



GREAT BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2019 - 2041

LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT

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GREAT BARTON PARISH COUNCIL - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The parish of Great Barton has several 'green spaces' that are either on the outskirts of the village or have been incorporated into the fabric of the village as developments have occurred. Paragraph 99 and 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2019) identifies the possibility of identifying green spaces that meet certain characteristics as "Local Green Spaces". The paragraphs state:

99. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.
100. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:
- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - b) 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
 - c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

This paper provides an assessment of the green spaces in the village against the criteria in paragraph 100 in order to support the designation of local green spaces in the emerging Great Barton, Neighbourhood Plan.

The Identified Green Spaces

A list of the green spaces is detailed below. Some of the spaces are grouped together.

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| 1. Hall Park | 7. Conyers Green |
| 2. Maple Green | 8. Icepits Wood |
| 3. Conyers Way | 9. Elms Wood |
| 4. Conyers Way (north) | 10. Church Road |
| 5. Conyers Way (south 1) | 11. Travellers Rest |
| 6. Conyers Way (south 2) | |

Appraisal

The following pages provide a detailed assessment of the identified spaces to ascertain whether they conform with the Local Green Space definition of the NPPF.

1. Hall Park



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Hall Park Open green areas and wooded plantations
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Visually Important Open Space within settlement boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	Totalling 6.897Ha. Consisting of a main central area of 5.085Ha and Bunbury Avenue to the east at 0.825Ha. There are 7 other smaller areas under this designation.
Ownership	West Suffolk Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	At the western end of the village with easy and close connections of all residents of Hall Park and adjoining areas.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	This area is noted within the Local Authority (West Suffolk Council) as an area of character and referenced in their Local Plan.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Hall Park was a planned development to provide an area of mainly detached properties with spacious surroundings to include open areas and wooded plantations. The open area provides a focal point for its residents, provides a level of tranquillity and holds historical significance.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The many areas of openness making up this designation is unique within the Parish and recognised beyond the Parish boundary.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

2. Maple Green



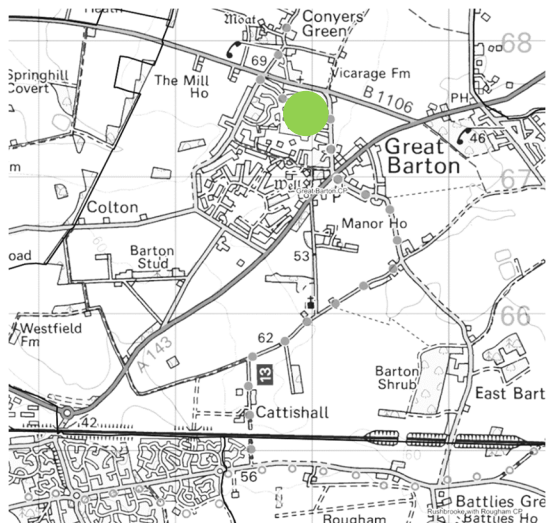
Site Details	
Description and purpose	Village Green type space – Maple Green
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Visually Important Open Space within settlement boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.298Ha
Ownership	To be confirmed
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	At the centre of the Downing Drive/Conyers Way development and within 500m of the majority of homes
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Papers at the time of the Conyers Way development allocated a green space and this designation would ensure that it is secured now and into the future. Very well used by parishioners of all ages
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Surrounded by properties Maple Green provides an open space which is used by the immediate local community. This is a small but important village green for the local inhabitants and supports and compliments other green open areas in Great Barton.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

Proposed Local Green Spaces
Maple Green

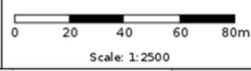


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3 and 4. Conyers Way



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Village Green type space – Conyers Way 3 and woodland for Conyers Way 4
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Visually Important Open Space and woodland within settlement boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	No 3 = 0.113Ha. No 4 = 0.254Ha
Ownership	To be confirmed
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	At the centre of the Conyers Way development and within 500m of the majority of homes
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	A major focal point for the Conyers Way residents with No 3 having an old oak as its centre piece and No 4 providing a welcome break to the built area and adds biodiversity. .
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The Conyers Way Green space areas provides interlinks which creates and assists biodiversity. No 4 is managed and maintained by the Great Barton Community Woodland Group by a lease agreement with West Suffolk Council
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

