



Haddenham and Aldreth Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Spaces Assessment
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Haddenham Parish Council

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Haddenham parish has several 'green spaces' that play a significant role in defining the character of the village and places for meeting and/or recreation. Paragraphs 100 and 101 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2021) identifies the possibility of identifying green spaces that meet certain characteristics as "Local Green Spaces". The paragraphs state:

101. 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.
102. 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 report provides an assessment of the green spaces in the parish against the criteria in paragraph 102 in order to support the designation of local green spaces in the emerging 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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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.

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1. The Closed Cemetery, Church Lane



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Former village cemetery
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.32 Ha.
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	In centre of Haddenham village
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	Site is being managed for wildflower growth and the creation of habitats for other species.
Historically significant	Former parish church burial ground associated with many families in the village
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Of significant importance to the history of the village and now a tranquil space for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Distinct area of local importance.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

2. The Green



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open spaces in and adjoining housing areas
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	Total 0.08 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	In the centre of Haddenham village
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	Traditional meeting place in the centre of the village that used to host a fun fair in the late 1950s / early 1960s.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Hosts the war memorial (now listed) and the village sign and has hosted events such as a fun fair and the village silver band concerts.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Small distinct places of significant importance to the locality.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

3. Feasts Green, between 4 & 5 Great Mill View



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.14 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	In historic centre of 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	Provides a green lung and views to open countryside to the south
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Contained site and not an extensive tract of land
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

4. Non-Conformist Burial Ground, The Green



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Former village cemetery
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.27 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	In historic centre of village
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	None known but there are some trees on the boundaries of the site
Historically significant	Burial Ground is now closed but the site is of historic significance to the local community
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Tranquil space with open access and gravestones repositioned to boundaries
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	A self-contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

5. Feasts Field, Great Mill View



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.34 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	In historic centre of village
Public access	Public access at all times with bench available
Ecologically significant	No significance recorded but established and newly planted trees on site
Historically significant	None known
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	An important open area that extends the openness of the village green to the east
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Bounded by the A1123 to the north and new properties to the south
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

6. Pocket Park, New Town Road



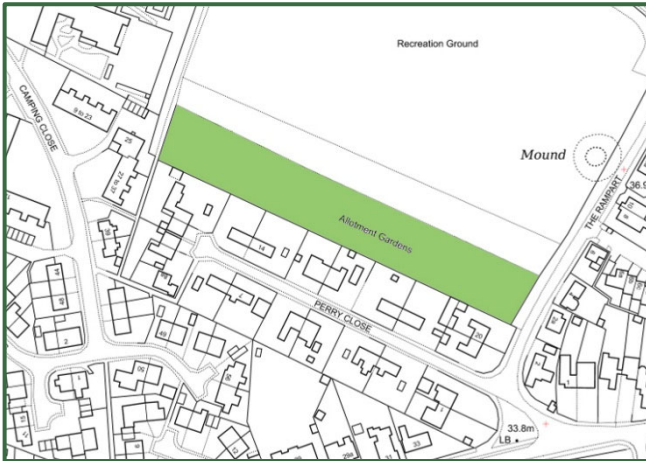
Site Details	
Description and purpose	Informal open space with goal post and bench seating
Checklist	
Statutory designations	Registered Common Land. County Wildlife Site
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	Planning permission was granted in December 2021 for a new recreation ground on land south of the Pocket Park. the permission includes the construction of an access road across the Pocket Park from New Town Road.
Area	0.4 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Adjoins residential properties on New Town Road
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	Extensive shrubs and hedgerows along eastern, southern and western boundaries that could provide species habitats
Historically significant	None known
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Especially important for informal recreation for residents of New Town Road
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Self-contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation.

