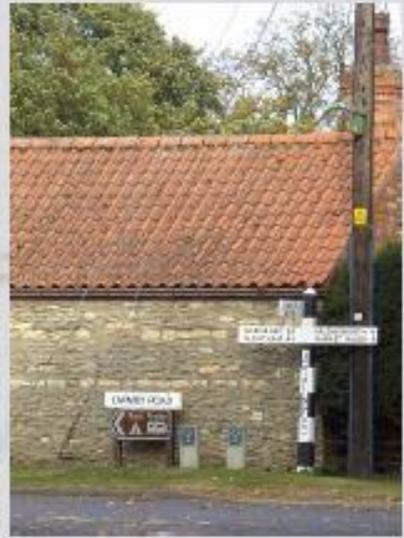


Spridlington



Appendix 3: Local Green Space Assessment

2018 - 2036

Introduction

This report builds upon the work undertaken as part of the Spridlington Neighbourhood Plan. This document assessed each site's potential as a Local Green Space. The document is an evidence base document and will help inform the Neighbourhood Plan on whether the proposed sites meet the Local Green Space criteria as identified in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

As Local Green Space designation means that development is highly unlikely to be permitted on a site, there is a strong possibility that land owners and others will challenge the designation. To meet that challenge the designation must be based on solid evidence that the site meets the relevant criteria.

What are the Local Green Space Criteria?

The National Planning Policy Framework gives Neighbourhood Plans powers to designate certain areas as Local Green Space. The designation gives these spaces the same protection as green belt policy. This assessment proposes several areas that meet the eligibility criteria in the NPPF. The criteria require a Local Green Space to be:

- *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 not an extensive tract of land.*

Not all open spaces within the neighbourhood have been identified for protection, it is only those that are of high quality and meet the strict criteria and have the support of the community which will be given the highest protection. It has been recommended within the Spridlington Character Assessment, and discussions within the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group, that the following sites should be designated as Local Green Spaces as these spaces are currently unprotected and valued for their visual and recreational amenity. The sites identified below are those that are not owned by the Parish Council and have the potential to be developed in the future.

Public Consultation

Proposed Local Green Spaces were subject to public consultation and consultation with landowners during the draft plan consultation in summer 2018. Following the consultation, some landowners objected to their sites being designated as Local Green Spaces for a variety of reasons. These reasons were considered during a Steering Group meeting and the outcome of the meeting was that those spaces identified on figure 2 would be included as Local Green Spaces within the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Consultation with the landowner(s) example letter to each landowner

SPRIDLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Email: spridlingtonnpsg@outlook.com

Mr Example
Email address

LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

Dear Mr Example

As part of the neighbourhood planning process the Steering Group have identified that your land at Spridlington should be protected as a Local Green Space. It is therefore the intention of the Steering Group to apply for this land to be designated as such. If you wish to find out more about this process, you may find it helpful to visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space>

The assessment of your site can be found in Appendix 3 of the Draft Spridlington Neighbourhood Plan, which will be available on the Parish Council website (<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Spridlington>) from 9th July 2018.

