

Introduction

Paragraphs 101 and 102 of the National Planning Framework, 2021 allow for qualifying bodies to identify important green areas and to designate them for protection as Local Green Spaces as part of their Neighbourhood Plan; the relevant paragraphs state:

101. 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.

102. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*
- b) 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*
- c) Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.*

Keelby Parish Council wishes to designate the Keelby Sports Ground on Stallingborough Road a Local Green Space as part of our Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040

The Site

Keelby Sports Ground was established in 2004, specifically for the purpose of providing sports facilities to the community; prior to this all sports were played on the Village Green which was too small to allow Sports Clubs to develop.

The land off Stallingborough Road (adjacent to WL/KEE/001 [previously CL1307]) was gifted to the village by the Brocklesby Estate and is now owned by Keelby Parish Council; see map at appendix A. The size of the site is 19.2 acres in total.

Since being gifted to the village from the Brocklesby Estate, the site has always been designated for recreational use and this is a mandated requirement under the terms of the land transfer agreement.

Currently the Keelby Sports Ground comprises of:

- Multi-use pavilion comprising of 4 x Changing Rooms, 1 Function Room, a Kitchen, Public Toilets and a meeting Room.
- 40 Space Car Park
- Keelby Football Club: 2 x Adult Pitches, 1 x 11v11 Intermediate Pitch, 1 x 9v9 Junior Pitch, 2 x 7v7 Junior pitches and 1 x 5v5 Junior/Training Pitch
- Keelby Cricket Club: 1 Cricket Square and Ground
- Keelby Bowls Club: 1 Bowls Green
- Keelby Tennis Club: 2 x Floodlit Tennis Court
- Keelby Skate Park

The Case for Designation as a Local Green Space

Keelby Parish Council has considered the criteria laid out in the National Planning Framework and make the case as follows:

a) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves:

The site lies to the east of the village and connects directly to the eastern edge of WL/KEE/001 which has been granted planning permission for c80 houses. The site is within easy walking distance from the village and footpaths have been installed to allow safe passage to the entrance of the site from the village.

b) 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:

The primary reason for designating this site as a Local Green Space is on the grounds of its purpose of offering recreational value. Since being gifted by the Brocklesby estate in 2004, the site has only ever been designated for recreational use; it has been stipulated by the Estate in the land transfer agreement that the site must only be used for recreational purposes.

The site currently supports the following sports clubs/teams; and as such offers tremendous value to local sports:

- Keelby United FC: 3 x Senior Teams, 9 x Junior Teams
- Discoveries FC: 3 x Junior Teams
- Keelby Cricket Club: 2 x Senior Teams
- Keelby and Healing Junior Cricket Club: 3 x Junior Teams
- Corinthians Jedi Cricket Club: 1 x Senior +Team
- Keelby Bowls Club: 2 x Senior Teams
- Laceby Bowls Club: 2 x Senior Teams
- Keelby Tennis Club

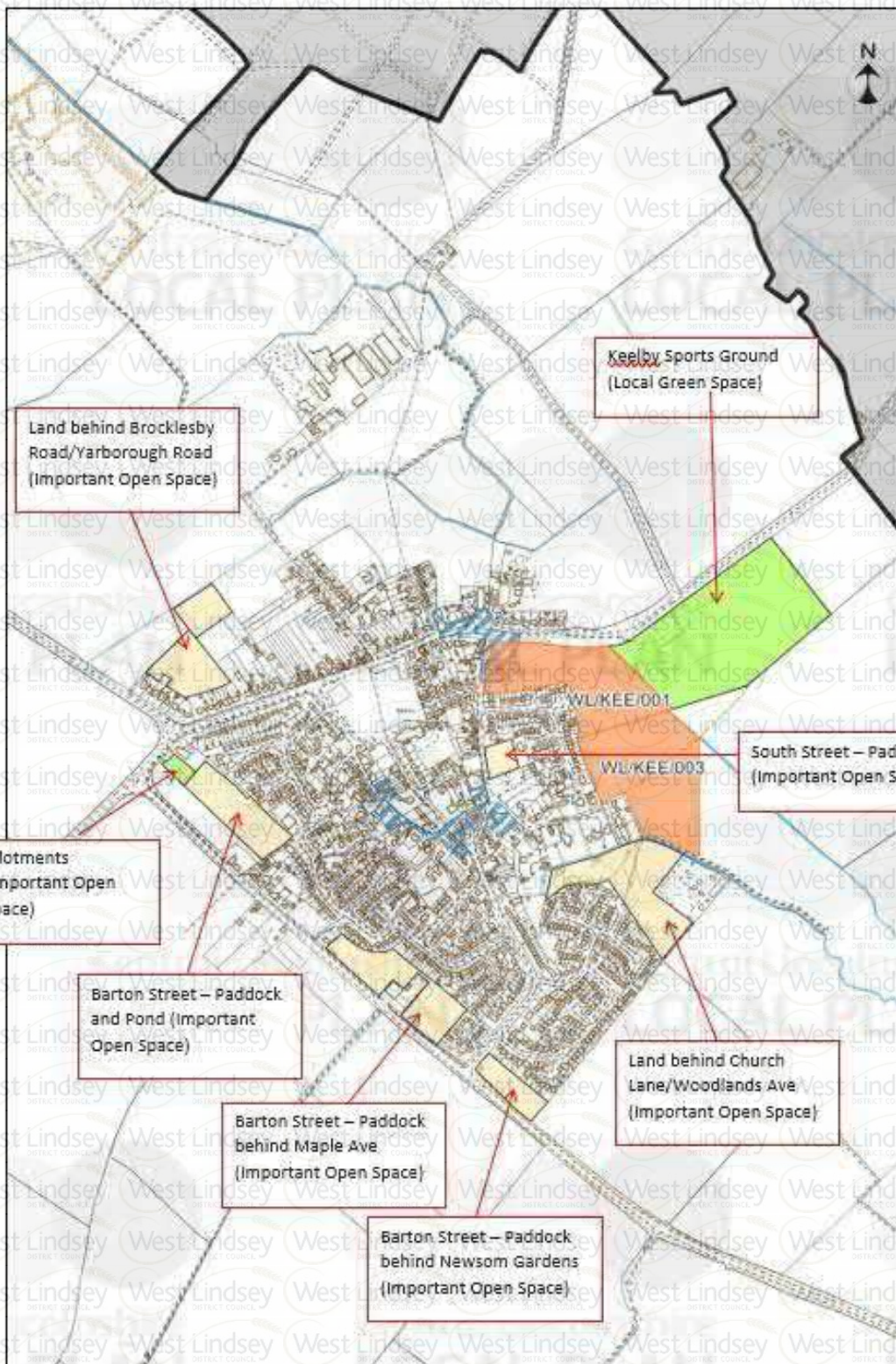
c) Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

The site was specifically chosen as being well placed to support the need, and was sized according to need. The 19.2 acre site is maintained in a way that is in keeping with the surrounding area and all development are governed by the Parish Council as owners of the facility; day to day running of the site is delegated to the Keelby Sports Association who ensure that the site is appropriately maintained at a standard comparable with other village amenities.

Conclusion

Keelby Parish Council is confident that the Keelby Sports Ground is suitable for designation as a Local Green Space in accordance with the National Planning Framework.

Appendix A



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Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Policies Map,
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