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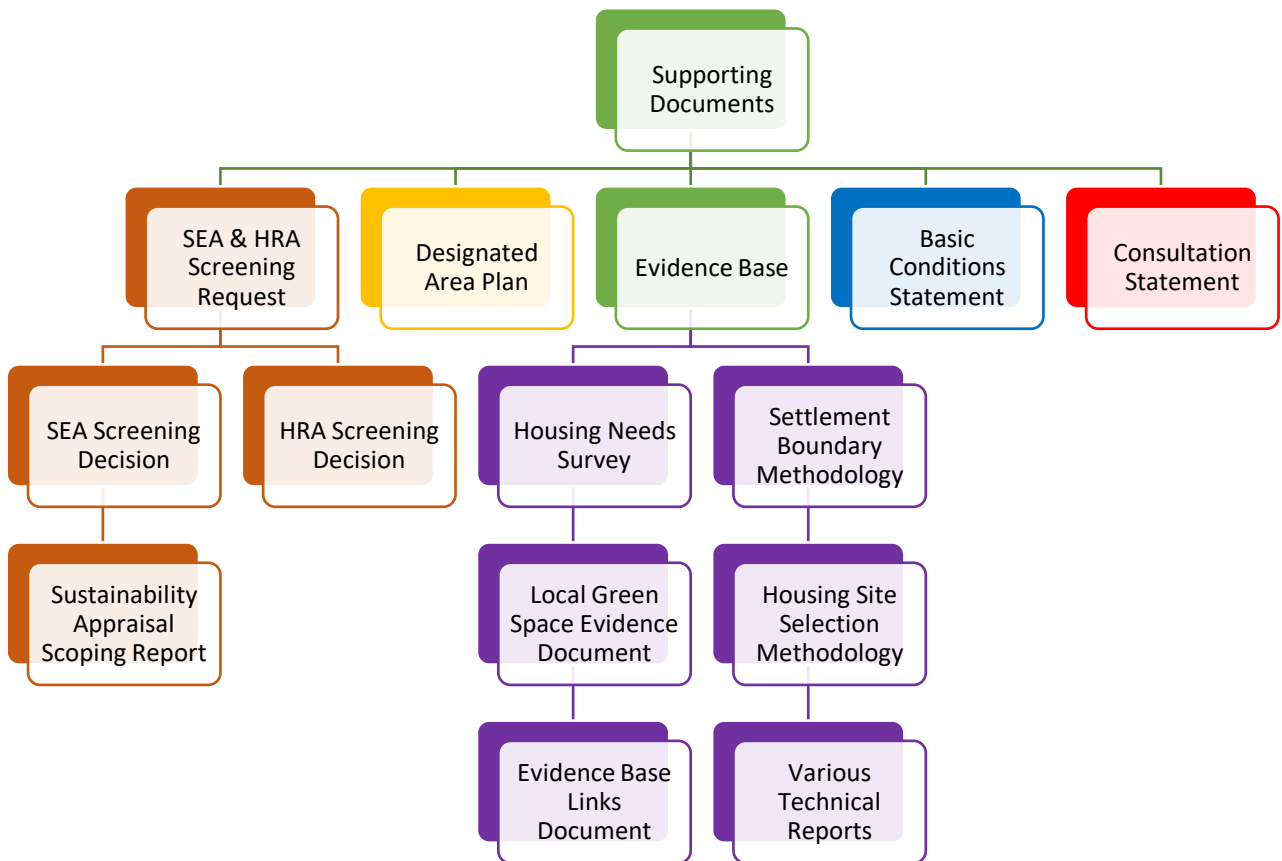
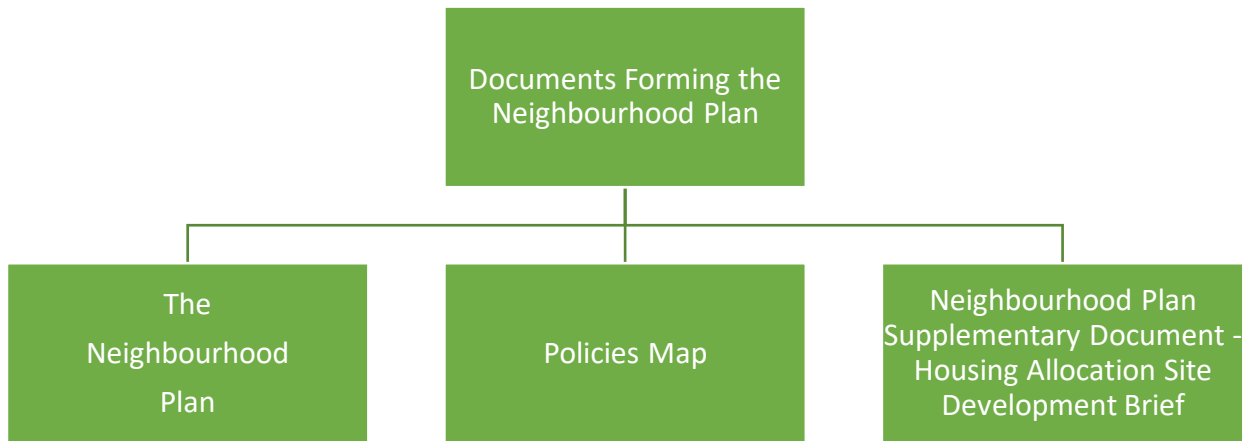
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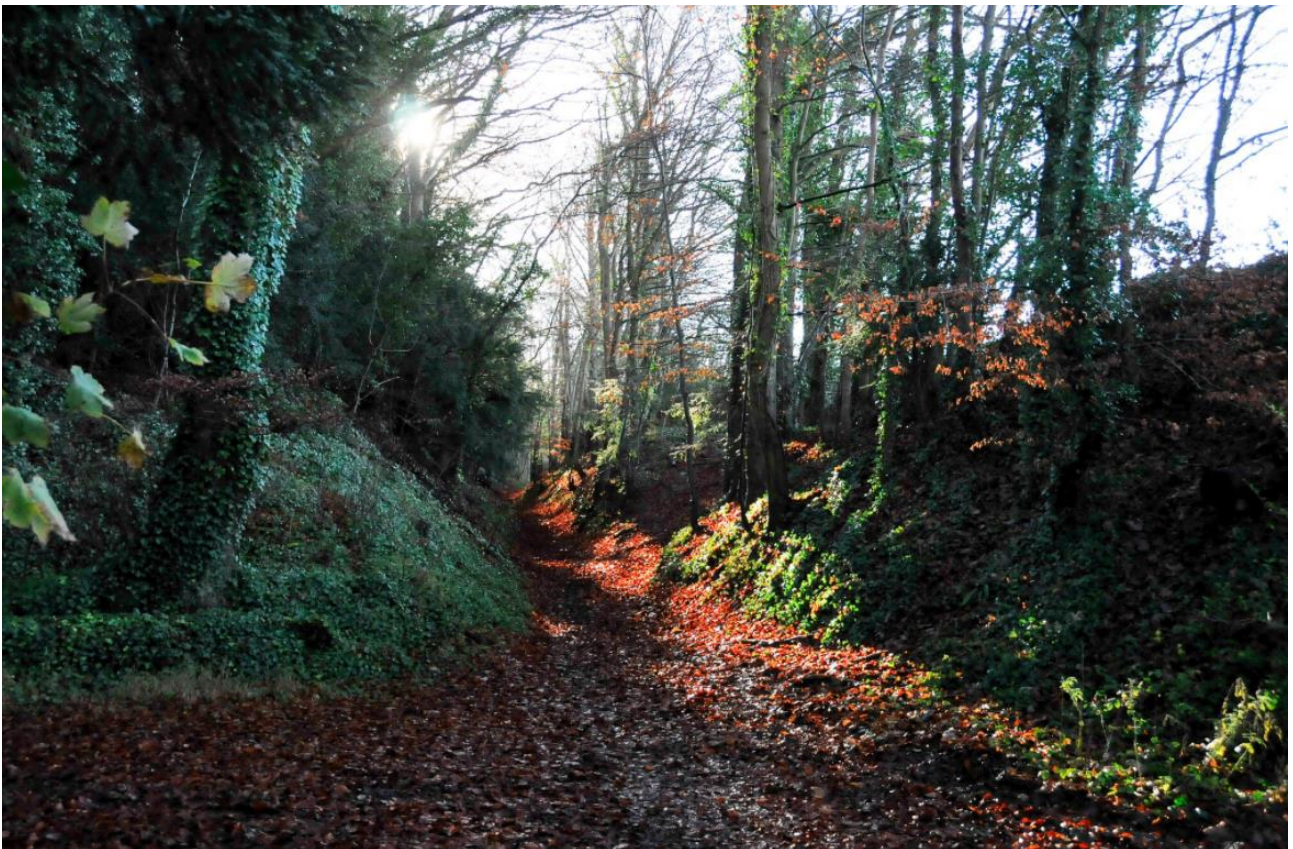


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Introduction

1. In 2012, the Government introduced a new designation of Local Green Space through the NPPF allowing local communities to put forward green areas of particular importance to them for protection. Once designated, planning permission will only be granted for the development of the sites in very special circumstances or if the development clearly enhances the Local Green Space for the purposes it was designated.
2. The sites listed in the policy in the Neighbourhood Plan have been assessed as according with the criteria for Local Green Space as set out in the NPPF as detailed further under the Background section below. A tabular assessment of each of the designated Local Green Spaces against the criteria set out in the NPPF, together with a brief summary of each of the areas is set out in Appendix 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan. However more detail is also set out in the Local Green Spaces Evidence Document (this document) which accompanies the Neighbourhood Plan.