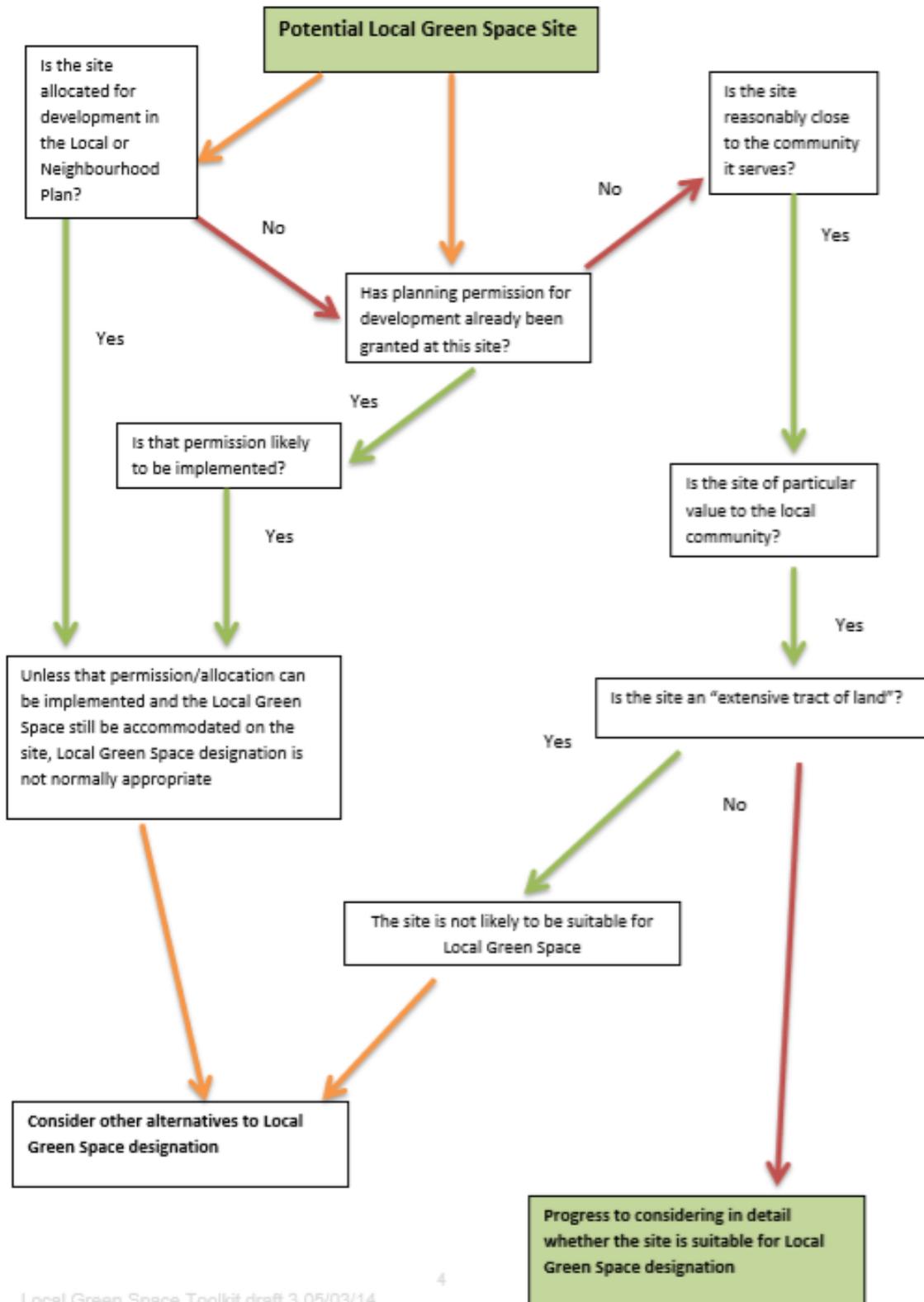
The Neighbourhood plan will be reviewed in 5 years time and as part of this process the Local Green Spaces may be reconsidered.

Any comments you may have regarding this proposed designation can be registered at the above email address.

Yours sincerely

Spridlington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Figure 1 -Decision tree

