

North Kesteven District Council



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Open Space Strategy 2019

A district where everyone has space to flourish



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Foreword



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Wright', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Cllr Richard Wright
Leader of North Kesteven
District Council

North Kesteven District Council is committed to improving the health, wellbeing and environmental sustainability of the District, and aims to work with our partners to achieve this.

We recently launched a new 'Our Environment' corporate priority, which will continue to develop over the coming months. One of our key ambitions in introducing this new priority is to 'conserve and improve NK's heritage and natural environment'

Open spaces are hugely important and valuable assets, and are proven to improve public health, wellbeing and quality of life. They make our communities enjoyable places to live, work and visit, and provide opportunities for all people to engage in healthy and active lifestyles. High quality and accessible open spaces are essential to the success of our existing 'Sport and Physical Activity' and 'Cycling' strategies, and we aim to use all three strategies to deliver our ambition of a 'healthy, fit and vibrant NK'

In producing this Strategy, the Council will explore opportunities to deliver the quantity and types of open spaces our communities need, and to encourage and promote outdoor leisure participation. We also aim to increase opportunities for our communities to access our beautiful countryside, and to work with our partners to maximise biodiversity in open spaces across NK.

Our communities have shown overwhelming support for this strategy, and we are strongly committed to supporting the delivery of high quality open space for all, so that our communities continue to flourish.

North Kesteven Open Space Strategy: One page summary

Vision	North Kesteven, a District of flourishing communities			
Objective	To promote a sustainable natural and built environment, where our heritage is preserved and celebrated			
Aim	To deliver high quality public open spaces that meet local needs and aspirations			
Priority Outcome	Use and access	Need	Biodiversity	NK assets
Why this is a priority	To promote and encourage healthy and active lifestyles, and enhance the wellbeing of our communities	To ensure that new and future open spaces meet the aspirations of the communities they serve	To mitigate losses in biodiversity arising from new development, and to provide people with opportunities to enjoy and learn about NK's natural environment	To ensure NK's resources are concentrated on maintaining/improving our most valued open spaces
What have we done already	NK has a variety of high quality outdoor leisure facilities, and promotes a range of walking and cycling events	We have consulted residents and Town/ Parish Councils on their views of open space provision in NK, and what types of open space they need	NK has three nature reserves and led the creation of Witham Valley Country Park, and supports a range of environmental and sustainability initiatives	Trees and open spaces owned by NKDC are well maintained, and a review of our open space ownership is underway
What are we going to do	Further expand our promotion of outdoor leisure activities, to increase use of open spaces across NK	Use the 'open space opportunity maps' appended to this Strategy to influence the types of open spaces delivered with new development	Develop standards for new open spaces that incorporate biodiversity enhancements at the design stage, and review how NK can increase biodiversity on its own open spaces	Complete our review of NKDC-owned open spaces by 2020, and consider alternative ownership options where appropriate
When we will do this	By 2020	Immediately	By 2020	By 2020
How will we measure success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using existing indicators that monitor outcomes of NK's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy Using our annual survey to monitor residents' satisfaction with open spaces Annual monitoring of new open spaces, and financial contributions for open spaces, delivered with new development via 'section 106' planning obligations Annual monitoring of progress against the 'open space opportunity plans' appended to this strategy 			
Who will we work with	Partners and stakeholders include: Residents and businesses in NK, Lincolnshire County Council, our Leisure and Cultural Services partners, Schools, Sustrans, Town and Parish Councils, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Environment Agency, Lincolnshire Rivers Trust, Hill Holt Wood, Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership, Public Health Lincolnshire, Active Lincolnshire, Public Health England, Planning agents and developers, all community based groups with an interest in outdoor leisure activities and wildlife. We also intend to work with our partners to develop ways to measure enhancements of biodiversity across NK			
Outcomes	Increased use of open spaces by all demographics	Improved satisfaction with open space provision in NK	Increasingly varied and biodiverse open spaces	Improvements in the quality and variety of NKDC-owned open spaces

1.0 Introduction and Background

The North Kesteven District Council Corporate Plan 2018 – 2021 defines how we will deliver our commitment to a district of flourishing communities. The Plan reinforces objectives to work in partnership to improve the quality of life, economic performance and environmental sustainability of North Kesteven, and introduces a new corporate priority: 'Our Environment'. This new priority aims to:

- Conserve and improve NK's heritage and natural environment;
- Champion sustainability across NK; and
- Promote and protect environmental health.

By defining a vision, aims and priorities for open spaces in NK, this Strategy indicates how our new 'Our Environment' priority will develop in the coming years.

This Strategy will support the Council's existing strategy framework, including its Sports and Physical Activity Strategy, and its Cycling Strategy. The Strategy will also assist NK in fulfilling its role to support implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire.

This Strategy also supports North Kesteven District Council in delivering the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017 (CLLP), insofar as it relates to new open spaces. The CLLP contains a range of policies, intended to both protect the natural environment and facilitate the delivery of high quality open space and green infrastructure alongside new development. Most new open spaces are delivered via planning obligations, contained within 'section 106' agreements linked to planning permissions. The 'Central Lincolnshire Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document' (SPD), adopted in June 2018, sets out how and when developer contributions will be secured for open spaces and green infrastructure. The 'open space opportunity maps' appended to this Strategy provide an evidence base aimed at ensuring future open spaces delivered alongside new development meet the needs of communities in North Kesteven.

1.1 Introducing our Vision, Aim and Priorities for open spaces in NK

Open spaces are valuable assets that improve public health, wellbeing and quality of life, and regeneration benefits to communities. Open space is land accessible to the public, with or without payment, that has a primary purpose for recreation and/or leisure and includes cemeteries and churchyards.

Open space in North Kesteven is owned and managed by a number of different organisations including the District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Town and Parish Councils, schools, community groups and the private sector. New open spaces are mostly delivered alongside new development.

Our vision for North Kesteven is 'a district of flourishing communities'. Our aim for open spaces in North Kesteven is 'to deliver high quality public open spaces that meet local needs and aspirations.'

Our vision for open spaces in North Kesteven is 'a healthy, active and environmentally sustainable district, with a broad and inclusive range of outdoor leisure opportunities'. The Council has a clear aim to 'deliver high quality and well managed public open space that meets the needs and aspirations of residents, business and visitors in North Kesteven.'

The Strategy has four interrelated, important priorities designed to deliver this aim and vision:

- To promote open spaces and encourage use by all;
- To deliver the type and quality of new open space that communities need;
- To use open spaces to increase biodiversity in NK; and
- To effectively manage NK's existing open space assets.

1.2 Content and purpose of this Strategy

This Strategy sets out:

- Why we have these priorities;
- What we have already done to deliver them;
- What more we want to do and who we will work with; and
- How we will measure success

This Strategy will serve as a guide for the Council, local residents, partners and stakeholders to co-ordinate initiatives and maximise positive outcomes for open spaces in North Kesteven.

Appended to this Strategy are a series of 'Open Space Opportunity Maps' for each large and medium settlement in NK. These settlements are:

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| ● Sleaford | ● Greylees | ● Ruskington |
| ● North Hykeham | ● Harmston | ● Skellingthorpe |
| ● Bassingham | ● Heckington | ● South Hykeham |
| ● Billingham | ● Heighington | ● Swinderby |
| ● Bracebridge Heath | ● Helpringham | ● Waddington East |
| ● Branston | ● Leasingham | ● Waddington Lowfields |
| ● Brant Broughton | ● Martin | ● Washingborough |
| ● Cranwell | ● Metheringham | ● Welbourn |
| ● Digby | ● Navenby | ● Wellingore |
| ● Dunston | ● Nocton | ● Witham St Hughs |
| ● Eagle | ● North Scarle | |
| ● Great Hale | ● Potterhanworth | |

For open spaces data covering all of NK, please visit our interactive map at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/policies-map-and-interactive-map

The benefits of high quality open spaces include:

- Improved general health and physical activity
- Improved mental health and wellbeing
- Increased social interaction and community belonging
- Pleasant environments to live, work and spend leisure time
- Support regeneration and local investment
- Reduced pollution and flood risk
- Climate change mitigation
- Enhanced air quality, soil quality pollination and biodiversity
- Conservation of natural wildlife habitats

The Council has therefore developed this Strategy to maximise the benefits of open spaces in North Kesteven. For this Strategy to be effective it must take account of both the national and local strategic policy context, in addition to the specific challenges facing North Kesteven. These are summarised below:

2.1 Strategic Policy Context

This Strategy aims to support implementation of objectives linked to the following national and local strategies and initiatives:

2.1.1 National Planning Policy Framework

Government updated the National Planning Policy Framework in July 2018, which outlines the national approach to delivering sustainable development. Insofar as they relate to open spaces, Parts 8 and 15 of the Framework can be summarised as follows:

- Developments should incorporate areas of high quality public open spaces, should address the connections between people and places, and should integrate into the natural environment;
- Developments should contain clear and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and encourage the active use of public areas;
- Local planning policies should be based on robust and up to date assessments of needs for open spaces, including specific needs, to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required;
- Planning policies and decisions should enable and support healthy lifestyles, particularly where this would address identified local health and wellbeing needs;
- Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land (including playing fields) should only be built on in exceptional circumstances;
- Locally important areas of open space can, subject to criteria, be protected through designation as Local Green Space;
- Opportunities should be sought to protect and enhance public rights of way and add to existing trail networks;
- Efforts should be made to minimise impacts of new developments on biodiversity, and to seek opportunities for net gains in biodiversity;
- Opportunities should be identified for habitat restoration and creation, and to promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of habitats, ecological networks and wildlife corridors

2.1.2 National and local strategies and initiatives

In April 2017 Government introduced the National Cycling and Walking Strategy, which outlines Government's ambition 'to make cycling and walking the natural choice for shorter journeys, or as part of longer journeys by 2040'. This strategy aims to improve safety for cyclists and walkers and increase levels of physical activity, and complements Government's long running 'Change 4 Life' programme.

This Open Space Strategy seeks to support NK's role in implementing these national strategies/initiatives, in addition to assisting implementation of its own Sports and Physical Activity Strategy and Cycling Strategy. The Strategy will also assist NK in fulfilling its role to support implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire, and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan as set out in Part 1.

2.2 Research findings following public consultation

In 2017 the Council has surveyed residents, and Town and Parish Councils, in order to gain a better understanding of how communities rate the quality and availability of open spaces. This highlighted some interesting trends; whilst overall satisfaction with open space in NK is generally high, there are disparities between those communities most and least satisfied with local provision.

