Remaining part of Crescent Field, South Lake, Woodley



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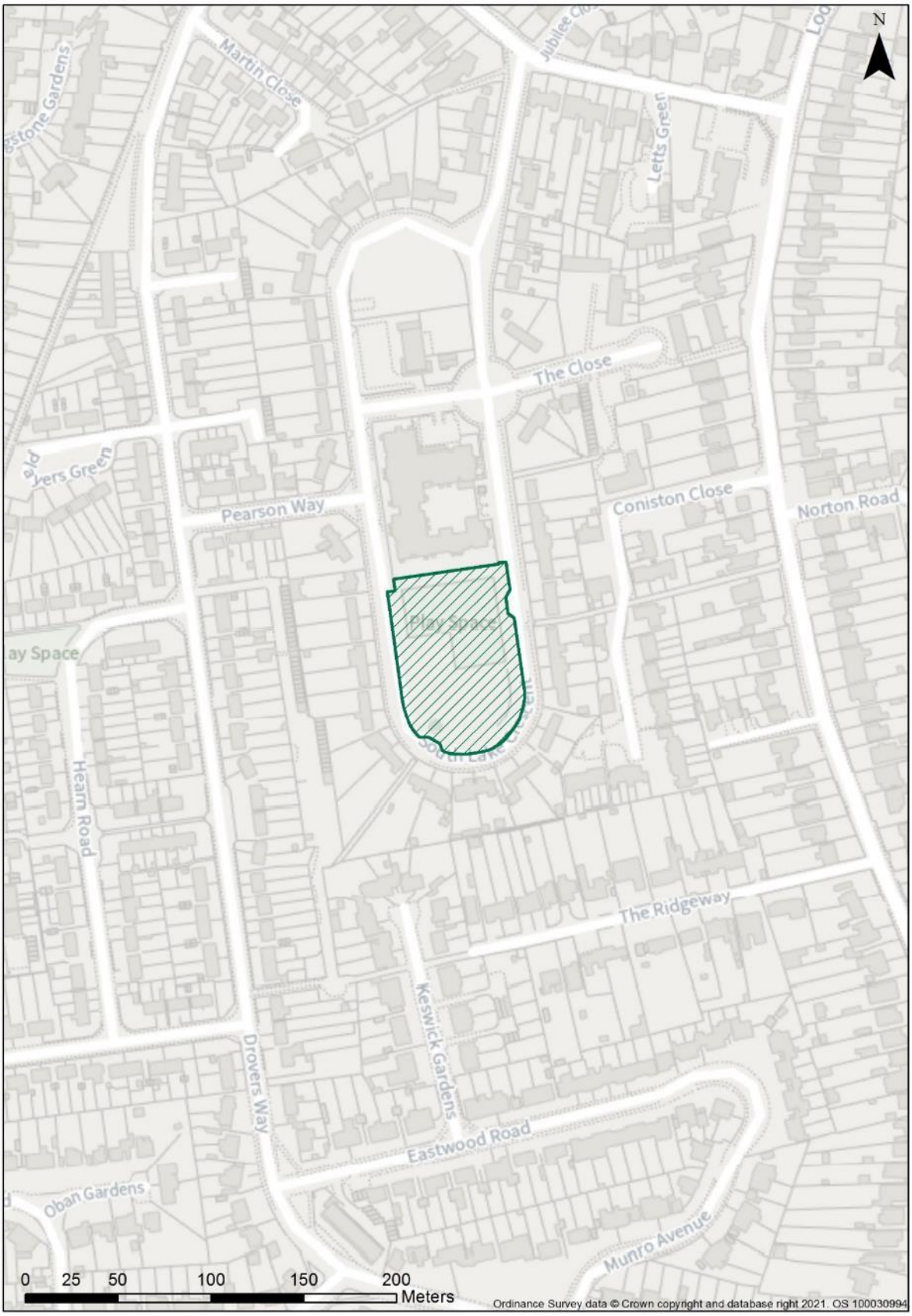
Site reference	**LGS041**
Site name	Remaining part of Crescent Field, Woodley
Site address	South Lake, Woodley
Site size	0.77 ha
Site Description	The southern parcel comprises an area of amenity greenspace and play area situated to the south of Woodley. The northern parcel includes land which has received planning permission for housing and is currently under construction. Crescent Field is defined by existing housing on all boundaries and to the north by extra care homes at Alexandra Place.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community it serves, serving the existing residents of Loddon ward. The area of greenspace at Crescent Field can be accessed via a Public Right of Way from Loddon Bridge Road and The Ridgeway.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained, surrounded by existing housing on the southern, eastern and western boundaries and extra care housing at Alexandra Place to the north. This area of greenspace is situated within the Major Development Location of Woodley.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site includes Southlake Crescent Play Area which contains play facilities for children and teenagers in the form of a Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play (NEAP). The area of open space and play area at Southlake Crescent were recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). According to the report, the site is well-used by the local community which *'offers an excellent range of equipment with good levels of maintenance and cleanliness'*. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to be of any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly as the site is surrounded by housing on all boundaries and is situated in the Major Development Location of Woodley. This

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	is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Weighted Composite Score (April 2007) where the site scores relatively low in comparison to the tranquillity offered by other areas of green space in Woodley.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. The southern parcel which comprises an area of amenity greenspace at South Lake Crescent is a recognisable and local area of open space that serves residents south of Woodley, aside from Dinton Pastures Country Park to the east which is larger in scale and provides a wider range of recreational opportunities. Nevertheless, South Lake Crescent provides an important recreational resource for residents in the western part of Loddon Ward. The northern parcel comprises land which has received planning permission for housing and should therefore be excluded from the designation. The proposed Local Green Space designation is shown in the map below.

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Ashenbury Park, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS105**
Site name	Ashenbury Park, Woodley
Site address	Ashenbury Park, Woodley
Site size	24.9 ha
Site Description	Ashenbury Park is a park and garden located to the north-east of Woodley. The Park provides opportunities for informal/formal recreation, comprising a play area and providing connectivity to the River Loddon. The Park is bounded by existing housing to the west, nature reserve to the south, and open fields to the east beyond Beggars Hill Road. To the north, the site is bounded by the main Land's End Lake and Waingel's College.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community it serves, serving the existing residents of Coronation, Charvil and Loddon wards. An existing Public Right of Way runs through the centre of the site from Beggars Hill Road to Denmark Avenue, facilitating access to Ashenbury Park.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. Ashenbury Park is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined edges, including areas of woodland, highways and housing. The site is designated as open countryside, and according to the Woodley Village Design Statement (2009) provides some form of separation between the settlements of Woodley and Charvil. The site is considered local in character as supported by the Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2020) which identifies this area as comprising *'pockets of open space remaining which include public parks and sports grounds within the settled area'*. The LCA suggests that *'the demand for residential development is continuing to push towards the coalescence of adjacent built area including Sonning and Woodley and Charvil, and fragmentation of remnant open rural landscape'* and recommends that these areas of open land are protected.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Ashenbury Park is classified as a park and garden and provides leisure facilities and recreation for the local community. The Park is considered demonstrably special to the local community as it is the only recognisable and significant area of green space that serves the residents to the north-east of Woodley. The site provides a range of opportunities for informal/formal recreation and forms part of a Wokingham Health Walk. Ashenbury Park also provides a pedestrian link to the River Loddon and forms a section of the National Trail Network.

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	<u>Historical value:</u> Ashenbury Park was formally known as Woodley Gravel Pit and includes a lake relating to its former gravel extraction. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is adjacent to two Local Wildlife Sites, Norris Copse Bird Sanctuary and Alder Moors. Alder Moors is also a designated nature reserve. Ashenbury Park is adjacent to Loddon Valley Gravel Pits a Berkshire Biodiversity Opportunity Area. Most of the site is classified as improved grassland and broadleaved woodland plantation. However, a part of the site to the north-west contains ancient and semi-natural woodland according to Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC), and therefore holds a degree of ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site holds some form of tranquillity value, as supported by the findings set out in the Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2020) which suggests *that 'the high demand for recreation continue to threaten the tranquillity of the landscape'*. Ashenbury Park is situated in the J4 Woodley-Earley Settled and Farmed Clay Landscape Character Area where '*light pollution at night causes sky glow'* and therefore the site provides an element of tranquillity to the area.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Ashenbury Park is the only significant and recognisable space that serves the residents to the north-east of Woodley and therefore provides an important facility for the residents of Coronation and Loddon wards and to a certain extent Charvil ward. There are other areas of significant green space locally notably Sandford Farm Country Park and Dinton Pastures Country Park, but these sites are either further from the community or provide different types of recreation compared to Ashenbury Park.

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Aldermoors Nature Reserve, Alder Moors, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS106**
Site name	Aldermoors Nature Reserve, Woodley
Site address	Alder Moors, Woodley
Site size	8.53 ha
Site Description	Aldermoors is a Local Nature Reserve, for which its name derives from the alder trees that populate the ancient woodland. The nature reserve is situated within a shallow valley in Woodley. The site is located between Ashenbury Park and residential development.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community it serves, serving the existing residents of Coronation, Charvil and Loddon wards. Aldermoors Nature Reserve also facilitates pedestrian links to wider areas of open green space, notably Ashenbury Park (ref: LGS105), with further connections to the River Loddon.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. Aldermoors Nature Reserve is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is bounded by Ashenbury Park to the north (a classified Park and Garden) and existing housing at Tippings Lane, Cody Close and Beggars Hill Road to the south, east and west. The site is designated as open countryside and is both a Local Wildlife Site and a Local Nature Reserve. According to the Woodley Village Design Statement – Consultation Document (2009), the site forms part of a wider area that maintains some form of separation between the settlements of Woodley and Charvil. The site is considered local in character, as supported by the Council's latest Landscape Character Assessment (2020) which identifies this area as comprising *'pockets of open space remaining which include public parks and sports grounds within the settled area'*. The LCA suggests *that 'the demand for residential development is continuing to push towards the coalescence of adjacent built area including Sonning and Woodley and Charvil, and fragmentation of remnant open rural landscape'* and recommends that these areas of open land are protected.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site provides a pedestrian link to Ashenbury Park and wider areas of green space, notably along the River Loddon. Aldermoors Nature Reserve is also classified as an area of natural and semi-natural greenspace, which was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the community in the Council's latest Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). <u>Historical value:</u> Aldermoors Nature Reserve is considered to be of particular historical value, as evidenced in the Council's latest Landscape Character

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	Assessment (2020) which suggests that *'modern settlement dominates this landscape, but irregular boundaries of surviving areas of woodland, such as Alder Moors, suggest assert inclosures indicating earlier settlements'*. <u>Ecological value:</u> Aldermoors Local Wildlife Site is an established semi-natural broad-leaved woodland at the edge of suburban Woodley. The site is also designated as a Local Nature Reserve. According to the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) the nature reserve comprises a steep-banked gravelly stream which cuts through the middle of the reserve, dividing the site into woodland of two species, oak-bracken wood on the well-drained slope of the western bank, and damp alder-hazel woodland on the flat eastern bank. The site also contains lowland mixed deciduous woodland and wet woodland classified as habitats of principal importance. Some species such as Mallard and Willow Warbler are also present on the site. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site holds some form of tranquillity value, as supported by the findings set out in the Council's latest Landscape Character Assessment (2020) which suggests that *'the high demand for recreation continue to threaten the tranquillity of the landscape'*. Aldermoors Nature Reserve is situated in the J4 Woodley-Earley Settled and Farmed Clay Landscape Character Area where *'light pollution at night causes sky glow'* and therefore the site provides an element of tranquillity to the area.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Aldermoors is a Local Wildlife Site and Local Nature Reserve, which is recognised as an important ecological resource in Woodley. The site also forms wider linkages with other areas of greenspace, notably the adjacent Ashenbury Park (ref: LGS105).

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Vauxhall Park, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS107**
Site name	Vauxhall Park, Woodley
Site address	Vauxhall Park, Woodley
Site size	3.6 ha
Site Description	Vauxhall Park is an urban park / park and garden, comprising a play area, basketball court and BMX track, which is situated to the east of Woodley. The site is bounded by existing housing on three sides (east, west and south) and Headley Road East (Woodley Airfield) Industrial Estate Core Employment Area to the north.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in relatively close proximity to the community it serves, serving the existing residents of Bulmershe and Whitegates and Loddon wards. Vauxhall Park can be accessed from Vauxhall Drive and a Public Right of Way runs from Loddon Bridge Road.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained, bounded by existing housing on its eastern, western and southern boundaries and Headley Road East (Woodley Airfield) Industrial Estate, a designated Core Employment Area on the site's northern boundary.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Vauxhall Park is classified as an urban park / park and garden and comprises a play area in the form of a Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP). The site also includes a BMX track. Vauxhall Park is one of two significant and recognisable areas of green space that are situated in the Bulmershe and Whitegates ward. However, Vauxhall Park is the only significant area of open space that serves the residents further east of the Bulmershe and Whitegates ward, and to some extent also provides an important recreation facility for residents in the Loddon ward. There are other areas of green space in the surrounding area, but they are further away from communities in the Bulmershe and Whitegates wards. Both the park and garden and play area were recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.

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Site reference	LGS107
	<u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value but is classified as cultivated disturbed land / amenity grassland. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> Vauxhall Park is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly as the site is situated adjacent to Headley Road East (Woodley Airfield) which is designated as a Core Employment Area and comprises several commercial/industrial uses.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Vauxhall Park is one of two significant areas of green space that are recognised as an important recreational facility for the community, notably in the Bulmershe and Whitegates ward.

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South Lake, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS108**
Site name	South Lake, Woodley
Site address	South Lake, Woodley
Site size	12.1 ha
Site Description	South Lake is a small Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) located to the south-east of Woodley. It is surrounded on all sides by existing residential properties, and to the A3290 further south. The site is also classified as an urban park / park and garden, and comprises an area of woodland and open water which are recognised as important facilities for informal recreation.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in relatively close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of South Lake ward. South Lake can be accessed from a bridleway passing on the western edge of the SULV and a footpath running parallel to Nightingale Road. A good network of informal footpaths surround the site, connecting South Lake to the adjacent residential development and Bulmershe SULV.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is entirely local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is self-contained with edges defined by mature tree boundaries along the margin of South Lake. The Waterside Public House backs onto part of the northern boundary towards the eastern end. South Lake is currently designated as a Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) in line with Policy TB22 of the Managing Development Delivery (MDD) local plan (2014). The Inspector acknowledged in their final report that South Lake was an important landscape feature due to the dominance of mature trees surrounding the margins of the lake and its distinct urban and parkland type character. According to the SULV Topic Paper (2020) South Lake *'consists of wooded margins providing a strong wooded character and backdrop to the adjacent residential areas*.' The report acknowledges that the site is important to the local community as *'it provides a green lung within areas of extensive housing and the lake and the parkland type character provides a strong contrast to adjoining uses.'*
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> South Lake is classified as an urban park / park and garden and comprises the South Lake Amenity Play Area. The park and garden was recognised as being of lower quality but higher value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). The Southlake Amenity Play Area provides play facilities for children and teenagers in the form of a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP). The play area was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).

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	According to the assessment of the South Lake SULV in the Topic Paper (2020), *'this site has its own identity, being well used by the local community as a recreational resource, as all areas of the lake have good informal and formal access.'*. South Lake also contains formal and informal footpaths and seating around the lake with a formal play area situated in the north-west. The formal open space and play area adjacent to Kingfisher Drive also provides visual and physical links between the South Lake SULV and the Bulmershe SULV. <u>Historical value:</u> According to the Woodley Village Design Statement – Consultation Document (2008) produced by the Woodley Community Partnership, South Lake used to form part of Bulmershe estate, and provided an important leisure facility for Woodley. Nevertheless, the site is considered to hold limited historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> South Lake is designated as a Local Wildlife Site, which is of local significance. According to the assessment of the SULV in the Topic Paper (2020), *'the area consists of open water with several small islands, as well as marginal wetland on the lake edges'*. South Lake also contains *'mature established planting (mainly tree cover) with natural regeneration and planting of mixed ages.'* <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site holds limited tranquillity value, predominantly as South Lake is in close proximity to the A3290 and surrounded by existing residential and commercial uses. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores relatively low. Nevertheless, the site is designated as a Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) where, in the council's assessment contained in the Topic Paper (2020), concluded that the *'well-treed/wooded characteristics of the SULV and lake are essential in providing a strong sense of place within Woodley, giving a feeling of seclusion whilst within it which is unusual within a large area of housing.'* Therefore, despite scoring low, the site does offer some degree of tranquillity to the area.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. South Lake is an important and valued recreational and ecological resource that serves the residents of Woodley. Its designation as a Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) emphasises the site's role in providing a wooded backdrop to the urban development of Woodley and contributing to the verdant character of the wider area.

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Malone Park, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS109**
Site name	Malone Park, Woodley
Site address	Malone Park, Woodley
Site size	0.6 ha
Site Description	Malone Park is a small area of public open space / amenity greenspace which also comprises a play area, providing a facility for younger children and teenagers. The site is situated to the south of Woodley and is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community it serves, serving the existing residents of South Lake ward. The open space at Malone Road can be accessed by Malone Road to the south and Jerome Road to the north.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained bounded by existing housing along Jerome Road, Malone Road and Cartmel Drive.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Malone Park is classified as public open space / amenity greenspace and also comprises a play area providing facilities for children and teenagers in the form of a Locally Equipped Area of Play (LEAP). Malone Park is one of two play areas which serve the residents of South Lake ward. Southlake Amenity Play Area is further south, and therefore less accessible to the residents north of South Lake ward. Both the open space and play area were assessed as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value predominantly due to the site's proximity to existing housing and being situated in the heart of the Major Development Location of Woodley.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Malone Park is recognised as one of two play areas which serve the residents of South Lake ward and therefore has recreational

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	value. Southlake Amenity Play Area is situated further to the south and is therefore less accessible to the residents north of the ward. There are other areas of green space in the surrounding area, notably Bulmershe SULV, but the site does not offer the same level or type of play facilities provided by Malone Park.

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Woodford Park and the Memorial Recreation Ground (also known as Coronation Fields), Woodford Park, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS110**
Site name	Woodford Park and the Memorial Recreation Ground (also known as Coronation Fields)
Site address	Woodford Park, Woodley
Site size	11.2ha
Site Description	Woodford Park is a park and garden / urban park located in the centre of Woodley. The park, also known as Coronation Fields, provides a range of facilities including a leisure centre, community centre, bowling green, playing fields, play area, skate park and a memorial garden. The site is bounded by existing housing and community uses, notably the Oakwood Centre and St Dominic Saviour Primary School.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community, serving the residents of Bulmershe and Whitegates, Coronation and Sonning wards. Woodford Park is accessible to the public from several points, notably Headley Road from the south and Leisure Drive and Halstead Close from the east.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. Woodford Park is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained, surrounded by existing residential along Headley Road, Haddon Drive, Reading Road and Farmers Close and community uses to the north and south, notably the Oakwood Centre and St Dominic Saviour Primary School. The site lies within the Major Development Location of Woodley, and according to the Woodley Village Design Statement (2008) is one of two open spaces that form Woodley's 'green heart'. The area of green space is situated in the J4 'Woodley-Earley Settled and Farmed Clay' Landscape Character Area. The Landscape Character Assessment (2020) identifies this area as having a *'densely settled area with a strong urban and suburban character. There are pockets of open space remaining which include public parks and sports grounds within the settled area'*.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Woodford Park is classified as a park and garden / urban park in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012) and comprises Woodford Park Play Area and Community Centre and Woodley Memorial Park Play Area providing play facilities for children and teenagers in the form of a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP). The park is recognised as being of high quality and well-valued by the local community as evidenced in the Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012) as the site provides a variety of facilities that are accessible to a wider range of users, including a play area, bowling green, paddling pool and cricket field. Woodford Park achieved Green Flag Award

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	status in 2018/19, which is used to mark the high quality of a park or green space. Woodford Park also includes several sports facilities including eight grass football pitches for community use and is home to Woodley Hammers Football Club and Woodley Town Football Club. The site also includes one cricket pitch in community use with changing facilities and a bowling green which are well-used by the local community. Other facilities noticeable on the site include a skate park, the Woodford Park Leisure Centre, The Oakwood Centre, rotary garden, garden of remembrance. In addition to providing an area of green space for formal/informal recreation, Woodford Park also hosts several popular community events which run frequently, notably Woodley Carnival and is a route for an organised weekly park run. A community orchard was planted at Woodford Park in 2014 in partnership with Transition Reading (a community focused approach to creating positive change, reducing environmental impact and dependence on oil). According to the Woodford Park Management Plan (2018), the orchard *'consists of 20 fruit trees planted by local families and volunteers, providing fruit for the community as well as food and habitats for birds and insects'*. The project also trains volunteers in tree planting and promoting the benefits of healthy eating and physical exercise. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is considered to hold some historical value, as Woodford Park includes a memorial ground that is held in trust by Woodley Town Council since 1939 for the *'recreation and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the Civil Parish of Woodley and Sandford'*. According to Woodley Town Council, the land was originally bought in 1919 by former trustees as a memorial to the men of Woodley who died in the First World War. The Woodford Park Management Plan (2018) highlights that the bespoke gates present on the site were commissioned with symbolism to reflect Woodley, Woodford Park and the memorial ground. A 'Garden of Remembrance' was opened in 2000, where the names of loved ones can be inscribed on brass plaques that are placed on the wooden posts for remembrance and contribute to the local significance of the area.

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	The Community Centre (Coronation Hall) was opened in 1965 by the local war hero, Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader, who learnt to fly at Woodley Aerodrome. The hall has become the centre for community events and remains an essential venue for local residents of Woodley, as evidenced in the Woodford Park Management Plan (2018). <u>Ecological value:</u> The Woodford Park Management Plan (2018) suggests that the landscape of the park is predominantly a creation of the 1960s and early 1970s with a distinctive landscape of sculpted hills and a lake. The lake provides a habitat for several species of duck, Canada Geese, Egyptian Geese, Coots, Moorhens, Heron and Cormorant. The community orchard consists of a number of fruit trees which provide a source of food for birds and insects. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is considered to hold some tranquillity value, as evidenced in the Landscape Character Assessment (2020) where generally the Landscape Character Area (J4 'Woodley-Earley Settled and Farmed Clay) is subject to *'high demands for recreation continue to threaten the tranquillity of the landscape. Recreational pressure can lead to erosion of special archaeological features, ecological features and other landscape features'.* <u>Local significance:</u> A Residents Survey conducted annually by Woodley Town Council found that around 83% of local households used Woodford Park in 2017, making it the most used facility by residents in Woodley (Appendix 9 of the Woodford Park Management Plan (2018). Further, the quality of the facilities at Woodford Park scored highly by residents who responded to the survey in 2017. This included both existing and new facilities, such as the 3G football pitch and skate park. Approximately 77% of the residents who responded to the survey rated the standard of Woodford Park as good or excellent (Appendix 9 of the Woodford Park Management Plan (2018).
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Woodford Park is a recognisable and significant area of open, recreational space that serves the residents of Earley, Woodley and Sonning. The site also holds some historical and local significance, and includes a 'garden of remembrance' which is likely to be linked to the residents of Earley, Woodley or Sonning.

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Sandford Park, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS111**
Site name	Sandford Park, Woodley
Site address	Sandford Park, Woodley
Site size	5.40 ha
Site Description	Sandford Park is recognised as a park and garden / urban park located to the east of Woodley. The park provides a range of facilities used by residents for recreation, including playing fields and a play area and the Woodley Airfield Youth and Community Centre. The site is bounded by existing housing along Comet Way to the east and west, and by community uses, notably Woodley Church of England Primary School.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Loddon ward. Sandford Park can be accessed from Mohawk Way to the south and Hurricane Way to the north.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is bounded by existing housing on the eastern and western boundary along Comet Way. To the north, the site is bounded by Woodley Church of England Primary School and to the south by Sandford Fen Copse which is a designated Local Wildlife Site. The site lies within the Major Development Location of Woodley.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Sandford Park is classified as a park and garden / urban park and comprises a play area in the form of a Local Area for Play (LAP). Both the park and the play area were recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). Sandford Park also includes three grass pitches for football for community use which, according to the Council's Sports Assessment Report (2012) are operating at capacity, demonstrating that they are well-used by the local community. The Woodley Airfield Youth and Community Centre is also well-used as a venue for hosting activities and events run by community groups and organisations. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is considered to hold some historical value associated with the former Woodley military airfield. According to the Woodley Village Design Statement (2009), the airfield is recognised as a large part of Woodley's history and is home to the Museum of Berkshire Aviation. Woodley airfield is associated with well-known historic figures in the aviation industry, notably Sir Douglas Bader during the Second World War and Charles Lindbergh who was the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic. Mohawk Way runs along the southern

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	boundary of the site and is associated with the Miles Mohawk plane which was produced by one of two major manufacturers at Woodley airfield. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly as the site is situated in the heart of an existing residential area and is in close proximity to Woodley C of E Primary School. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Weighted Composite Score (April 2007) where the site scores relatively low for tranquillity compared to other areas in Woodley.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Sandford Park is a significant and recognisable open recreational space for residents east of Woodley and provides an important facility for residents of Loddon ward.

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Hearn Road Play Area, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS112**
Site name	Hearn Road Play Area, Woodley
Site address	Hearn Road, Woodley
Site size	0.10 ha
Site Description	A small play area situated towards the south of Woodley and in the centre of existing housing estates at Hearn Road and Drovers Way.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community, as it serves the existing residents of Loddon ward. Hearn Road Play Area can be accessed from an existing Public Right of Way which runs from the A3290 to Drover's Way via Hearn Road.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is local in character and not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined edges, bounded by existing housing to the south along Hearn Road, to the north along Drover's Way and a Public Right of Way to the west. The site is situated within the Major Development Location of Woodley.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Hearn Road is classified as a play area and comprises several facilities for children and teenagers. The site was recognised as being of low quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event and figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly as the site is surrounded by existing residential. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores low in comparison to the tranquillity offered by other areas of green space in Woodley.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. Whilst this nomination satisfies the criteria of being in close proximity to the community and offering a degree of recreational value, there is insufficient evidence that it is demonstrably special to the local community and therefore does not warrant further consideration for Local Green Space designation.