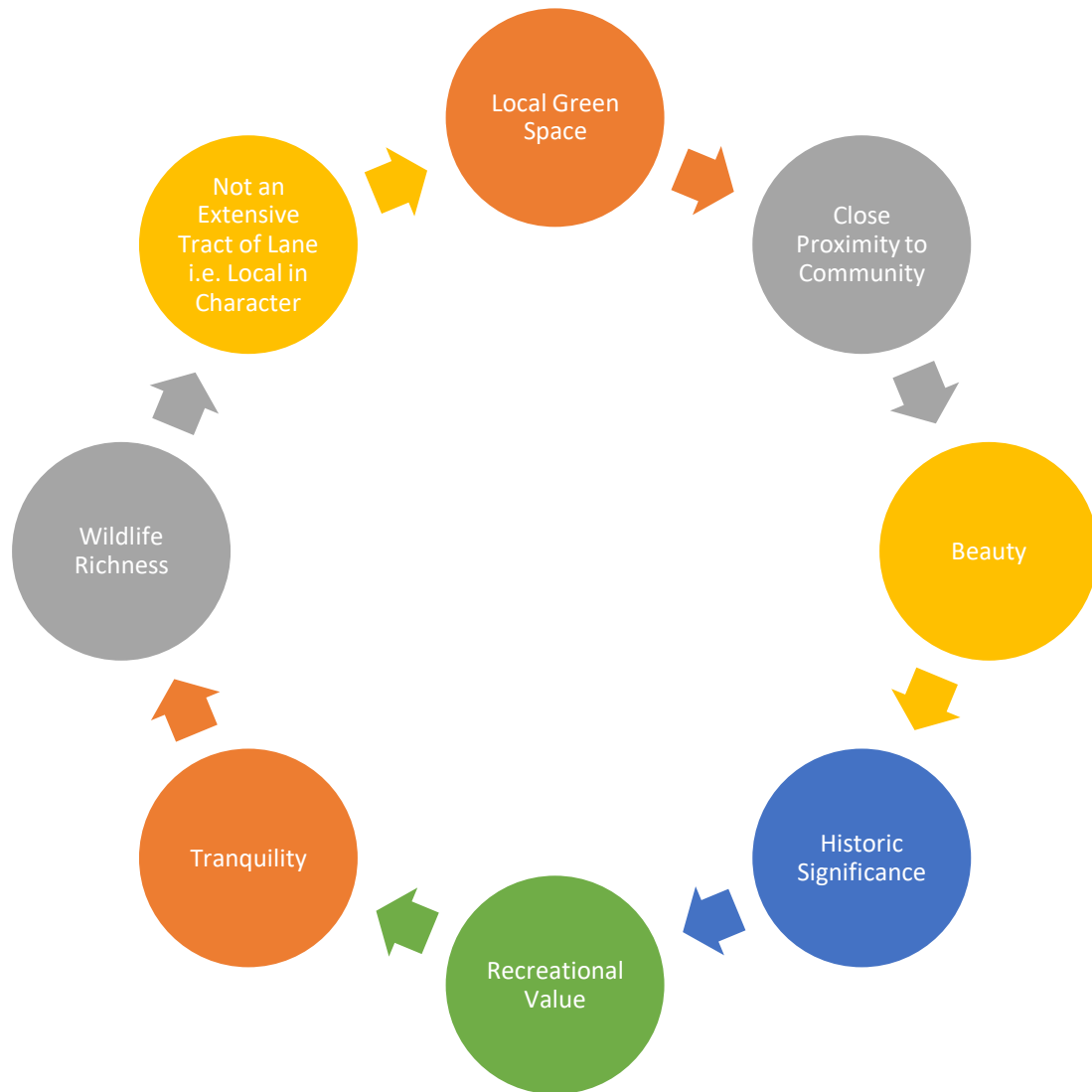
Background

3. Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:
 - where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
 - where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
4. A total of 20 potential sites were identified by the Steering Group for possible designation as Local Green Space. The initial assessment process was undertaken by Councillors Richard Scott and Julia Ford on behalf of the Steering Group.



Brief for Assessment Process

5. The appointed planning consultant who assisted the Steering Group and Parish Council to produce the Neighbourhood Plan provided the Steering Group with a brief to undertake the assessment process, this included a standard Proforma for completion. The brief is included at Appendix 1.



Initial Assessment Process

6. The initial assessment process was undertaken, this included completion of the standard Proforma for each of the 20 identified potential green spaces for consideration. The completed Proforma for each site is included at Appendix 2 and maps to illustrate their locations is included at Appendix 3. The 20 sites assessed were:

- (1) Semington Brook from The Warren to Woodbridge Farm
- (2) Entrance to Littleton Panell from the North
- (3) Land at Russell Mill Lane
- (4) The Meadow by Littleton House
- (5) Line of oak trees near Footpath 8 (from Lavington Lane to Russell Mill Lane)
- (6) Pocock's Wood, North of Cheverell Road
- (7) Trees between Dauntsey Academy Primary School and Clyffe Hall
- (8) Open Space on Eastfield, The Spinney and Sandfield
- (9) Recreation Ground South of Sandfield
- (10) The Ebenezer Baptist Chapel Grounds
- (11) Millennium Cross/Entrance to Sandfield
- (12) Public Footpaths 14 and 15 (North and East of Home Farm)
- (13) Land at Greenfields, Duck Street and Stibb Hill
- (14) Fields West of White Street and Behind High Street
- (15) All Saints Church Grounds
- (16) The 'Gun'
- (17) Strawberry Hill and Wood
- (18) Ramscliff
- (19) The Warren
- (20) Dauntsey Manor Woods

Refinement Process

Step 1 - Proposed LGS considered against existing designations and other proposed policies of the Neighbourhood Plan

Step 2 - Proposed LGS considered against criteria of 'Not an Extensive Tract of Land' i.e. 'Local in Character'

Step 3 - Proposed LGS considered against criteria of Close Proximity to the Community

Step 4 - Proposed LGS considered against criteria of Demonstrably Special to Local Community

Stage 5 - Proposed LGS considered against general purpose and intention of NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance and Whether it is more appropriate to address under another policy in the Neighbourhood Plan

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7. Following the initial assessment process a refinement process was undertaken, this involved a challenge process by the appointed planning consultant.
8. As a starting point each of the 20 identified potential green spaces (LGS) were considered against existing designations and other proposed policies of the Neighbourhood Plan (Step 1) to ascertain what additional value Local Green Space designation could bring:

Potential LGS	Within Settlement or Countryside	Existing Environmental Designations	Existing Heritage Designations	Covered by Other Proposed Neighbourhood Plan Policies
(1) Semington Brook from The Warren to Woodbridge Farm	Countryside	Partially in County Wildlife Sites	---	River Valley is proposed to be specifically protected under Policy NE2
(2) Entrance to Littleton Panell from the North	Countryside	---	Partially in Conservation Area	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2
(3) Land at Russell Mill Lane	Countryside	---	---	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2
(4) The Meadow by Littleton House	Countryside	---	Within Conservation Area and Adjacent to Littleton House a Grade II Listed Building	---
(5) Line of oak trees near Footpath 8 (from Lavington Lane to Russell Mill Lane)	Countryside	---	---	---
(6) Pockock's Wood North of Cheverell Road	Countryside	---	Adjacent to Conservation Area	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2

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Potential LGS	Within Settlement or Countryside	Existing Environmental Designations	Existing Heritage Designations	Covered by Other Proposed Neighbourhood Plan Policies
(7) Trees between Dauntsey Academy Primary School and Clyffe Hall	Countryside	---	---	River Valley is proposed to be specifically protected under Policy NE2 and these will in part form part of the green infrastructure associated with the proposed housing site allocation
(8) Open Space at Eastfield, The Spinney and Sandfield	Settlement	---	---	---
(9) Recreation Ground South of Sandfield	Countryside	Partially within area of Existing Outdoor Sport and Recreation Site in Kennet Local Plan	---	Proposed to be identified under Policy CF1 as a community facility
(10) The Ebenezer Baptist Chapel Grounds	Settlement	---	Within Conservation Area	---
(11) Millennium Cross/Entrance to Sandfield	Settlement	---	Within Conservation Area	---
(12) Public Footpaths 14 and 15 (North and East of Home Farm)	Countryside	---	---	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2
(13) Land at Greenfields, Duck Street and Stibb Hill	Settlement	---	Within Conservation Area and Around The Old House a Grade II Listed Building	---
(14) Fields West of White Street and Behind High Street	Countryside	---	Adjacent to Conservation Area	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2
(15) All Saints Church Grounds	Settlement	---	Within Conservation Area and Partially Around The Grade I Listed Church	---

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Potential LGS	Within Settlement or Countryside	Existing Environmental Designations	Existing Heritage Designations	Covered by Other Proposed Neighbourhood Plan Policies
(16) The 'Gun'	Settlement	---	Within Conservation Area and adjacent to Grade II Listed Front Garden Walls And Gate Piers To Dial House	---
(17) Strawberry Hill and Wood	Countryside	---	Close to Scheduled Ancient Monument	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2
(18) Ramscliff*	Countryside	Partially a County Wildlife Site	---	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2
(19) The Warren	Countryside	Partially a County Wildlife Site	---	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2
(20) Dauntsey Manor Woods*	Countryside	A County Wildlife Site	---	Could be addressed under the Setting of WL Parish in Policy NE2

* Only the parts of these areas that lie within the Parish of West Lavington

Step 1

9. As a first sift it was considered that certain potential LGS should be excluded as a consequence of their existing environmental designation. LGS is principally an environmental designation and it should not duplicate other designations which seek to achieve a broadly similar purpose. Four of the potential 20 LGS are either fully or partially designated as County Wildlife Sites. Whilst this is a non-statutory local designation, the Neighbourhood Plan proposes to safeguard the County Wildlife Sites under Policy NE2 (Setting of West Lavington Parish).

10. As a consequence it was proposed to eliminate the following four sites at Step 1:

- (1) Semington Brook from The Warren to the Woodbridge Farm
- (18) Ramscliff
- (19) The Warren
- (20) Dauntsey Manor Woods

11. A number of the potential LGS sites are covered by existing heritage designations, in particular the Conservation Area. Although principally a built environment designation the Conservation Area Character Appraisal does identify some areas of open space as

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important. Consequently these potentially have a degree of protection as part of their contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Potential LGS (2) Entrance to Littleton Panell from the North is identified as a group of Significant Trees in the Conservation Area Character Appraisal. Potential LGS (4) The Meadow by Littleton House; (11) Millennium Cross/Entrance to Sandfield; (15) All Saints Church Grounds; and (16) The 'Gun' are all identified as Significant Green Spaces.

12. Potential LGS (6) Pocock's Wood North of Cheverell Road is also identified as a group of Significant Trees in the Conservation Area Character Appraisal. However it is important to recognise that this wood does not lie within the Conservation Area boundary.
13. The Conservation Area Character Appraisal dates from 2003 and is not considered to provide a specific enough policy framework to actually protect the Significant Trees or the Significant Green Spaces it identifies on the map. The Appraisal does not specify how they contribute to the character and appearance or what makes them demonstrably special, consequently it is not proposed to exclude any of the potential LGS at this stage because of heritage designations.



Step 2

14. As Step 2 the sites were assessed to determine if any constitute an extensive tract of land. All the sites are relatively small in geographic nature except for the potential LGS (1) Semington Brook from The Warren to the Woodbridge Farm; (17) Strawberry Hill and Wood; (18) Ramscliff; (19) The Warren; and (20) Dauntsey Manor Woods.
15. Planning Practice Guidance provides advice on this aspect, it states: *“There are no hard and fast rules about how big a Local Green Space can be because places are different and a degree of judgment will inevitably be needed. However, paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework is clear that Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a ‘back door’ way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name.”*
16. If it had not already been discounted the potential LGS (1) Semington Brook measures in excess of 3km in length, it also broadly encircles the south and east of West Lavington and Littleton Panell. As such it falls to be considered potentially as an extensive tract of land, which in our assessment is referred to as the criterion (is it) ‘Local in Character’? Although the judgement of what constitutes an extensive tract of land is a subjective matter, it must be considered in relation to the size of the community of West Lavington. The designation of Semington Brook would amount to a blanket designation of a large area of countryside.



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17. Also if it had not already been discounted the potential LGS (18) Ramscliff is considered to represent an extensive tract of land in proportion to the size of West Lavington village. The designation of Ramscliff would amount to a blanket designation of a large area of countryside around West Lavington. No other potential LGS sites are considered to represent an extensive tract of land having regard to the advice in Planning Practice Guidance and the size of the host settlements of West Lavington and Littleton Panell both separately and combined. As such all the other potential LGS sites can be considered 'Local in Character' and not to constitute an extensive tract of land. Had site (20) Dautsey Manor Woods been located completely within the Parish of West Lavington it would fall to be considered as an extensive tract of land.

Step 3

18. In relation to Step 3, it was considered that all of the 20 proposed LGS meet the criteria of being in 'Close Proximity to the Community'. All the proposed LGS are either adjacent to existing housing or within easy walking distance of the community which they are intended to serve. As such no sites are discounted at this stage.