2.2.1 Summary of findings:

Positives
20% of residents use open spaces on a very regular basis
Overall, 65% of residents are satisfied with the quality and provision of open spaces in their communities; less than 10% are dissatisfied
64% of Town and Parish Councils are satisfied with open space provision in their communities
Communities value the contributions made by all open spaces
Communities are keen to see even better access to the countryside
Almost 60% of Town and Parish Councils have put forward locations for future open spaces
Overall, communities acknowledge the benefits that open spaces bring, and would like to see more of the right types delivered

Negatives
36% of residents rarely or never use open spaces
There is a large disparity in residents' satisfaction across NK (high of 77% versus a low of 34.5%)
With the exception of Sleaford, there is a marked divide in satisfaction between the North and South of NK
Common concerns about open spaces include dog owner behaviour (including fouling), and lack of bin provision and seating
Both residents and Town and Parish Councils want more outdoor sports facilities, and facilities for families with children
Some open spaces are affected by antisocial behaviour, however residents overall do not report ASB as being a significant concern

2.2.2 Interpretation of findings

These findings coincide with a recent audit of open spaces that observed broad differences in the amount of open space land available to communities across NK.

Communities with better open space provision and higher relative levels of satisfaction are generally those that have seen the most housing growth over the past two decades, and as a consequence benefitted from developer contributions towards open spaces. Examples include parts of North Hykeham, Sleaford, Waddington and Witham St. Hughs. Other areas in NK have much lower open space provision and levels of satisfaction, due to there having been fewer developments and consequently reduced funding opportunities.

2.3 Local challenges and opportunities

Current national levels of physical activity in the UK are low; only 40% of men and 28% of women achieve the minimum recommended 2.5 hours of moderate physical activity per week. Physical activity has been demonstrated to improve both physical and mental health, and reduces the likelihood of serious diseases including heart disease and cancers. Levels of physical activity in North Kesteven are lower than this national average, and more than 66% of adults are categorised as either overweight or obese.

It is suggested that by improving the provision of open spaces in North Kesteven, we can make a positive impact on the overall health and physical activity of our residents. However our research findings indicate this may be challenging; these challenges can be summarised as follows:

- Funding opportunities for new open space provision most commonly arise from new development across the District. This means that those areas identified in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan as having lower capacity for new development are less likely to benefit from open space funding or significant funding arising from Community Infrastructure Levy
- Some parts of NK already have significant less open space provision than others
- Some open spaces provide little encouragement for biodiversity and wildlife habitats
- Despite their rural location, some settlements in NK have limited access to the countryside, and limited access to natural and semi-natural greenspace

However the Strategy presents opportunities to improve levels of physical activity across NK, and to seek to address disparities in open space provision and satisfaction. The Strategy also offers opportunities to improve the types, quality and design of both new and existing open spaces to ensure they meet the needs of our communities.

3

Vision, Aim and Priorities for open space in NK

3.1 Vision and Aim

Part 2 of this Strategy sets out the context and challenges associated with open space provision in North Kesteven. Open spaces make an essential contribution to the Council's vision of 'a district of flourishing communities', and are an integral part of the Council's new 'Our Environment' corporate priority. We have used this information to develop a clear aim for this Strategy:

"To deliver high quality public open spaces that meet local needs and aspirations"

This aim supports the Council's existing strategies, and the initial implementation phase of NK's new 'Our Environment' corporate priority.

The aim and vision will be delivered by focusing on four priority outcomes:

1. Use and access
2. Need
3. Biodiversity
4. NK assets

3.2 Priority Outcomes

The table below sets out the issues and challenges associated with each of these priority outcomes, and what actions have already been undertaken:

Priority Outcome	Why is this important? (see local challenges and opportunities as set out in Part 2.3)	What we have done so far
1 Use and access	To promote and encourage healthy and active lifestyles, and enhance the wellbeing of our communities	NK has a range of good outdoor leisure facilities including nature reserves, walking and cycling trails and sports pitches. We also promote a range of walking and cycling events, and services aimed at improving physical activity (eg. 'Health Trainers')
2 Need	To address the disparity in open space provision across NK, to enable everyone to enjoy open spaces, and to ensure that new and future open spaces meet local aspirations	We have consulted residents and Town/ Parish Councils on their views of open space provision in NK, and to find out what types of open space they need
3 Biodiversity	To not only minimise negative impacts on biodiversity arising from new development, but to deliver net gains in biodiversity in order to reverse biodiversity loss, build resilient ecological networks and to provide communities with opportunities to enjoy and learn about NK's natural environment	NK has three nature reserves and led the creation of Witham Valley Country Park and supports a range of environmental and sustainability initiatives
4 NK assets	To ensure NK's resources are concentrated on maintaining/improving our most valued open spaces	Trees and open spaces owned by NKDC are well maintained, and a review of our open space ownership is underway

4.1 Action Plan to achieve our Aim and Priority Outcomes

The tables below set out our action plan to achieve these priority outcomes

Priority Outcome 1: Use and access

We want to:

Further expand our promotion of outdoor leisure in NK, to increase activity levels by:

- Reviewing and further enhancing how we publicise/promote open spaces and outdoor leisure facilities including walking and cycle routes, for all abilities
- Further promote Witham Valley Country Park, and explore opportunities and projects to further improve access, connectivity and quality of greenspaces across the Park area
- Working with partners to encourage use of existing outdoor sports facilities
- Integrating events initiatives and programmes within the Council's leisure outreach activities
- Understanding and addressing the barriers to open space usage
- Working with partners to maximise the safety and accessibility of open spaces in NK
- Supporting and championing local sporting events, and encouraging new events into NK

Priority Outcome 2: Need

We want to:

- Reduce disparities in open space provision and satisfaction across NK
- Use the 'Open Space Opportunity Maps' appended to this Strategy as an evidence base to negotiate with developers to deliver, alongside new development, the types of open space communities need
- For communities with fewer open spaces and/or those unlikely to benefit from funding from new development, to:
 - » work with partners to secure resources (if available) to increase provision; and
 - » work with partners and stakeholders to improve access to the countryside in these communities in order to provide alternative outdoor leisure opportunities
- Review the distribution of existing 'Stepping Out Walks' in NK, identify gaps in provision, and work with partners and stakeholders to deliver more walks
- Explore the development of open space 'networks' identifying ways to connect open spaces and communities together. Priority networks will include parts of NK that are within reasonable cycling/walking distances of Sleaford, North Hykeham, large villages and the City of Lincoln
- Regularly review open space provision in our communities to ensure opportunities for new open space fill any gaps in provision

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Next Steps and Action Plan

Priority 3: Biodiversity

We want to:

- Use Open Spaces as a means of ensuring new developments achieve, as a minimum, no net loss in biodiversity and work towards net gains
- Work towards delivering access to natural and semi-natural greenspaces that meets Natural England's 'Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard' (ANGSt) (available at www.gov.uk).
- Develop design standards for new and future open spaces, to ensure biodiversity is considered and incorporated at the design stage and include biodiversity enhancements as standard.
- Enhance the design of new open spaces based on design principles of improving access, naturalness and connectivity, and review what biodiversity and design enhancements can be achieved on our own open spaces
- Explore opportunities to encourage developers to enhance how they design new developments around existing green infrastructure
- Support the achievement of 'Green Flag' status for NK's more urban open spaces, and 'Country Park' status for our Country Parks
- Work with our partners to support delivery of ongoing and future wetland creation and river restoration projects, recognising in particular the environmental and historic importance of NK's rivers (Witham and Sleas) and limestone becks
- Reduce disturbance of local sensitive sites, by encouraging and supporting provision of 'Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace' (SANGs)
- Deliver the best value when providing open spaces, by supporting the creation of multifunctional open spaces that incorporate flood risk management, habitat creation and biodiversity enhancements
- Take opportunities to realise both the economic and environmental benefits of open spaces, by balancing the delivery of natural and semi-natural greenspace alongside other types
- Deliver new natural and semi-natural greenspaces that align with the Central Lincolnshire Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping Study
- Encourage owners of natural and semi-natural greenspaces to maintain them in ways that encourage biodiversity
- Work with communities to help them understand the benefits of biodiverse green spaces
- Work with our partners to continue to develop and improve standards to enhance biodiversity across NK, and develop effective performance measures

Priority 4: NK assets

We want to:

- Complete our review of areas of open space in our ownership
- Explore ways to rationalise our open space assets, and consider alternative ownership options for some open spaces where appropriate
- Reinvest to enhance our larger, more beneficial areas of open space
- Review signage and facilities on our open spaces
- Reduce grass cutting frequency in some areas where appropriate, and work with communities to realise the biodiversity benefits associated with more 'natural' open spaces
- Work with our Town and Parish Councils, to set up pilot areas for enhancing biodiversity by redesigning some of our natural and semi-natural greenspaces.

5.1 Delivery Partners

We will work with a wide variety of partners and stakeholders to achieve the actions set out in this Strategy. These include (please note this list is not exhaustive):

- Residents of NK
- Businesses operating in NK
- Our Leisure and Cultural Services partners
- Lincolnshire County Council
- NK Town and Parish Councils
- Local schools
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- Environment Agency
- Lincolnshire Rivers Trust
- Hill Holt Wood
- Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership
- Natural England
- City of Lincoln Council
- West Lindsey District Council
- Active Lincolnshire
- Public Health Lincolnshire
- Public Health England
- Sustrans
- Planning agents and developers
- All community groups operating in NK that have an interest in outdoor leisure activities and/or wildlife
- Diocese of Lincoln



5.2 How we will Monitor Success

There are currently limited monitoring indicators that relate to open spaces. However we are confident that we can monitor the successful implementation of this Strategy by other means.