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Redwood Play Area, Redwood, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS113**
Site name	Redwood Play Area
Site address	Redwood, Woodley
Site size	0.5 ha
Site Description	The site is classified as public open space / amenity greenspace (Redwood Avenue Open Space) and includes a play area. Redwood Play Area is situated towards the east of Woodley and in proximity to a significant area of greenspace at Dinton Pastures Country Park. The site is within the centre of established housing estates at Cypress Road, Holly Road and Redwood Avenue.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is within close proximity to the community it would serve, as it serves the existing residents of Loddon ward. The site can be accessed to the east from Redwood Avenue and to the south by Holly Road. A public footpath also runs through the centre of the site.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined edges, bounded by existing housing, most notably Holly Road, Redwood Avenue and Cypress Road.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site is classified as public open space / amenity greenspace (Redwood Avenue Open Space) and also comprises a play area providing facilities for children and younger people. The site was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is considered to hold limited tranquillity value. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Weighted Composite Score (April 2007) where the site scores relatively low in comparison to the tranquillity offer by other areas of green space in Woodley and the surrounding area.

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Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Redwood Play Area is in close proximity to the community and offers a moderate degree of recreational value for the residents of Woodley.,

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Park between Masters Close and Marathon Close, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS114**
Site name	Park between Masters Close and Marathon Close
Site address	Masters Close and Marathon Close, Woodley
Site size	0.62 ha
Site Description	An area of open space / amenity greenspace situated to the north-east of Woodley surrounded by existing housing. The site also comprises Blanchard Close Play Area, which provides a facility for children and teenagers.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located in close proximity to the community it would serve, serving the existing residents of Loddon and Coronation wards. The area of open space can be accessed from several points, notably Marathon Close, Master Close, Blanchard Close and Harris Close.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is well-contained with defined edges and is bounded by existing housing on all of its boundaries. The site is also situated in the Major Development Location of Woodley.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Blanchard Close is classified as public open space / amenity greenspace and includes a play area which comprises facilities for children and teenagers in the form of a Local Area of Play (LAP). The site is recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is classified by the Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC) as cultivated /disturbed land, amenity grassland, but does not hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> Blanchard Close public open space is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to the site's proximity to existing residential development. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the area of green space scores relatively low compared to other areas of green space in Woodley.

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Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. The area of open space at Blanchard Close is recognised as a facility for recreational purposes that serves the residents of Woodley.,

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Area between Mohawk Way and Old Colemans Moor Road, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS115**
Site name	Area between Mohawk Way and old Colemans Moor Road
Site address	Mohawk Way and old Colemans Moor Road, Woodley
Site size	3.7ha
Site Description	An area of green space and designated Local Wildlife Site which is wholly covered by woodland. The nominated area forms part of a wider and significant area of open green space close to Dinton Pastures Country Park. The site is situated on the edge of Woodley and borders the parish of St Nicholas Hurst. The site is defined by housing on its north and western boundaries. To the south, the site is bounded by Dinton Pastures car park and the Museum of Berkshire Aviation.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is within close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Loddon ward. Whilst there is no identified public access, the nominated area forms part of a wider framework of open green space relating to Dinton Pastures Country Park which is an important resource to the local community.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is well-contained with clearly defined edges. For instance, this area of green space is bounded by residential development along Mohawk Way (north and north-west), Sandford Lane (east) and Colemans Moor Road (south).
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> This area comprises a wider and significant area of open green space, close to Dinton Pastures Country Park. However, this particular area holds limited recreational value compared to the wider Dinton Pastures, as there is no identified public access. Despite this, the Landscape Character Assessment (2019) acknowledges that, regarding the B1 'Loddon River Valley with Open Water' Landscape Character Area, the *'valued areas for recreation including large Country Parks, accessible through a network of bridleways and public footpaths allow enjoyment of the area'*. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is considered to hold a degree of historical value, primarily due to the presence of pillboxes remaining from the Second World War, according to the Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2019). <u>Ecological value:</u> The site includes Sandford Fen Copse, a designated Local Wildlife Site, which comprises wet woodland with open areas of marshy habitat. According to Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC), Sandford Fen Copse comprises areas of drier scrub with hawthorn and

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	blackthorn. The scrub provides good habitats for bird species, including garden warbler and chiffchaff. The site is also situated in the Loddon Valley Gravel Pits Biodiversity Opportunity Area, which according to the Berkshire Local Nature Partnership (2020) includes a variety of woodland and grassland habitats and standing water, notably at Sandford Lake. There are also areas of marginal fen habitat associated with the gravel pits and remnants at Sandford Fen. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is considered to hold some degree of tranquillity value, as according to the Landscape Character Assessment (2019), this part of the landscape (B1 Loddon River Valley with Open Water) has *'open views across the restored gravel pit lakes, but the wooded context of the fringing carr vegetation creates an enclosed landscape and a sense of place'*. Further, there are *'localised areas of tranquillity particularly around the restored lakes, away from transport corridors and the visual influence of adjacent settlements.'*. However, this particular area is not considered to be as tranquil, as evident by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007), where this site scores lower compared to the tranquillity offered by wider areas at Dinton Pastures further south.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. The nominated area is a valued ecological resource, which is connected to the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park that serves the residents of Woodley and Hurst. Despite its limited recreational value, the site holds moderate ecological value due to its designation as a Local Wildlife Site, which comprises several priority habitats.