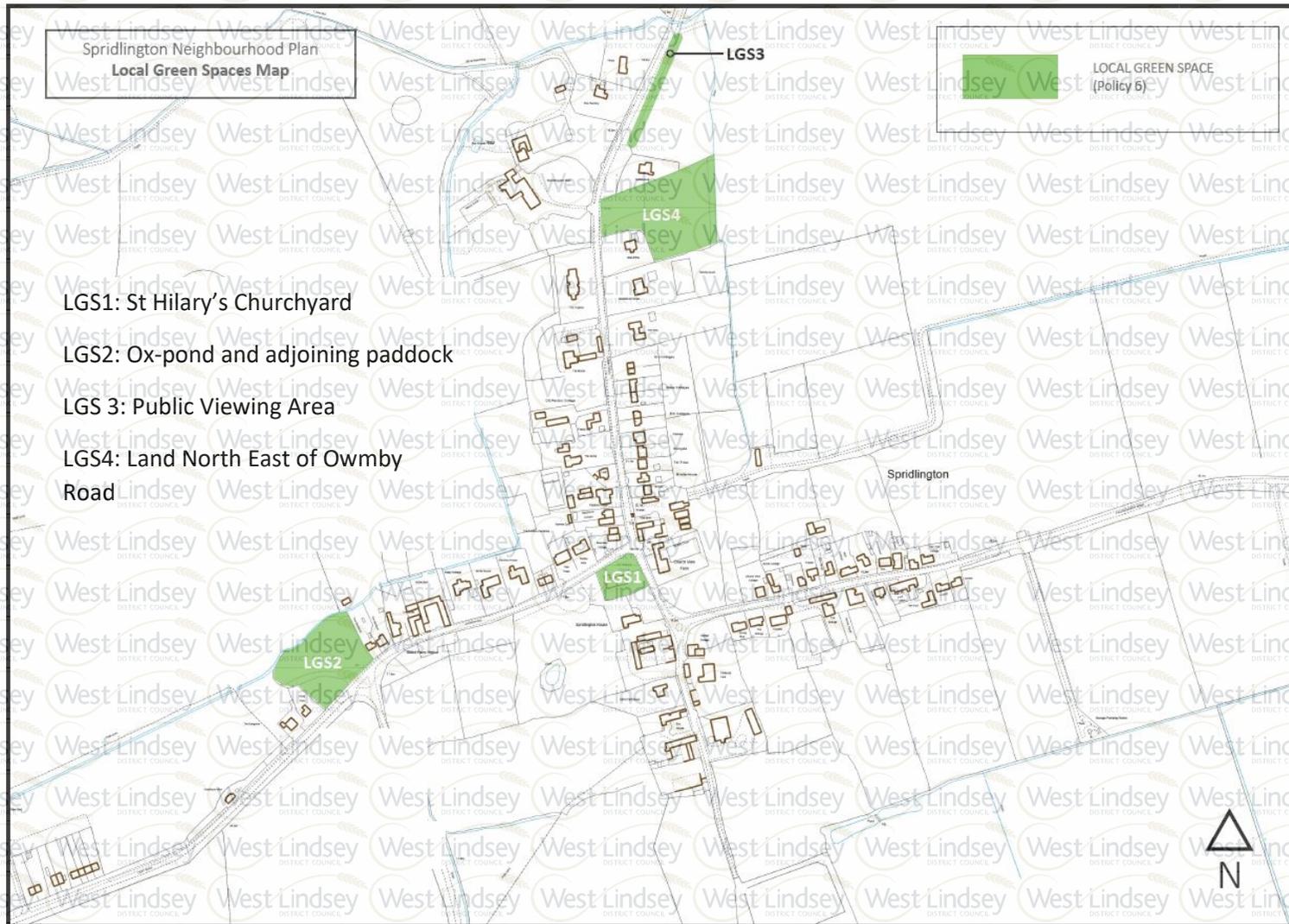


Criteria	Score Range			Notes
Accessibility	0	1	2	e.g. private, no access (0) – could be made accessible (1) – accessed via PROW – fully open to the public (2)
Proximity	0	1	2	Distant (more than 2km) – (0) - fairly near to the village (within 800m) – adjoins (1) or is within the settlement (less than 200m) from existing properties (2)
Bounded, size of site	0	1	2	Individual parcel of land (not an undefined or large area of space i.e. an agricultural field. The site must be smaller than 20ha to apply. More than 20ha (0) More than 2ha (1) Less than 1 ha (2)
Special to the Community	0	1	2	The potential site has a local significance for the community for reasons other than those identified above. This could be for a range of reasons including for example the area's role in providing community cohesion and/or its status as an asset of community value. Not very important (0) Has some importance (1) Very important (2)
Recreational use	0	1	2	e.g. actual, informal recreation or activity, dog walking, informal open space, sports, amenity. Does not have any recreational use (0)

Criteria	Score Range			Notes
				<p>Has some, limited, recreational use (1)</p> <p>Is used regularly for recreational activities (2)</p>
Beauty	0	1	2	<p>Relative (give justification); use consultation feedback, any identified important viewpoints.</p> <p>Does not contribute towards local character (0)</p> <p>Provides a limited contribution to local character (1)</p> <p>Provides a positive contribution to local character (2)</p>
Tranquillity	0	1	2	<p>Relative (give justification)</p> <p>The site is affected by significant noise pollution (0) i.e. major road/ railway</p> <p>The site is affected by some, limited, noise pollution (1) i.e. minor road</p> <p>The site is not affected by noise pollution (2) i.e. within open countryside/ woodland</p>
Historical Significance	0	1	2	<p>Extant, visible evidence, any relevant designations.</p> <p>The site is not affected by any historical designation or has any historical significance (0)</p> <p>The site has some historical significance (1)</p>

Criteria	Score Range			Notes
				The site is an identified heritage asset, or has some other historical significance (2)
Wildlife Significance	0	1	2	<p>Richness of species and habitats, any relevant designations or significance.</p> <p>Not designated as an important site and no evidence of local wildlife (0)</p> <p>Has some local wildlife importance (1)</p> <p>Has an existing environmental designation (2)</p>
Max possible score	18			

Figure 2: Local Green Spaces in Spridlington



LGS1: St Hilary's Churchyard

Site Information

The site is currently a churchyard within the centre of Spridlington. There are existing buildings on the site.

<u>Private or Public access</u>	Public	<u>Current Use</u>	Churchyard
<u>Site Size (hectares)</u>	0.23	<u>Existing designations</u>	Grade II Listed Building and Within the Conservation Area

Comments

The Churchyard is located within the village and is of a small size. The site is of historical importance and provides a quiet area of green space for people to enjoy. The site forms part of the grounds of the Church of St Hilary and has both a historical and cultural significance to the community. The Spridlington Character Assessment also identified this space as an "important open space" due to its historical and visual significance.

Open Space LGS1: St Hilary's Churchyard	NPPF Eligibility Criteria									
	Access /2	Proximity /2	Bounded /2	Special /2	Recreational /2	Beauty /2	Tranquillity /2	Historical /2	Wildlife /2	Total score/18
	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	15

LGS2: The Ox-Pond and adjoining paddock

Site Information

The site is currently an open area of grazing/ agricultural land on Cliff Road, Spridlington. There are existing buildings adjacent to the site.

<u>Private or Public access</u>	Private	<u>Current Use</u>	Grazing Land
<u>Site Size (hectares)</u>	0.5	<u>Existing designations</u>	Tree Preservation Order

Comments

The Ox-pond and adjoining paddock is located adjacent to the conservation area along Cliff Road. The site is of historical importance and provides an area of green space between two existing parts of the village. The site has been identified as a potential development site but received a negative response to its development potential through recent public consultation. It was stated that the site provides a historic green gap within the street scene and contributed positively towards the character of this part of the village. The Spridlington Character Assessment also identified this space as an "important open space" due to its historical and visual significance.

Open Space LGS2: The Ox-pond and adjacent paddock 	NPPF Eligibility Criteria									
	Access /2	Proximity /2	Bounded /2	Special /2	Recreational /2	Beauty /2	Tranquillity /2	Historical /2	Wildlife /2	Total score/18
	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	1	1	11

LGS3: The Public Viewing Area, Owmbly Road

Site Information

The site is currently an open area of amenity public space on Owmbly Road, Spridlington. There are no existing buildings on the site.

<u>Private or Public access</u>	Public	<u>Current Use</u>	Amenity space
<u>Site Size (hectares)</u>	0.18	<u>Existing designations</u>	Asset of Community Value and Within the Conservation Area

Comments

The public viewing area is located along Owmbly Road. The site is of importance and provides an area of public green with open views and some significant trees and two benches. The site has been designated an "Asset of Community Value" and scores highly in terms of recreation and beauty. The site provides a green entrance to the village from Owmbly and contributes positively towards the character of this part of the village. The Spridlington Character Assessment also identified this space as an "important open space" due to its visual significance.

Open Space LGS3: The Viewing Area 	NPPF Eligibility Criteria									
	Access /2	Proximity /2	Bounded /2	Special /2	Recreational /2	Beauty /2	Tranquility /2	Historical /2	Wildlife /2	Total score/18
	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	16

LGS4: Land Northeast of Owmbly Road

Site Information

The site is currently a paddock on Owmbly Road, Spridlington. There are existing residential buildings adjacent to the site.

<u>Private or Public access</u>	Private	<u>Current Use</u>	Paddock
<u>Site Size (hectares)</u>	0.85	<u>Existing designations</u>	Within the Conservation Area

Comments

This area is located along Owmbly Road. The site is of importance and provides an area of green space. The site scores highly in terms of beauty and is bound by some hedgerows and trees. It was stated by local people during the site assessment consultation that the site provides a “green gap” within the street scene and contributes positively towards the character of this part of the village. There is some visual amenity into the site from Owmbly Road.

Open Space LGS4: Land Northeast of Owmbly Road	NPPF Eligibility Criteria									
	Access /2	Proximity /2	Bounded /2	Special /2	Recreational /2	Beauty /2	Tranquility /2	Historical /2	Wildlife /2	Total score/18
	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	12

Recommendations

Proposed Local Green Space	Does the location meet all the Criteria within the NPPF for Local Green Space		Local Green Space Assessment Score /18	Should the space be designated as a Local Green Space?
	Yes	No		
LGS1	Yes	-	15	Yes
LGS2	Yes	-	11	Yes
LGS3	Yes	-	16	Yes
LGS4	Yes	-	12	Yes