Step 4

19. Under Step 4 the remaining proposed LGS were assessed by the appointed planning consultant to determine whether they 'Demonstrate Special Significance' to the community. This is considered against the 5 headings of: Beauty; Historic Significance; Recreational Value; Tranquillity; and Wildlife Richness.

Site	Demonstrably Special Significance				
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness
1	Already Discounted				
2	✓	X	X	X	✓
3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	✓	✓	X	X	✓
5	X	X	X	X	✓
6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
8 *	X	X	✓	✓	X
9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	X	✓	X	X	X
11	X	✓	✓	X	X
12	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	✓	✓	X	X	X
17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Already Discounted				
19	Already Discounted				
20	Already Discounted				

20. In relation to the factors above, those **highlighted** are where the consultant disagrees with the initial assessment. This proposed LGS (8) marked with a * contains two distinct areas, this assessment relates to the area in the centre of Sandfield, the small parcel of land at

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the junction of Eastfield and The Spinney is not considered to meet any of the required factors and as such should be discounted.

21. Whilst there is no obligation to meet more than one of these special significance, it is considered reasonable for any proposed LGS to be demonstrably special for more than one of the purposes. As such the potential LGS (10) The Ebenezer Baptist Chapel Grounds was considered relevant to be discounted at this stage.

Step 5

22. Under Step 5 the remaining 15 proposed LGS were assessed to determine whether they meet the general purpose and intention of Local Green Space designation as set out in the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance. Site (5) Line of oak trees near footpath 8 (from Lavington Lane to Russel Mill Lane) is not really an area of green space and as a prominent feature this line of trees would be more appropriate for protection through a Tree Preservation Order. In addition site (12) Public Footpaths 14 and 15 (North and East of Home Farm) is not really an area of green space. As such neither of these are considered to meet the intention of LGS designation and were therefore discounted.



23. Site (7) Belt trees between Dauntsey Academy Primary School and Clyffe Hall falls to be protected as part of the River Valley under Policy NE2 of the Neighbourhood Plan. It will also form part of the green infrastructure associated with the proposed housing site allocation and as such there are considered to be more effective measures available to protect this area of trees. As such it is not considered to meet the intention of LGS designation and was therefore discounted.

24. The following potential LGS are considered to be more appropriate to address under Policy NE2 regarding the Setting of West Lavington Parish:

- (2) Entrance to Littleton Panell from the North
- (3) Land at Russell Mill Lane
- (14) Fields West of White Street and Behind High Street
- (17) Strawberry Hill and Wood

25. The remaining proposed LGS are considered to meet the intention of LGS designation and are therefore proposed to be taken forward into the Regulation 14 Plan. This leaves 8 proposed LGS for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan, feedback from public consultation will then be taken into account.



Outcome

26. The table below summarises the outcome of the step-by-step review process:

Summary of Assessment						
Site	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Proposed Local Green Space
1	X					
2	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	
3	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	
4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	
6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	
8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	✓	✓	✓	X		
11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	
13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	
15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	
18	X					
19	X					
20	X					

Proposed Local Green Space

27. The 8 proposed LGS for designation under Policy NE1 Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan are therefore:

- (4) The Meadow by Littleton House
- (6) Pocock’s Wood, North of Cheverell Road
- (8) Open Space on Sandfield
- (9) Recreation Ground South of Sandfield
- (11) Millennium Cross/Entrance to Sandfield
- (13) Land at Greenfields, Duck Street and Stibb Hill
- (15) All Saints Church Grounds
- (16) The ‘Gun’

Green Areas Not Proposed for Designation as Local Green Space

28. It is recommended that the other 12 sites considered for potential LGS but not meeting the criteria are considered for inclusion within the scope of Policy NE2 Setting of West Lavington Parish.
29. A number of specific landscape features and areas make an important contribution to the setting of the Parish as Green Infrastructure. Although focussed on the purpose of Local Green Space, this assessment looked at the green spaces across the entire Parish. Whilst not all areas meet the requirements for designation as Local Green Space, many areas of green infrastructure nonetheless make a very valuable contribution to the setting of the Parish.
30. It is considered that of the remaining 12 green areas looked at which are not proposed for LGS do not all merit protection. However 3 areas of trees and woodland are considered to provide a valuable contribution to the two villages as part of a network of green infrastructure. A further 5 areas around the two villages are considered to provide an important contribution to the overall setting of the Parish.
31. A summary of the areas suggested to be designated under Policy NE2 Setting of West Lavington Parish in the Neighbourhood Plan is set out below:

Areas are considered important to the overall setting of West Lavington Parish

- Fields West of White Street and Behind High Street - Hedged undisturbed fields providing open views towards the top of Strawberry Hill to the south and west;
- Strawberry Hill and Wood - A high path away from the settlement but visually linked by far reaching views over the two villages;
- Ramscliff - Very visible from the village and an easily reached popular recreational area for walking along the rights of way;
- The Warren - A secluded area of private mature woodland with rights of way; much used and appreciated for walks and peace; and
- Dauntsey Manor Woods - It forms a strong visual backdrop to many easterly views from the Villages.

Areas of Important Green Infrastructure

- Woodland and Trees forming the entrance to Littleton Panell from the North - An entrance gateway of the tree lined road rising up between increasingly high banks to the start of Littleton Panell;
- The Woodland separating the eastern end of Russell Mill Lane from the main part of Littleton Panell - A single track “No Through” lane down a wooded cut between greensand “cliffs” which crosses the Semington Brook and leads past Russell Mill to the start of the footpaths and bridleways through the Dauntsey Manor Woods to Market Lavington and beyond; and
- Trees between Dauntsey Academy Primary School and Clyffe Hall - A North/South natural barrier, parallel with the Settlement Boundary and the stream, between West Lavington and Market Lavington.

Appendix 1 - Brief for Assessment Process

[West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan](#)

[Local Green Space](#)

Having regard to Paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

To help take this matter forward I've set out three aspects:

1. The Government Published Planning Practice Guidance;
2. A Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space; and
3. Examples from another Neighbourhood Plan.

Local Green Space could be used on areas already designated, if we think (and can argue) that additional benefit would arise. I've therefore attached an extract of what I understand to be the existing Environmental Designations in the area (source Natural England 2010 - Devizes Community Area Environmental Designations).

[Planning Practice Guidance on Local Green Space](#)

The Government has published Planning Practice Guidance in the form of questions and answers, which I've repeated below to help you understand key elements of the purpose of Local Green Space:

What is Local Green Space designation?

Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities.

How does Local Green Space designation relate to development?

Designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making.

What if land has planning permission for development?

Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented.

Can all communities benefit from Local Green Space?

Local Green Spaces may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or in a neighbourhood in a town or city.

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What types of green area can be identified as Local Green Space?

The green area will need to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis.

How close does a Local Green Space need to be to the community it serves?

The proximity of a Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served.

How big can a Local Green Space be?

There are no hard and fast rules about how big a Local Green Space can be because places are different and a degree of judgment will inevitably be needed. However, paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework is clear that Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a ‘back door’ way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name.

Is there a minimum area?

Provided land can meet the criteria at paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework there is no lower size limit for a Local Green Space.

What about public access?

Some areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may already have largely unrestricted public access, though even in places like parks there may be some restrictions. However, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (e.g. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty). Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with land owners, whose legal rights must be respected.

Does land need to be in public ownership?

A Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership. However, the local planning authority (in the case of local plan making) or the qualifying body (in the case of neighbourhood plan making) should contact landowners at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan.

Would designation place any restrictions or obligations on landowners?

Designating a green area as Local Green Space would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners.

Who will manage Local Green Space?

Management of land designated as Local Green Space will remain the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is likely to be an important consideration. Local communities can consider how, with the landowner’s agreement, they might be able to get involved, perhaps in partnership with interested organisations that can provide advice or resources.

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Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name:

Owner if Known:

Has the Owner Been Contacted: Yes/No

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓						✓

Beauty: Yes/No - Why?

Historic Significance: Yes/No - Why?

Recreational Value: Yes/No - Why?

Tranquillity: Yes/No - Why?

Wildlife Richness: Yes/No - Why?

General Description of the Local Green Space:

Ideally if you can draw a boundary on a map this would be helpful to allow me to better understand the proposed Local Green Space. The link below takes you to OS Mapping which can be used copyright free under the Open Government Licence. The link takes you to an overview of West Lavington and Littleton Panell. You can zoom in to find boundaries etc.

<https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/51.27958,-1.98844,15>



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Examples from another Neighbourhood Plan:

Set out below are two examples of the summary table and summary description that we then put into the Neighbourhood Plan as an Appendix.

Papplewick Dam Wood

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The River Leen passes through what was once Papplewick Dam. Originally built around 1780 to feed Castle Mill and regulate the flow of water between Papplewick and Bulwell, Papplewick Dam formed an expanse of open water extending to almost 3 hectares. In June 1946, the lake was drained. Two years later, the tipping of refuse commenced and the road was straightened, however the mill building still stands. Thereafter, lush vegetation began to takeover.

In 1985, Nottinghamshire County Council recognised its worth as an ecological habitat and publicly accessible amenity. They entered into an agreement with the owners, Greater Nottingham Co-operative Society, and work got underway in March 1987. The Leen Valley Spadework Team pruned and felled a number of dangerous willow trees. Papplewick Dam remains open to the public throughout the year, with access from Linby Lane.