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Land over the river from Loddon Park estate, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS116**
Site name	Land over the river from Loddon Park estate
Site address	Land over the river from Loddon Park estate, Woodley
Site size	35.97ha
Site Description	The nominated area of greenspace is situated on the edge of Woodley and comprises Sandford Farm Country Park, which is allocated as public open space in Policy SAL04 of the Managing Development Delivery (MDD) local plan. To the west, the site follows the course of the Old River and is also bounded by new residential development at Loddon Park. The eastern and southern boundary of the site follow the course of the River Loddon.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in reasonable proximity as it serves new occupants of the residential at Loddon Park, as well as existing residents of Hurst and Loddon wards. The area of greenspace can be accessed by a footbridge adjacent to Snowdrop Gardens, forming part of the residential development at Loddon Park. A Public Right of Way runs around the edge of the site from the eastern to southern boundary. The eastern boundary of the site is also on the route of the proposed River Loddon Long Distance Path.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	No. Whilst the site is local in character, it is considered to constitute an extensive tract of land. Further, this area of green space is situated on the edge of Woodley and designated countryside. Nominating this area for LGS would therefore constitute the blanket designation of open countryside.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site comprises most of Sandford Farm Country Park, which is classified as a park and garden, and is allocated as public open space in Policy SAL04 of the Managing Development Delivery (MDD) local plan. Once restored from previous minerals extraction, the country park will create a vibrant and biodiverse green space for future occupants of the adjacent development as well as existing residents located within the Woodley area. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event and figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is situated in the Loddon Valley Gravel Pits Berkshire Biodiversity Opportunity Area which encompasses all the gravel pits at the north end of Loddon Valley between Winnersh and Twyford

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	and includes various areas of adjacent land with woodland and grassland habitats, according to the Berkshire Local Nature Partnership. According to Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC), most the site comprises broadleaved woodland with small parcels of broadleaved woodland, semi-natural and lowland mixed deciduous woodland. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> This area of green space is considered to hold a high degree of tranquillity, predominantly as the nature of the site is an area of parkland and is situated in the open countryside. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores highly compared to other areas of green space in the surrounding area.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. Whilst the site holds a high degree of recreational value, it is situated on the edge of Woodley and would constitute the blanket designation of open countryside. The site does not, therefore warrant further consideration as a Local Green Space as it is considered to be an extensive tract of land.

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Open area at Wingate Road, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS117**
Site name	Open area at Wingate Road
Site address	Wingate Road, Woodley
Site size	0.3 ha
Site Description	An area of incidental space situated on the junction of Wingate Road and Arundel Road, in the centre of Woodley.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located within close proximity to the community, serving the existing residents of Bulmershe and Whitegates wards. The area of green space at Wingate Road is also within close walking distance to Woodley Town Centre.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as the site is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined boundaries, bounded by existing housing along Wingate Road and Arundel Road. The site is situated within the Major Development Location of Woodley.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site is not classified as public open space / amenity greenspace and is not normally recognised as an area for formal or informal recreation. However, other significant areas of green space are in close proximity and offer a greater range of opportunities for formal and informal recreation, notably Woodford Park to the north and Vauxhall Park to the east. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The area of green space at Wingate Road is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to the site's proximity to existing residential and other community uses, notably Waingels College. This is supported by CPPRE's Tranquillity Weighted Composite Score (April 2007) where the site scores very low in comparison to other areas of Woodley.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. The site comprises an area of incidental open space within existing housing, offering limited recreational value. There are other significant areas of green open space in the surrounding area which are in close proximity to the community and offer a greater range and level of opportunities for recreation. As a result, the site does not warrant further consideration as a Local Green Space designation.

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Green space at junction of Catalina Close and Mohawk Way



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Site reference	**LGS118**
Site name	Green space at junction of Catalina Close and Mohawk Way
Site address	Catalina Close and Mohawk Way, Woodley
Site size	0.23 ha
Site Description	A small area of incidental space situated on the junction of Catalina Close and Mohawk Way to the east of Woodley.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located within close proximity to the community it serves. The area of green space is not considered to serve the local community as it is a small area of incidental space associated with existing housing, notably at Catalina Close, Mohawk Way and in the Loddon Ward.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is classified as public open space / amenity green space. The area of green space is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined boundaries from existing housing along Mohawk Way and Catalina Close.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site is classified as public open space / amenity green space, which is recognised as being of low quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). The site aids pedestrian access to the wider area of open green space to the west at Sandford Park. Sandford Park provides a wider range of opportunities for formal /informal recreation for residents in the Loddon Airfield Parish Ward, compared to the smaller area of incidental space at Catalina Close. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to the site being situated in the heart of Woodley and its proximity to existing residential development. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores low compared to other areas of green space in the town.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. The site comprises a small area of incidental space within an existing housing development. This area of green space offers very

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	limited recreational value compared to other significant areas of green space which are in close proximity and serve the wider community for recreation, notably Sandford Park.

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Mortimer Meadows, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS120A; LGS120B**
Site name	Mortimer Meadows, Woodley
Site address	Mortimer Meadows, Woodley
Site size	22.8 ha
Site Description	Mortimer Meadows comprises two parcels of land on the edge of Woodley, separated by The Bader Way. Both areas form part of the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park, which is recognised as a valuable resource for formal and informal recreation for the local community. The area to the east of The Bader Way (LGS120A) comprises Dinton Pastures Country Park which is classified as a park and garden and includes an extensive network of footpaths that provide connectivity to wider parts of the country park. The boundaries of the site are defined by The Bader Way, the River Loddon and White Swan Lake. The area of green space is covered by trees, with area TPOs running along the eastern edge. The area to the west of The Bader Way (LGS120B) comprises part of Dinton Pastures Country Park, which is classified as a park and garden and includes a network of footpaths that provide connectivity to the adjacent area of green space (LGS120A) and the Loddon Long Distance Path. The boundaries of the site are defined to the east by The Bader Way, the west by a small lake known as 'The Moor' and to the north by existing housing.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community it serves, serving the existing residents of Loddon ward. This part of the country park also facilitates pedestrian links to wider areas at Dinton Pastures, notably White Swan Lake and Black Swan Lake. Further, the route of the proposed Loddon Long Distance Path will improve connectivity across the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. Mortimer Meadows is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained, bounded by the River Loddon and White Swan Lake to the south and east, to the north by existing housing along Redwood Avenue and Kingsford Close, and to the west by a small lake known as *'The Moor'*. The area at Mortimer Meadows forms part of the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park Local Wildlife Site. The site falls within the B1 'Loddon River Valley with Open Water' Landscape Character Area as identified in the Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2019). According to the LCA, this area comprises a peaceful floodplain landscape, where former gravel extraction has modified the landscape, resulting in a mix of land uses, including open water bodies, nature reserves and country parks.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Mortimer Meadows forms part of the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park, which is classified as a country park, and park and garden and

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	was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). Further, according to the Landscape Character Assessment (2019) Dinton Pastures Country Park is recognised as a *'popular recreational landscape',* and one of the key valuable attributes is the network of bridleways and public footpaths which provide recreational opportunities and enjoyment of the area. Together with the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park, the nominated area of greenspace is the only significant and recognisable area of open, recreational space that serves the residents in the eastern part of Loddon ward, on the edge of Woodley. A new activity centre at Dinton Pastures also opened in August 2021 which includes an activity hall, water sports facilities, changing facilities and coffee shop and was constructed and designed to achieve carbon neutral development. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is considered to hold some historical value, associated with its former use as an old gravel workings. According to the Landscape Character Assessment (2019), the workings have been extensively restored resulting in the creation of Dinton Pastures Country Park, and this area has been subject to considerable modification due to gravel extraction practices, which has led to the creation of new landscape types characterised by natural floodplain and open water bodies. <u>Ecological value:</u> Mortimer Meadows forms part of the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park, which is designated as a Local Wildlife Site and holds significant ecological value. According to Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC) this Local Wildlife Site is based around old gravel pits that are managed for recreation and nature conservation. The site comprises areas of woodland, a small wet meadow and a larger area of grassland. The Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2019) states that the country park represents the largest wetland site in the area, comprising lakes, and wet woodlands that support nationally important numbers of wintering gadwell and smew. This part of Dinton Pastures also comprises several areas of priority habitat, notably lowland fens, lowland mixed deciduous woodland and eutrophic standing water. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> Some areas at Mortimer Meadows hold a degree of tranquillity in the context of the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park Local Wildlife Site. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) and the Landscape Character Assessment (2019), with

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	localised areas of tranquillity around the restored lakes and away from transport corridors and visual influence of adjacent settlements. Areas closer to the edge of Woodley therefore provide less tranquillity value due to their proximity to housing and roads.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Mortimer Meadows forms part of the wider Dinton Pastures Country Park which is one of the most significant and recognisable green spaces that serves the residents of Loddon ward and Hurst ward, as well as attracting some visitors across the Borough and further afield. The site also holds significant ecological value due to its designation as a Local Wildlife Site, which comprises several priority habitats including lowland fens and lowland mixed deciduous woodland.

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Land at Lysander Close, Woodley



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Site reference	**LGS121**
Site name	Land at Lysander Close
Site address	Lysander Close, Woodley
Site size	0.14 ha
Site Description	An area of public open space situated in the centre of existing housing at Lysander Close. The site is bounded to the north, east and west by existing housing at Lysander Close, and to the south by Hurricane Way. The area of open space is also in proximity to the Local Centre at Loddon Vale, Woodley.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located within close proximity to the community it serves, serving the existing residents of Lysander Close and the Loddon ward. The area of open space at Lysander Close is also within walking distance to Loddon Vale Local Centre.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as the site is well self-contained with clearly defined boundaries, bounded by existing housing at Lysander Close and by Hurricane Way along the southern boundary.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site is an area of public open space, but is not recognised or identified in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment. Notwithstanding it has some recreational value, there are other significant areas of green space which are within walking distance of the site. For instance, Sandford Park is situated to east of the site and offers residents a greater range, type and quality of facilities for recreation purposes. Ashenbury Park is also another significant and recognisable green space that is situated north of the site. <u>Historical value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure. <u>Ecological value:</u> The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value. <u>Tranquillity value:</u> The area of green space at Lysander Close is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to the site's proximity to existing residential, commercial and community uses associated with the Loddon Vale Local Centre. This is supported by CPPRE's Tranquillity Weighted Composite Score (April 2007) where the site scores very low in comparison to other areas of Woodley.

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Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. The site comprises an area of public open space within existing housing, but offers limited recreational value, and there are other significant areas of green open space in the surrounding area which are in close proximity and are more demonstrably special to the local community. For instance, both Sandford Park and Ashenbury Park offer a greater range, level and quality of opportunities for recreation. Therefore, the site does not warrant further consideration as a Local Green Space designation.

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