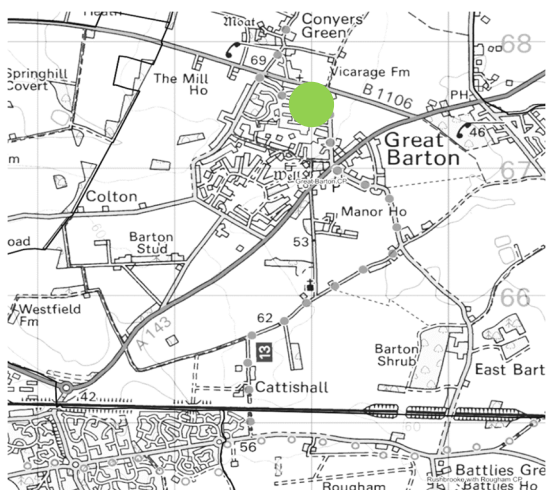


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Conyers Way

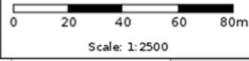


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5 and 6. Conyers Way



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Village Green type space – Conyers Way woodland, Nos 5 and 6.
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Visually Important Open Space and woodland within settlement boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	No 5 = 0.155Ha. No 6 = 0.292Ha
Ownership	West Suffolk Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	To the east of Downing Drive with Chestnut Close and Aspen Close within 500m of the majority of homes.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times via maintained footpaths
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Tranquil space within the settlement area for the public to traverse via footpaths surrounded by trees and hedges.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Woodland areas that forge links with the other Conyers Way open spaces and Maple Green. These areas are managed and maintained by the Great Barton Community Woodland Group by a lease agreement with West Suffolk Council
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