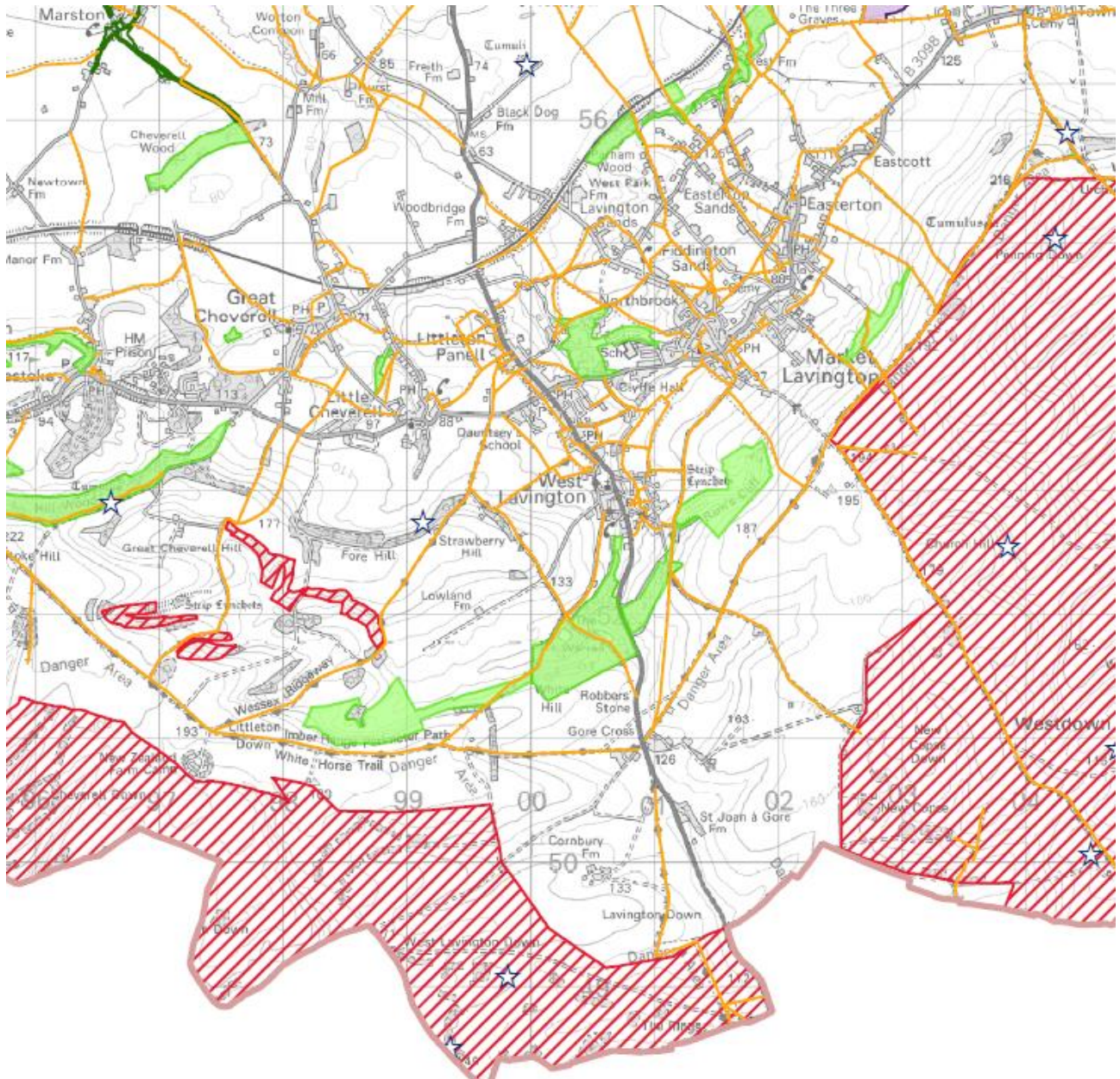
St James' Churchyard

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓		✓		✓

As well as having historic and religious significance, the churchyard is a valuable ecological resource. It is located at the end of Church lane, accessible from Main Street. It is a fine building in a beautiful setting, with its own special tranquillity. The churchyard was extended in 2015, to provide additional space for burials and the interment of cremated remains. The volunteer group of Churchyard Mowers try to maintain and manage habitats in an eco-friendly way. In the Churchyard stands a magnificent yew which some say date back to the days of the royal decree that yews should be planted in every churchyard to maintain the supply for the famous English Longbow. The tree is about 350 years old. The oak seat surrounding it has been restored.

West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Existing Environmental Designations



- ☆ Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Public Rights of Way
- ▨ Access Land
- ▨ Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- County Wildlife Sites
- National Nature Reserves
- Local Nature Reserves

West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

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Appendix 2 - Initial Assessment Proforma

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(1) Semington Brook from The Warren to Woodbridge Farm**

Owner if Known: Riparian owners

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Spring fed natural stream meandering through the length of parish.

Historic Significance: A source of water enabling the establishment of this spring line settlement providing for inhabitants and their stock.

Recreational Value: Not totally accessible to the public but crossed by rights of way and roads running along and across its path in numerous sections. It provides a place of interest and contrast in which to pause on footpaths and bridges.

Tranquillity: Runs through historic woods in the Warren, crosses the A360 by the old Bridge pub and then meanders through gardens, past old fulling/corn mills, through the Dauntsey Manor House woods past Russell Mill and out onto the relatively flat farmland at the north end of the parish.

Wildlife Richness: Varied wildlife which inhabits mature woodland in places on both banks, plus river dwelling creatures such as otters, mink, kingfishers, ducks, crayfish, brown trout etc.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A natural stream marking the spring line at the junction of the greensand and the Gault clay which runs the length of parish from the chalk White Hill in the south to the northern end of the parish beyond Woodbridge Farm, passing through private gardens, ancient woodland, and farmland. Crossed by numerous footpaths and five road bridges in its course through the settlement.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(2) Entrance to Littleton Panell from the North**

Owner if Known: Unknown

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Mature trees, carpeted with snowdrops in spring.

Historic Significance: N/A

Recreational Value: N/A

Tranquillity: Yes

Wildlife Richness: Badgers and foxes and snowdrops, daffodils in spring.

General Description of the Local Green Space: Approaching the villages from the North, the railway bridge, like an entrance gateway, opens to the tree lined road rising up between increasingly high banks to the start of Littleton Panell.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(3) Land at Russell Mill Lane**

Owner if Known: Unknown

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Wooded cut through greensand “cliffs” on single track lane crossing the meandering trout inhabited Semington Brook and leading to the Dauntsey School Manor Woods.

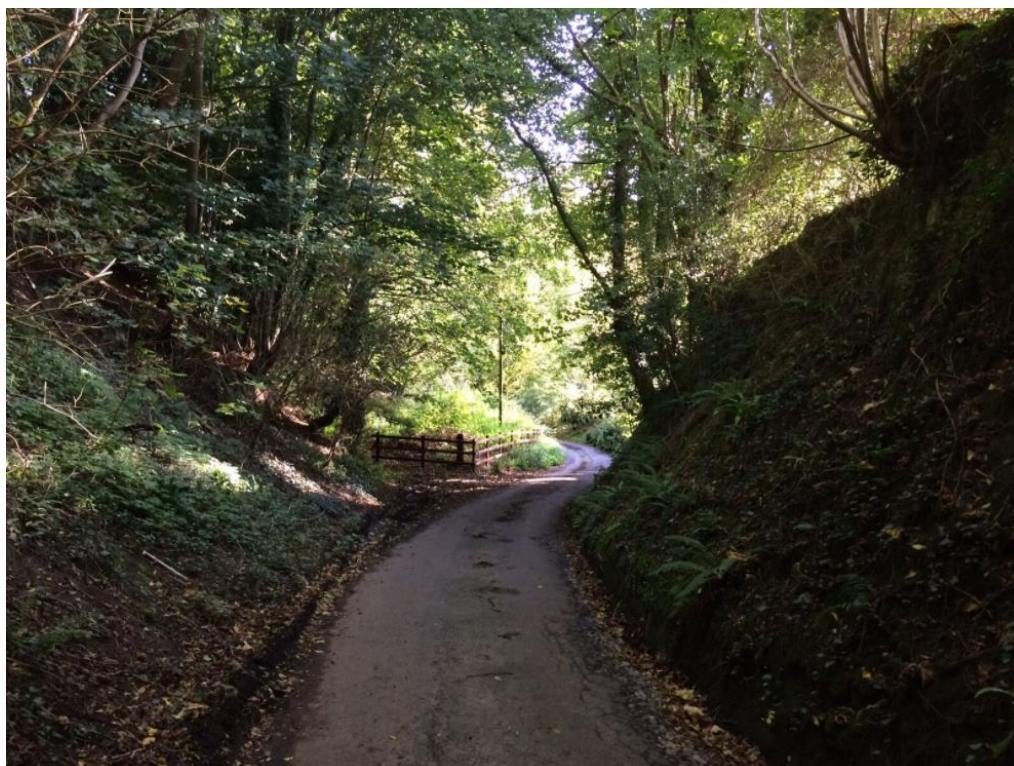
Historic Significance: An ancient route between Littleton Panell and Market Lavington giving access to Russell Mill.

Recreational Value: Well used route and footpath to Market Lavington

Tranquillity: A “no through” road, crossing a quiet babbling stream beneath mature trees.

Wildlife Richness: With access to secluded and extensive woodland this area is very rich in biodiversity. Mammals include badgers, foxes, roe and muntjak deer.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A single track “No Through” lane down a wooded cut between greensand “cliffs” which crosses the Semington Brook and leads past Russell Mill to the start of the footpaths and bridleways through the Dauntsey Manor Woods to Market Lavington and beyond.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(4) The Meadow by Littleton House**

Owner if Known: Pocock

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes

Beauty: A length of stone wall with meadow above which forms a significant and refreshing break between the adjoining road frontages.

Historic Significance: Contributes to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: It marks the start of a footpath/bridleway to Little Cheverell which runs alongside the Northern edge. Along its Western perimeter is a section of the North/South footpath system that runs the length of both villages.

Tranquillity: N/A

Wildlife Richness: It is a wildflower meadow.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A small section of meadow to the north of Littleton House fronting the High Street, Littleton Panell. It gives an effect of open space onto the main A360 road. Alongside runs a well-used bridleway and footpaths.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(5) Line of oak trees near Footpath 8 (from Lavington Lane to Russell Mill Lane)**

Owner if Known: Coxhead

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: A stand of very large mature oak trees.

Historic Significance: N/A

Recreational Value: Can be seen from many vantage points but particularly well from nearby footpath (WLAV8).

Tranquillity: Yes.

Wildlife Richness: Oak trees have the richest biodiversity of all native trees. These are particularly fine examples.

General Description of the Local Green Space: Standing of mature oak trees on the eastern edge of the Settlement Boundary and visible from many points around the village.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(6) Pocock's Wood, North of Cheverell Road**

Owner if Known: Pocock

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: An important mature copse with various trees including elm, spring flowers and insects and butterflies. Sadly much damaged by elm disease.

Historic Significance: Contributes to setting of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: The well-used North/South footpath system that runs the length of both villages forms its Eastern boundary. At this location footpath WLAV12.

Tranquillity: It runs along footpath WLAV12 which is a peaceful and safe alternative route parallel to the main A360 road pavement.

Wildlife Richness: Mature trees in an undisturbed area with spring flowers, insects, butterflies and native plants. The biodiversity of ancient woodland. In need of protection as already threatened by part in use as a car park.

General Description of the Local Green Space: This wood, on the Settlement Boundary between the rear of High Street properties and open fields at the foot of Strawberry Hill is an undisturbed area providing a tranquil environment for the alternative route as described above.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(7) Trees between Dauntsey Academy Primary School and Clyffe Hall**

Owner if Known: Bill Hall and DAPS

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: An important natural barrier, which includes the stream, between West Lavington and Market Lavington. Significant in views from the villages to Ramscliff and the Plain.

Historic Significance: N/A

Recreational Value: Incorporates well used bridleway and footpath linking West Lavington and Market Lavington villages. Access to school and shops and used by walkers.

Tranquillity: Yes.

Wildlife Richness: Biodiversity with mature trees and shrubs and the stream.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A North/South natural barrier, parallel with the Settlement Boundary and the stream, between West Lavington and Market Lavington.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(8) Open Space on Eastfield and The Spinney**

Owner if Known: Aster/Wiltshire Council

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes

Beauty: N/A

Historic Significance: N/A

Recreational Value: Communal grassed area for play.

Tranquillity: The small green areas inserted into this relatively densely developed estate are important contributors to the impression of space and peace.

Wildlife Richness: N/A

General Description of the Local Green Space: Random grassed areas with trees on the Sandfield Estate which complement the open landscape on the edge of the village.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(9) Recreation Ground South of Sandfield**

Owner if Known: Holloway Trust

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: open views to the Plain

Historic Significance: Local village history, Holloway family “gave” land to village and subscriptions raised door to door in the 1960s to build the Village Hall

Recreational Value: Two grass pitches used weekly by adult and children’s football teams, as well as the site for the annual village Fete and Dog Show. Adult play equipment, children’s’ playground, several benches, terrace outside hall, popular Youth Club in their own attached building. There is also a BMX track and wildlife area

Tranquillity: Even when there is much going on, the open site can seem tranquil.

Wildlife Richness: There are mature trees and shrubs as well as a wildlife area with rotting wood bug stack for youngsters.

General Description of the Local Green Space: The “go to” part of the villages for functions and village occasions. A large open site for all types of village groups to enjoy.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(10) The Ebenezer Baptist Chapel Grounds**

Owner if Known: Ebenezer Baptist Chapel

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: N/A

Historic Significance: The first chapel was small and unimposing and there was bitter opposition to this place of worship and its early members refused burial in the parish churchyard as heretics. In spite of this it prospered and the Chapel became a centre of spiritual and educational influence in the village. The Sunday school was a prominent feature from the first as well as teaching of reading and writing to the many illiterate and poor inhabitants. Its choir was also well respected and renowned. By 1889 the state of the building was causing concern and the chapel was demolished. It was rebuilt with local and widespread funding and opened in 1895 amid “great rejoicing”. A unique feature of this chapel at the time was its enthusiasm and financial support for Missionary enterprise and for its support of the Baptist Missionary Society. Contributes to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: N/A

Tranquillity: There is a small burial ground around chapel.

Wildlife Richness: N/A

General Description of the Local Green Space: Situated at the centre of the village with its own burial ground the building stands prominently forward of neighbouring houses providing an important visual punctuation to the road frontage.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(11) Millennium Cross/Entrance to Sandfield**

Owner if Known: Unknown

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes

Beauty: Together the two grassed areas form an open entrance to the Sandfield estate.

Historic Significance: Location of a Millennium Cross to celebrate the Millennium erected by the villages in 2000. Also a commemorative bench to a local inhabitant. Contributes to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: Also used to advertise on 'A boards' village events.

Tranquillity: N/A

Wildlife Richness: N/A

General Description of the Local Green Space: A grassed areas on each side of the of the Sandfield entrance, with the Millennium Cross on the North side and a commemorative wooden bench on the South.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(12) Footpaths 14 and 15 (North and East of Home Farm)**

Owner if Known: C Holloway, P Holloway, Cook (Mill)

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Part of the stream valley with unusual primitive hump-back suspension footbridge over Semington brook and water meadows below Mill Farm.

Historic Significance: N/A

Recreational Value: Footpaths linking West Lavington to Market Lavington (service centre) some 1.5 miles to the East and a popular route for walkers.

Tranquillity: Mature trees and hedge plants, wildlife and burbling water.

Wildlife Richness: The footpaths have hedges of native shrubs e.g. hawthorn and mature trees, and some of the land joining the stream is boggy and a haven for damp loving plants, insects, animals and birds. Also evidence of badger setts and fox holes. The meadow on the east side of the stream is largely left untouched (apart from topping) so provides abundant nectar and seed plants for bees, insects and small birds.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A largely untouched area adjacent to the large open arable fields, but part of the connecting network of paths in and around the villages.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(13) Land at Greenfields, Duck Street and Stibb Hill**

Owner if Known: Greenfields Group (Jonny Grew)

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Open grass field with livestock and views to the Plain and over the village.

Historic Significance: Medieval centre of the village, burnt down and destroyed in the 1650s. Archaeological investigation in the 1990s which did not yield any remains, but there are several buildings in the southern end of WL which dated from this time and may well have been built with the materials which survived the fire. Contributes to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: Open field with views of the village, and three popular Rights of Way across it linking Stibb Hill, Rutts Lane and Duck Street.

Tranquillity: Away from main road but near to the heart of the old village with views towards Ramscliff and Salisbury Plain. Duck Street entrance is over a small spring fed stream.

Wildlife Richness: The field is regularly grazed by donkeys and sheep and the surrounding natural hedgerows provide habitats for birds, rabbits and insects.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A large open field, the original medieval site of the village and accessible to walkers from three corners.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(14) Fields West of White Street, and Behind High Street**

Owner if Known: Hugget + others

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Fields behind former Horse and Jockey, and fields opposite burial ground with views up to Strawberry Hill. Several well used footpaths some forming hedged “tunnels” and some with open aspects.

Historic Significance: Contributes to the setting of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: Well used footpaths accord a safe and peaceful means of access to other parts of the villages away from the busy A360.

Tranquillity: As above.

Wildlife Richness: Two fields are not cultivated and are undisturbed so harbour a variety of wildlife, insects, and woodpeckers. Other fields are used by local farmer for hay/silage crop and large arable field has a line of mature trees and a hedgerow of brambles and habitats for birds, insects and small/medium mammals. Species spotted include pheasants, rabbits, foxes, badgers, hedgehogs, barn owl, green and spotted woodpeckers, squirrels, buzzards, red kite, deer and lots of bugs.

General Description of the Local Green Space: Hedged undisturbed fields and open views towards the top of Strawberry Hill to the south and west.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(15) All Saints Church Grounds**

Owner if Known: Church of England

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Calm and spiritual.

Historic Significance: 13/14th century parish church (Grade 1 Listed) at original centre of village. Contributes to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: Religious and spiritual significance. Grassed area around church is ideal backdrop for wedding and celebratory photographs.

Tranquillity: although the church building itself borders the A360, the main doorway and burial ground is to the south/west of the church affording quietness and the burial ground is reached by White Street, a single track minor road, with views over open fields. (Local Green Space 14)

Wildlife Richness: the closed burial ground around the church has had the gravestones removed in the past, the grass is mown but the trees and shrubs (yew, holly, ash, lime, cherry, and ornamental trees) are home to a wide variety of birds, including owls, goldcrests, green and greater spotted woodpeckers. Wild orchids, teasels, cow parsley, autumn crocuses, and a profusion of valerian provide food for butterflies and migrant hummingbird hawkmoths. The old stone walls (iron railings removed in WW2) are home to small mammals e.g. bank voles, mice, shrews and lizards.

General Description of the Local Green Space: Typical rural church with burial grounds.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(16) The 'Gun'**

Owner if known: Wiltshire Council - Highways

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes

Beauty: A classic setting for the walled and gated Dial House (late 17th century/early 18th) with a small triangular green in front, a bus stop and opposite a red telephone box. Quintessentially an English setting.

Historic Significance: This area, with Rutts Lane, had many workers' cottages. It was the location of the long demolished Lamb Inn (where the red telephone box now stands). Fleece Cottage was once thatched Stocks Cottage. The small green was the site of a captured WW1 German field gun, with white metal railings around it. Contributes to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Recreational Value: Bus stop

Tranquillity: N/A

Wildlife Richness: N/A

General Description of the Local Green Space: A small green at the Southern entrance to the villages at the junctions of Rickbarton and Rutts Lane with Church Street (A360).



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(17) Strawberry Hill and Wood**

Owner if Known: C Holloway

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: A typical scenic area with mature trees on a byway, with rights of way linking, wooden seats for viewing the far reaching views to the east, north and west towards Ramscliff, the Marlborough Downs and White horses and south towards the Plain.

Historic Significance: Giving access to routes down from sheep grazing pastures and the Ridgeway. Probable access to old chalk and flint pits

Recreational Value: Very well used area by locals and visitors using the network of paths and tracks.

Tranquillity: Situated above and away from traffic and civilisation throughout its length. A place to find tranquillity on the doorstep.

Wildlife Richness: The shrubs (blackthorn, elder etc.) and small trees leading up to the top by the coms aerial are a haven for small birds and insects. Larger mammals are also seen including hares.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A high path away from the settlement but visually linked by far reaching views over the two villages.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(18) Ramscliff** (only the part in the parish)

Owner if Known: C Holloway

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: From the villages the forms of Ramscliff and the ancient field system of strip lynchets are very visible and form a backdrop to most southerly views. For access a narrow road leads to a mature deciduous wood on a byway. Other rights of way link to give far reaching views to the East, North and West towards Ramscliff, the Vale of Pewsey, the Marlborough Downs and the White horses and South towards Salisbury Plain.

Historic Significance: Clear evidence of a bronze-age settlement established millennia before the two villages of the Parish. On a route to and surmounted by the ancient route of the Ridgeway. Probable evidence of chalk and or flint mining pits with wooded area named Lime kiln.

Recreational Value: Popular area with locals and visitors using the network of paths and tracks and enjoying the views the wind and skylarks.

Tranquillity: Away from and above the noise and bustle of roads and the settlement area.

Wildlife Richness: The shrubs (blackthorn, elder, brambles etc.) and small trees leading up to the top are a haven for small birds, insects, and small mammals. Larger mammals, badgers, fox and deer are also seen. Periwinkle pond (dew-pond) at foot of Ramscliff has aquatic wildlife and there are buzzards nesting in the mature trees. Skylarks, tawny owls and occasional quail (heard). Also Red Kites seen flying around. Wildflowers flourish (orchids, cowslips) on the livestock grazed fields.

General Description of the Local Green Space: Very visible from the village and an easily reached popular recreational area.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(19) The Warren**

Owner if Known: C Holloway

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: A privately owned area of mixed woodland with spring fed lake, Keepers Cottage and the source of the Semington Brook which runs through the settlement. Rights of way lead from White Street/Rickbarton through to Gore Cross, White Hill, (Imber Range Path) Strawberry Hill and the Ridgeway.

Historic Significance: Part of the Warren was originally a 17th century pleasure garden with small ponds and waterfall and planted with a variety of tree species, with a drive down the slight ravine from the top spring fed lake. It is reported that “ in smuggling days, the village of West Lavington, like many others along the edge of Salisbury Plain, were notorious as a resort for defrauders of the Revenue” - smuggled goods from the coast in Hampshire and Southampton Water were stored locally before being dispersed among the principal towns - Devizes, Chippenham and Bath.

Recreational Value: Very popular rights of way linking to other settlements (Market Lavington, Urchfont, Great Cheverell) used by horse riders, cyclists and walkers.

Long walks with dogs or short walks with small children - collecting conkers in the autumn, practising bike skills on the tracks or playing Pooh Sticks under the brick bridge by Keepers Cottage.

Tranquillity: Forest peace and quiet.

Wildlife Richness: Deer and other large and small mammals, birds, wild flowers and fungi. Highly biodiverse. Coniferous and mature woodland.

General Description of the Local Green Space: A secluded area of mature woodland with rights of way; much used and appreciated for walks and peace.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Proforma to be completed for Each Proposed Local Green Space

Proposed Local Green Space Name: **(20) Dauntsey Manor Woods** (only the part in the parish)

Owner if Known: Dauntsey's School

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Beauty: Mature woodland forms a backdrop to the settlement edge of Littleton Panell.

Historic Significance: Victorian mansion (1860s) owned by Sir Edward Pleydell-Bouverie, an MP in Palmerston's government, set in 65 acres, now part of Dauntsey's School since 1920s and used as a lower boarding house for about 70 pupils. Ancient Woodland.

Recreational Value: Local Green Space 3 connects with the Sunken Lane footpath through a sandstone cutting, via the Bouverie Drive to Market Lavington and Easterton.

