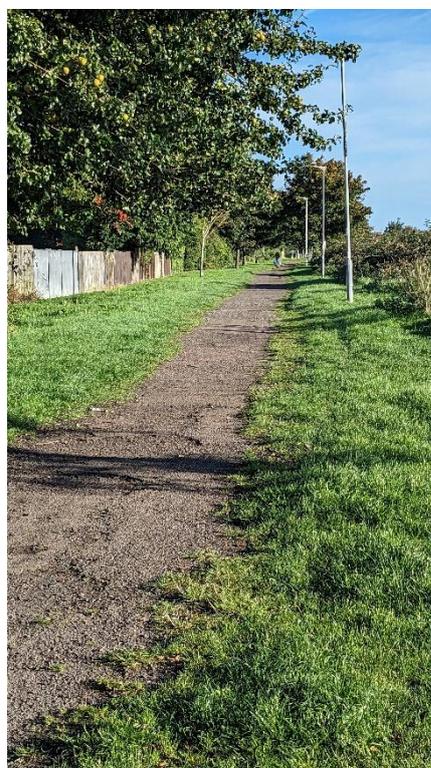
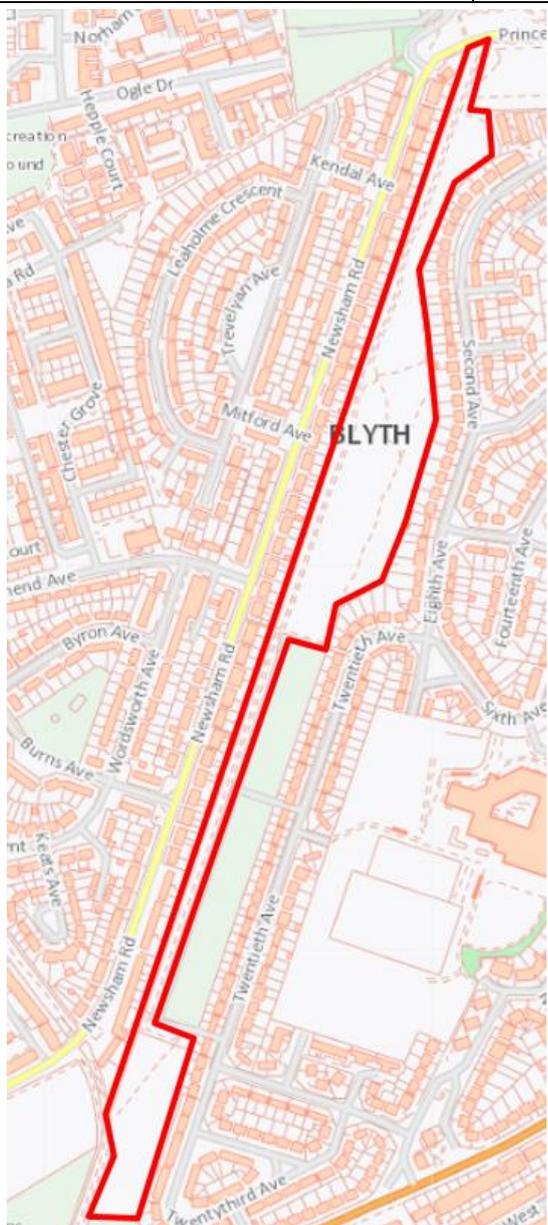


All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS in the NLP (3307)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small allotment site (1.16)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located in the built-up area, adjacent to open space and residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
At least one criterion must be met		Comments
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its	✓	Used regularly by allotment holders and their families. The allotments provide significant physical

recreational value.		and mental health benefits. A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil area despite being located in the town.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The allotments are an important habitat for many species of small mammals, birds and insects.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS11	
Site Name	<b>Cottingwood Green</b>	
Ownership	Northumberland County Council	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (amenity greenspace) in the NLP (3031)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small site 0.76ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built up area, surrounded by residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Area of green space which is important to the character of the local area. The site includes a park and MUGA. Well used by the local community for recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS12
Site Name	<b>Rear of Newsham Road</b>
Ownership	Northumberland County Council

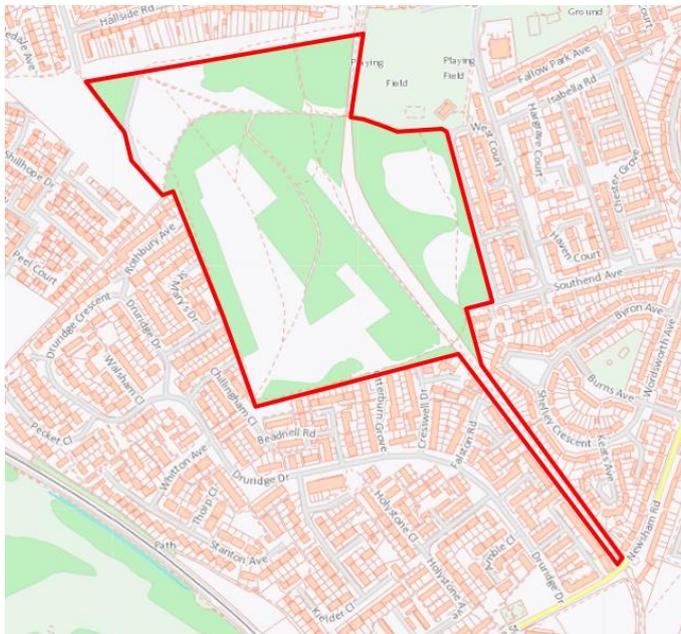


All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)		Comments
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (amenity greenspace) in NLP (3178)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	4.33ha – not an extensive tract of land within the context of the town
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built up area, close to residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below

<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site contains a railway signal post which is identified on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the local community for recreation, including dog walking. Includes a number of informal paths cross the site.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS13	
Site Name	<b>Briardale Road</b>	
Ownership	Northumberland County Council	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (amenity greenspace/ outdoor sports facilities) in NLP (3245 and 3071).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1.33ha – small site
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located within the built up area, close to residential properties
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the character of the local area
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site includes a grade II listed Cowpen war memorial and is important to the setting of the adjacent grade II listed Roman Catholic Church of St Cuthbert. The Northumberland Historic Environment Record also has an entry for ridge and furrow around Cowpen Hall.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the local community for informal recreation. The site includes a MUGA.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS14	
Site Name	<b>Newsham Pond</b>	
Ownership	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Not an extensive tract of land (1.37ha)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Allocated as POS (natural and semi natural greenspace) in NLP (3060)
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the character of the local area
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Formerly a reservoir from Newsham Colliery. Included on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the local community for informal recreation and to watch the wildlife.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil site.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	Designated as a non-statutory nature reserve. Most of the west, north and east banks are thickly covered in willow, providing cover for water fowl and small mammals, including water vole. A dipping platform has been provided on the pond. Species include great crested newt, large red damselfly, azure damselfly and common hawkler.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS15	
Site Name	<b>Isabella Heap</b>	
Ownership	Northumberland County Council	
  		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (natural and semi natural green space) in the NLP (part of 3172 and part of 3020), part unallocated
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Although the site extends to 17 ha, it is not considered to be a large site in the context of Blyth
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the character of the local area.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Isabella Pit was part of the larger Cowpen Colliery. The Durham Mining Museum website lists the beginning of the sinking of the Isabella Colliery as the 30 <sup>th</sup> of October 1848. It was at its most productive in the 1930s, when it employed 917 men. The colliery was connected to the railway, which was built by the owners of Cowpen Colliery. The railway was built between Blyth and Hartley for the purpose of linking to the Tyne (the Blyth and Tyne Railway) It was worked until 1966. The site is included in the Northumberland Historic Environment Record.

<p>The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>The site is well used by the local community for recreation. It has an active <a href="#">volunteer group</a>. The group is very active and undertakes a significant number of activities including delivering environmental enhancement and access projects, tree management, pond dipping, wildlife surveys, community events and litter picking.</p>
<p>The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>A tranquil site, away from the hustle and bustle of the town.</p>
<p>The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Includes red squirrels.</p>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p>		
<p>It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.</p>		

Site Ref	LGS16	
Site Name	<b>Isabella Field</b>	
Ownership	Northumberland County Council	
  		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (part of 3020 – parks and gardens) in the NLP
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Although the site extends to 3.7ha, it is not considered to be a large site in the context of Blyth
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the character of the local area
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Isabella Pit was part of the larger Cowpen Colliery. The Durham Mining Museum website lists the beginning of the sinking of the Isabella Colliery as the 30 <sup>th</sup> of October 1848. It was at its most productive in the 1930s, when it employed 917 men. The colliery was connected to the railway, which was built by the owners of Cowpen Colliery. The railway was built between Blyth and Hartley for the purpose of linking to the Tyne (the Blyth and Tyne Railway) It was worked until 1966. The site is included in the Northumberland Historic Environment Record.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Includes a full size grass football pitch and grass junior spaces and a skate park.
The proposed space is of particular	x	

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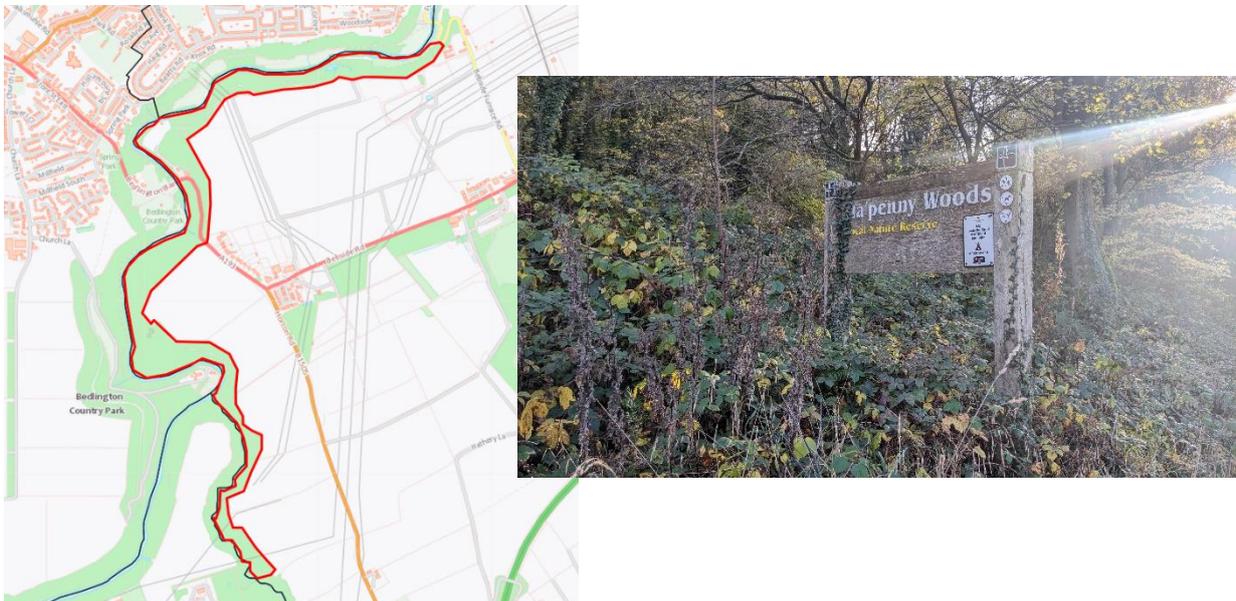
local significance because of its tranquillity.		
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS17	
Site Name	<b>Crofton Field</b>	
Ownership	Northumberland County Council	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	The site is allocated as POS (natural/ semi natural greenspace) in NLP (3175).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Although the site extends to 4.9ha, the site is not considered to be extensive in the context of the town.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built-up area, surrounded by residential properties
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	The trees in particular are an important part of the character of the local area
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site lies on the former Crofton Mill Pit which was sunk on the site of an old mill in January 1885. It closed in 1969. The colliery had one shaft, which was 558 feet deep, and an underground shaft. It had an escape route through North Pit, later called Bates Pit and there were also underground connections to Isabella Pit. Crofton worked ten seams of coal using many different mining methods. It was also a highly mechanised colliery achieving a peak output of 366.000 tons of coal. The site is included in the Northumberland Historic Environment Record.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	An area of open space used for informal recreation. Includes wooded walks and open grassed areas. The active <a href="#">Friends of Crofton Field</a> group was established in 2021 which seeks to improve the

		area for the benefit of local residents and users. Activities include wildlife enhancement projects such as tree planting, the establishment of a community garden, grass cutting and litter picking.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil location, especially within the wooded parts of the site.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	The trees provide an important habitat for wildlife
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS18	
Site Name	<b>Meggies Burn</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Part of the site is allocated as POS (natural and semi-natural greenspace) in the NLP (3359) the allocation extends outside the boundary of the parish.
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Although the site extends to approximately 14ha this is not considered to be extensive in the context of the town.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located on the edge of the parish, however within walking distance of members of the local community living in South Newsham and also in the adjacent parish of Seaton Valley.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	The woodland is an important part of the character of the area.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site includes two entries on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record (Blyth Waterworks and Nesham Quarry). The reservoir was used to supply the coal mining industry and workers with a supply of fresh water.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Visited regularly by walkers and used by members of a local fishing club and model aircraft club.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil location
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	Forms part of the SE Northumberland Wildlife Network. Given its position on the coast and proximity to the Northumberland Marine Special Protection Area, and inclusion of a reservoir the site provides an important habitat for wildlife (frogs, newts and dragonflies).

<b>Conclusion</b>
<p>It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space. Although the site is already protected through its location within the Green Belt, it is considered that the designation as LGS illustrates its importance to the local community.</p>

Site Ref	LGS19	
Site Name	Halfpenny Woods	
Ownership	Northumberland County Council	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	The site is allocated as POS (natural and semi-natural greenspace) in the NLP (3360) the allocation extends outside the boundary of the parish. Allocated as a local wildlife and geological site (Plessey Woods) The northern most part of the site is allocated as a local nature reserve (Half Penny Woods)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	The site extends to 35ha, this is not considered large in the context of the town.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	The site lies closer to the residents of East and West Bedlington, however it is easily accessible by the residents of the plan area, particularly those living to the north of the parish.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	The woodland in particular is important to the character of the local area.
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site includes several entries on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record, including: Weir across the River Blyth, Bebside Quarry, Smithy, Well, Humford former village and Stepping stones across the River Blyth, Ford.
The proposed space is of particular	✓	Highly valued by the local community and visitors

local significance because of its recreational value.		to the area for recreation. The site includes several well maintained footpaths.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil wooded site adjacent to the river.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	Plessey Woods is a local wildlife and geological site. The northern most part of the site is a local nature reserve (Half Penny Woods). The woodland is home to many birds, such as the great spotted woodpecker, nuthatch and tree creeper, as well as animals including the red squirrel, roe deer and fox. The banks of the River Blyth are also an important habitat for wildlife, such as kingfishers, dippers and otters. Lies within the SE Northumberland Wildlife Network.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS20	
Site Name	<b>South of Plessey Old Wagonway</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	The site forms part of a wider allocation of POS (natural and semi natural greenspace) in NLP (3340 – part)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Small site 3.2ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Close to residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Former mineral railway line
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by dog walkers and horse riders.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil, wooded area.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The woodland provides an important habitat for many birds.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS21	
Site Name	<b>Croft Park</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in NLP (3009).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	A small site 0.92ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located in the built up area, surrounded by dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The home to Blyth Spartans Football Club which was founded in 1899
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used both formal and informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS22	
Site Name	<b>Broadway Field</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in NLP (3008).
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	A small site 3.7ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Located in the built up area, surrounded by dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The site includes two full sized grass football pitches and a junior pitch, play area and open space. Well used by the local community for both formal and informal recreation.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS23	
Site Name	<b>New Delaval Park</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council (part)</b> <b>Lord Haistings (part)</b>	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in NLP (3041)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	A small site (2.67ha)
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Adjacent to residential dwellings
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site includes a grade II listed war memorial.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The site is well used by the local community for informal recreation. It includes a senior football pitch, bowls and tennis courts.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS24	
Site Name	<b>Cowpen and Crofton Welfare Bowling Green</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in NLP (3088)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	0.15ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built up area.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Adjacent to Blyth Civic Centre which was a former colliery welfare building – colliery wheel is located outside the site. It is included on the historic environment record.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the bowling club members.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS25	
Site Name	<b>South Newsham Pavilion</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (outdoor sports facilities) in NLP (3270)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	5.29ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site is included in the Northumberland Historic Environment Record, it formed part of the Newsham Colliery.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Whilst the site is not open for use by the local community it is well used by club members, who include the local community.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS26	
Site Name	<b>Cowpen Recreation Ground</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Allocated as POS (parks and gardens) in NLP (3043)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	4.40ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the built up area
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Has been in use as a recreation ground for many years.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the local community for informal recreation. The site includes 2 senior football pitches and a junior pitch. Also hosts an annual fair.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS27	
Site Name	<b>South Beach</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council (part)</b> <b>Miller Homes (part)</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	18.94ha – although the site is large, it is not considered to be an extensive tract of land in the context of the town.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	Within the urban area – surrounded by residential dwellings.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the character of the local area
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the local community for both informal and formal recreation. Includes a recently refurbished play area and three senior football pitches. Venue for the local park run.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	x	
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS28	
Site Name	<b>Blyth Links &amp; Beach Gardens</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	The majority of the site is allocated as POS (parks and gardens) in NLP (3335)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	6.5ha – not an extensive tract of land in the context of the town
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the town
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the setting of the southern part of the town
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site includes a scheduled monument (coastal artillery battery on Blyth Links) and three grade II listed buildings (defence electric light emplacements to east of Link House; public lavatory, outbuilding and enclosing walls, to east of Link House; and Fort on Blyth Links). The site includes several entries on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record, including: Beach Bandstand, pillboxes, bronze age axe (findspot), anti-tank obstacles, engine house, defence lights, barrage balloon, blockhouse, lookout, rangefinder tower, warrant officers quarters, wash house, and

		gun emplacements.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The site is highly valued by local residents and visitors to the area for informal recreation. The site also includes a playground, the Blyth Beach Huts and is well used for local events (Blyth Live, classic cars etc).
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil seaside site.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The site is adjacent to the Northumberland Marine Special Protection Area, the Northumberland Shore Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Berwick to St Mary's Marine Conservation Zone. Includes part of the Seaton Sluice Dunes Local Wildlife and Geological Site, part of the Blyth to Seaton Sluice Dunes local nature reserve and part of the SE Northumberland Wildlife Network.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS29	
Site Name	<b>Ridley Park</b>	
Ownership	<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	POS (parks and gardens) in NLP (3337)
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	5.36ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the town centre
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the character of the local area. Has won many Britain in Bloom awards
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	The site includes a grade II listed first world war memorial. It is located on the edge of the Blyth Heritage Conservation Area and is important to its setting. Site of a former bottle factory. Gifted to the people of Blyth by Lord Ridley.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the local community for informal recreation. The site includes a play area, water play area, bowling greens and tennis courts, woodland walks, formal gardens, wildflower areas, and a café. There is an active Friends of Ridley Park group which organises many projects and events across the year.

The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil location on the edge of the town centre
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The woodland and wildflower areas support a variety of local wildlife.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

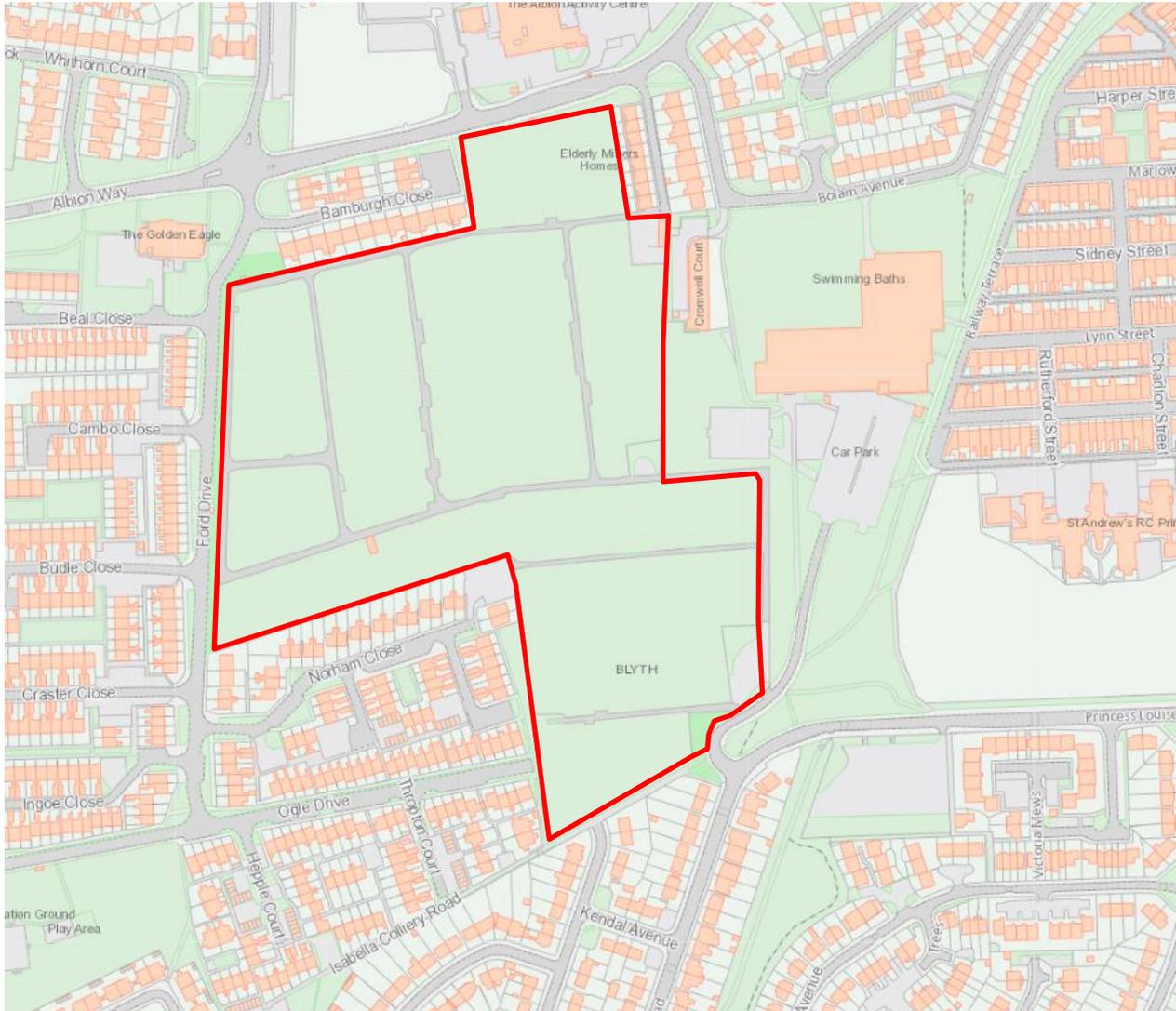
Site Ref	LGS30	
Site Name	<b>South of the River Blyth, east of Halfpenny woods</b>	
Ownership	<b>Unknown</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	Unallocated
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	1.4ha
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the built-up area – particularly accessible by residents of Beaside, Cowpen and Bedlington
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	✓	Important to the character of the local area
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Three entries on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record are located within the site (old coal shaft, watermill and crane)
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	Well used by the local community for informal recreation (walking, cycling and horse riding)
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity.	✓	A tranquil riverside site
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	Lies within the SE Northumberland Wildlife Network. Part of the site includes the Blyth Estuary Local Wildlife and Geological Site.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

Site Ref	LGS31	
Site Name	<b>Blyth Golf Course</b>	
Ownership	<b>Blyth Golf Club</b>	
 		
<b>All the following criteria must be met (✓ or x)</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Land is not subject of a planning permission for development.	✓	
Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.	✓	
The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.	✓	Although the site is large (45ha) it is not considered an extensive tract of land in the context of the town.
The space is within close proximity of the community it serves.	✓	On the edge of the built up area, adjacent to dwellings.
The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓	See below
<b>At least one criterion must be met</b>		<b>Comments</b>
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty.	x	
The proposed space is of particular local historic significance.	✓	Site of the former Delaval Colliery which is important to the history of the area. The historic environment record includes eight entries which lie within the site (Delaval Colliery, Colliery Railway, former brickworks/ brick fields, New Delaval Workers Village and find spots).
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value.	✓	The site is well used by the local community for informal recreation (playing golf on the course itself with dog walking and horse riding around the periphery of the course) and it is also important to the amenity and character of the local area. Therefore, it is considered it should be proposed for designation as LGS.
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its	✓	A tranquil site, despite being located on the edge of an urban area.

tranquillity.		
The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife.	✓	The site provides habitat for farmland birds and deer.
<b>Conclusion</b>		
It is considered that the site meets all the LGS criteria, it is proposed for designation as local green space.		

## Appendix 3 Maps of proposed LGS designations

### LGS1 Bolam Avenue Allotments



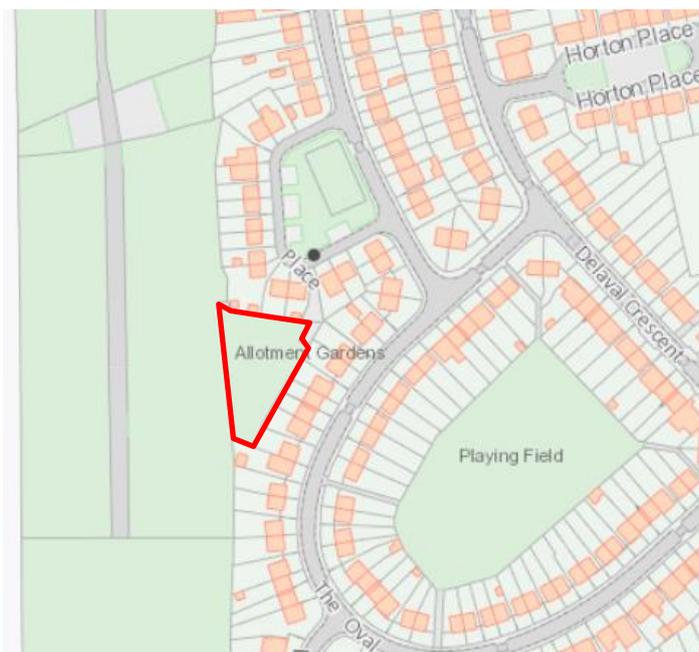
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**LGS3 Beatrice Avenue Allotments**



**LGS4 Laverock Place Allotments**



**LGS5 Beside Allotments**



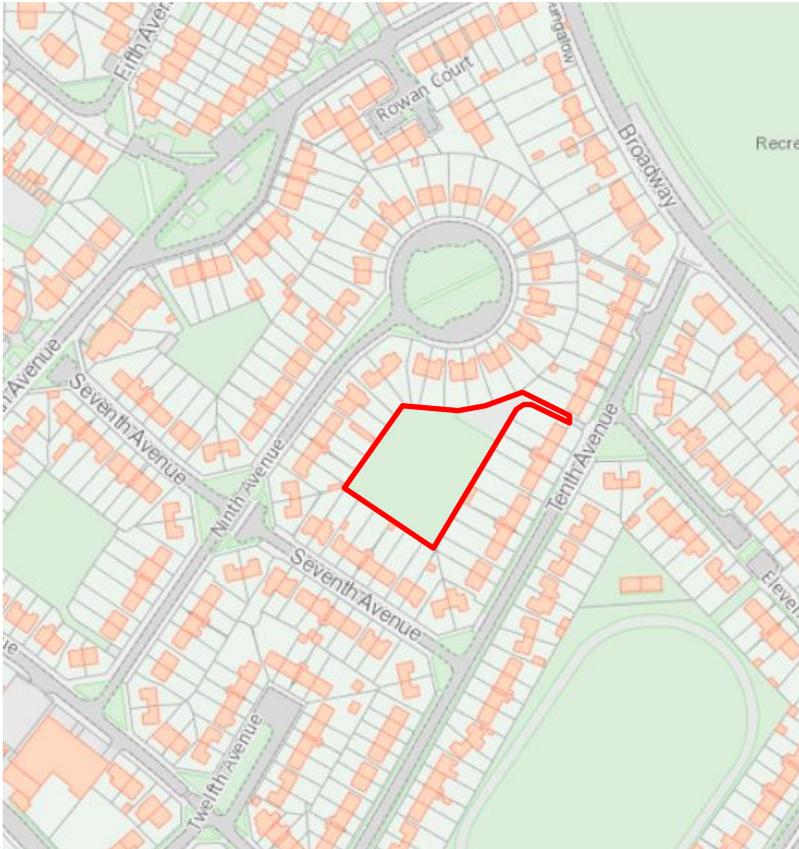
**LGS6 Newsham Side Club Allotments**



**LGS7 South View Allotments**



**LGS8 Tenth Avenue Allotments**



**LGS9 Wensleydale Terrace Allotments**



**LGS10 20th Avenue Allotments**





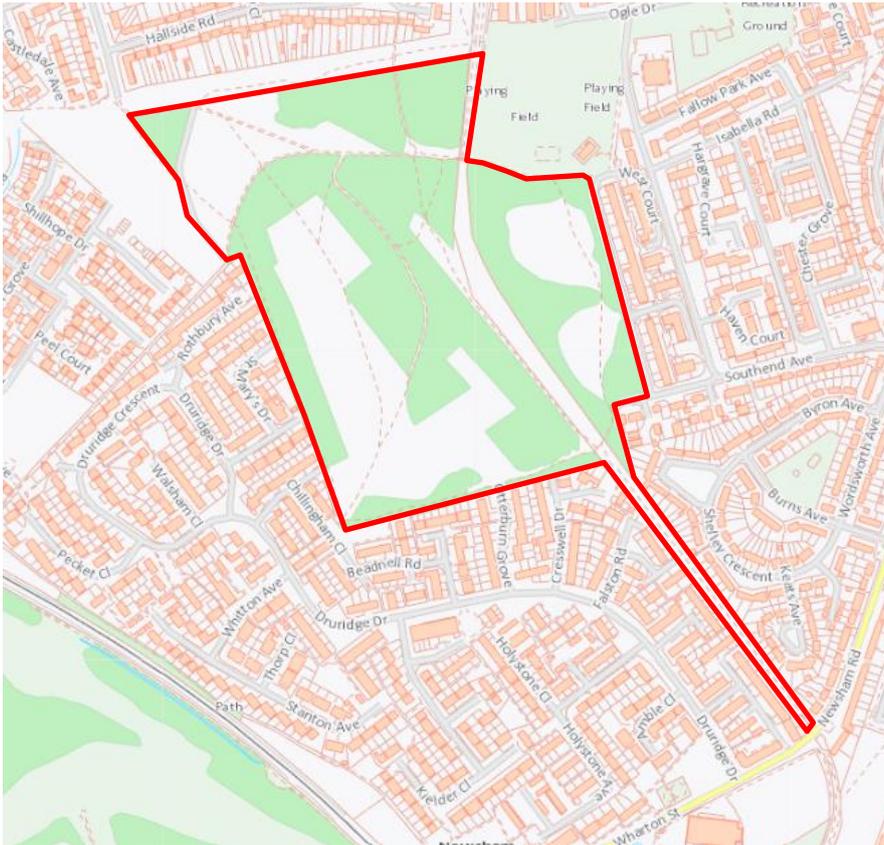
**LGS13 Briardale Road**



**LGS14 Newsham Pond**



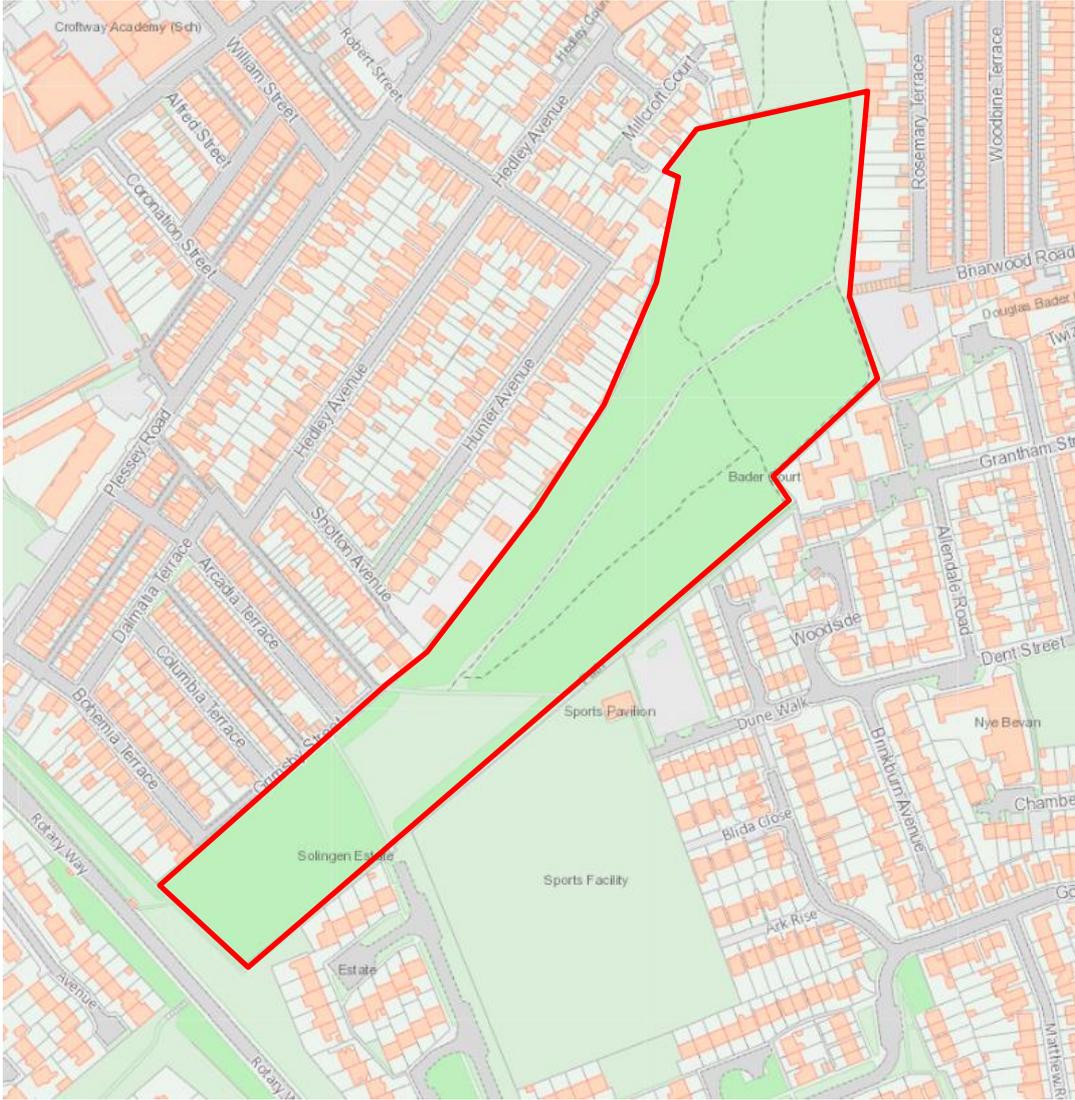
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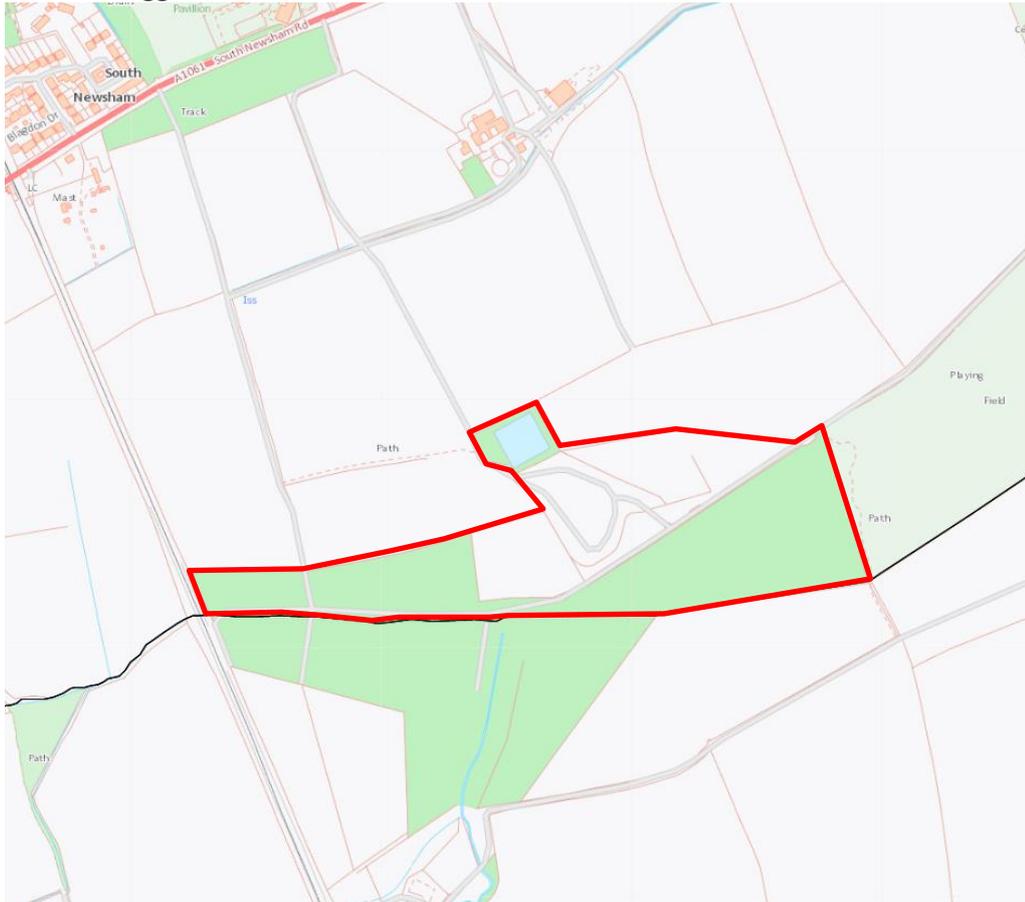
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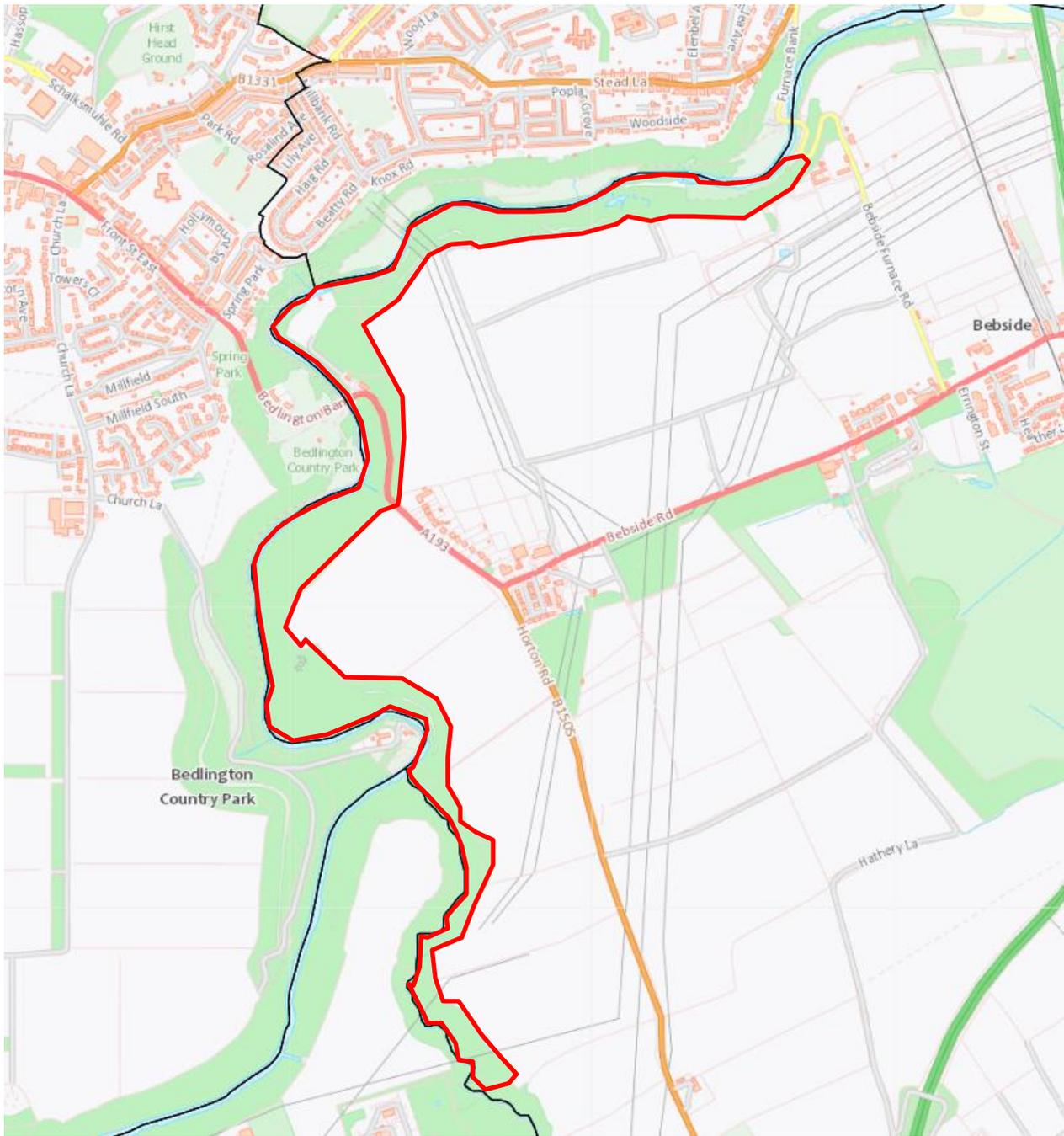
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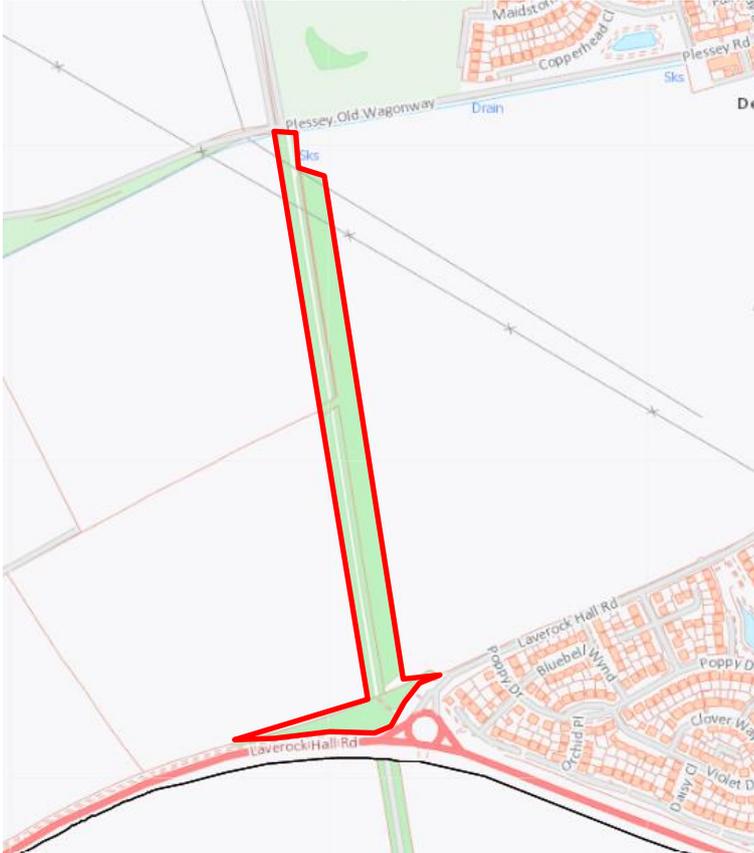
**LGS18 Meggies Burn**



**LGS19 Halfpenny Woods**



**LGS20 South of Plessey Old Wagonway**



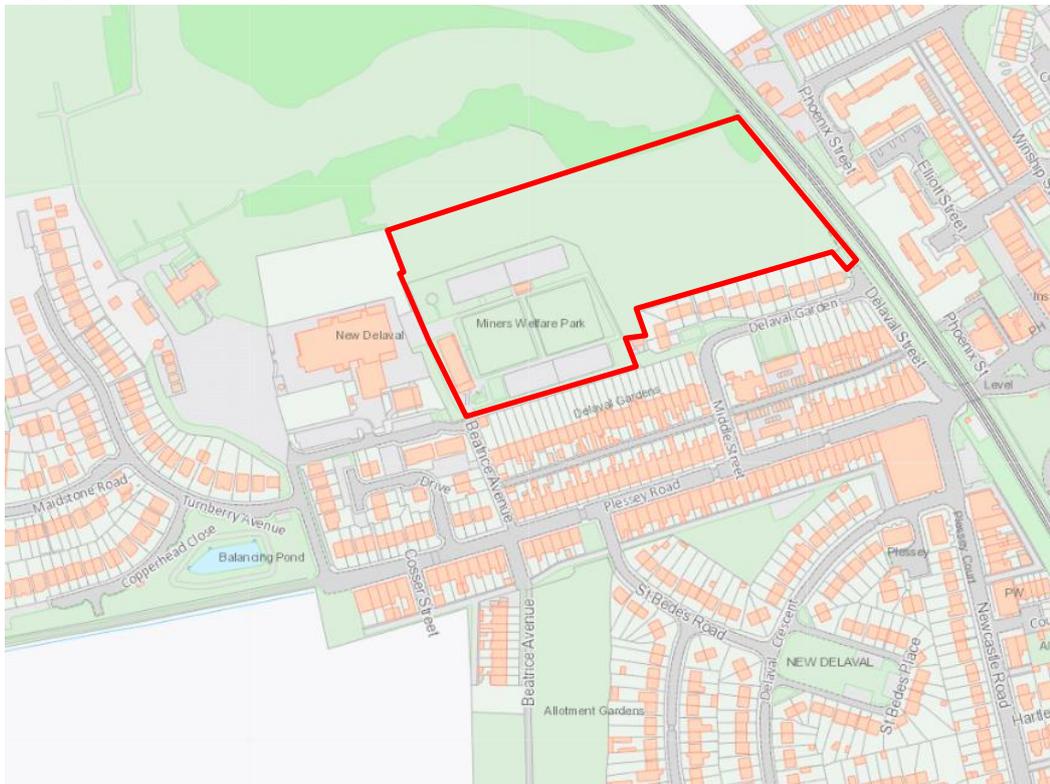
**LGS21 Croft Park**



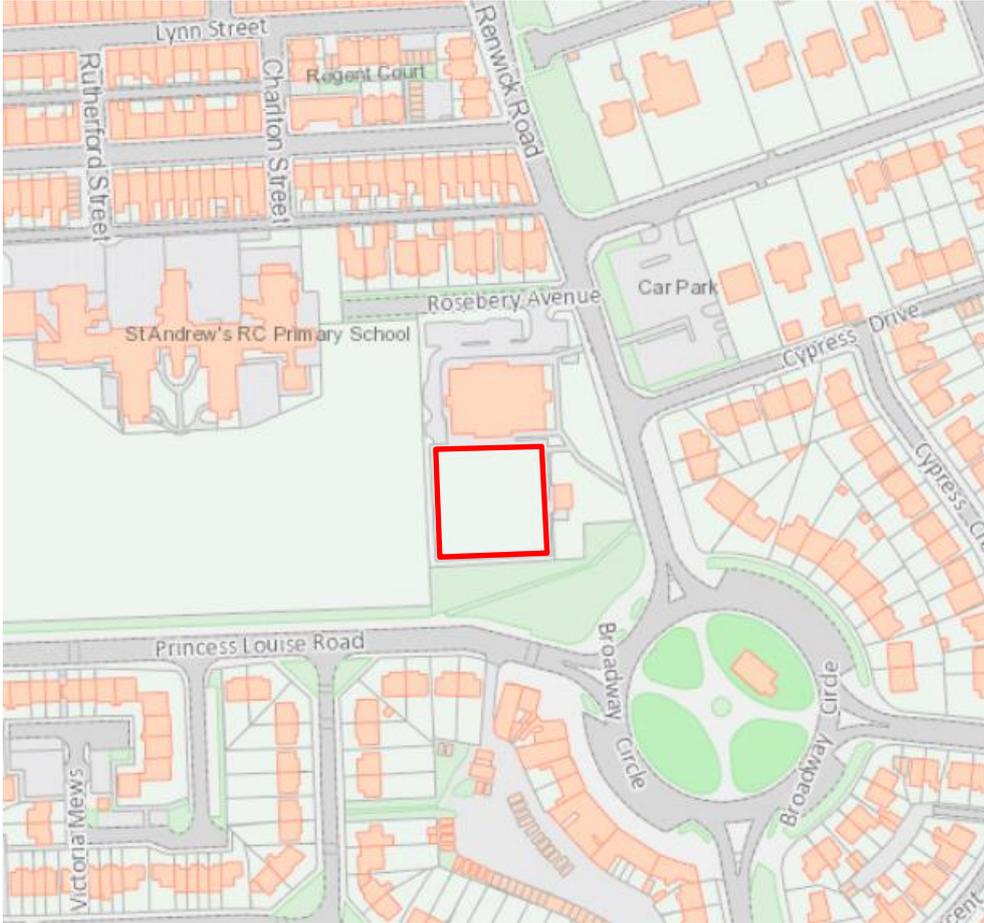
**LGS22 Broadway Field**



**LGS23 New Delaval Park**



**LGS24 Cowpen and Crofton Welfare Bowling Green**



**LGS25 South Newsham Pavilion**





**LGS28 Blyth Links & Beach Gardens**



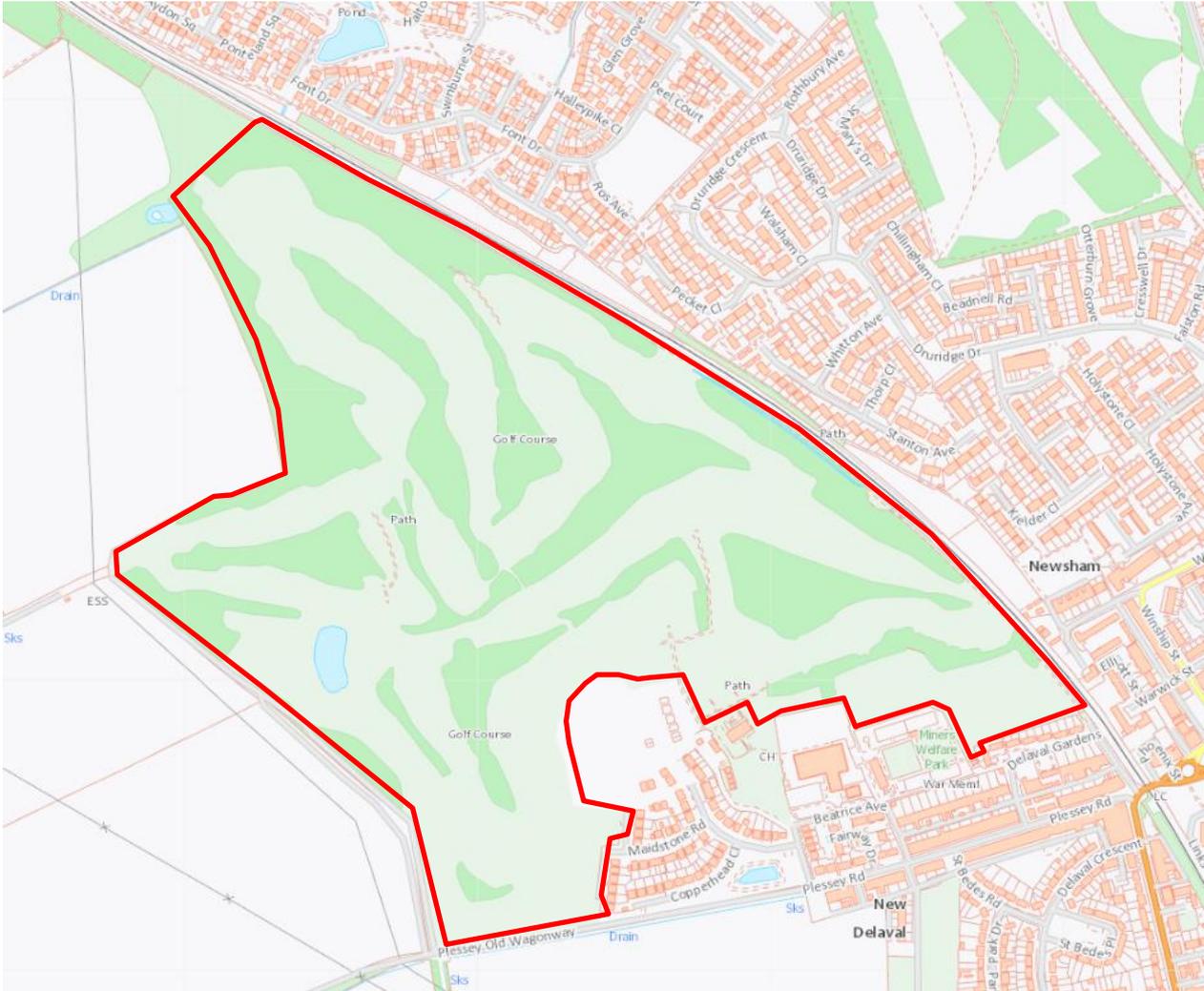
**LGS29 Ridley Park**



**LGS30 South of the River Blyth, east of Halfpenny woods**



**LGS31 Blyth Golf Course**



## Appendix 4 Protected Open Space Assessment

Reference		Site/ ownership	Description of amenity value
BNP	NCC		
POS01	-	Play area on Crawford Street/ Millfield Gardens (Owned by NCC)	Play area which is well used by the local community. 
POS02	3102 (part)	Chestnut Avenue (Owned by NCC)	Amenity greenspace and play area 
POS03	3313 (part)	Bede Academy (north) Playing Fields (Owned by NCC)	Playing fields 
POS04	-	Bede Academy (south), South Beach (Owned by NCC)	Playing fields 

Reference		Site/ ownership	Description of amenity value
BNP	NCC		
POS05	-	Dene View Drive (Owned by NCC)	Amenity greenspace and recreation 
POS06	3002 and 3069 (part)	Blyth Sports Centre (Owned by NCC)	Amenity greenspace and recreation 

## Appendix 5 Protected Open Space Maps

**POS01 Play area on Crawford Street/ Millfield Gardens**



**POS02 Chestnut Avenue**



**POS03 Bede Academy (north) Playing Fields**



**POS04 Bede Academy (south), South Beach**



**POS05 Dene View Drive**



**POS06 Blyth Sports Centre**

