

LOCAL GREEN SPACES AND PROTECTED OPEN SPACES PROPOSED FOR ALLOCATION IN THE BLYTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SUMMARY

Potential areas of local green space and protected open space

In our plan we can identify areas to be protected from inappropriate development by allocating them as local green space. To do this, they must meet nationally defined requirements, the sites must not:

- Have planning permission for development
- Be allocated for development within the Northumberland Local Plan
- Be an extensive tract of land, so it must be local in character.

The site must also be demonstrably special to the local community, which should be for at least one of the following reasons:

- **Beauty** - the site contributes to the attractiveness or character of the area;
- **History** – the site has local historic significance;
- **Recreational value** – is the space used for playing sport or informal recreation;
- **Tranquillity** – the space is peaceful and could be used for quiet reflection;
- **Richness of wildlife** – the site is has an important wildlife value.

The neighbourhood plan can also identify areas of protected open space, which could include sites that do not meet the detailed local green space criteria, such as small areas of amenity greenspace e.g. grassed areas within housing estates or larger areas of semi-natural green space.

We considered 100 sites by assessing them against the requirements of national planning policy. The full assessment forms are included in a local green space and protected open space background paper which is available on our website: <https://www.blythtowncouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-consultation.php>

There is also a map of all of the sites. Details of where to view hard copies of the background information is also on our website.

As a result of the assessment we are proposing to allocate 31 sites as local green space and six sites as protected open space.

A summary of the proposed local green space and protected open space sites – and why they are special are included in the tables below.

We need your feedback on the proposed open spaces – do you agree with the proposed allocation? Is there any more information we could capture as to why the sites are important?

Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- By using online the form available on our website;
- By downloading the response form and emailing or posting it to us;
- By sending an email to us info@blythtowncouncil.org.uk; or
- By writing to us at: Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Proposed Local Green Space	No planning permission	Not allocated for development	Not an extensive tract of land	Importance to the local community				
				Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquil	Wildlife
LGS01 Bolam Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS02 Delaval Crescent Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS03 Beatrice Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS04 Laverock Place Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS05 Bebside Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS06 Newsham Side Club Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS07 South View Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS08 Tenth Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS09 Wensleydale Terrace Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS10 Twentieth Avenue Allotments	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS11 Cottingwood Green	✓	✓	✓			✓		
LGS12 Rear of Newsham Road	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
LGS13 Briardale Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
LGS14 Newsham Pond	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS15 Isabella Heap	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS16 Isabella Field	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
LGS17 Crofton Field	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
LGS18 Meggies Burn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS19 Halfpenny Woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS20 South of Plessey Old Wagonway	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS21 Croft Park	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
LGS22 Broadway Field	✓	✓	✓			✓		
LGS23 New Delaval Park	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
LGS24 Cowpen and Crofton Welfare Bowling Green	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
LGS25 South Newsham Pavilion	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
LGS26 Cowpen Recreation Ground	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
LGS27 South Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
LGS28 Blyth Links & Beach Gardens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS29 Ridley Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS30 South of the River Blyth, east of Halfpenny woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS31 Blyth Golf Course	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

Proposed protected open space	Reason for proposed allocation
POS01 Play area on Crawford Street/Millfield Gardens	Play area which is well used by the local community.
POS02 Chestnut Avenue	Amenity greenspace
POS03 Bede Academy (north)	Playing fields
POS04 Bede Academy (south), South Beach	Playing fields
POS05 Dene View Drive	Amenity greenspace and recreation
POS06 Blyth Sports Centre	Amenity greenspace and recreation