

# Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Review Important Open Spaces Methodology and Review

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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Important Open Spaces are designated in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017) alongside Local Green Space within Policy LP23 *Local Green Spaces and other Important Open Space*. The important open spaces were originally identified in the superseded Local Plans of the Central Lincolnshire authorities. The open space designations within the Local Plans were identified in differing formats by each authority. Areas within villages were identified as Visual Amenity Areas (North Kesteven) and Important Open Spaces (West Lindsey) which are important to the character and amenity of rural settlements. There were also open spaces designated as Critical Natural Assets, Basic Natural Stock and Functional Open Space within the Local Plan for the City of Lincoln that contribute to townscape character and provide important spaces for sport and recreation in the urban area.
- 1.2 Important Open Spaces (IOS) are different to Local Green Spaces (LGS) as they are identified by the Central Lincolnshire Authorities as open spaces important to the settlement in which they are located, whereas LGSs have been identified by local communities, or their representatives (such as Parish or Town Councils). Local Green Spaces also have to meet very specific criteria as set out in Paragraph 102 of the NPPF.
- 1.3 The National Planning Policy Framework (2021) includes the following paragraphs in respect of open space:

Paragraph 98 states:

*“Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative and qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for the new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should seek to accommodate.”*

Paragraph 99 states:

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

*a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or*

*b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity or quality in a suitable location; or*

*c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.”*

Paragraph 175 states:

*“Plans should: distinguish between the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites; allocate land with the least environmental or amenity value, where consistent with other policies in this Framework; take a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of habitats and green infrastructure; and plan for the enhancement of natural capital at a catchment or landscape scale across local authority boundaries.”*

- 1.4 The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) also sets out guidance in relation to the consideration of open space in the planning process as set out below:

*“Open space should be taken into account in planning for new development and considering proposals that may affect existing open space. Open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors and country parks. It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have an ecological value and contribute to [green infrastructure](#), as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development.*

*It is for local planning authorities to assess the need for open space and opportunities for new provision in their areas. In carrying out this work, they should have regard to the [duty to cooperate](#) where open space serves a wider area. See [guidance on Local Green Space designation](#), which may form part of the overall open space network within an area.”* (Paragraph Ref ID: 37-001-20140306).

- 1.5 The sites identified as IOS were the result of a desk based review of the adopted open space designations within the Authorities individual adopted Local Plans. This review involved checking the status of each site to ensure it had not changed (e.g developed for another use) or that it was not included as part of another designation.
- 1.6 The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is now to be reviewed. As part of the review process it is proposed to review Policy LP23 and the areas designated as Important Open Space through the policy. The proposed methodology for undertaking the review is set out in Section 3 below.

## **2. Current Policy Approach to Important Open Spaces**

- 2.1 The Adopted 2017 Local Plan includes a specific policy addressing Local Green Spaces and Important Open Spaces. Policy LP23 states:

*“An area identified as a Local Green Space on the Policies Map will be protected from development in line with the NPPF, which rules out development on these sites other than in very special circumstances.*

*An area identified as an Important Open Space on the Policies Map is safeguarded from development unless it can be demonstrated that:*

- a. In the case of publicly accessible open space, there is an identified over provision of that particular type of open space in the community area and the site is not required for alternative recreational uses or suitable alternative open space can be provided on a replacement site or by enhancing existing open space serving the community area; and*
- b. In the case of all Important Open Spaces, there are no significant detrimental impacts on the character and appearance of the surrounding area, ecology and any heritage sites.”*

- 2.2 The Policies Map of the 2017 Local Plan shows all 329 identified areas of Important Open Space. However, it has been noted that as a result of the open spaces having been provided by the three individual authorities, there are some inconsistencies in approach

towards what should be identified across the Central Lincolnshire area, and that it would benefit from review.

### 3. Review Methodology

#### Review Criteria

- 3.1 The Important Open Space designation is a means of protecting parcels of land which do not fall under existing statutory designations or protective ownership, and have not been suggested by the community as, or do not meet the criteria for, Local Green Space. The starting point for this review will be the open spaces identified within the Adopted Local Plan. These open spaces had been identified previously within the individual Local Plans of the Central Lincolnshire Authorities.
- 3.2 Land covered by the following statutory designations is not included within the review, as there already exists a legislative and policy framework to protect them:
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)
  - National Nature Reserves (NNR)
  - Local Nature Reserves (LNR)
  - Local Wildlife Sites (LWS)
  - Registered Historic Parks and Gardens
  - Town and Village Greens and registered commons
  - Land under protective ownership (e.g. National Trust, Woodland Trust etc).
- 3.3 In addition to the statutory designations, the following open space typologies are not shown on the Policies Map following the review. It is considered that it will be possible to protect these, by type, through the addition of criteria to the adopted policy.
- Churchyards
  - Cemeteries
  - School Playing fields (in use as such)
  - Sports Centre/Recreation ground
  - Allotments (Local Authority owned)
- 3.4 Linear spaces, such as roadside screening, watercourse banks and other similar areas of open space that fall below **20 – 25m** in width are not included within the review. However, each open space will also be considered on its merits, and if it is considered that there may be development pressures, the open space will be looked at in more detail to assess its suitability for inclusion within the review.
- 3.5 The following table sets out detailed information that will be used to determine if a proposed area is suitable for designation as an Important Open Space.

Important Open Space Criteria	Explanation
1. Is the open space larger than <b>0.05ha</b> ?	Open spaces smaller than <b>0.05ha</b> are less likely to face development pressures due to their small size.
2. Is the space publicly <b>accessible</b> and/or publicly <b>visible</b> ?	Spaces that are behind high walls or hedges are unlikely to be considered as Important Open Space as they are not open in nature. While publically accessible spaces offer a greater benefit to a settlement, private spaces can also be of benefit to the character and setting of a settlement.
3. Is the open space important to the character of the area?	Open spaces can offer a range of benefits, such as enhancing local character and providing an open or green area within an otherwise built up setting, maintaining an open feel of a less densely developed area or providing recreational value to the local community through both formal and informal spaces.

### Stage 1: A Comprehensive Baseline

- 3.6 Before undertaking the open space site assessments, it will be necessary to ensure that all Important Open Spaces shown on the Local Plan Policies Map are included within the review. In addition, a desktop review will be undertaken, settlement by settlement, to check for open space not previously identified, and new open spaces that have been provided alongside development. Such open spaces will be included within the baseline alongside existing Important Open Spaces.
- 3.7 Areas of actively farmed agricultural land will not be included as, while open, they are a part of the wider open countryside and do not offer any obvious leisure or recreation opportunities. Paddocks, however, will be included if suggested during consultation and meet the criteria, as they more often provide an open space within, or immediately adjacent to, a settlement and also provide recreation opportunities associated with equine uses.
- 3.8 As set out at paragraph 3.3, open spaces that are afforded a statutory or higher level designation will not be included in the assessment or designated as Important Open Space, as they already benefit from protection. If any of the open spaces that make up the baseline do have such a designation they will be removed from the baseline at this stage.
- 4.3 Any linear spaces such as watercourse banks and roadside screening to residential development of less than 20-25m in depth and clearly unsuitable will also be removed at this stage.

### Stage 2: Open Space Site Assessment

- 4.4 The remaining open spaces will then be assessed using the criteria set out above at paragraph 3.5 to determine their suitability for identification as an area of Important Open Space. Where necessary and appropriate, the desk based research will be supported by site visits in order to clarify any site specific queries that may arise where a clear picture cannot be gained using mapping, aerial photography and Streetview for example or other tools.
- 4.5 While undertaking the assessment, the site boundary for each space will also be reviewed to ensure that it accurately reflects the extent of the open space. If amendments are required to the boundary, these will be recorded along with an updated area.

### Stage 3: Preparation of proposed list of areas for inclusion as Important Open Space

- 4.6 Following the assessment, a list of open spaces will be produced that will be proposed for inclusion within the Local Plan. These sites will be those to be included on the Policies Map rather than those identified by typology (see paragraph 3.3).
- 4.7 The proposed Important Open Spaces, to be included on the Policies Map, were consulted on at the Regulation 18 stage consultation during the summer of 2021.

#### 4. Issues and Options Consultation

- 4.1 The proposed review criteria and review methodology were consulted on as a part of the Issues and Options consultation in 2019. Within the Issues and Options document, question 19 related to Important Open Spaces. In addition to the closed 'Yes/No' questions, the option was given to provide additional comments.
- 4.2 **Question 19a** asked "Areas Protected for Use or Type. Do you agree that churchyards, cemeteries, school playing fields, sports centres, recreation grounds, and allotments should be protected for their role and/or type?" the responses received are set out below:

There were 105 responses to this question; 102 respondents supported the proposal to protect certain types of open spaces for their role and type; 3 respondents disagreed with the proposal.