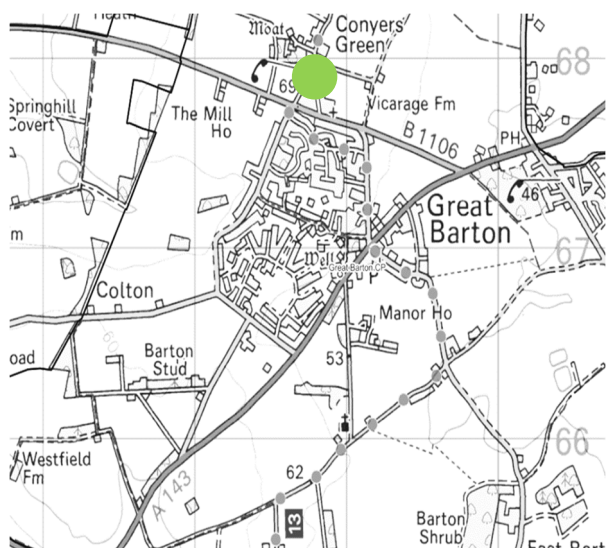


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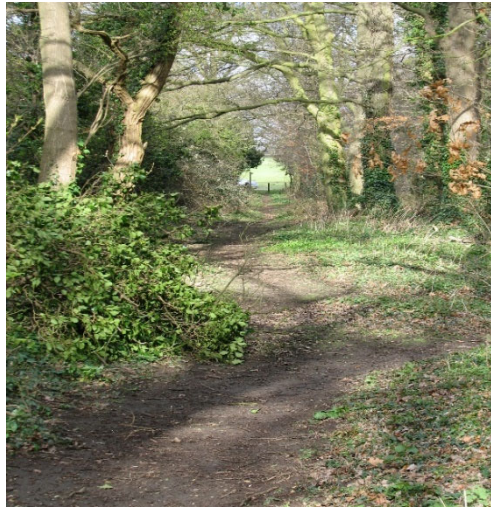
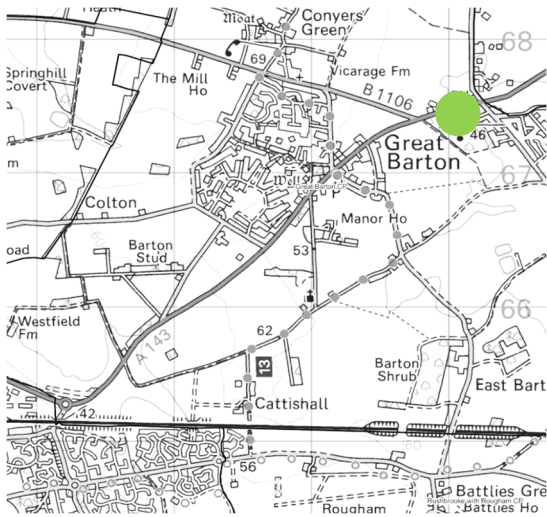
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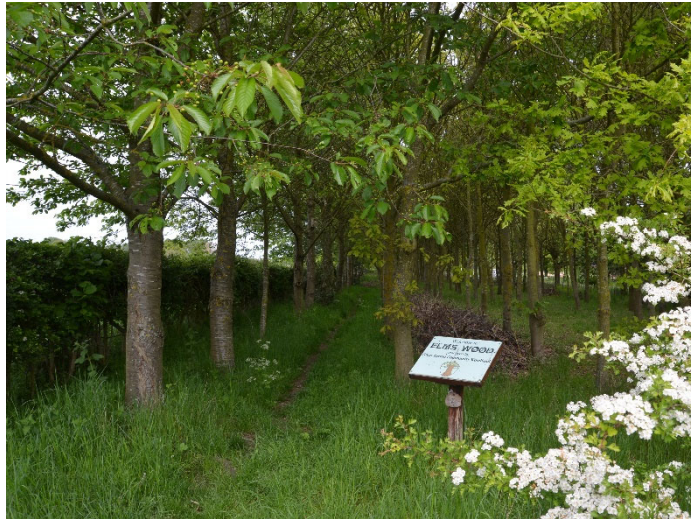
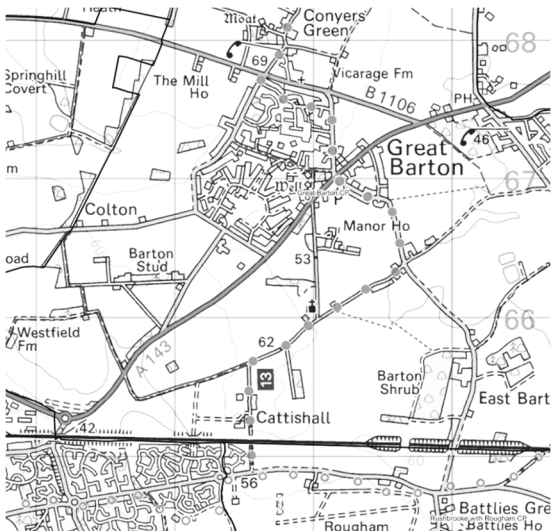
Site Details	
Description and purpose	Conyers Green - 2 parcels of Open Space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Important Open Space within Settlement Boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.038Ha opposite Grey Flints and 0.0238Ha at Livermere Road
Ownership	Not Known, No details at Land Registry
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Both areas encompassed by the Conyers Green settlement in northern area of the village.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	These areas have a history of being used recreationally by the immediate residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The areas are sufficiently proportioned that the Conyers Green community manages them with the knowledge and encouragement from the Parish Council. A replacement Horse Chestnut has been organised in recognition of a Conyers Green resident who maintained these Green areas for many years.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

8. Icepits Wood



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Icepits Wood. A mature native woodland with a few coniferous species in part.
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None and outside Settlement Boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	8.948Ha
Ownership	Suffolk County Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Sandwiched between Great Barton village and East Barton. Properties back onto the eastern boundary of this woodland.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times, includes a public footpath on its western boundary and internal walkways
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	Association with the former Abbey of Bury St Edmunds
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Suffolk County Council provided a 99 year lease to Great Barton Parish Council. A woodland management plan is under preparation. The intentions are to provide an amenity for all ages which hopefully will involve the local Scouts Troop and the village Primary School pupils.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Provides an asset to the parishioners of Great Barton with numerous walkways within the woods and visibility of the undulating historic pits enjoyed by many generations.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation.

9. Elms Wood



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Elms Wood – amenity and linkage to Icepits Wood
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Site within Settlement Boundary and is within Policy RV18 of Rural Vision 2031
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.861Ha
Ownership	Suffolk County Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Located between main village centre and East Barton providing a nature linkage.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	None
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Woodland strip created by Suffolk County Council Farms division 35 years ago and became an amenity when a management agreement with the village Community Woodland Group was agreed around 8 years ago.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	A green linkage to eastern areas of the Parish, Icepits Wood and East Barton.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

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Great Barton



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10. Church Road



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Green Areas adjacent to Holy Innocents Church
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Outside Settlement Boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.075Ha and 0.040Ha for the triangular island with the oak tree central
Ownership	Not Known, No details at Land Registry
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it serves	South of the main area of the village serving Holy Innocents Church to support pastoral enrichment.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	None
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Important areas to facilitate the church flock which primarily travel to Holy Innocents by motor vehicle due to its remoteness.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Creates an Open space to ensure the continuous pastoral well-being of parishioners.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation



Proposed Local Green Space Church Road, Great Barton



11. Travellers Rest



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Travellers Rest – Historic staging post
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Outside Settlement Boundary
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.038Ha
Ownership	Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Located alongside the A143 approximately 1km from the village core.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	None
Historically significant	Before motorised vehicles this site was a resting and watering post for cattle driven to market.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	To be of community importance and its prominence will be explored as developments proceed.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Small area of green space that has the potential to be significant for the village due to its proximity to The Severals development.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation





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