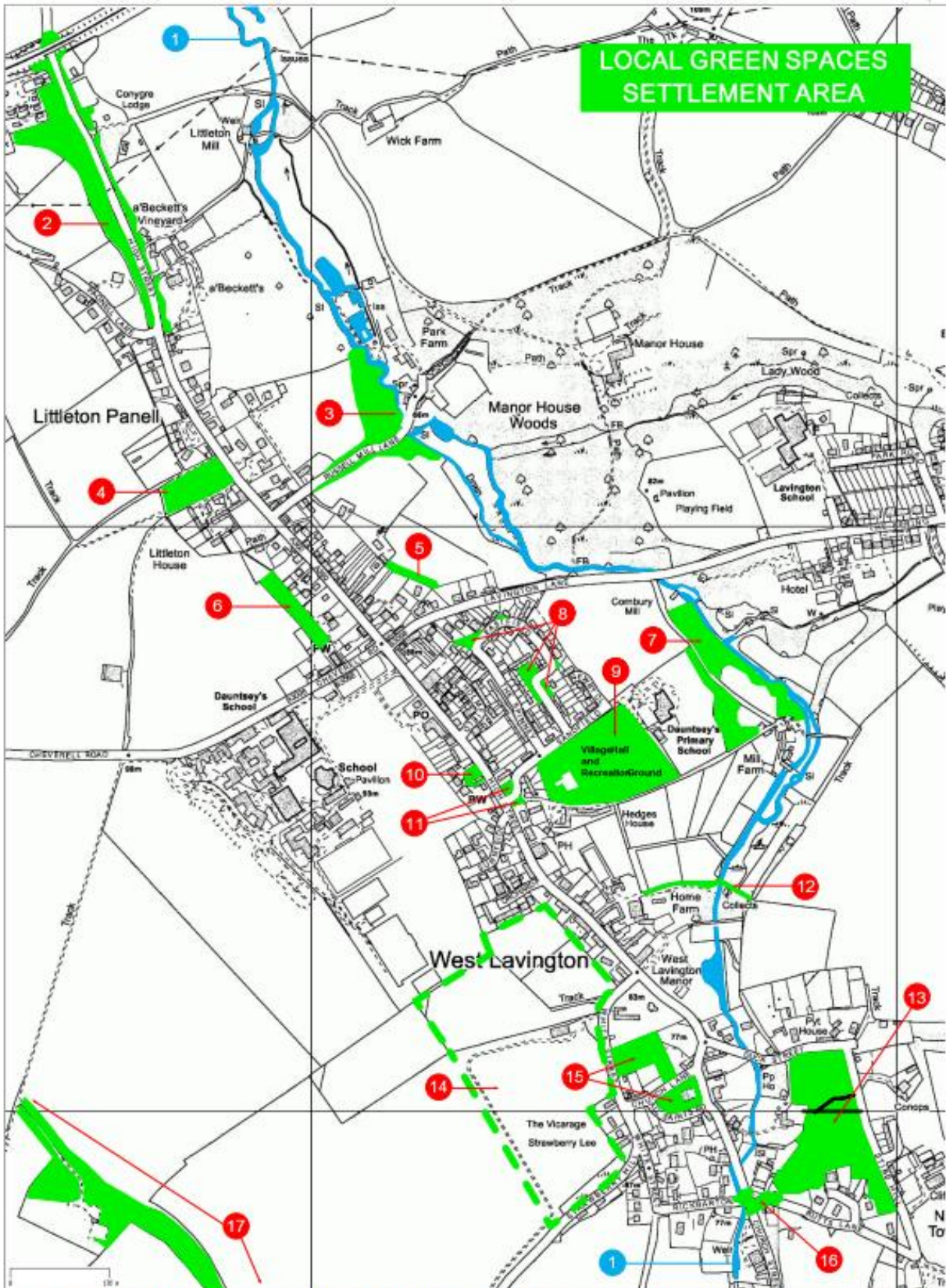
Tranquillity: Very tranquil in this ancient woodland which, in part of its Western edge, borders a length of the Semington Brook.

Wildlife Richness: Officially recorded and protected as Ancient woodland.

General Description of the Local Green Space: Although this area is outside the Parish boundary for the most part, we indicate it as a Local Green Space because it forms strong visual backdrop to many easterly views from the Villages.

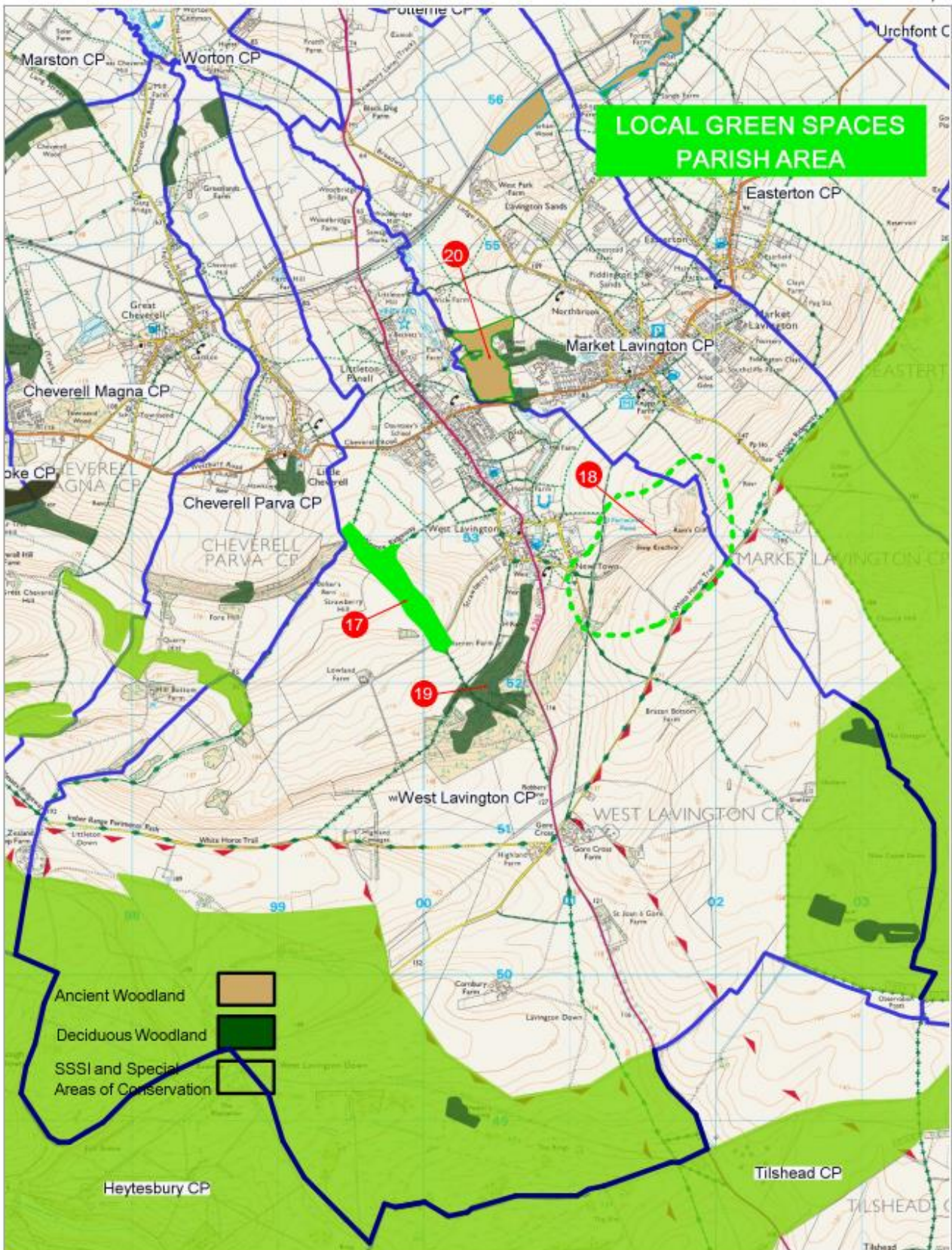


Appendix 3 - Maps of Initially Assessed Sites



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West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence



Appendix 4 - Final Local Green Space Descriptions

Littleton Panell

The Meadow by Littleton House

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓			✓	✓

A small meadow to the north of Littleton House which fronts onto the High Street in Littleton Panell. It gives an effect of open space onto the main A360 road, it is the only remaining green space which provides a functional and visual link between the countryside and High Street. The importance of this meadow remaining open was enhanced by the development of The Farm immediately to the south. As an open area it makes a positive and important contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. It is surrounded on three sides by well-used bridleway and footpaths. Visually it breaks up the straight line of the A360 and housing with a historic stone wall and greenery. It provides an area of limited tranquillity which is also a habitat for a variety of wildlife including brambles and wildflowers.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Local Green Space Evidence

Pocock's Wood, North of Cheverell Road

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

This wood lies at the rear of the Catholic Church carpark, it adjoins the edge of the village and makes an important contribution to the setting of the Conservation Area. The green space forms an undisturbed area providing a tranquil peaceful and safe alternative route parallel to the main A360 road pavement, linking the south of West Lavington through Dauntsey's School grounds to the northern end of Littleton Panell. It is a mature copse with various trees including elm, spring flowers and insects and butterflies. Despite the proximity to the edge of the village it provides an area of tranquillity. The wooded copse borders the well-used footpath WLAV12.



West Lavington

Open Space on Sandfield

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓			✓	✓		✓

A collection of a adjacent small number of grassed areas with trees on the Sandfield Estate which provide a green heart to this area of built development. They also provide a visual relief to the uniform layout of the housing area. They provide a visual link to the open landscape on the southern edge of Sandfield and they provide important communal grassed areas for informal play. They provide an impression of space and peace to the local area.

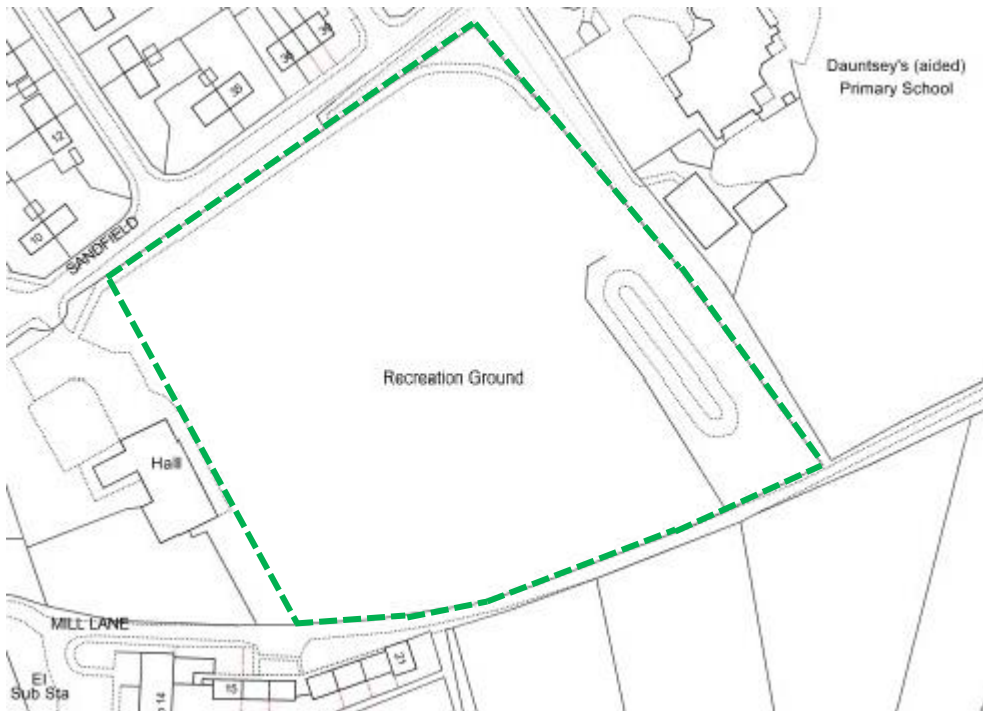


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Recreation Ground South of Sandfield

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

This open area provides important open views to the Salisbury Plain lying in the southern part of the Parish. It has importance in local village history, the Holloway family “gave” land to village and subscriptions were raised door to door in the 1960s to build the Village Hall on the land to the west. The green space encompasses two grass pitches used weekly by adult and children’s’ football teams, as well as the site for the annual village Fete and Dog Show. It includes a wildlife area with rotting wood bug stack, mature trees and a BMX track for youngsters. This is a large open site for all types of village groups to enjoy, even when there is much going on, the open site can seem tranquil. The green space is adjacent to but does not include the village hall, youth club building or the children’s’ playground.



