

## LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT MATRIX, APRIL 2017

The National Planning Policy Framework<sup>1</sup> states that local communities, through local plans, are able to identify Local Green Space for specific protection. The new Local Plan defines the boundaries of Local Green Space based on criteria within the NPPF. Local Green Spaces can only be designated during local plan preparation or review and must be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period. According to the NPPF, Local Green Space must:

- Be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- Be demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance, for example because of its recreational value, historic significance, beauty, tranquillity, or richness of wildlife; and
- Be local in character and not represent an extensive tract of land.

The following table illustrates the consideration of sites throughout the Borough, taking account of characteristics that fulfil the criteria for LGS outlined in the NPPF and assigning a final designation, either Public Open Space (POS) or Local Green Space (LGS). Both POS and LGS sites receive the same level of protection under the new Local Plan which protects sites from development other than in very special circumstances. LGS designation simply denotes that a particular site meets the criteria outlined in national guidance.

Please note that this assessment is not a quantitative exercise. It is not simply a matter of how many ticks are included in the table. For some sites, significance in one category may earn an LGS designation, while others with multiple ticks may earn a POS designation. Further information will be published as part of the evidence base of the new Local Plan. This will explain why such decisions have been made.

Name	Status	Area (ha)	Ward	Publicly Accessible	Assessment against LGS Criteria				
					Recreation	Historic Significance	Beauty	Tranquillity	Wildlife
Albert Road Recreation Ground	LGS	1.53	Thames	✓	✓				
Alfred Sutton Playing Field	LGS	4.9	Park	✓	✓				
Amersham Road Recreation Ground	LGS	2.31	Caversham	✓	✓				✓
Arthur Newbery Park	LGS	13.02	Kentwood	✓	✓		✓		✓
Balmore Walk	LGS	7.06	Thames	✓		✓	✓		✓
Battle Square	LGS	0.54	Battle	✓	✓				
Beechwood	LGS	3.65	Thames	✓		✓			✓
Beresford Road Playground	POS	0.54	Battle	✓	✓				
Blagrove Recreation Ground	POS	0.87	Tilehurst	✓	✓				
Blundells Copse and Meadway Sports Ground	LGS	9.48	Tilehurst	✓	✓			✓	✓
Bug's Bottom (Hemdean Bottom)	LGS	14.23	Thames	✓			✓	✓	✓
Caleta Close Play Area	POS	0.46	Caversham	✓					
Caversham Court Gardens and Allotments	LGS	1.4	Caversham	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Caversham Pond	POS	0.73	Peppard	X		✓	✓	✓	✓
Christchurch Meadows	LGS	11.06	Caversham	✓	✓			✓	✓
Cintra Park	LGS	6.87	Redlands	✓	✓			✓	
Clayfield Copse and Blackhouse Woods	LGS	26.31	Peppard	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Coley Recreation Ground	LGS	5.62	Minster	✓	✓	✓			

<sup>1</sup> The NPPF can be accessed on the Government's website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Courage Park	POS	1.74	Minster	✓	✓				
Eldon Square	POS	0.35	Redlands	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Emmer Green Pond	POS	1.09	Peppard	✓				✓	✓
Emmer Green Recreation Ground and Allotments	LGS	2.27	Peppard	✓	✓		✓		
Fobney Island Nature Reserve	POS	6.18	Minster	✓				✓	✓
Forbury Gardens	LGS	1.8	Abbey	✓		✓	✓		
Great Knollys Street Recreation Ground	POS	1.49	Abbey	✓	✓				
Greenham Avenue, Kennet Island	LGS	0.47	Whitley	✓	✓				
Hills Meadow	LGS	4.26	Caversham	✓	✓				✓
John Rabson Recreation Ground and The Cowsey	LGS	26.91	Church	✓	✓				✓
Kennet Island Nature Reserve	POS	1.62	Whitley	✓					✓
Kensington Park	LGS	4.23	Battle	✓	✓				
Kings Meadow and the Coal Woodland	LGS	16.17	Abbey	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Kings Road Gardens	POS	0.16	Abbey	✓					
Land at Deans Farm	POS	2.29	Caversham	X		✓	✓		✓
Land at Stuart Close	POS	0.73	Peppard	✓				✓	✓
Long Barn Lane Recreation Ground	LGS	3.29	Katesgrove	✓	✓				
Lorenzo Quelch Park	POS	0.12	Redlands	✓					
Lousehill Copse	LGS	12.67	Tilehurst/ Norcot	✓			✓	✓	✓
Mapledurham Playing Fields	LGS	10.86	Mapledurham	✓	✓			✓	✓
McIlroy Park and Round Copse	LGS	15.02	Kentwood	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Meadway Woodland	POS	2.6	Tilehurst	✓				✓	✓
Milestone Wood and Milestone Way	LGS	8.29	Peppard	✓	✓			✓	✓
Oxford Road Recreation Ground	LGS	0.69	Kentwood	✓	✓				
Palmer Park	LGS	16.07	Park	✓	✓				
Portman Road Playground	POS	2.32	Kentwood	✓	✓				
Prospect Park	LGS	46.52	Southcote	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rivermead and Thameside Promenade	LGS	18.15	Abbey/Battle	✓	✓		✓		✓
Robert Hewitt Recreation Ground	LGS	0.34	Minster	✓		✓		✓	
Rotherfield Way Copse	LGS	1.97	Peppard	✓			✓	✓	✓
Shinfield Road Recreation Ground	LGS	1.15	Church	✓	✓				
South Whitley Park	LGS	5.31	Whitley	✓	✓				✓
Southcote Linear Park	LGS	3.47	Southcote	✓	✓			✓	✓
St Laurence's Churchyard	POS	0.39	Abbey	✓		✓	✓		
St Mary's Churchyard	POS	0.59	Abbey	✓		✓	✓		
Taff Way Woodland	POS	2.74	Norcot	✓				✓	✓
The Warren Woodland West	LGS	0.99	Mapledurham	✓			✓	✓	✓
Tofrek Terrace	POS	2.1	Norcot	✓	✓				
Victoria Recreation Ground and Kentwood Hill Allotments	LGS	4.64	Kentwood	✓	✓				✓
View Island	LGS	1.62	Caversham	✓			✓	✓	✓
Waterloo Meadows	LGS	10.32	Katesgrove	✓	✓				✓
Westfield Road Recreation Ground	LGS	1.45	Caversham	✓	✓				
Whitley Wood Recreation Ground	LGS	4.15	Whitley	✓	✓				