- Everything should be openly consulted on and approved;
- Both open and closed churchyards should be included;
- School fields should be retained as green space, even if no longer used (school closes);
- Churchyards/cemeteries should not be included, they are too large and costly to maintain;
- These areas should be protected as part of the wider green infrastructure network and opportunities taken to enhance biodiversity and connectivity to other green areas.
- Reference should be made to the Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Mapping exercise;
- Assets such as these may be suitable for flood alleviation through the inclusion of SuDS, provided primary function of the land is not adversely effected.
- Various expressions of support;
- Is this approach practical when so much new infrastructure will be needed;
- Emphasis also needs to be placed on identifying allotment land for all communities;
- But their present existence should remain in the records openly and accessible on-line to the general public;
- All such Local Green Spaces are protected in the Coleby Neighbourhood Plan;
- Shouldn't be restrictive where development of the site is in the interest or protecting the existing use;
- Should local areas of woodland be given protection in the plan?
- These sites should be protected for their primary function, with small changes to their management could also contribute to nature recovery networks;
- Churchyards, even closed to burials, would not be sold for housing, or any other use;
- Unused allotments could be seen as an area for housing development;
- Playing fields, and playing field land (as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England ) Order 2015, of any type need to be protected in line with NPPF Paragraph 97;

- It is too late, as many sports fields have already gone;
- The protection of churchyards is welcomed;
- If they are redundant, convert to allotments. Allotments should never be built on, derelict allotments can be made productive again;

- 4.3. Overall 102 of 105 respondents to this question supported the proposal, providing a positive response to the proposal to protect certain spaces by their type.
- 4.4 A number of the comments raised did not directly answer the question, but have raised other points that have been taken into consideration during policy formation. Within the comments made in relation to those open spaces proposed to be designated by type, a range of opinions were put forward. However, no significant objections or issues were raised in relation to the proposed approach.
- 4.5 **Question 19b** asked “Important Open Spaces Methodology. Do you agree with the proposed criteria for including or excluding sites from designation as Important Open Space?” the responses received are set out below:

There were 91 responses to this question; 79 respondents supported the proposed criteria for designating Important Open Spaces; 12 respondents disagreed with the proposal.

- How can previous sites be checked if there is no documentation relating to previous sites?
- Suggest two policies maps – one for Important Open Spaces, the other for those sites with higher order designations that it is currently proposed not to map.
- Consideration of conservation areas, wetlands etc within the built area, e.g. Jungle wetland in Branston;
- Greyingham has an existing open space which will meet proposed criteria;
- It misses too many potential areas that have green space benefit to people and biodiversity;
- Need to include open space
- Neighbourhood plans should identify open spaces as these are most relevant to the local community;
- Important open spaces don't have to be big, or accessible, e.g narrow drain along Newark Road, with lots of wildlife;
- All Lincoln City important open spaces will be suggested to be considered as Local Green Space and site by site assessment undertaken;
- We all need more, and larger, green spaces;
- Small is beautiful, inaccessible is good for wildlife and no character is good for kids;
- The proposed criteria are too broad brush (e.g. the 25m criterion);
- Consider inclusion of key linear open spaces where they contribute positively;
- A depth of 25m is too large for linear sites, this will exclude many sites;
- New criteria based policy will need to ensure protection and enhancement is provided in line with NPPF para 97.
- Need to be able to designate sites smaller than proposed threshold.
- Amount of open space per household needs to be increased to former levels;
- Health benefits of open space are recognised;
- There should be one unified open space designation, combining Local Green Space and Important Open Space, and all sites remain shown on the policies map;
- Specific site in Keelby should not be designated, as of very little value or benefit (South End/ Caddle Beck);



- The policy should not be used to constrain development. Open Spaces should be designated in the Plan rather than on the basis of a broad policy;
- Recreational green spaces should be an integral part of a housing estate, not left over areas;

4.6 While a relatively wide range of comments were received to this question, there is clear support for the protection of open spaces, indicated by 79 of the 91 responses to this questions favouring the proposed approach. However, a number of comments made suggested that the size thresholds would exclude too many sites from protection.

4.7 **Question 19c** asked “Specific Important Open Spaces. Is there an open space that you think would meet the proposed criteria and should be designated as an Important Open Space in the new Local Plan?”

23 respondents suggested open spaces that would meet the proposed criteria for designation as Important Open Space or provided additional comments.

- Specific site suggestions including:
  - Southery woods;
  - Jungle Wetland, Branston;
  - Ewerby Playing Field, Main Street Ewerby;
  - Riseholme;
  - Remaining areas of the Ancient Woods in Skellingthorpe;
  - Closed churchyard, St Johns Church, Church Street, Great Hale;
  - Land adjacent to banks of River Slea;
  - Various sites within Keelby should be identified as Important Open Space or renamed as Local Green Space (map supplied);
  - Mercers wood, Gainsborough;
  - Various general locations around Thurlby;
  - Various areas within Bracebridge Heath (specified);
  - Meadow at Haddington (OS ref, sheet 121, grid ref 913 628) adjacent to River Witham;
  - Scampton and all redundant military sites as allotments to grow food

- Each site will have its own merits;
- Previous failings of designations should be addressed before new ones made;
- The Croft, Greyingham should be retained as a designation;
- Neighbourhood Plans should identify open spaces that are most relevant to the local community;
- See Thorpe on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan;
- A proper inventarisation should be compiled and presented;
- Further consultation with Parish and Town Councils for other nominations should be explored;
- Retain curtilage as per Welbourn’s Neighbourhood Plan, allowing for some growth, but also naturally restricts excessive development;
- Open spaces are important and should be required from designated development land and then added to the Local Plan. Land surrounding villages should be retained to prevent increased outward spread.

4.8 A number of specific open spaces and more general areas have been put forward for consideration as Important Open Spaces. A number of comments also referred to Neighbourhood Plans, both for including open space designations, and also as the best place for open spaces designations to be made.

## **Response to comments made**

- 4.9 In light of the comments made to questions 19a -19c of the Issues and Options consultation, it has not been considered necessary to make significant amendments to the proposed criteria or review methodology. Although a number of comments were made in response to questions 19a to 19c, a large proportion were general comments and not seeking changes to the proposed criteria or review methodology.
- 4.10 Within the responses to question 19a, there were a number of comments relating to the consideration of Important Open Spaces as a part of the wider green infrastructure network, how sites may be suitable to assist with flood alleviation and/ or contribute to nature recovery networks. The interrelationships between different areas and designations of open space and their wider benefits will be considered as a part of the plan drafting process as necessary.
- 4.11 A number of comments made in relation to question 19b were in respect of the proposed size thresholds and that those proposed thresholds were too broad brush, would exclude many areas of open space and that it should be possible to designate smaller open spaces. The proposed size thresholds were carefully considered, taking into account the size of space that could realistically face development pressure and the size of open space that can accurately and helpfully be recorded and mapped. However, following a re-visit of the proposed thresholds, the open space size criteria has been amended from 0.1ha down to 0.05ha for open spaces to be included within the assessment. The proposed methodology has also been reviewed in response to comments and to ensure that it is clear as to how the open space review will be undertaken. This has also removed some duplication within how the proposed Methodology was presented.
- 4.12 Following an initial review of suggested open spaces put forward in response to question 19c, the specific, identifiable open spaces will be considered and reviewed alongside all the existing open spaces currently designated within the adopted Local Plan. In addition any other identified open spaces will be reviewed. All identified areas of open space will be reviewed in accordance with the proposed review methodology. A number of general areas were also suggested, these proposals do not meet the proposed open space site criteria and will not be considered. A number of general comments were also received. These general comments relate to the process of identifying open spaces, and which groups should be responsible for identifying important open spaces, such as Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Plans.

## **5. Open Space Assessment and Review**

### **Stage 1: Identifying a Comprehensive Open Space Baseline**

- 5.1 Following the Issues and Options consultation, all the open spaces suggested were subject to an initial review to establish whether or not they meet those criteria set out in section 3 above. An initial desktop review was undertaken to establish whether their size is above 0.05ha or if linear, wider than 20 - 25m; whether the area is covered by any relevant statutory designations or existing Local Plan designations. Appendix A sets out all those areas suggested during the consultation, and the initial review that was undertaken alongside any relevant officer comments. Of the 28 open spaces submitted for consideration 11 have, following an initial review, been identified to progress. A further 2 open spaces that were submitted for consideration as Local Green Spaces, but did not

meet the criteria have also been included for consideration as Important Open Spaces. These open spaces are:

- Gainsborough, Mercers Wood
- Haddington, Meadow at Dovecote Lane
- Bracebridge Heath, Lancia Green
- Bracebridge Heath, Sycamore Grove
- Bracebridge Heath, St Johns Square
- Keelby, R/O 77-83 Yarborough Road
- Keelby, R/O 87-103 Yarborough Road
- Keelby, Barton Street/ Mill Lane
- Keelby, Barton Street/ Milson Road
- Keelby, Riby Road/ Cotham Gardens
- Keelby, Caddle Beck (suggested revised boundary)
- Fiskerton, north of Holmefield
- Fiskerton, south of Holmefield

- 5.2 In addition to the proposed open spaces that, following initial review, meet the criteria from Section 3 above, all the open spaces currently designated within the adopted Local Plan were included within the baseline. In addition to these sources of open spaces to be reviewed, a desktop review of settlements was undertaken to identify any further open spaces that meet the same initial desktop criteria as the proposed open spaces.

In total 527 open spaces have been identified as the baseline for assessment. Prior to the open space site assessments to be undertaken in stage 2, the open spaces that are proposed to be protected by type have been removed from the list, reducing the total number to be assessed to 370.

### **Stage 2: Open Space Site Assessment**

- 5.3 Each of the open spaces that met the criteria to be assessed for designation was subject of a further desktop study that included checking planning history, current use(s), and any other relevant information that may impact on its suitability to be designated as an Important Open Space.
- 5.4 Online mapping, aerial photography and street view photography was also used to provide an initial judgement as to the accessibility, visibility and contribution the open space makes to the character of the area in which it is located. This review of aerial photography also identified a number of sites where boundaries needed closer inspection, or where the plotted area did not match what appeared to be 'on the ground'. Officer knowledge was also used to develop an understanding of the potential designated open spaces.
- 5.5 Where an area had an outstanding query following the desktop assessment, it was visited by an officer to establish whether or not it is in fact an open space, and if so, whether it meets the criteria to be designated. All of the areas proposed during the Issues and Options consultation that were identified as meeting the baseline standards for designation in the initial review (stage 1) have also been visited to establish their suitability for designation. Open Space site visits have been undertaken during October and November 2019.

### **Stage 3: Preparation of proposed list of Open Spaces for inclusion as Important Open Space**

- 5.6 Following the assessment of the comprehensive baseline of open spaces, a list of approximately 300 areas have been proposed for inclusion within the Local Plan as Important Open Spaces.
- 5.7 The list of proposed open spaces for inclusion is set out at Appendix B, including a brief description and the size of the open space.
- 5.8 Appendix C sets out the areas that do not meet the criteria for inclusion within the Local Plan as Important Open Spaces. For each of the sites included in Appendix C the existing site reference, address, a brief description and size are provided. In addition a short note has been included setting out why the site does not meet the criteria.

## **6. Regulation 18 Consultation**

- 6.1 The Regulation 18 Consultation Draft of the Local Plan was published for consultation between 30 June and 24 August 2021. During this eight week consultation comments were received on the plan, the policies within the plan, and supporting information and evidence.
- 6.2 A number of comments were received during the consultation that related to specific Important Open Spaces, or potential locations for new ones. The locations submitted are as follows:
- Locations identified for removal
    - Swaton, Parsons Drove
    - Lincoln, Lee Road,
    - Skellingthorpe, High Street/ Ferry Lane
    - Keelby, Caddle Beck
  - Locations identified for inclusion
    - Gainsborough, Mercers Wood
    - Fiskerton, Section of Viking Way
    - Sleaford Recreation Ground
    - Keelby Village Green
- 6.3 The locations suggested for inclusion through the Regulation 18 consultation process will be subject to the appraisal process set out in the Methodology at section 3. Three specific locations were identified and suggested for removal from the IOS designation. These locations, and any reasoning provided by the respondent, will be reviewed against the methodology, with justification for any decision made provided.

## **7. Review and Assessment of Proposed sites from Regulation 18 Consultation**

### **Stage 1: Identifying a Comprehensive Open Space Baseline**

- 7.1 Following the Regulation 18 consultation, all the open spaces suggested for inclusion were subject to an initial review to establish whether or not they meet those criteria set out in section 3 above. An initial desktop review was undertaken to establish whether their size is above 0.05ha or if linear, wider than 20 - 25m; whether the area is covered by any relevant

statutory designations or existing Local Plan designations. Appendix D sets out all those areas suggested during the consultation, and the initial review that was undertaken alongside any relevant officer comments. Of the 4 open spaces submitted for consideration none have, following an initial review, been identified to progress. A summary of reasoning is set out below:

- Gainsborough, Mercers Wood: This location is already proposed for designation as an IOS and mapped in the Regulation 18 consultation draft of the Local Plan;
- Keelby Village Green: Village greens are protected by type, as set out in the methodology;
- Sleaford Recreation Ground: The area is already covered by a Local Green Space designation;
- Fiskerton, Viking Way: This location did not meet the minimum width for a linear site, and is also a length of public highway.

### **Stage 2: Open Space Site Assessment**

- 7.2 Each of the open spaces that were suggested for removal were subject of a desktop study that included checking planning history, current use(s), and any other relevant information that may impact on its suitability, including any information supplied by objectors, to continue to be designated as an Important Open Space.
- 7.3 Online mapping, aerial photography and street view photography was also used to provide an initial judgement as to the accessibility, visibility and contribution the open space makes to the character of the area in which it is located.
- 7.4 Where an area had an outstanding query following the desktop assessment and review of any supporting evidence submitted, it was visited by an officer to answer any queries and to understand the location and wider setting, and whether it continues to meet the criteria to be designated.

### **Stage 3: Preparation of proposed list of Open Spaces for inclusion as Important Open Space**

- 7.5 Following the initial review of the suggested locations for consideration for designation as Important Open Spaces, no locations were progressed for further assessment. Therefore no new Important Open Spaces have been proposed for designation.
- 7.6 Following the review of locations suggested for removal, including the information submitted, one has had its boundary amended, one has been removed and one has been retained as Important Open Space.
- Swaton, Parsons Drove: Following a review of the submitted information, other similar sites designated as Important Open Space, a site visit and consultation with North Kesteven Planning officers, this location has not been removed in its entirety. The boundary of the Important Open Space has been redrawn to take account of the current planning permission, whilst retaining the remainder of the existing designation which offers views of the church that vary with the seasons, and the frontage to Swaton Court. The revised designation is shown at Appendix E;
  - Skellingthorpe, High Street/Stoney Yard: This designation has been carried forward from the current adopted Local Plan. There have been no changes to the designated area, and it continues to be surrounded by predominantly residential properties on

three sides, with some mixed tree screening, enabling views to and from the church that change with the seasons as the surrounding deciduous trees change throughout the year;

- Lincoln, Lee Road: Whilst the historic use of this location would have met the criteria for designation as Important Open Space, it is no longer in use as such. This location is surrounded on 3 sides by residential rear gardens with a mix of mature screening, and separated from a school field on the fourth side by secure fencing. With the exception of some of the rear gardens and school field, there are no views into or out of the location. With the exception of the gated entrance, there are no views from the highway of the location either directly, or indirectly across the existing residential gardens, to the degree that it is in effect hidden. This location has been removed from the Important Open Space designation due to its complete lack of visibility and lack of 'presence' in the general locality;
- Keelby, Caddle Beck: This location (also referred to by one respondent as 'South End') was suggested for removal from the Local Green Space designation, however, it has been considered under its current proposed Important Open Space designation. The Important Open Space designation was carried forward from the current Adopted Local Plan, with the boundary of the designation extended following comments made during the Issues and Options consultation. Having reviewed the comments submitted and additional information provided, no changes are required to the Important Open Space designation.

The list of proposed open spaces for inclusion is set out at Appendix B, including a brief description and the size of the open space. This appendix has been updated to take account of the changes made to Important Open Spaces following the Regulation 18 consultation.

Appendix C sets out the areas that do not meet the criteria for inclusion within the Local Plan as Important Open Spaces. For each of the sites included in Appendix C the existing site reference, address, a brief description and size are provided. In addition a short note has been included setting out why the site does not meet the criteria.

A small number of open spaces proposed in the draft Local Plan as Important Open Spaces have been re-designated as Local Green Spaces. These open spaces have been designated within Neighbourhood Plans that have been adopted during the preparation of the new Local Plan. These have been included within the locations listed in Appendix C, as they are no longer proposed for Important Open Space designation.

## Appendix A – Open Spaces submitted during Issues and Options Consultation

Site Address	Identifiable site	Site Area/Width	Existing local plan designations	Other non-local plan designations	Other comments	Progress to next stage of assessment?
Southery Woods, Bardney	Yes	82ha	Existing designation under LP21	SSSI and/or NNR	Remote from settlements of Bardney and Southery, unlikely to face development pressure	No
Jungle Wetland, Branston	Yes	2.8ha	Local Green Space		Higher order protection as LGS	No
Ewerby Playing Field, Ewerby	Yes	0.3ha	None		As a playing field will be protected by type	n/a
Riseholme	No	n/a		Registered Park and Garden	No detailed site description/boundary provided. Site already has protection.	No
Ancient Woods, Skellingthorpe	No	n/a	None		No detailed site description and/or boundary put forward.	No
St Johns Church, Church Street, Great Hale	Yes	0.3ha	None		As a church yard will be protected by type	n/a

Site Address	Identifiable site	Site Area/Width	Existing local plan designations	Other non-local plan designations	Other comments	Progress to next stage of assessment?
Land adjacent to banks of River Slea,	No	n/a	None		Assume as put forward by South Kyme Parish Council suggestion refers to the river banks in South Kyme, however, no clear site boundary suggested.	No
Mercers wood, Gainsborough	Yes	3.1ha	Currently allocated site – CL4689			<b>Yes</b>
general locations around Thurlby	No	n/a	None		No, green wedge would be more appropriate as sites are agricultural land	No
Meadow at Haddington (OS ref, sheet 121, grid ref 913 628)	Yes	1.3ha	None			<b>Yes</b>
Bracebridge Heath, The Woodland Walk	Yes	n/a	None		No map supplied to identify area referred to	No
Bracebridge Heath, Lancia Green	Yes	0.7ha	None			<b>Yes</b>



Site Address	Identifiable site	Site Area/Width	Existing local plan designations	Other non-local plan designations	Other comments	Progress to next stage of assessment?
Bracebridge Heath, Sycamore Grove	Yes	0.2ha	None			Yes
Bracebridge Heath, St Johns Square	Yes	0.5ha	None			Yes
Bracebridge Heath, Recreation Ground	Yes	2.2ha	None		Protected by type	No
Keelby, Stallingborough Road/ North End opposite sports ground	Yes	4.8ha	None		The site put forward is an agricultural field	No
Keelby, Cissplatt Lane/Roxton Avenue/North End	Yes	5.4ha	None		The site put forward is an agricultural field	No
Keelby, West of Cissplatt lane	Yes	1.4ha	None		The site put forward is an agricultural field	No
Keelby, Rear of 77 - 83 Yarborough Road	Yes	0.7ha	None		Currently in use as paddock	Yes

Site Address	Identifiable site	Site Area/Width	Existing local plan designations	Other non-local plan designations	Other comments	Progress to next stage of assessment?
Keelby, Rear of 87 - 103 Yarborough Road	Yes	1.1ha	None		Currently in use as a series of paddocks	<b>Yes</b>
Keelby, South West of Brocklesby Road	Yes	>2.0ha	None		The site put forward is an agricultural field	No
Keelby, Rear of allotments Barton Street/ Mill Lane	Yes	1.6ha	None		This site appears to be either a paddock or in some form of agricultural use	<b>Yes</b>
Keelby, Barton Street/ Milson Road	Yes	1.9ha	None		Currently in use as a paddock	<b>Yes</b>
Keelby, Riby Road/ Cotham Gardens	Yes	0.7ha	None		Currently in use as a paddock	<b>Yes</b>
Keelby, Caddle Beck	Yes	2.7ha	Currently identified as IOS		The site put forward is in a mix of uses, currently identified as IOS, however an alternative site boundary has been suggested here	<b>Yes</b>
RAF Scampton	No	n/a			Site is still in active use as Air Base. Reference to	No

Site Address	Identifiable site	Site Area/Width	Existing local plan designations	Other non-local plan designations	Other comments	Progress to next stage of assessment?
					location was not concise	
Sites in Thorpe on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan	Yes, via Neighbourhood Plan	n/a	None	Designated open space in Neighbourhood Plan	The NP open spaces would not meet the IOS criteria, as they are either tree belts or not will related to the village.	No
Greyingham The Croft, Low Road	Yes	0.2ha	Currently identified as IOS		Site is already identified as IOS, and will be reviewed alongside all existing IOS sites	<b>Yes</b>
Fiskerton, north of Holmefield	Yes	0.1ha	None		Proposed as LGS, but doesn't meet criteria. As an identifiable site, can be assessed for IOS	<b>Yes</b>
Fiskerton, South of Holmefield	Yes	0.1ha	None		Proposed as LGS, but doesn't meet criteria. As an identifiable site, can be assessed for IOS	<b>Yes</b>

## Appendix B – Open Spaces Proposed for Designation as Important Open Space

Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Aubourn, playing field south of Chapel Lane	Playground and field	0.5
Aubourn, Hop Hill	Undeveloped land within Aubourn, pond, some earthworks (Hop Hill)?	0.7
Bassingham, Junction High Street and Lincoln Road	Open grassed area with trees within Bassingham	0.2
Bigby, grassed area, Bigby Green	Grassed area on the edge of a new housing cul-de-sac, forms part of private garden	0.2
Blyton, North of High Street	Large front garden to bungalow set well back from the street within Blyton	0.04
Blyton, RO Community Hall, Church Lane	Play area and green space behind a community hall	0.2
Bracebridge Heath, Broadway/ St Johns Square	Grassed amenity area	0.5
Bracebridge Heath, East of Hadrians Road	Grassed amenity area	0.1
Bracebridge Heath, East of Lincoln Road	Playground	0.3
Bracebridge Heath, Oakdene Avenue	Grassed amenity area	0.3
Bracebridge Heath, Sycamore Grove/ Stane Drive	Playground with equipment and grass	0.2
Bracebridge Heath, Lancia Crescent	POS/roadside verge with trees and bench	0.7
Branston, Heathfield Avenue/ Shardloes	Grassed Amenity Space	0.3
Branston, East of Daphne Close and Cornus Close	Some footpaths to the edge, but looks like may be private garden	1.9
Brant Broughton, West of High Street	Grassed area with trees, path and parking	0.2
Brant Broughton, Village Hall, Meeting House Lane	Grassed area with trees in front of the village hall	0.5
Brookenby, West of Cambridge Crescent	Fenced, flat grassed area	1.3
Brookenby, Dale View Road	Largely built on, small area of grassed land left to the north east	0.07
Brookenby, North of Javelin Avenue	Grassed area with trees	1.8
Brookenby, Lancaster Road/ Salisbury Avenue	Flat grassed area, corner excluded	0.4
Brookenby, North-east of Third Avenue	Fenced, flat grassed area	0.7
Brookenby, Between Edinburgh Road and Windsmoor Road	Communal grassed area within a rectangle of houses	0.2
Burton Waters, North End	Rough grass, trees and ponds	2.8
Caister, Hadrians Way/Augustus Walk	Grassed amenity area	0.3
Carlton-le-Moorland, North of Sands Lane	Open grassed area with trees and planting on the edge of village	0.5
Corringham, Between 46 & 54 Middle Street	Pond, trees and grassed area with seating visible from the road	0.2
Corringham, 3 Poplar Lane	Fairly open corner, looks like a large private garden	0.1
Corringham, Adj St Lawrence Church	Grassed area in front of St Lawrence Church	0.09
Cranwell, West of St Andrewss Church	Open grassed area, village green like	0.1

Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Digby, Village Hall, Beck Street/ North Street	Open grassed and landscaped area in front of the village hall	0.07
Dorrington, West of Playgarth Estate	Village playground/field	0.9
Dorrington, South of Main Street	Open grassed area and what may be a front garden	0.07
Dunholme, Beck Lane/Nursery Lane	Grassed amenity area with path through	0.4
Dunholme, Allwood Road/ Tennyson Drive	Largely grassed play area with equipment and goal post	0.5
Dunholme, Behind Beech Close	Largely grassed play area with some equipment	0.4
Dunholme, Scothern Lane/ Manor Way	Open grassed and landscaped area with seating and pond, village green like (small part built on)	0.5
Dunston, North of Chapel Lane	Open grassed area with stream running through, village green like	0.1
Dunston, Adj. Village Hall, Chapel Lane	Green space and play area in front of the village hall	0.1
Dunston, Front Street/ The Green	Village green, grassed with benches etc	0.4
Eagle, Thorpe Road	Playing field	1.8
Ewerby, Adj. 54 Main Street	Open grassed area with Village Cross and seating, village green like in front of St Andrew's Church	0.07
Fillingham, Adj. Village Hall, Willingham Road	Part of grassed area with trees and seating next to the village hall	0.08
Fiskerton, Ferry Road/ Ridings Close	Grassed area with trees and pond, put forward as LGS in the emerging NP unsure whether private garden or not	0.2
Fiskerton, Ferry Road/ School Close	Play area and green space around the village hall	0.2
Gainsborough, Birchwood View/ The Alders	Grassed amenity area with some equipment	0.3
Gainsborough, Birchwood View/ The Rowans	Grassed amenity area with planning	0.2
Gainsborough Tennis Club, Corringham Road, Gainsborough	Tennis club	1.0
Gainsborough, Between Corringham Road and Highfield Close	Wide grassed path route	0.5
Gainsborough, Suningdale Way	LAP and public open space	0.3
Gainsborough, Bracken Close	Open grassed sports field, but excludes bowling green, etc also excludes rough area to north previously identified in WLLP	5.5
Gainsborough, Danes Road	Flat grassed area with children's play equipment	0.5
Gainsborough, West of Enderby Crescent	Public open space incl. equipped play area	3.1
Gainsborough, Between Dunholme Road & Pingle Court	Rough open space	0.8
Gainsborough, Between Foxby Lane and Thorndike Way	Various fields within built up area	10.7
Gainsborough, North of Hawthorne Avenue	Rough grassed area with trees and shrubs and various paths crossing - scrubland?	3.2
Gainsborough, Hickman Bacon Memorial Park, Love Lane	Play area, skate park, grassed area with goal posts	2.4
Gainsborough, Keelby Road, North of Foxby Lane Business Park	Rough land with grass and shrubs/bushes	1.5
Gainsborough, Mayfield Avenue	Open grassed area bounded by housing	1.1
Gainsborough, Mercers Wood, Mercer Road	Rough land in care of community group	3.3

Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Gainsborough, North of Heapham Road	Large, mature private garden	3.2
Gainsborough Old Hall, Cobden Street	Grounds to Gainsborough old hall, includes hall itself	0.6
Gainsborough, Richmond Park, Mortn Terrace	Laid gardens with children's play area	1.7
Gainsborough, South of Foxby Hill	Small grassed area with mature trees and bench	0.3
Gainsborough, Lindsey Close	Grassed area with children's play equipment	0.7
Gainsborough, Between The Little Belt & Pitt Hills Plantation	Grass/meadow area bounded by trees	0.8
Gainsborough, Thorndike Way, South of Heapham Road	Large area flat grass with skate park and play area. Northern end appears to be rough grass/scrub land	3.1
Gletham, 6-10 Bishop Norton Road	Appears to be private garden - low boundary treatment adding to open feel	0.07
Glentham, Seggimoor Beck, Washdyke Lane	Small linear park with children's play area along course of beck	0.2
Glentham, Washdyke Lane	Private garden, with low boundary. Includes trees and wildfowl coop	0.1
Greyingham, Low Road	Open frontage to private dwellings	0.2
Great Hale, Orchard Close	Playground	0.3
Haddington, Dovecote Lane/ Haddington Lane	Meadow with earthworks and legend boards, formerly site of Haddington Hall.	10.2
Harmston, Round Plantatons, Harmston Park Avenue,	Woodland area with paths through	0.2
Harmston, East of Harmston Park Avenue	Grassed park	1.5
Harmston, Opposite 32 Harmston Park Avenue	Wooded area with paths	0.3
Heckington Barley Close/ Mayflower Drive	Playground/ amenity area	0.8
Heckington, Godson Avenue/ Oak Way	Grassed amenity Area	0.5
Heckington, Godson Avenue/ Scoggins Way	Grassed amenity area	0.3
Heckington, Sleaford Road/ Burton Road	Open grassed area with trees	0.2
Heckington, Willow Close	Grassed amenity area	0.3
Heckington, The Green, Church Street	Open grassed area with pollarded trees surrounding, car parking and war memorial to the High Steet frontage	0.09
Heighington, Almond Avenue	Grassed amenity space	0.1
Heighington, Almond Avenue/ Edward Barker Road	Playground	0.2
Heighington, East of Potterhanworth Road	Partly a narrow, densely wooded area by the side of the road and partly a wooded area behind a stone wall south of Heighington Hall, possibly part of its grounds	0.5
Heighington, Between Potterhanworth Road & Burghley Square	Narrow, densely wooded area to the side of the road	0.1
Helpringham, East of High Gate	Playground	1.9
Helpringham, North of Ladbroke Close	Southern half of the site is grassed with trees and shrubs and forms part of planning permission 00/0702/FUL for 23 dwellings. Northern half of the site, unknown	0.4
Helpringham, The Green	Open grassed village green area with trees and seating	0.2
Hemswell Cliff, Bettsworth Road	Mainly grassed, with children's play equipment at one end and goal posts, footpaths cross	1.8

Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Hemswell Cliff, Between Lancaster Green & A631	Private fenced area with trees	0.9
Hemswell Cliff, Gibraltar Road/ Minden Place	Grassed area with some small trees, behind garages	0.1
Hemswell Cliff, Lancaster Green	Large flat grassed area within residential area (former RAF) clearly designed into site layout	1.2
Hemswell Cliff, Minden Place	Children's play area, bounded by housing, and garages	0.2
Hemswell, East of Dawnhill Lane	Paddock	0.3
Hemswell, East of Maypole Street	Village play area with equipment	0.08
Ingham, Grange Lane	Flat grassed area with some trees - village green	0.1
Ingham, The Green	Flat grassed area with some trees - village green	0.3
Ingham, West End	Flat grassed area with some trees - village green	0.1
Keelby, Between Barton Street and Milson Road	Paddock	1.9
Keelby, Caddle Beck, R/O Beck Close	Paddocks and rough land with paths crossing. Suggested changes to boundary of an existing site.	2.7
Keelby, R/O 77 - 85 Yarborough Road	Paddock	0.7
Keelby, R/O 87 - 103 Yarborough Road	Series of paddocks	1.1
Keelby, Barton Street/ Mill Lane	Paddock/ agricultural field	1.6
Keelby, Barton Street/ Cotham Gardens	Paddock	0.7
Keelby, South Street	Paddock	0.4
Kettlethorpe, South of Rectory, Kettlethorpe Road,	Private garden	0.2
Kettlethorpe, South of Village Hall, Kettlethorpe Road	Private garden	0.1
Kexby, East of High Street	Collection of private gardens	0.7
Kexby, South of High Street	Small grassed are with a couple of trees - opening to public footpath	0.05
Langworth, Memorial Hall, Station Road	Grassed playing field type area to rear of village hall	0.3
Laughterton, Between Fenton Road & Home Farm Close	POS provided by housing development, includes toddler equipment	0.1
Laughton, North of West End Road	Existing area of open space along beck, incorporated into design of new development	0.1
Lea, Cromwell Avenue	Small area of designed in open space, grassed with some trees, forming island in estate road	0.08
Lea, Park Close	Rough, open area with some trees	0.1
Lea, The Grove	Small designed in area of open space within cul de sac	0.07
Leadenham, Main Road/ High Street	Open grassed area with trees behind metal railing; historc parkland in appearance	0.7
Leadenham, Old Hall, Main Road	Grassed area with trees behind a stone wall and railings, fairly open, although private land	0.5
Leasingham, St Andrews Crescent	Grassed amenity area	0.3
Leasingham, St Johns Close	Grassed amenity area	0.3
Leasingham, South Of Leasingham Hall, Sleaford Road,	Grassed area with trees and shrubs, part of the grounds to the Hall, quite densely screened from the road	0.8
Lincoln, East of Uffington Avenue/ Anderby Drive	Wooded area	1.0

Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Lincoln, Atwater Close	Grassed public open space with footpaths through	0.6
Lincoln, Great Botany Bay Plantation, Birchwood Avenue	Wooded area	2.2
Lincoln, Between Blackbourn Road and Hainton Road	Densely wooded/ ground covered area	4.2
Lincoln, Boutham Moor Wood, east of Tritton Road	Wooded area	3.3
Lincoln, Starmers Pit, Boutham Moor, west of Tritton Road	Wooded area, with pond	4.3
Lincoln, Burton Road/ Dunkirk Road	Football pitch - attached to cadets and 160 transport squadron buildings	3.2
Lincoln Castle, Castle Hill	Castle grounds	3.3
Lincoln, East of Uffington Avenue	Wooded area	1.2
Lincoln, Greetwell Road/ Greetwell Close	Playing field - rugby goal posts can be seen, Fenced in. Rugby Club?	1.8
Lincoln, Lakes, Landmere Grove	Lakeside and small islands within lakes surrounded by 1970's residential	2.4
Lincoln, North of Langworthgate	Sports facilities - tennis and bowls	0.8
Lincoln, Lindum Avenue	Sloped POS with mature planting	0.7
Lincoln, Maxwell Avenue	Flat grassed area providing landscape buffer between residential and Tritton road	0.9
Lincoln, Mildmay Street/ Vere Street, Lincoln	Children's play area	0.7
Lincoln, Monks Road/ Tempest Street	Multi use area incl. children's play area and bowling green	1.0
Lincoln, Montaigne Crescent	Informal playing field - no goals etc visible	3.7
Lincoln, Moorland Avenue/ Moorland Crescent	Large informal playing field, adjacent to community centre includes paths and equipped play areas	6.3
Lincoln, Nene Road	Grassed area including equipment	0.7
Lincoln, Newark Road/ Chancery Close	Playing fields - sports and social club	2.8
Lincoln, Ruston Sports, Newark Road	Ruston sports and social club	5.8
Lincoln, Newark Road/ Southland Drive	Children's play area	1.5
Lincoln, Parkers Piece, Milman Road	Grassed area with good screening and footpaths through to Arboretum	0.7
Lincoln, Ravendale Drive	Sports ground	7.2
Lincoln, South of Woodhall Drive	Children's play area and playing field adjacent to Children's Centre	4.2
Lincoln, South Park Avenue, Lincoln	Deep roadside verge on site of former railway. Mature planting provides buffer to Residential properties	1.1
Lincoln, South of Wolsey Way/ Chatsworth Close	Children's play area and playing fields	5.8
Lincoln, South-west of Jasmine Road	Designed in POS laid to grass with paths crossing adj. site CL698	6.6
Lincoln, St Giles Avenue/ Wragby Road	Playing field - sports club	3.3
Lincoln, The Lawn, Union Road	Laid gardens to conference facility and hotel	1.8
Lincoln, Usher Gallery, Temple Gardens, Lindum Road	Laid gardens	1.1
Lincoln, Wragby Road/ Deacon Road	Rough grassland, no clear visibility or access	2.7
Lincoln, Liquorice Park, Yarborough Road	Park, with quite dense planting and pathways through	1.5



Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Lissington, Wickenby Road/ Wragby Road	Paddock	0.1
Little Hale, North of Chapel Lane	Grassed area with trees in the middle of a 'square' of houses	0.9
Market Rasen, Beechers Way	Large grassed amenity area	0.7
Market Rasen, Churchill Avenue	Allotments	0.2
Market Rasen, Kingfisher Drive	Raised grassed amenity area/site landscaping	0.9
Market Rasen, The Brambles/ Fern Drive	Meadow & Ponds	1.2
Market Rasen, The Furlongs	Small wooded area incorporated into development.	0.2
Market Rasen, The Ridings/ Thirsk Close	Amenity open space with path linking through to cemetery	0.2
Market Rasen, Plover Walk	Local Area for Play	0.05
Market Rasen, The Bell Playground, Jameson Bridge Street	Children's playground, with equipment	0.7
Market Rasen, The Brambles/ Snowdrop Place	Wildlife conservation area - fairly densely wooded area	1.1
Martin, North Moor Lane	Playing field	2.6
Marton, East of Hillside	Private garden/paddock	0.5
Marton, The Paddock/ Stow Park Road	Series of private gardens/paddocks	0.7
Marton, R/O village hall, Trent Port Road,	Village hall field with play area and bowling green	1.4
Marton, Wapping Lane	Private garden/paddock	0.5
Metheringham, Cavalry Court	Grassed amenity area with pond	0.4
Metheringham, Station Road/ Manor Close	Open grassed corner	0.3
Metheringham, South of Prince's Street	Open grassed area with trees	0.1
Middle Rasen, RO Village Hall, Wilkinson Drive	Village Hall Playing field	1.6
Morton, Nursery Vale	Grass amenity area with some trees	0.2
Morton, South Street	Allotments	1.4
Navenby, East Road/ Chapel Lane	Grassed amenity area	0.6
Navenby, North Lane	Playground with equipment and grass	0.3
Nettleton, R/O Village Hall, Holton Road	Large playing field with goal posts and some play equipment	2.2
Newtoft, Arlington Road	Grassed area within design of housing estate	0.08
Newton on Trent, West of A1133	Grassed area, appears to have goal posts, but no clear access	0.3
Newton on Trent, Dunham Road	Village playing field with various equipment for various ages	0.4
North Kelsey, East of School Lane	Grassed field/paddock well screened from road	0.7
Northorpe, Monson Road	Children's playground and playing field	0.1
Osournby, The Drove/ London Road	Triangle of grassed land with numerous trees and shrubs	0.1
Rothwell, Partridge Drive	Green area within housing estate design - not flat	0.07

Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Rothwell, Wold View/ Partridge Drive	Children's playing field with equipment	0.2
Ruskington, Beck Close	Playground	0.1
Ruskington, Grange Road/ Larch Close	Undulating grassed amenity area	0.4
Ruskington, West of Hillside Estate	Playing field with grass and equipment	0.6
Ruskington, East of Horseshoe Close	Allotments	0.6
Ruskington, Village Hall, Parkfield Road	Playing field etc behind hall	3.0
Ruskington, 42 Manor Street	Grounds of 42 Manor Street, former office building. Large area of grass with mature trees	0.6
Ruskington, Sleaford Road/ Rectory Road	Grassed area with trees, paths and shelter	0.07
Ruskington, Fen Road/ Newton Lane	Grassed area with trees behind a low stone wall	0.3
Ruskington, South of Pinfold Lane	Rough grassed area with row of TPO trees along the road side and group of TPO trees within the site, near the Manor House	0.3
Scampton, High Street	Open field/paddock bounded to road by estate style metal rail fence	0.9
Scopwick, Vicarage Lane	Playing field	1.0
Scopwick, Opposite 12 - 20 Brookside	Grassed area with stream running through the middle, trees and planting, benches outside the listed pub and some allotment like planting towards the eastern end	0.2
Scopwick, Main Street, opposite Church Row	Grassed area with stream running through the middle, trees, planting and benches	0.3
Scopwick, Main Street/ Bridge Lane	Area partly grassed, partly covered in dense vegetation and mature trees with a stream running through part of it	0.2
Scotter, The Green	Open village green style space	0.1
Scotton, North of Eastgate	Private gardens to care home, behind low wall	0.2
Scotton, R/O Village Hall, Northorpe Road	Village hall field with play equipment and tennis courts	0.4
Scredington, Community Centre, Church Lane	Playing field	1.2
Scredington, Main Street/ Poor Garden Road	Grassed area with trees and bushes around the edge behind some low wooded fencing	0.3
Searby, Back Lane	Children's play area at North east end of site, rest appears to be in various public ownerships	0.7
Silk Willoughby, London Road	Fenced grassed area with mature trees around the edge. Vehicular access across the site to converted barns to the rear	0.4
Skellingthorpe, Foxfield Close	Grassed amenity area	0.2
Skellingthorpe, Sunderland Close, Skellingthorpe	Grassed amenity area with planting	0.2
Skellingthorpe, High Street/ Stoney Yard	Grass field with trees around and hedges. Old Village Hall Scout Hut to the south west corner. Views across the site to listed St Lawrence Church	2.1
Skellingthorpe, North of Lower Church Road	Grassed area with bench. Trees and other planting along the Catchwater Drain to the north of the site	0.1
Skellingthorpe, Woodland Avenue/ Wiseholme Road	Grassed area	0.1
Sleaford, Acacia Close	Grass amenity space	0.3
Sleaford, North of Ancaster Drive	Grassed open space	0.2
Sleaford, Bede Close	Flat grassed open space	0.2

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Sleaford, Brecon Way	Grass amenity space with path through	0.3
Sleaford, Chaucer Gardens	Amenity open space	0.3
Sleaford, Cuthbert Close	Flat grassed area, part of larger linear area	0.3
Sleaford, Durham Avenue	Amenity open space	0.1
Sleaford, Glebe Close/ Church Close	Grassed open space	0.2
Sleaford, Keats Drive	Amenity open space	0.2
Sleaford, Oak Road	Grass amenity space	0.2
Sleaford, Russell Crescent	Grass amenity space	0.2
Sleaford, Snow Close/ Whittle Road	Amenity open space	0.1
Sleaford, Stone Way	Grassed public open space - fairly large informal area for play	0.5
Sleaford, Boston Road Car Park Entrance	Open grassed area containing several trees between Boston Road and East Bank car park entrance	0.1
Sleaford, North of Boston Road/ East of St Giles Avenue	Open grassed area alongside Boston Road containing trees, bench, post box, etc and a circle of grass in front of a semi-circle of houses	0.2
Sleaford, Boston Road/ Russell Crescent	Open grassed area with mature trees	0.2
Sleaford, Cogglesford Mill/ Old River Slea	Open green space along the line of the River Slea and Old River Slea with footpaths and trees around the edge of the site	7.5
Sleaford, Goodsons Holt, London Road/ Ancaster Drive	Small woodland area with trees and shrubs just to the north of the allocated Sleaford southern SUE	1.4
Sleaford, Gregson Green, Eastgate	Open grassed area with mature trees and bench	0.3
Sleaford, South of A17, between River Slea and Old River Slea	Open farmed land between the River Slea and Old River Slea south of the A17	4.6
Sleaford Wood, north of Pride Parkway	Large woodland area with TPO trees and pathways through	10.6
Sleaford, East of St Giles Avenue,	Open grassed area with mature trees	0.1
Sleaford, The Paddock/ Old Place	Largely open grassed area with metal railings along the Boston Road frontage with access and parking for modern housing, several individual TPO trees and TPO group. Providing a setting for listed house and associated buildings	0.3
Snitterby, Church Farm, Chapel Lane	Field surrounded by residential. Part of church farm	0.4
South Hykeham, Fosse Way/ Sinderson Meadows	Wooded area with footpath to the edge of the site with mature trees	0.2
South Hykeham, Village Hall, Boundary Lane	Garden like area with trees in hall grounds	0.3
Springthorpe, The Old Rectory Lodge, Chapel Lane	Private garden to Rectory Lodge	0.1
Springthorpe, Chapel Lane/ Hill Road	Private Garden	0.05
Springthorpe, School Lane/ Chapel Lane	Series of paddocks	0.7
Springthorpe, South of Hill Road	Private garden - mature some visibility from road	0.2
Springthorpe, Adjacent 16 Hill Road	Grassed village green	0.09
Springthorpe, south of 19 Hill Road	Private Garden	0.09
Stow, South of Stow Park Road,	Children's play area	0.2

Open space site address	Current use	Size (Ha)
Sturton by Stow, Davey Close	Grassed amenity space	0.1
Sturton by Stow, The Glebe	Grassed amenity space	0.2
Swallow, East of Cuxwold Road	Playing field with children's equipment	0.2
Swaton, Opposite Chestnut Close	Grassed area with some mature trees and low wooden fence to pavement edge	0.9
Swaton, North of Parson's Drove	Grassed areas with several mature trees and planting providing views and setting of listed church and Swaton Court	1.1
Tealby, North of Front Street/ Cow Lane	Field/meadow - undulating	2.9
Tealby, Rasen Road/ Church Lane	Field/meadow - undulating, looks left to hay	1.0
Lincoln, The Pheasantry, Westwood Drive	Wooded area	5.7
Thorpe on the Hill, Lincoln Lane/ Westfield Lane	Village Hall, children's play area and open green space containing trees (incl. 1 TPO) in the centre of the village	0.08
Timberland, West Street/ Main Street	Garden behind a low wall, landscaped around the edge with grassed centre with TPO tree	0.2
Waddington, Redwood Drive	Community hall and park	1.5
Waddington, Somerton Gate Lane	Allotments	0.9
Waddington, Station Road	Skate park and playing field	2.2
Waddington, Village Hall, Mere Road	Community hall and playing field	4.7
Walcott, Castle View	Playground	0.6
Walcot, The Green, East	One of three grassed triangles of land crossed by roads	0.06
Walcot, The Green, North	One of three grassed triangles of land crossed by roads	0.06
Walcot, The Green, South	One of three grassed triangles of land crossed by roads	0.05
Walcot, Village Street	Grassed paddock like area with wooden fencing and hedge and some trees to the edge	0.4
Washingborough, between Park Lane and Washingborough Road	Washingborough Pits, wooded area/parkland with path through	4.4
Welbourn, Castle Hill	Remainder of castle earthworks - grassed with hedge/shrub outer and public access with legend boards	1.2
Wellingore, Pottergate Road	Allotments	0.3
Wellingore, Cliff Road/ Millgate	Open grasses area at road junction	0.2
Welton, Beckhall/ The Wells	Grassed amenity area with path through	0.2
Welton, Bishop's Place	Grassed amenity area with path through	0.2
Welton, Northfield Road	Grassed amenity area with path through	0.2
Welton, Stonecliff Park	Grass and ponds	0.2
Welton, Ryland Road/ Church Lane	Village playing field	1.4
Welton, South of Cliff Road	Private grounds to apartments	0.3
Willoughton, Northfield Lane/ Vicarage Road	Grassed with some trees. No clear ownership, but not highway	0.06
Witham St Hughes, Cuckoo Walk	Playground	0.2

<b>Open space site address</b>	<b>Current use</b>	<b>Size (Ha)</b>
Witham St Hughes, North of Gibson Green	Wooded area	0.8
Witham St Hughes, South of Gibson Green	Wooded area	0.2
Witham St Hughes, Nettleton Drive/ Fothergill Wood	Wooded area and play area	0.5
Witham St Hughes, Privet Walk	Playground	0.2
Witham St Hughes, North of Warren Lane	Strategic site landscaping/buffer	3.4
Witham St Hughes, Warren Lane/ Hedge Lane	Playground	0.6
Witham St Hughes, Warren Lane/ Juniper Way	Playground	0.4
Witham St Hughes, Satterly Close/ Pendred Drive	Grassed amenity space	0.4
Scampton, East of High Street	Grassed area providing set back from main highway for properties	0.4
Anwick, River Lane	Playground and football pitch attached to community hall	0.8
Billinghay, Shire Close	Amenity open space	0.06
Digby, Chestnut Close	Grassed amenity space with stream through	0.2
Market Rasen, Coronation Road	Grassed amenity space with bench and trees	1.3
Welton, Greenway	Grassed amenity Area	0.1
Welton, Beckhall/ Furrow Close,	Large beer garden and play area	0.2
Welton, RO Black Bull PH, Church Lane	Amenity open space and play area	0.2
Welton, Turnpike Road	Amenity open pace and play area	0.3

## Appendix C – Previously Designated Sites That Do Not Meet Important Open Space Criteria

Existing site ref	Site	Current use	Size	Notes
IOS003	Bardney, Church Lane	Part of a farmed field on the edge of/ within Bardney	1.1ha	agricultural field
IOS008	Blyton, High Street Old Hall Farm	Green space with several trees within Blyton, appears very overgrown and well screened from the road	0.4ha	too well screened to be classed as open
IOS016	Brant Broughton, Broughton House	Grounds to Broughton House. Very well screened from road.	0.7ha	no clear visibility into area
IOS023	Burton, Main Road	Fenced area with large trees	0.1ha	well screened from road, use unclear
IOS031	Claxby, Normanby Rise	Appears to be private garden, pretty well screened from road	0.25ha	well screened and not an open frontage
IOS038	Digby, south of Church Street	Walled area with large trees, very well screened from road	0.1ha	too well screened to be classed as open
IOS040	Dorrington, north of Main Street	Pond area visible from the road, possibly part of the bungalow garden to the north	0.1ha	whole of area is pond, and not likely to be developed
IOS039	Dorrington, south of Main Street	Open grassed area and what may be a front garden	0.07ha	site is also only 18m in depth at its widest
IOS042	Dunholme, Holmes Lane	Part St Chads Church cemetery and part may be private gardens	0.3ha	Church yard protected by type. Garden is not visible from road
IOS045	Dunholme, Oak View	Wooded footpath	23m at widest point	Depth below size threshold
IOS052	Fillingham, High Street	Large private garden, well screened from the road	0.4ha	too well screened to be classed as open
IOS066	Gainsborough, Eight Acre Wood/ Grasmere Close	Private, densely wooded area. Clearly signed as private no public access	3.3ha	dense and inaccessible woodland
IOS074	Gainsborough, Thorndike Way north of Heapham Road	Agricultural field, although serves as a buffer	8.4ha	agricultural land
IOS084	Glentham, Bishop Norton Road	Private garden - low boundary treatment adding to open feel	0.07ha	below size threshold
IOS088	Great Limber, Church Lane	Grassed area and pond, with mature trees and part private garden	0.5ha	designated POS in GL NP
IOS090	Heighington, west of Potterhanworth Road	Two private dwellings and the undeveloped field (paddock) between them	1.4ha	poor quality site over grown
IOS103	Hemswell Cliff, Lloyd Place	Grassed area with some small trees/shrubs, part of estate design	0.03ha	below size threshold
IOS105	Hemswell Cliff, north of Hemswell Court	Grass/parkland grounds to Hemswell Court hotel	1.0ha	has pp for 38 dwellings
IOS098	Hemswell, Church Street	Densely overgrown plot of land.	0.1ha	no apparent public access, and so overgrown offers little 'openness'

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IOS096	Hemswell, Weldon Road	Open grassed field. Has kerbstones from road as if development may take place	0.2ha	Former tel ex. Of no particular value
IOS113	Keelby, Stallingborough Road	Roadside verge	0.5ha	Long narrow strip of land
IOS121	Kexby, south of High Street	Small grassed area with a couple of trees - opening to public footpath	0.05ha	Below size threshold
IOS124	Laughterton, west of Home Farm Close	Grassed area behind hedge, possibly private garden	0.1ha	Fairly enclosed private garden
IOS126	Laughton, Morton Road	Private gardens behind fairly high hedge	0.1ha	Too well screened to be classed as open
IOS133	Lea, Willingham Road opp Anderson Way	Very densely screened from road, assuming private property	0.3ha	Very densely screened from road, not open in nature
IOS132	Lea, Willingham Road opp The Grove	Fairly dense hedgerow to road, looks like field behind, site only small part of field		Linear road frontage site, less than 25m depth
IOS139	Legsby, opp Park View	Private garden to relatively new house behind hedge.	0.07ha	Below size threshold and too well screened to be considered open
IOS202	Lincoln, adjacent to Tritton Road/ Kilburn Crescent	Roadside verge/screening to residential development		Below size threshold, depth varies from 11 - 23m
IOS188	Lincoln, Catchwater Drain, Mayfair Avenue	Drain bank		Below threshold, depth 11.7ha
IOS191	Lincoln, Cathedral Quarry, Riseholme Road	Former quarry site	2.4ha	SSSI
IOS146	Lincoln, Clarke Road	No clear visibility to identify whether open space or private garden	0.8ha	Too well screened to be classed as open
IOS192	Lincoln, Greetwell Hollow Quarry	Former quarry site, now nature reserve	13.1ha	SSSI
IOS157	Lincoln, Main drain Coulson Road/ Sincil Dike	Narrow drain bank		Below threshold, depth 5m
IOS149	Lincoln, Nettleham Road opp. Oval Approach	Mature roadside verge plus frontage		Below threshold, 12 and 23 m
IOS176	Lincoln, Riseholme Road south of Ashlar Close	Rough land, possibly unused allotments	1.0ha	Site has been built on
IOS197	Lincoln, Newark Road/ Parkway/ Southland Drive	Appears to be duplicate of IOS155		Duplicate site
IOS198	Lincoln, north of Doddington Road	Roadside verge/screening to residential development		Below threshold, depth 16- 20m
IOS150	Lincoln, south of Cross Street and St Andrews Close	Astroturf pitch and car park - LCFC owned	1.1ha	Not strictly open space in terms of this document.
IOS165	Lincoln, south of Rivermead	Drain bank		Too narrow depth 20m, with drain through middle
IOS193	Lincoln, The Arboretum, Monks Road	Laid gardens	6.4ha	Registered Park and Garden

Existing site ref	Site	Current use	Size	Notes
IOS160	Lincoln, Washingborough Road, north of the cemetery	Area of rough scrubland adjacent to railway	2.7ha	No obvious open space value
IOS153	Lincoln, Webb Street	Narrow drain bank		Below threshold, depth between 2 and 6 m
IOS141	Lincoln, Lee Road	Playing fields – sports and social club	4.6ha	Not used for significant period of time, well screened from surrounding highway, does not function as IOS
IOS222	Morton, Field Lane	Narrow tarmacked lane with wide verges	13m depth	Below threshold
IOS224	Newtoft, Arlington Road	Grassed area within design of housing estate	0.08ha	Below size threshold
IOS230	North Kelsey, Easthall Road	Private garden	0.1ha	Very well screened from road not at all open in nature
IOS229	North Kelsey, Maidenwell Lane	Private garden	0.1ha	Very well screened from road not at all open in nature
IOS237	Potterhanworth, Village Green, Main Road/ Cross Street	Grassed strip next to the road with trees, bus shelter and footpaths	0.1ha	Below threshold, only 12-14m depth
IOS236	Potterhanworth, Village Green, Middle Street/ Church Lane	Triangle of grass surrounded by roads	0.01ha	Below size threshold
IOS235	Potterhanworth, Village Green, war memorial	Triangle of grass containing tree and war memorial	0.04ha	Below size threshold
IOS240	Reepham, Church Lane north of the church	Well screened and fenced from church lane, looks to be rectory garden	0.3ha	Very densely screened from road, not open in nature
IOS244	Rothwell, Beckside	No view of site from road, looks like paddock or some sort of livestock field	0.2ha	Very well screened from the road not open in nature
IOS281	Sleaford, Catch water Drain/ Electric Station Road	A strip of trees and bushes to the north of the catch water drain	0.6ha	Below width threshold, 13m depth
IOS282	Sleaford, Lollycocks Field, Eastgate	Local Wildlife Site/ Local Nature Reserve with footpaths through. Rough grass, shrubs, mature trees and pond	2.1ha	LWS/LNR
IOS285	South Hykeham, Meadow Lane	Paddock adjacent to church	0.9ha	Designated LGS
IOS288	Springthorpe, north of 19 Hill Road	Well screened area likely to be mature private garden	0.05ha	Too well screened to be considered open
IOS293	Springthorpe, north of Hill Road, south-west of St George and St Lawrence's Church	Private garden behind high hedge	0.2ha	Very densely screened from road, not open in nature
IOS297	Stow, north of Stow Park Road	Private grounds to Manor Farm, densely screened no visibility into site	0.5ha	Very densely screened from road, not open in nature
IOS295	Stow, The Green, Sturton Road	Little more than roadside verge with some planting	0.04ha	Below size threshold
IOS301	Sudbrooke, Scothern Lane/ Poachers Lane	Playing field with equipped area attached to village hall	1.1ha	LGS in NP



Existing site ref	Site	Current use	Size	Notes
IOS303	Swallow, south of Caistor Road	No clear visibility from road - private garden?	0.09ha	Too well screened to be considered open
IOS310	Waddingham, High Street/ Common Road	Village green	0.2ha	Village green
IOS313	Waddingham, Joshua Way	Part of larger agricultural field	0.6ha	Agricultural field
IOS311	Waddingham, The Green/ Waddingham Beck	Village green with beck running through, adjacent to village hall	0.6ha	Village green
IOS314	Waddington, High Street/ Lower High Street	Part of a private garden and driveway to houses Boundaries are unclear	0.06ha	No clear boundary
IOS319	Walkerith, Stockwith Road	Overgrown farm yard	0.2ha	No obvious value
IOS327	Willingham by Stow, Grange Lane	Private garden	0.04ha	Below size threshold
IOS326	Willingham by Stow, School Lane	Ploughed field	0.3ha	Agricultural field
IOS329	Willoughton, Church Street	Playing field	0.7ha	POS in NP

The Important Open Spaces listed below were proposed for designation in the Draft Local Plan, but have since been removed as they are designated as Local Green Spaces in adopted Neighbourhood Plans.

Existing site ref	Site	Current use	Size	Notes
IOS23	Cherry Willingham, Franklin Way/Wesley Road	Grassed amenity area with play equipment	0.4ha	Designated LGS in Neighbourhood Plan
IOS24	Cherry Willingham, Jubilee Close	Grassed amenity area with balancing pond	0.2ha	Designated LGS in Neighbourhood Plan
IOS25	Cherry Willingham, North of St Pauls Avenue	Local play area, with grass and equipment	0.5ha	Designated LGS in Neighbourhood Plan
IOS26	Cherry Willingham, Adj School, Croft Lane	Playing field south of Cherry Willingham Community School on the edge of the village	3.5ha	Designated LGS in Neighbourhood Plan
IOS178	Morton, Granary Close	Lightly wooded area with wooden post and bar fencing round. Clear gaps in fencing	1.0ha	Designated LGS in Neighbourhood Plan

## Appendix D – Open Spaces submitted during Regulation 18 Consultation

Site Address	Identifiable site	Site Area/Width	Existing local plan designations	Other non-local plan designations	Other comments	Progress to next stage of assessment?
Gainsborough, Mercers Wood	Yes	3.1ha	Currently allocated site – CL4689		Allocation not proposed to be carried forward. Proposed IOS designation at Reg 18	n/a
Fiskerton, Section of Viking Way	Yes		No		Identified location is section of public highway.	No
Sleaford Recreation Ground	Yes		Yes, Local Green Space		LGS provides higher degree of protection than IOS, also no need to duplicate designations	No
Keelby, Village Green	Yes		No		Proposed to be protected by type at Reg 18. No need to specifically show on policies map	No

## Appendix E – Revised Boundary for Swaton, Parsons Drive

The map below shows the existing IOS boundary in the adopted 2017 Local Plan as the beige area, with the new proposed boundary shown with the green hatching. The new area takes into account the recent planning permission and follows boundaries on the map to better demarcate the space.