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Millennium Cross/Entrance to Sandfield

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓		✓	✓			✓

This area of two grassed areas forms an important open gateway into the Sandfield housing area, it also forms an integral part of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. It has historic significance to the local community as a Millennium Cross to celebrate the Millennium was erected by the villagers in 2000. It is also home to a commemorative wooden bench to a local inhabitant. The green space is also available for informal play, and is regularly used to advertise village events on 'A boards'. It is one of only three small green areas along the length of the heavily busy A360 highway that cuts through the middle of the two villages, thereby providing a sense of calm, respite, safety and well-being for pedestrian using the narrow village pavements, be they elderly, wheelchair users, mothers with push-chairs or regular walkers to the shop and back.

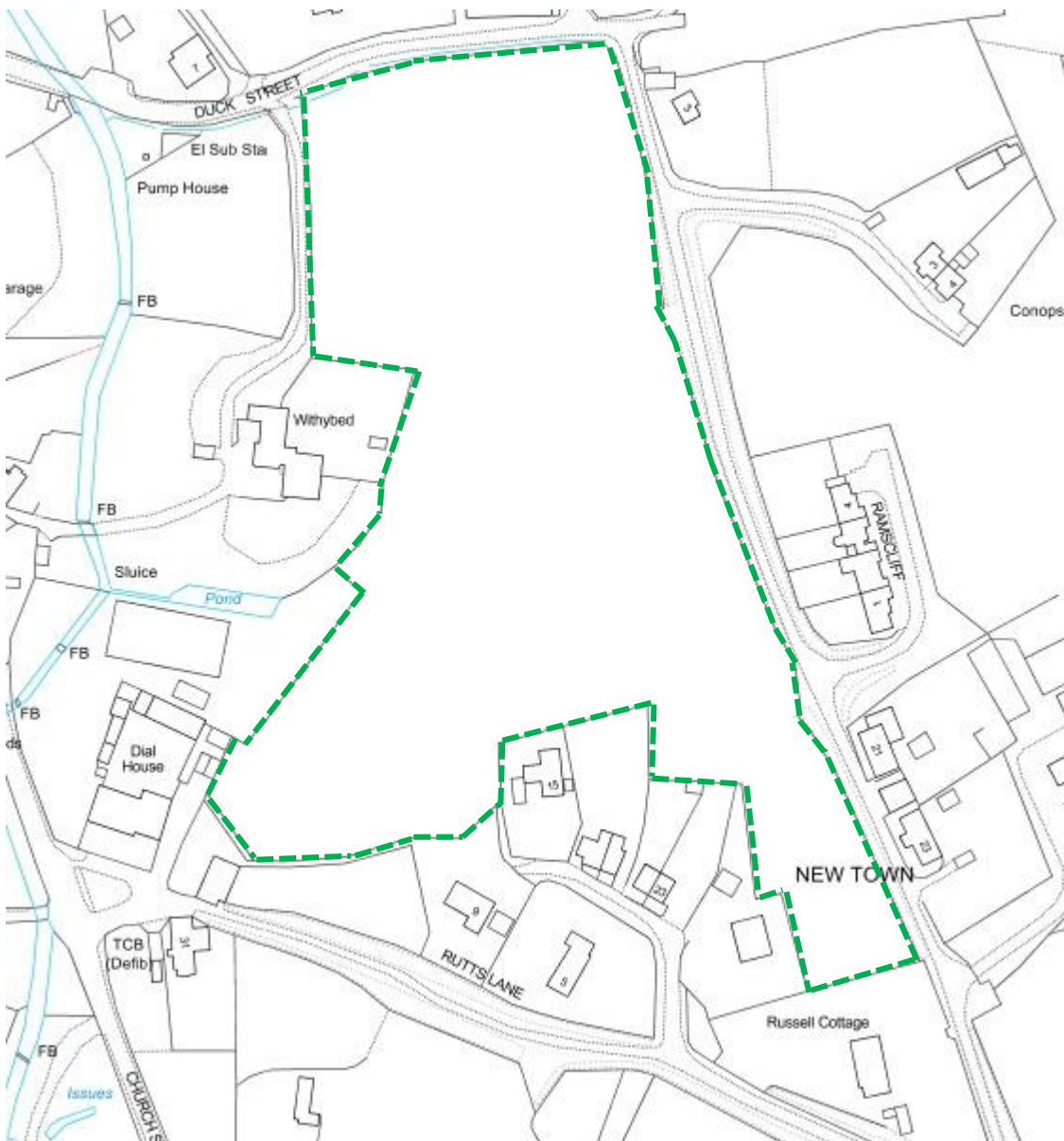


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Land at Greenfields, Duck Street and Stibb Hill

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

A large open field, the original medieval site of the village and accessible to walkers from three corners. It has historic significance as the medieval centre of the village, burnt down and destroyed in the 1650s. Archaeological investigation in the 1990s which did not yield any remains, but there are several buildings in the southern end of WL which dated from this time and may well have been built with the materials which survived the fire. It also makes an important contribution to the character and appearance of the setting of the Conservation Area. It is away from the main road but near to the heart of the old village with views towards Ramscliff and Salisbury Plain and contains the Old House, a timber frame building almost certainly the most common form of construction for most dwellings in the two villages for many hundreds of years. The Duck Street entrance is over a small spring fed stream. The field is regularly grazed by donkeys and sheep and the surrounding natural hedgerows provide habitats for birds, rabbits and insects.

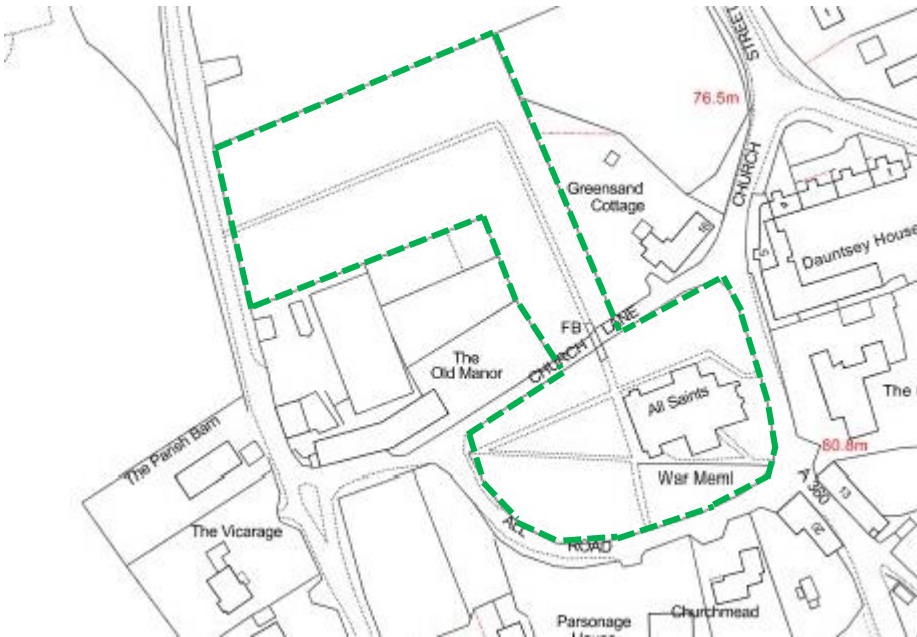


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All Saints Church Grounds

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The site provides a calm and spiritual place within the centre of the village, the grounds have historic significance as a consequence of the 13/14th century parish church (Grade 1 Listed). The grounds extend unusually either side of a road thoroughfare, they make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Grassed area around church is ideal backdrop for wedding and celebratory photographs. Although the church building itself borders the A360, the main doorway and burial ground is to the south/west of the church affording quietness and the burial ground is reached by White Street, a single track minor road, with views over open fields. The closed burial ground around the church has had some gravestones removed in the past, the grass is mown but the trees and shrubs (yew, holly, ash, lime, cherry, and ornamental trees) are home to a wide variety of birds, including owls, goldcrests, green and greater spotted woodpeckers. Wild orchids, teasels, cow parsley, autumn crocuses, and a profusion of valerian provide food for butterflies and migrant hummingbird hawkmoths. The old stone walls (iron railings removed in WW2) are home to small mammals e.g. bank voles, mice, shrews and lizards.