Performance Indicators:

The Council currently utilises performance indicators (PIs) to monitor sport and physical activity in NK. We will use the following existing PIs to assist in monitoring the successful implementation of this Strategy, given that they are also used to monitor our Sports and Physical Activity and Cycling strategies:

- PI14: Residents in specified wards/parishes participating at least once per week in physical activity as a percentage of the total in the ward/area
- PI15: Residents with disabilities participating in physical activity on average 30 minutes, 3 times per week, as a percentage of total in the District
- PI16: Residents from black and minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds participating in physical activity on average 30 minutes, 3 times per week, as a percentage of total in the District
- PI17: Residents aged 5 – 18 years participating in physical activity on average 60 minutes, 3 times per week, as a percentage of total in the District
- PI18: (Active Lives) percentage of young people (aged 11 – 18) with a positive attitude towards sport and being active
- PI20: Residents over 65 years of age participating in physical activity on average 30 minutes, 5 times per week, as a percentage of total in the District

Additional monitoring indicators:

- The number and type of new open spaces delivered alongside new development, against the 'Open Space Opportunity Maps' appended to this Strategy
- The amount of 'section 106' financial contributions collected for open space infrastructure
- Residents' satisfaction with open space provision in their communities (via annual residents' survey)
- Fulfilment of the Central Lincolnshire Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping Study, available at <https://glnp.org.uk/lincolnshire-landscapes/central-lincolnshire-biodiversity-opportunity-mapping.php>

In developing this Strategy and action plan, we want to:



1

**Continuously
improve the quality
and variety of
NK-owned open
spaces**



2

**Maximise
usage of open
space by our
communities**



3

**Use open
spaces to
increase
biodiversity
in NK'**



4

**Improve residents'
and visitors'
satisfaction with
open spaces
in NK**

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: BASSINGHAM



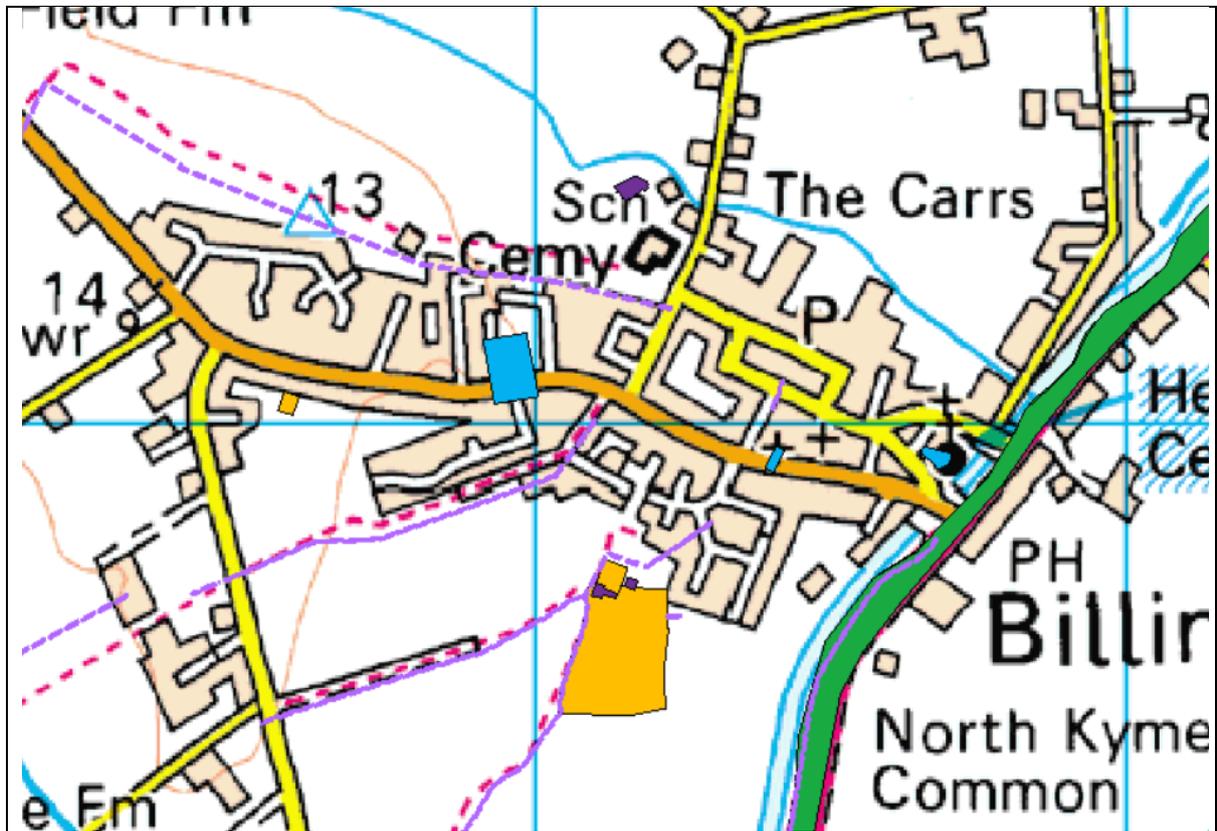
Open space types required:

Additional and better quality amenity greenspace;
Increased facilities for children and young people.

Open space opportunity areas identified:

None identified at present – community currently
indicates a preference for improving existing open
spaces.

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: BILLINGHAY



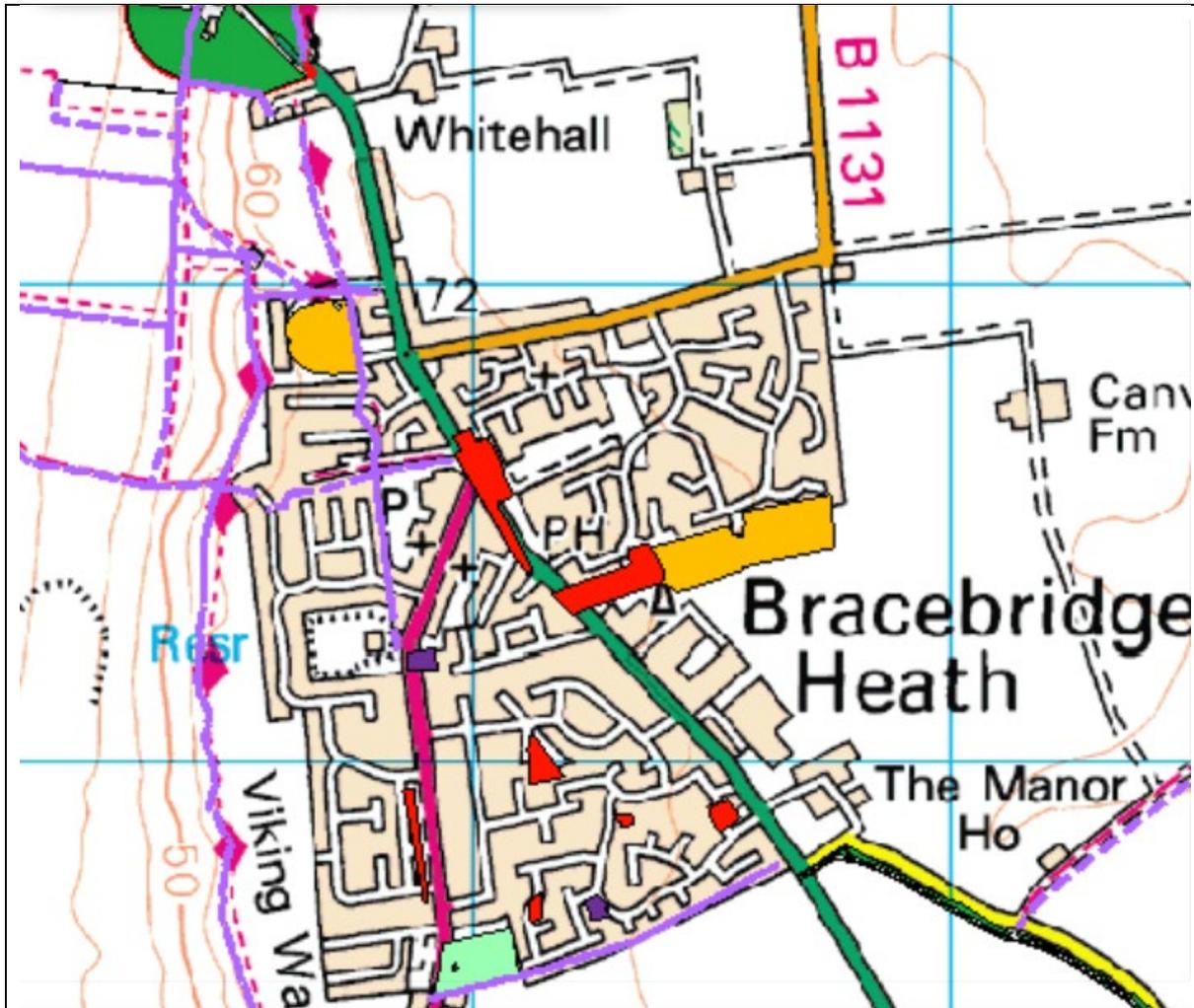
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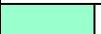
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Provision for children and young people
	Nature reserve/green corridor
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way

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Open space types required:	Allotments, cemeteries and churchyards, outdoor sports facilities and nature reserves/green corridors
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
BRACEBRIDGE HEATH**

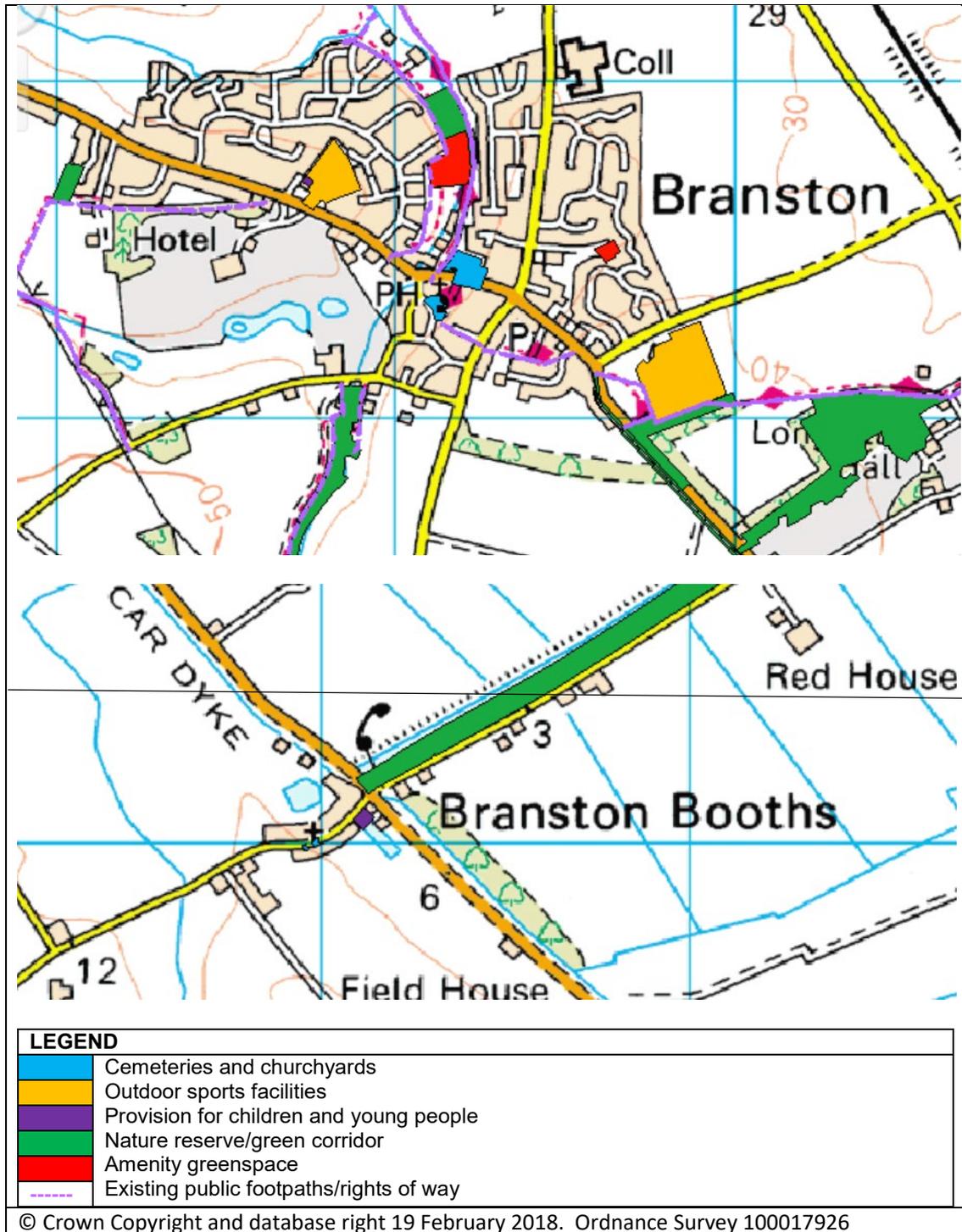


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	Allotments
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Provision for children and young people
	Nature reserve/green corridor
	Amenity greenspace
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way

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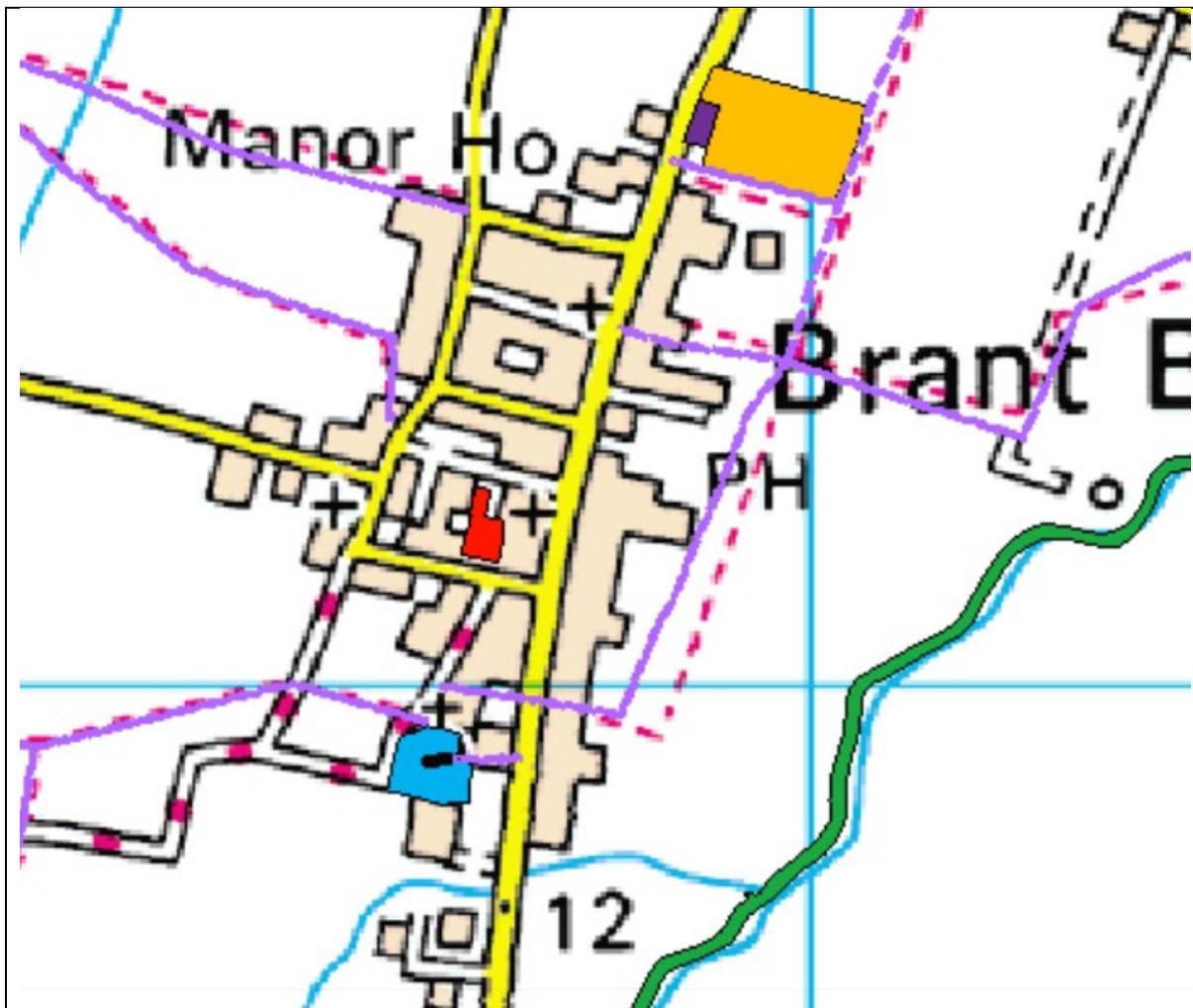
Open space types required:	Amenity greenspace
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: BRANSTON



Open space types required:	The community has identified a need for most types of open space in the Parish
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: BRANT BROUGHTON



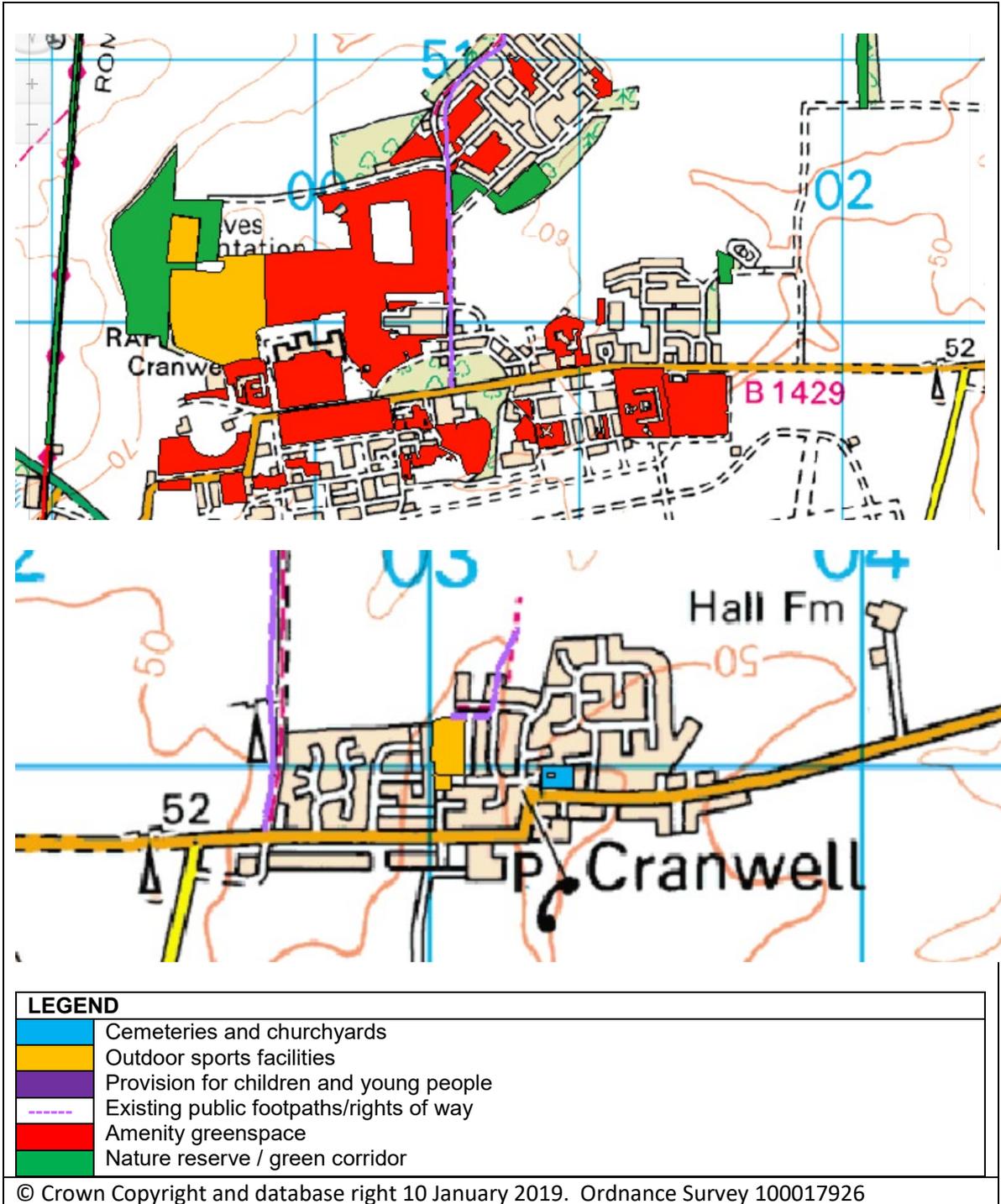
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	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Outdoor sports facilities
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	Amenity greenspace
	Nature reserve/green corridor

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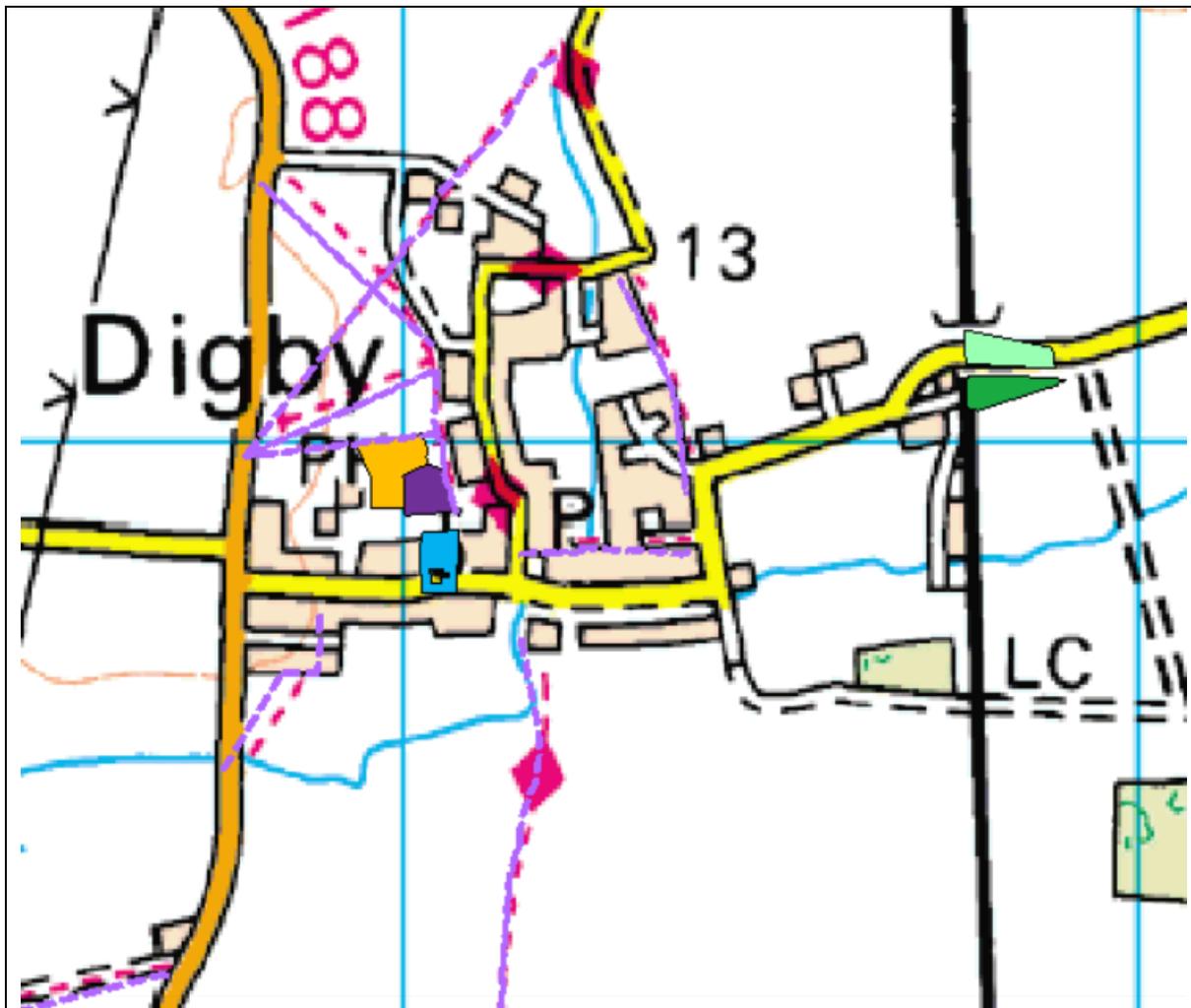
Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
CRANWELL (INCLUDING RAF CRANWELL)**



Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: DIGBY



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	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Provision for children and young people
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Allotments
	Nature reserve / green corridor

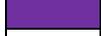
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Open space types required:	The community identifies a need for amenity greenspace, nature reserves/green corridors, and outdoor sports facilities within the Parish
Open space opportunity areas identified:	Adjacent to or within new developments

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: DUNSTON



LEGEND

	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Provision for children and young people
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Nature reserve / green corridor

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
EAGLE**



LEGEND	
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Provision for children and young people
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
GREAT HALE**

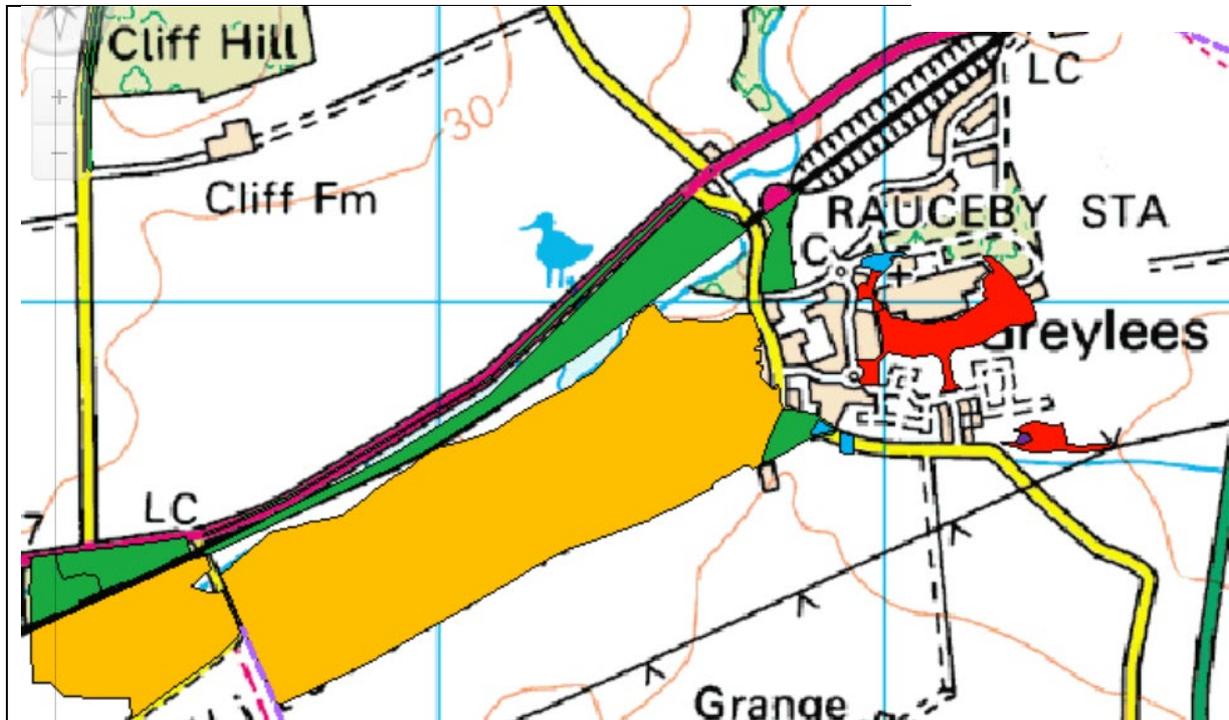


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	Cemeteries and churchyards
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	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Allotments

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: GREYLEES



LEGEND

	Cemeteries and Churchyards
	Provision for children and young people
	Nature reserve/green corridor
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Outdoor sports facilities

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: HARMSTON



LEGEND

	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Amenity greenspace
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Allotments

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
HECKINGTON**



LEGEND

- Cemeteries and churchyards
- Outdoor sports facilities
- Provision for children and young people
- Existing public footpaths/rights of way
- Amenity greenspace
- Allotments
- Civic square / civic land

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: HEIGHINGTON



LEGEND

	Outdoor sports facilities
	Provision for children and young people
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Nature reserve / green corridor

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: HELPRINGHAM



LEGEND

	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: LEASINGHAM



LEGEND

	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Provision for children and young people

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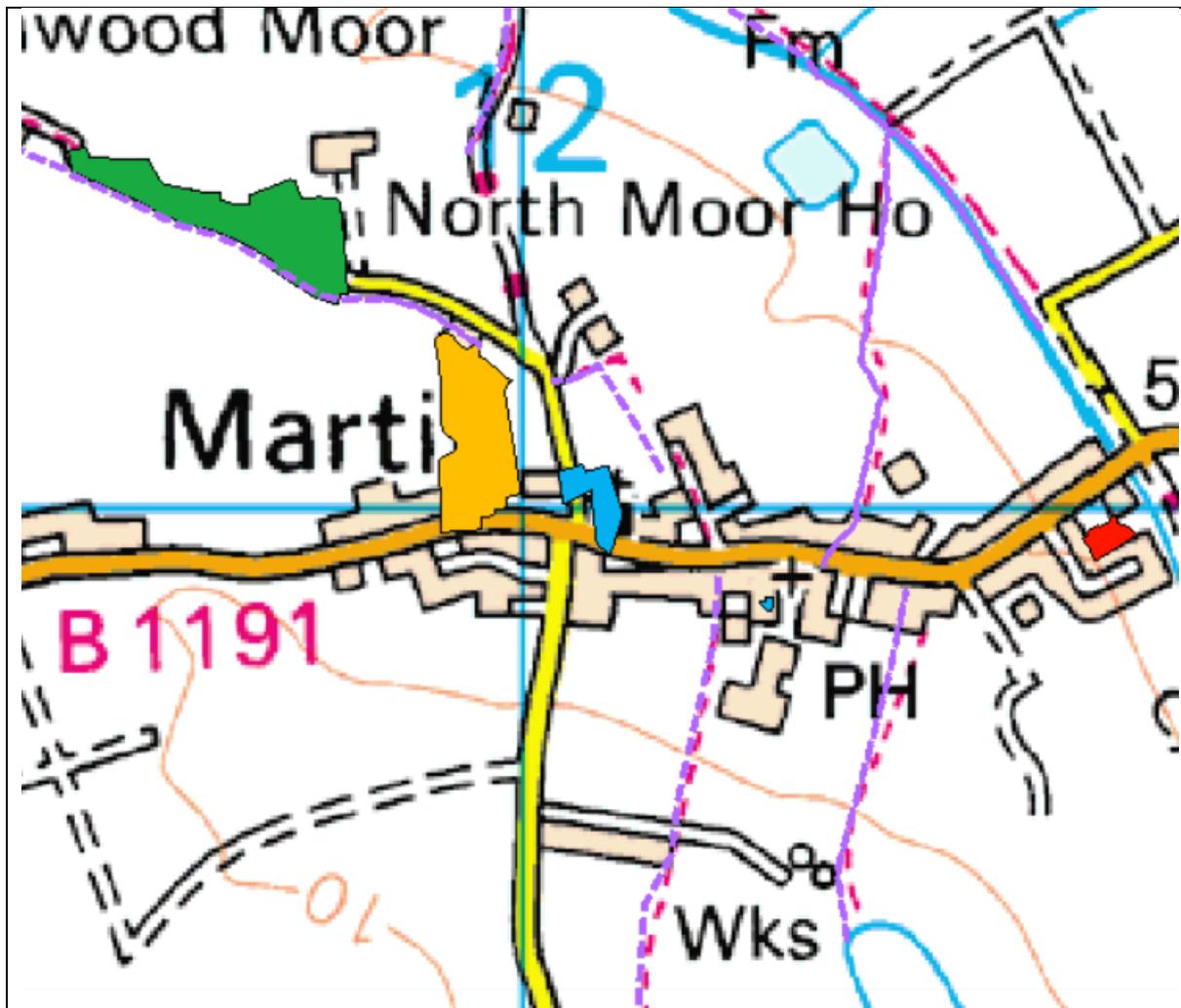
Open space types required:

The community indicates a need for allotments, provision for children and young people, and nature reserves/green corridors

Open space opportunity areas identified:

No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
MARTIN**

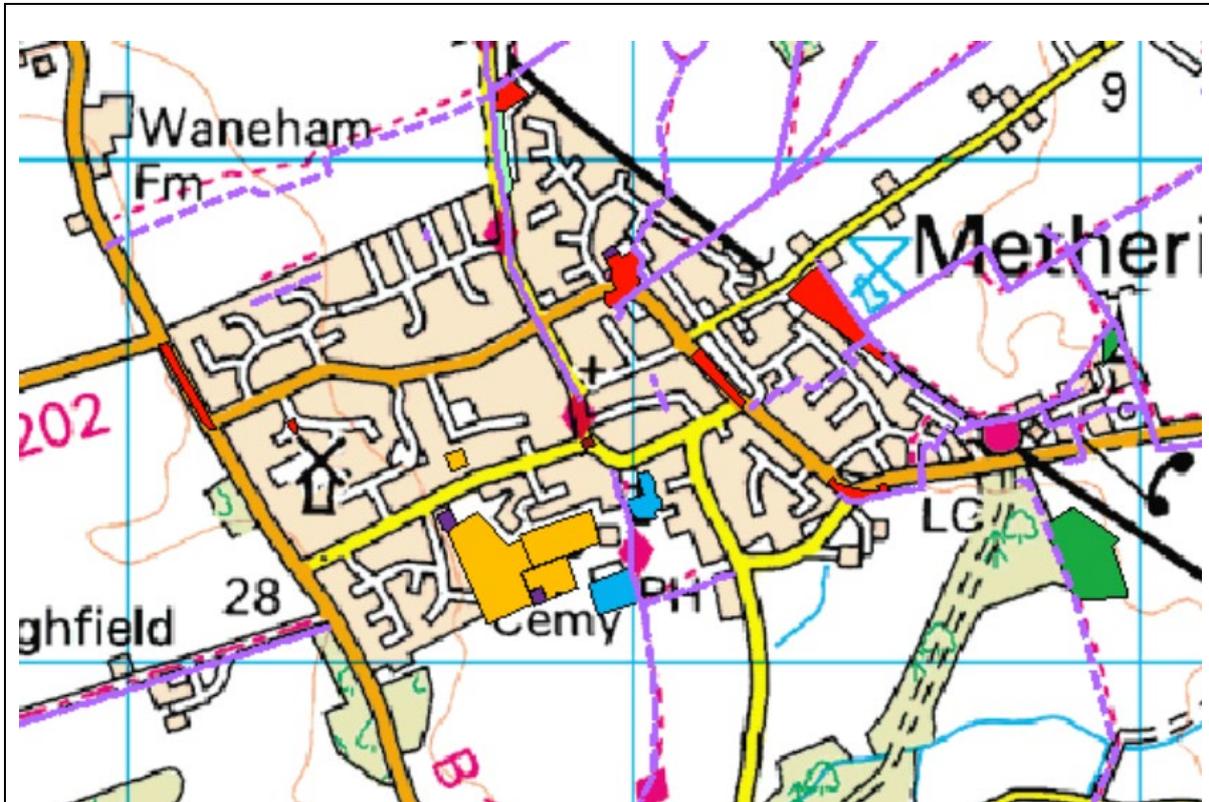


LEGEND	
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Nature reserve / green corridor

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Open space types required:	The community indicates a need for allotments, provision for children and young people, and nature reserves/green corridors
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: METHERINGHAM



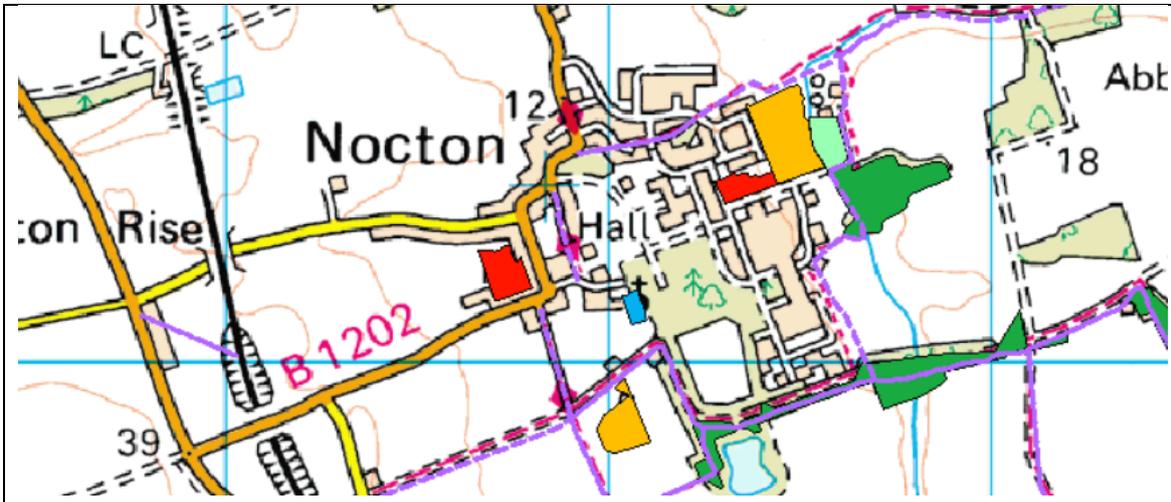
LEGEND

	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people
	Allotments
	Civic squares and spaces

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: NOCTON



LEGEND	
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Allotments

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: NAVENBY

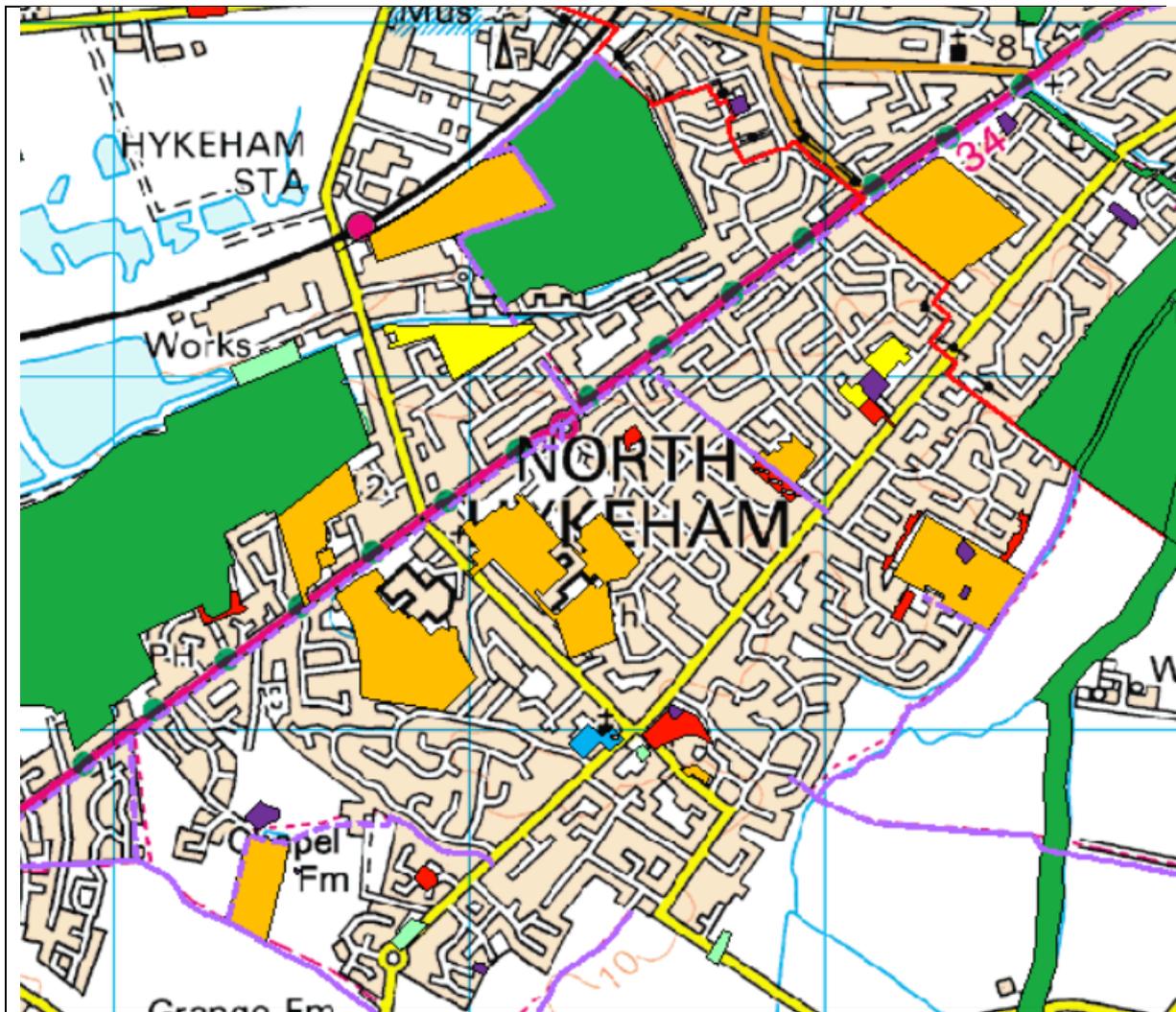


LEGEND	
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people
	Allotments

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
NORTH HYKEHAM**



LEGEND

- Allotments
- Cemeteries and churchyards
- Outdoor sports facilities
- Provision for children and young people
- Nature reserve/green corridor
- Amenity greenspace
- Public parks and gardens
- Existing public footpaths/rights of way

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Open space types required:	Allotments, woodlands, public parks and gardens
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
NORTH SCARLE**

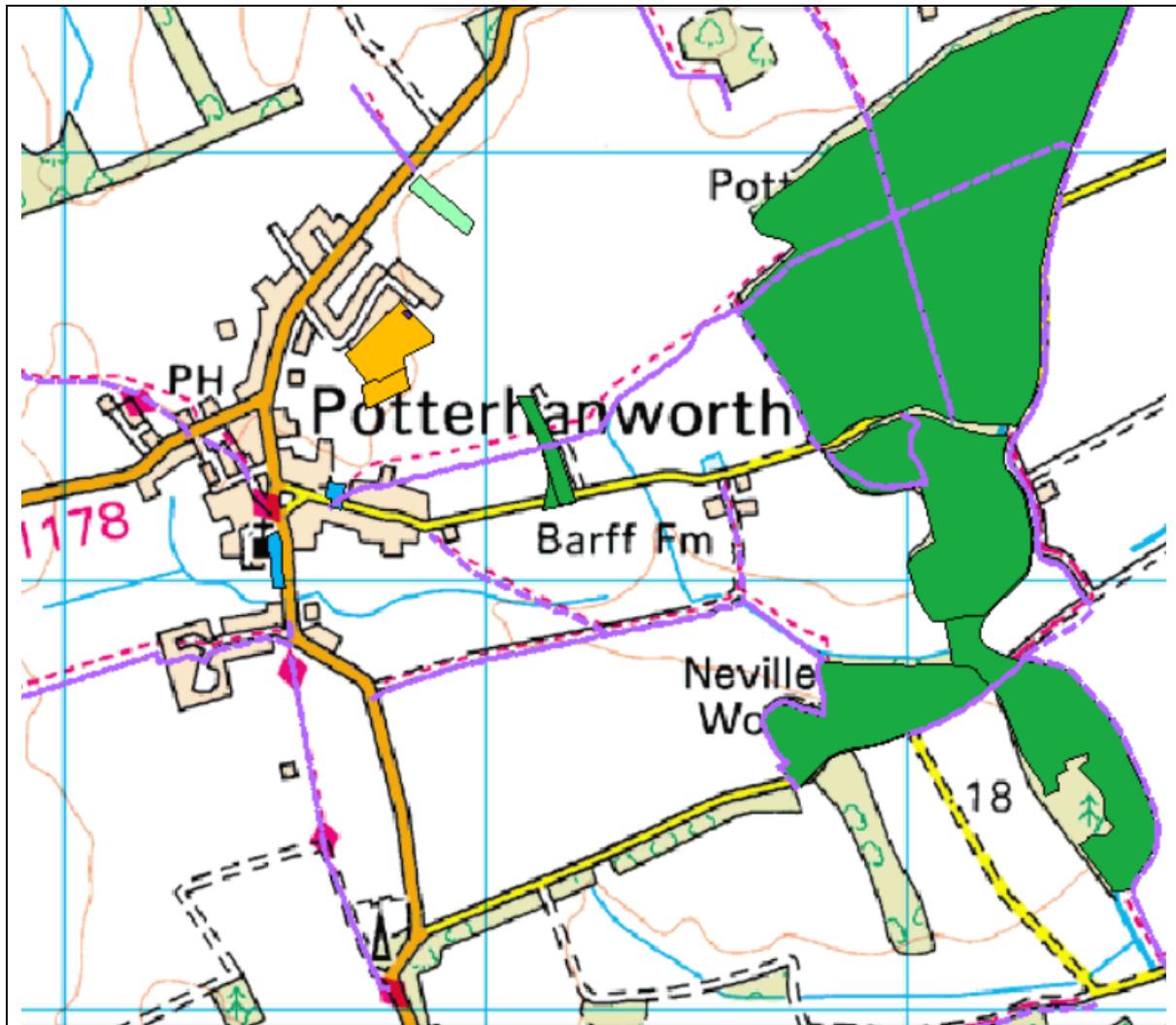


LEGEND	
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
POTTERHANWORTH**



LEGEND

- Allotments
- Outdoor sports facilities
- Cemeteries and churchyards
- Existing public footpaths/rights of way

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Open space types required:	The community indicates a preference for more nature reserves/green corridors
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: RUSKINGTON



LEGEND

	Allotments
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people
	Amenity greenspace

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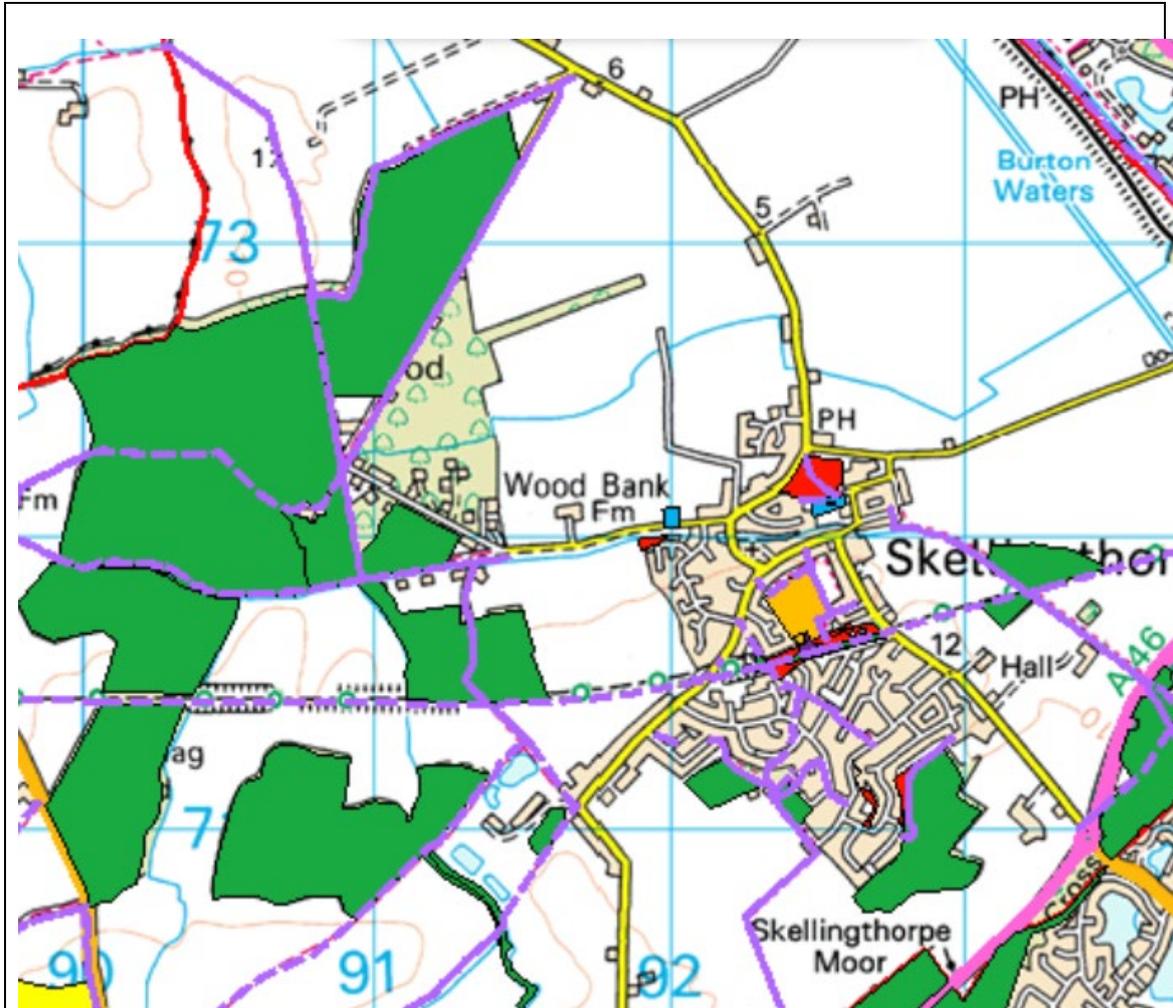
Open space types required:

The community indicates a preference for more nature reserves/green corridors

Open space opportunity areas identified:

No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: SKELLINGTHORPE

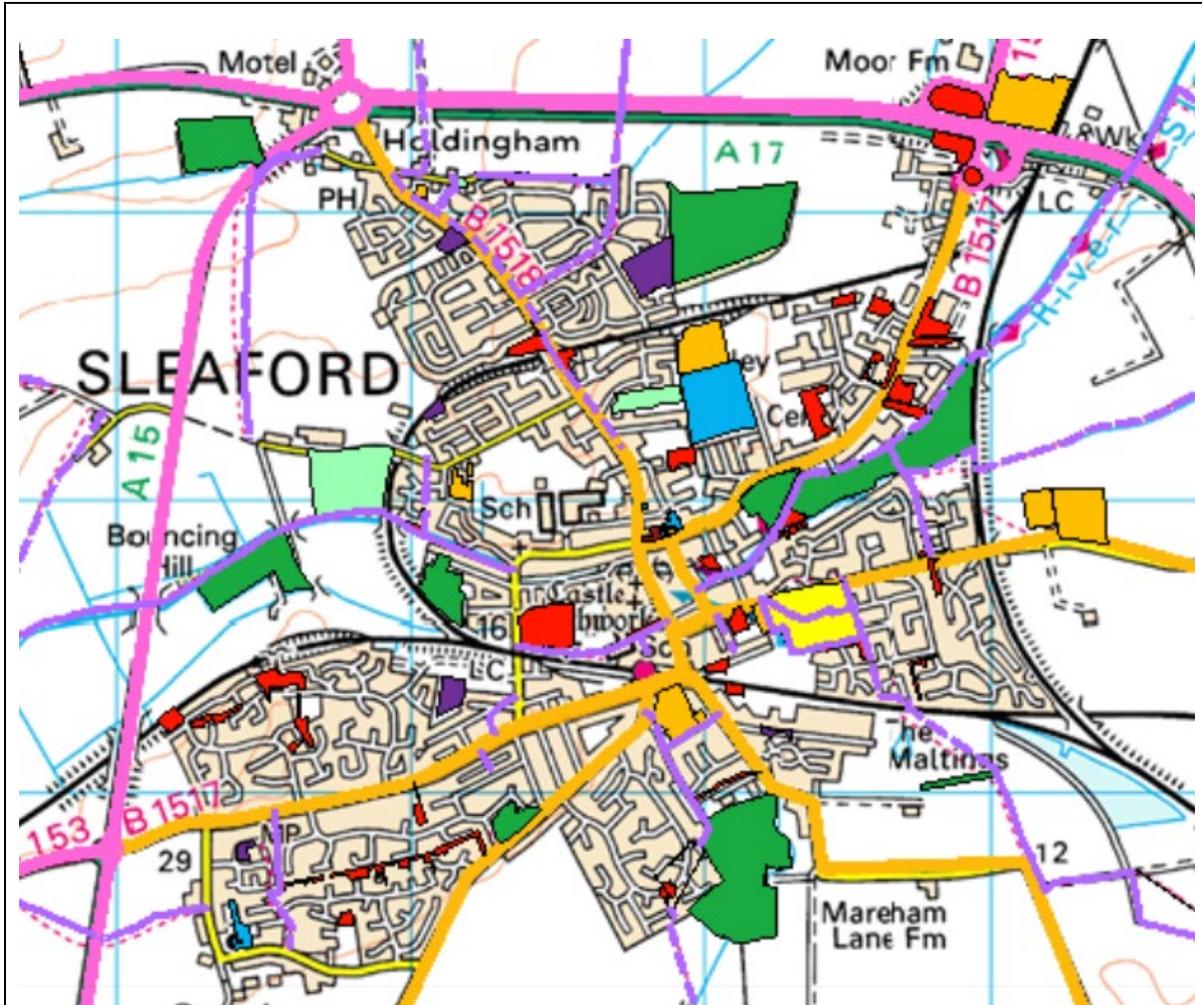


LEGEND	
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people
	Amenity greenspace

