

Local Green Spaces

This designation was introduced for Local and Neighbourhood Plans in 2012. Once designated Local Green Spaces (LGS's) receive protection broadly consistent with national Green Belt policy thereby only development in exceptional circumstances is permitted. If a site identified is already in the Green Belt consideration for its inclusion as a LGS can be done if there are any additional benefits such as the need to protect a space if it is special to the community.

The National Planning Policy Framework list the criteria for designation as follows:

The site is

1. Local in character
2. Demonstrably special to the community
3. Has a particular local significance and
4. Is not an extensive tract of land.

Land for which there is no public access can be included as a LGS as the designation does not confer rights of public access over what exists at present.

The Steering Group recommends that the following sites be designated as Local Green Spaces on the grounds that they all have a special significance to Hartley residents and are within easy walking distance of the main community served.

*Hartley Wood	*Foxbrough Wood
*Old Downs Wood	*Bramblings Wood
*Rectory Meadow	Gorse Wood
Hoselands Green	Woodlands Recreation Ground
Chantry Avenue Childrens Play Area	Hartley Green
Roundabout at Round Ash Way	*Church Road Pond
*Hartley Court Green	*All Saints Church closed Churchyard
*Manor Field Recreation Ground	*Manor Field Burial Ground
*Chapel Wood	*All Saintes closed Burial Ground
*Longfield Hill Recreation Ground	*Billings Hill Shaw Open Space
Larks Field Allotments	*Allotments at rear of Black Lion
Green Spaces (Two) in Billings Hill Shaw in cul de sac heads at St Johns Lane	
*School Playing Field at Hartley Primary Academy	
*Playing Field at Hartley Country Club	*Northfield Open Space
Green spaces in front of Retirement Homes in Wellfield	

* = Already designated as Green Belt but Plan considers special protection is needed

By designating these Local Green Spaces any development leading to the loss of a named space will not be supported unless:

1. There is no longer any need for the space
2. The space is no longer economically viable or able to be supported by the community
3. There is an alternative provision for relocation in the community.