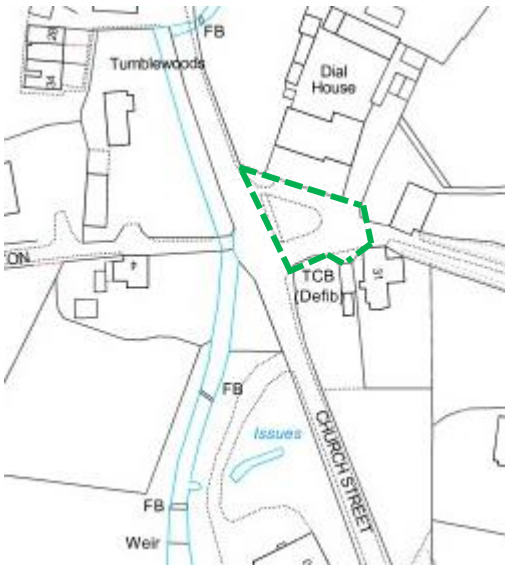


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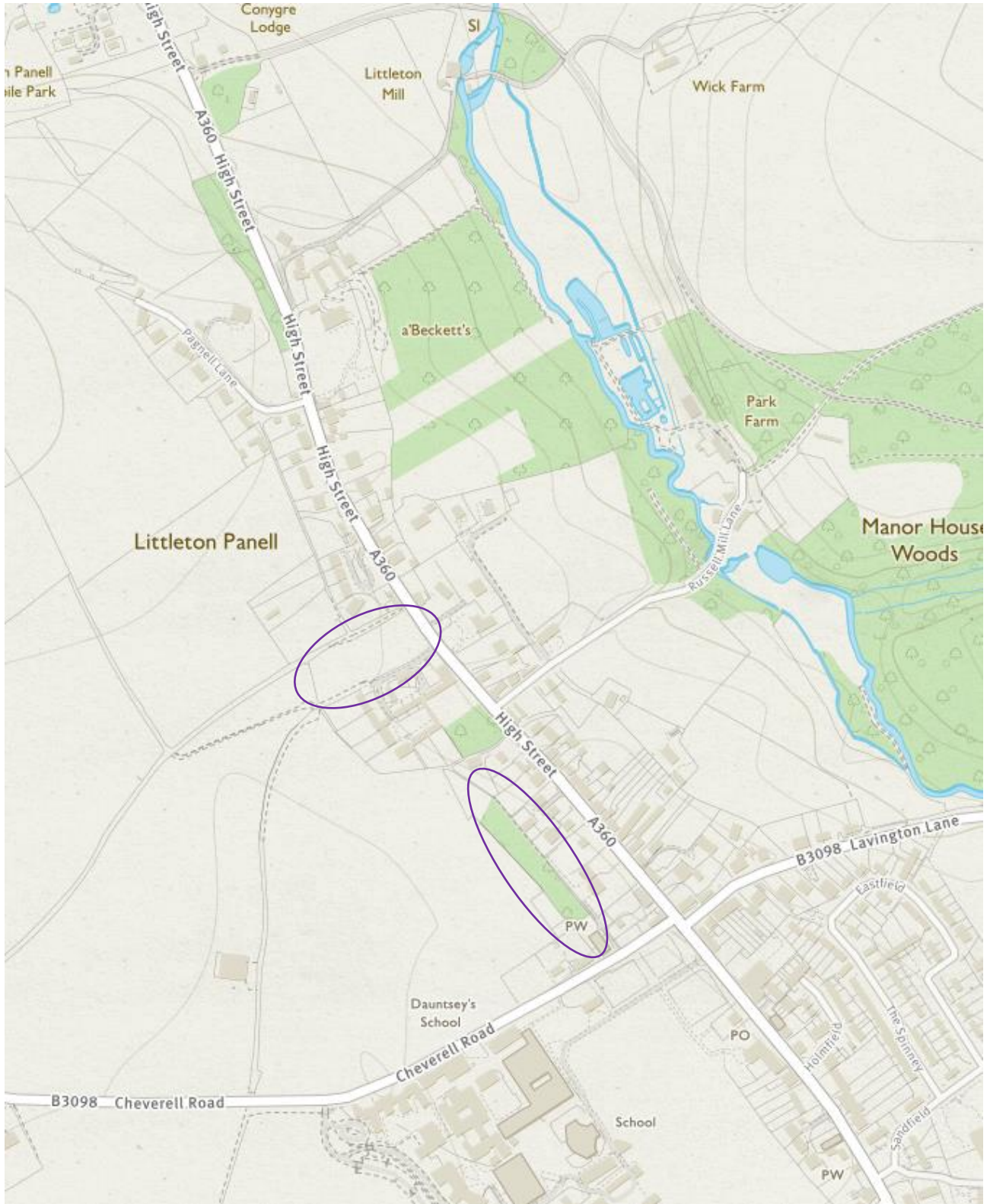
The 'Gun'

Close Proximity	Demonstrably Special Significance					Local in Character
	Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Wildlife Richness	
✓	✓	✓	✓			✓

A small green at the Southern entrance to the villages at the junctions of Rickbarton and Rutts Lane with Church Street (A360). This small but important site provides a classic setting for the walled and gated Dial House (late 17th century/early 18th) with a small triangular green in front, a bus stop and opposite a red telephone box. Quintessentially an English 'village centre' setting. This area, with Rutts Lane, had many workers' cottages. It was the location of the long demolished Lamb Inn (where the red telephone box now stands). Fleece Cottage was once thatched Stocks Cottage. The small green was the site of a captured WW1 German field gun, with white metal railings around it. Overall it makes a very valuable contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and an attractive green approach from the south.



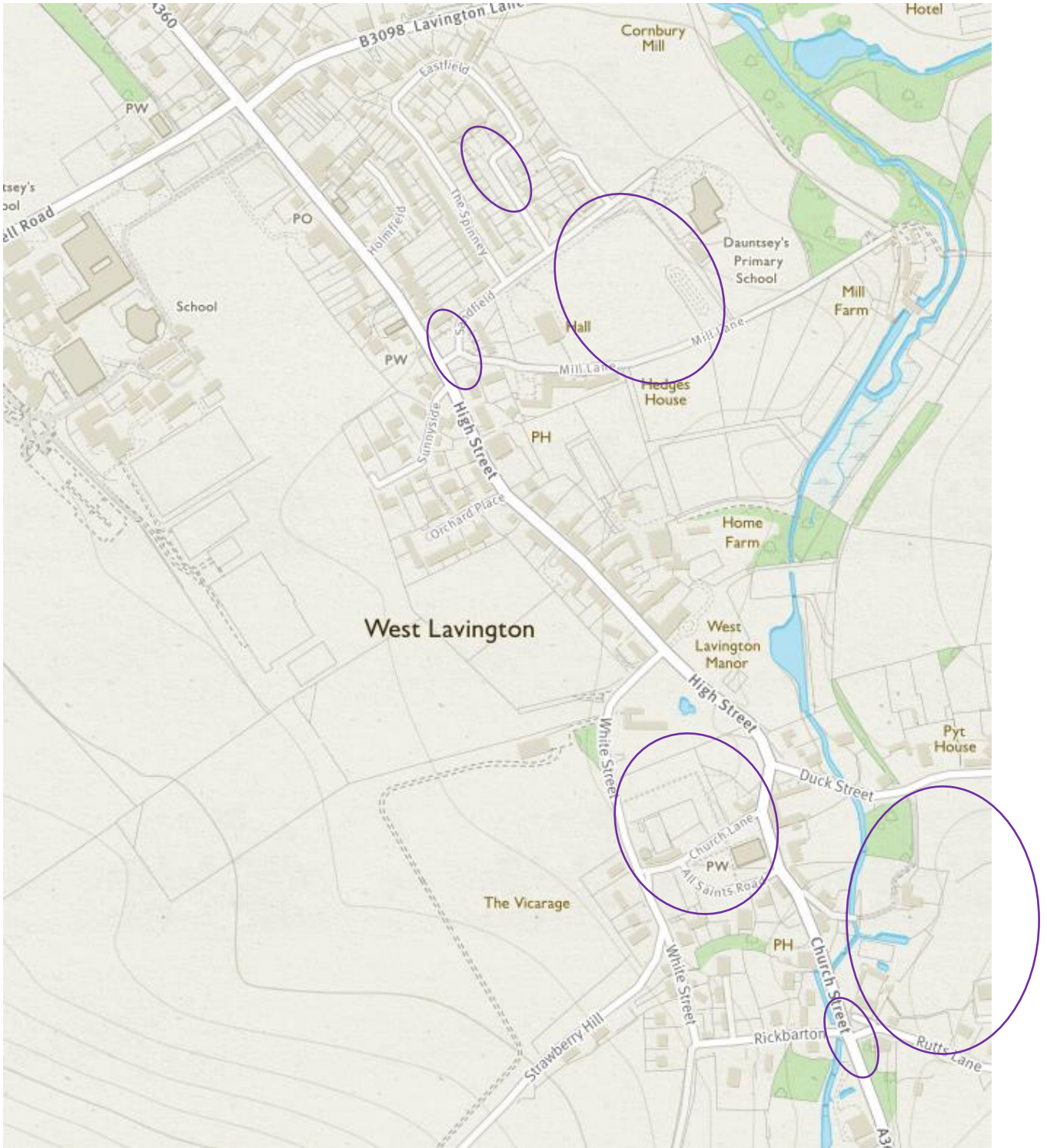
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Broad Location of Proposed Local Green Spaces

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Appendix 5 - Descriptions of Areas Proposed to be Designated under Policy NE2

A summary of the areas suggested to be designated under Policy NE2 Setting of West Lavington Parish in the Neighbourhood Plan is set out below:

Areas are considered important to the overall setting of West Lavington Parish

Fields West of White Street and Behind High Street - Hedged undisturbed fields providing open views towards the top of Strawberry Hill to the south and west

These fields are behind the former Horse and Jockey, and fields opposite burial ground with views up to Strawberry Hill. Several well-used footpaths cross the area with some forming hedged “tunnels” and some with open aspects. Two fields are not cultivated and are undisturbed so harbour a variety of wildlife, insects, and woodpeckers. Other fields are used by local farmer for hay/silage crop and large arable field has a line of mature trees and a hedgerow of brambles and habitats for birds, insects and small/medium mammals. Species spotted include pheasants, rabbits, foxes, badgers, hedgehogs, barn owl, green and spotted woodpeckers, squirrels, buzzards, red kite, deer and lots of bugs. The fields provide open views towards the top of Strawberry Hill to the south and west.

Strawberry Hill and Wood - A high path away from the settlement but visually linked by far reaching views over the two villages

This is a scenic area with mature trees on a byway, with rights of way linking to other parts of the Parish. It contains wooden seats for viewing the far reaching views to the east, north and west towards Ramscliff, the Marlborough Downs and White horses and south towards the Plain.

Ramscliff - Very visible from the village and an easily reached popular recreational area for walking along the rights of way

From the two villages the forms of Ramscliff and the ancient field system of strip lynchets are very visible and form a backdrop to most southerly views. Access is gained via a narrow road leads to a mature deciduous wood on a byway. Other rights of way link to give far reaching views to the East, North and West towards the Vale of Pewsey, the Marlborough Downs and the White horses and South towards Salisbury Plain.

The Warren - A secluded area of private mature woodland with rights of way; much used and appreciated for walks and peace

A privately owned area of mixed woodland with spring fed lake, Keepers Cottage and the source of the Semington Brook which runs through the settlement. Rights of way lead from White Street/Rickbarton through to Gore Cross, White Hill, (Imber Range Path) Strawberry Hill and the Ridgeway. Part of the Warren was originally a 17th century pleasure garden with small ponds and waterfall and planted with a variety of tree species, with a drive down the slight ravine from the top spring fed lake. It is reported that “in smuggling days, the village of West Lavington, like many

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others along the edge of Salisbury Plain, were notorious as a resort for defrauders of the Revenue” - smuggled goods from the coast in Hampshire and Southampton Water were stored locally before being dispersed among the principal towns - Devizes, Chippenham and Bath.

Dauntsey Manor Woods - It forms a strong visual backdrop to many easterly views from the Villages

This mature woodland forms a backdrop to the settlement edge of Littleton Panell. Although part of the woods is outside the Parish boundary it forms strong visual backdrop to many easterly views from the Villages. The overall site is ancient woodland containing a Victorian mansion (1860s) owned by Sir Edward Pleydell-Bouverie, an MP in Palmerston’s government, set in 65 acres, now part of Dauntsey’s School since 1920s and used as a lower boarding house for about 70 pupils.

Areas of Important Green Infrastructure

Woodland and Trees forming the entrance to Littleton Panell from the North - An entrance gateway of the tree lined road rising up between increasingly high banks to the start of Littleton Panell

An important area of woodland and trees carpeted with snowdrops and daffodils. When approaching the villages from the North, the railway bridge, like an entrance gateway, opens to the tree lined road rising up between increasingly high banks to the start of Littleton Panell.

The Woodland separating the eastern end of Russell Mill Lane from the main part of Littleton Pannell - A single track “No Through” lane down a wooded cut between greensand “cliffs” which crosses the Semington Brook and leads past Russell Mill to the start of the footpaths and bridleways through the Dauntsey Manor Woods to Market Lavington and beyond

This area is a wooded cut through greensand “cliffs” on a single track lane crossing the meandering trout inhabited Semington Brook and leading to the Dauntsey School Manor Woods; together with the start of the footpaths and bridleways through the Dauntsey Manor Woods to Market Lavington and beyond. With access to secluded and extensive woodland this area is very rich in biodiversity. Mammals include badgers, foxes, roe and muntjak deer.

Trees between Dauntsey Academy Primary School and Clyffe Hall - A North/South natural barrier, parallel with the Settlement Boundary and the stream, between West Lavington and Market Lavington

This area of trees forms an important natural barrier, which includes the stream, between West Lavington and Market Lavington. These trees are significant in views from the villages to Ramscliff and the Plain. The area of trees incorporates a well-used bridleway and footpath linking West Lavington and Market Lavington villages, which provides access to school and shops and is therefore used frequently by walkers.

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