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Open space types required:	The community indicates a preference for more nature reserves/green corridors
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: SLEAFORD



LEGEND

- Allotments
- Cemeteries and churchyards
- Outdoor sports facilities
- Provision for children and young people
- Nature reserve/green corridor
- Existing public footpaths/rights of way
- Amenity greenspace
- Public parks and gardens

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

**OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN:
SOUTH HYKEHAM**



LEGEND	
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Amenity greenspace

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Open space types required:	The community indicates a preference for more nature reserves/green corridors
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: SWINDERBY



LEGEND

	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Provision for children and young people

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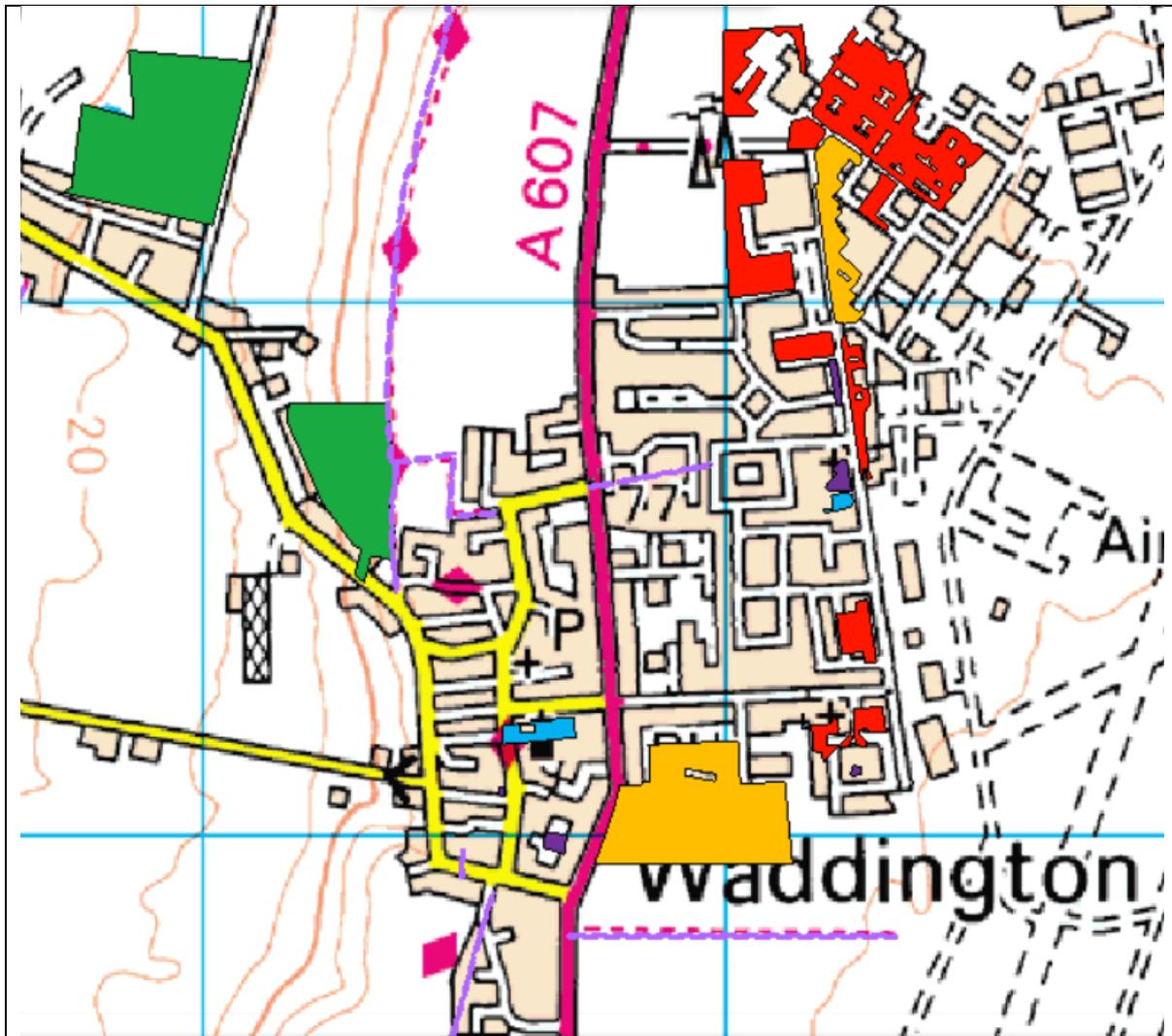
Open space types required:

The community indicates a preference for more nature reserves/green corridors

Open space opportunity areas identified:

No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: WADDINGTON EAST



LEGEND

	Outdoor sports facilities
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people
	Amenity greenspace
	Cemeteries and churchyards

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Open space types required:	The community indicates a preference for more nature reserves/green corridors
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: WADDINGTON LOWFIELDS



LEGEND

	Outdoor sports facilities
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people

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Open space types required:	The community indicates a preference for more nature reserves/green corridors
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: WASHINGBOROUGH



LEGEND	
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people
	Cemeteries and churchyards

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: WELBOURN



LEGEND

	Outdoor sports facilities
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Nature reserve / green corridor
	Provision for children and young people
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Allotments
	Amenity greenspace

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Open space types required:	No specific open space types identified at this time – to be reviewed
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: WELLINGORE



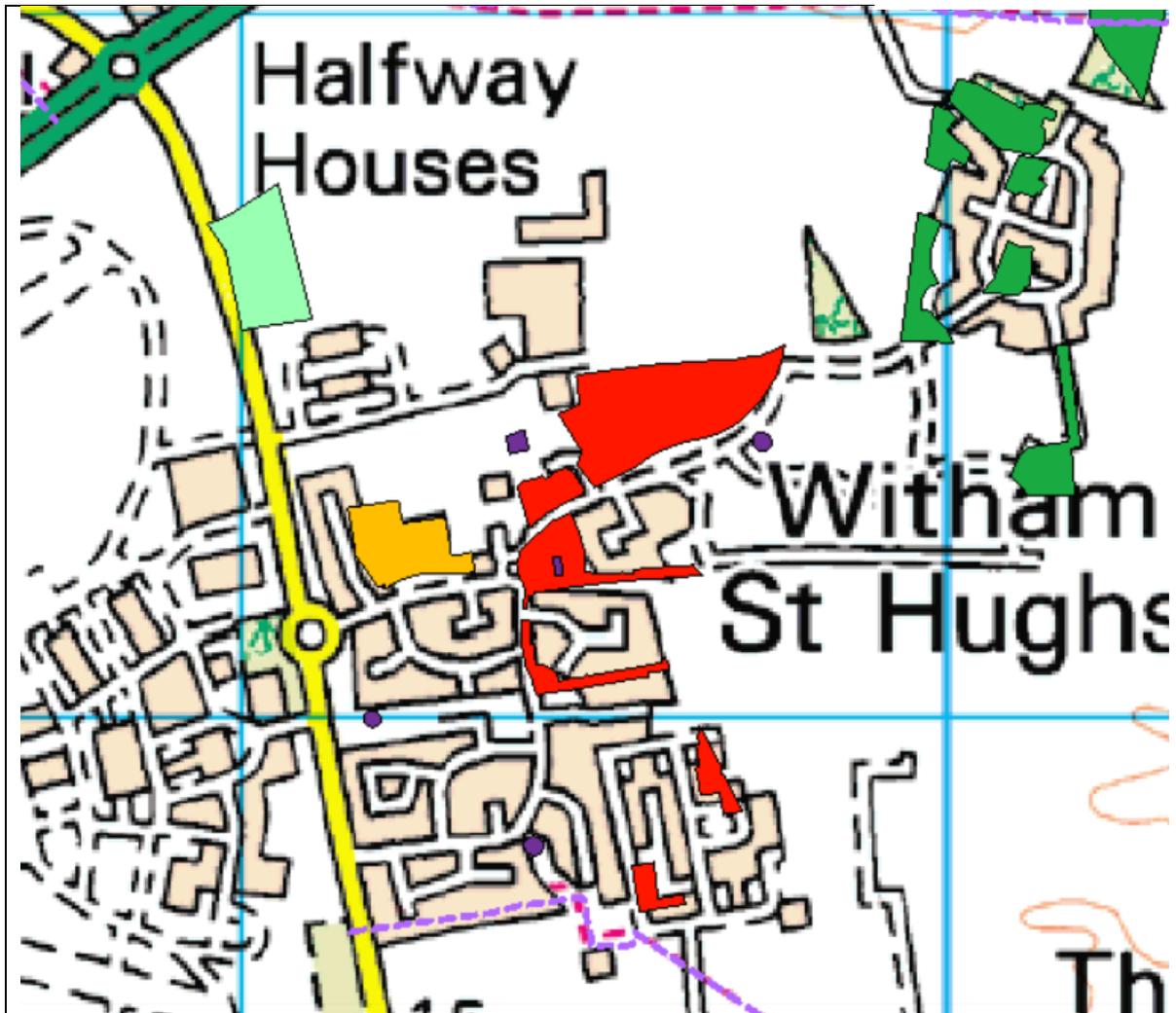
LEGEND

■	Amenity greenspace
- - -	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
■	Nature reserve / green corridor
■	Cemeteries and churchyards

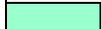
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Open space types required:	The community indicates a preference for outdoor sports facilities
Open space opportunity areas identified:	Land to the west of the village

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY PLAN: WITHAM ST HUGHS



LEGEND

	Allotments
	Outdoor sports facilities
	Provision for children and young people
	Nature reserve/green corridor
	Existing public footpaths/rights of way
	Amenity greenspace

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Open space types required:	The community indicates a preference for amenity greenspace, areas for children/young people, and public parks
Open space opportunity areas identified:	No specific locations identified at this time – to be reviewed



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