7. Linden Way



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.16 Ha
Ownership	East Cambridgeshire District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Within residential area
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	Mown grass area with a few trees and unlikely to have ecological significance
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	An important green amenity area for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Self-contained area and not an extensive tract.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

8. Allotments



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Allotments
Checklist	
Statutory designations	Allotments
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.57 Ha
Ownership	East Cambridgeshire District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	On edge of village and within easy walking distance of many residents
Public access	Accessible at all times to allotment holders
Ecologically significant	None
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	An important recreational amenity for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Self-contained area and not an extensive tract.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

9. Chewells Lane Allotments



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Allotments
Checklist	
Statutory designations	Allotments
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.40 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Easily accessible from centre of village and residential areas
Public access	Accessible at all times to allotment holders
Ecologically significant	None
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	An important recreational amenity for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

10. Chewells Lane Cemetery



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Parish Cemetery
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.48 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Easily accessible from centre of village and residential areas
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	The cemetery has significant purpose for current and past residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

11. Bonfire Field, Fairchild's Meadows



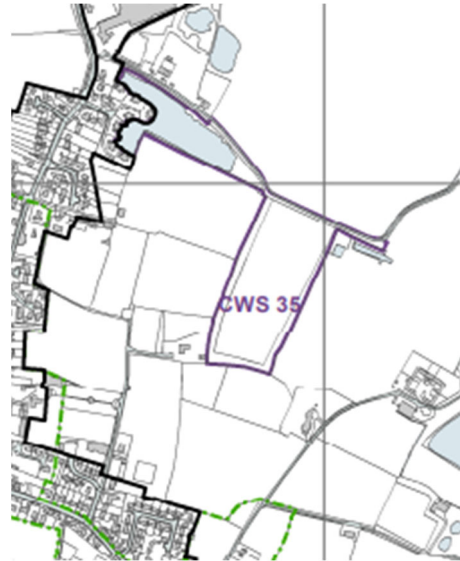
Site Details	
Description and purpose	Open green spaces traditionally used for the village fireworks display in November
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning permissions
Area	0.6 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Play area with play equipment and grass recreation open space.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	None known
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important amenity for the village.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

12. Pond Field, Fairchild's Meadows



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Natural meadow managed by Haddenham Conservation Society
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	1.87 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Approximately 400m east of Station Road
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	Managed for its flora and fauna
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important amenity for the village.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

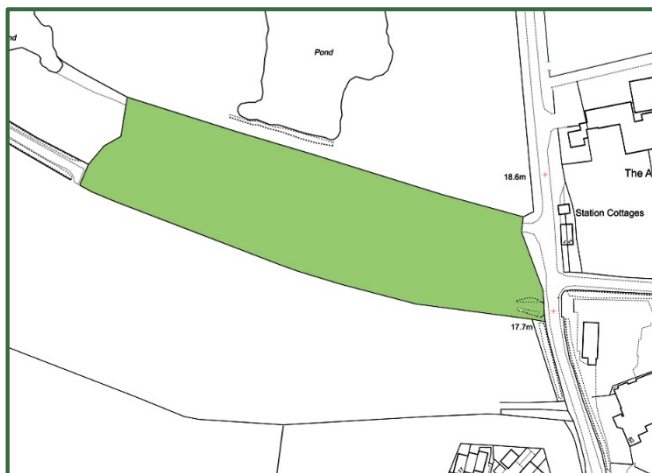
13. Flower Meadow, Fairchild's Meadows



Extract from Local Plan Policies Map

Site Details	
Description and purpose	Wildflower meadow
Checklist	
Statutory designations	County Wildlife Site
Site allocations	Local Plan identifies it as a County Wildlife Site
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	3.91 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Within residential area
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	Provides an important amenity for housing in this part of the parish.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

14. Wayman's Pits, Sutton Road



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Closed landfill site that is currently natural greenspace on the edge of the village
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	1.8 Ha
Ownership	Leased by Haddenham Parish Council from Cambridgeshire County Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	On northern edge of village
Public access	Not presently accessible at all times. A change of use application to an informal recreation facility was withdrawn in 2010 due to there being no footway connecting the site to the village.
Ecologically significant	None
Historically significant	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important natural area
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

15. Aldreth Recreation Ground



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Informal recreational open space with two goal posts
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.31 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Adjoins Aldreth village
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	Provides an important amenity space for Aldreth residents.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

16. Aldreth Play Area



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Children's play area
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.03 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Within Aldreth village
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	Provides an important amenity space for Aldreth children.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

17. Camping Close



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space with trees and seating
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.03 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	On High Street
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	Provides an important amenity space for Aldreth children.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

18. The Old Pond, Station Road



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space with distinct willow trees and seating
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding Planning permissions
Area	0.04 Ha
Ownership	Haddenham Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	On High Street
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	Provides an important amenity space for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	Distinct and contained area
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation