

A dense forest with tall trees and a green tint. The trees are mostly deciduous with some bare branches, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and low-lying vegetation. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

# Green Infrastructure Audit

**An audit of green infrastructure elements with descriptions, details of issues encountered, and assessed eligibility for protection from development**

*Carried out in conjunction with the preparation of  
Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan, 2018/19*



### Notes on the information provided within this audit

- a) Each element has been named and may also have a reference linked to the identification numbers assigned by the Open Spaces Group/ Shaftesbury Town Council. All the spaces identified are shown on the attached map.
- b) The codes for type of green infrastructure element are based on categories defined in the Local Plan and are as set out below.
- c) Each element can fulfil more than one function: in the audit multi-functional elements show more than one code with the primary function indicated in bold.

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1. **Community/leisure activities:** supporting a wide range of activities for all ages. e.g. Sports pitches, skateparks, outdoor gym, playgrounds, informal play areas, formal gardens, informal gardens, picnic/sitting areas:
    - a. equipped play areas (LAPs, LEAPs, NEAPs, MUGAs, Skateboard parks etc) included in the NP assessment of provision within recommended (by FIT) distance from home
    - b. formal outdoor sports provision (playing pitches, tennis courts, swimming pool, etc) where the NP compared provision with the standard of 1.60 hectares per 1000 population
    - c. informal recreation/amenity spaces (parks, gardens, amenity green space) where the NP assessed available space against the standard (by FIT) provision of 1.4 hectares per 1000 population
  2. **Community and private outdoor leisure space:** complimenting/improving built environment. e.g. Informal leisure spaces, housing green spaces, landscape planting, green roofs, private gardens, green lungs.
    - a. roundabout verges, roadside greens and trees, residential estates, housing green spaces
    - b. green spaces within car parks, industrial estates
    - c. facility grounds with limited access e.g. schools, hotels, medical centre, private gardens
  3. **Natural and semi-natural areas:** enabling/encouraging biodiversity. Providing educational resources associated with the natural environment e.g. nature reserves, woodland, scrub, ponds, springs, wetlands, landscape planting). *Note recommended guideline is for at least 1.80 hectares per 1000 population within 720m from dwellings.*
  4. **Green corridors:** creating sustainable travel network promoting walking/cycling, providing access to open countryside and routes through urban areas. Enhancing semi-natural habitats and integrating green infrastructure into urban areas (e.g. Trees, hedgerows, dry stone walls, verges, rights of way, green roads, cycling routes, bridleways).
  5. **History, culture & character:** preserving and enhancement of landscape features, (e.g. Views, historic and cultural links, graveyards, ancient/important trees, hedgerows)

6. **Food production:** providing community resources and educational opportunities, (e.g. allotments, orchards). Shaftesbury's NP assessed allotments against the provision standard of at least 16 allotments (about 0.4 hectares) per 1000 people (as recommended in the Local Plan).
  7. **Green infrastructure not yet in use:** that associated with new development where the use hasn't yet been decided or where the necessary preparations have not yet been implemented.
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- d) Measurements have been taken from the Pear mapping system and areas are shown in hectares (10000 sq. m or about the size of a rugby pitch)
- e) Spaces are indicated if designated as Scheduled Monuments (SM) or where one or more trees have Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) or if part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB); equipped play-spaces are designated as LAP (Local Area for Play aimed at very young children), LEAP (Locally Equipped Area for Play) aimed at children who can go out to play independently), or NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play aimed at older children). In addition, areas that have been regarded as Important Open or Wooded Areas (IOWAs) are indicated. These have been reviewed and those treed areas that are assessed as making a significant contribution to the character of Shaftesbury but don't meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space have been classified as Important Treed Areas (ITA).
- f) Where the green infrastructure element could benefit from a project defined within the NP, there is an indication within the audit. The focus of the work to be done is indicated under 'Relevant issues & evidence' and the project may require collaboration between the town council and landowner or other group and would be designed to bring about enhanced functionality (through an appropriate combination of increased recreational value, contribution to biodiversity, mitigating climate change, reduction of pollution risk).
- g) The audit assesses selected spaces against the nationally defined criteria that must be met before designation as a Local Green Space (LGS) to be protected from development. The criteria are set out in NPPF para.77 which states:

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The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
  - where the green area is 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
  - where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
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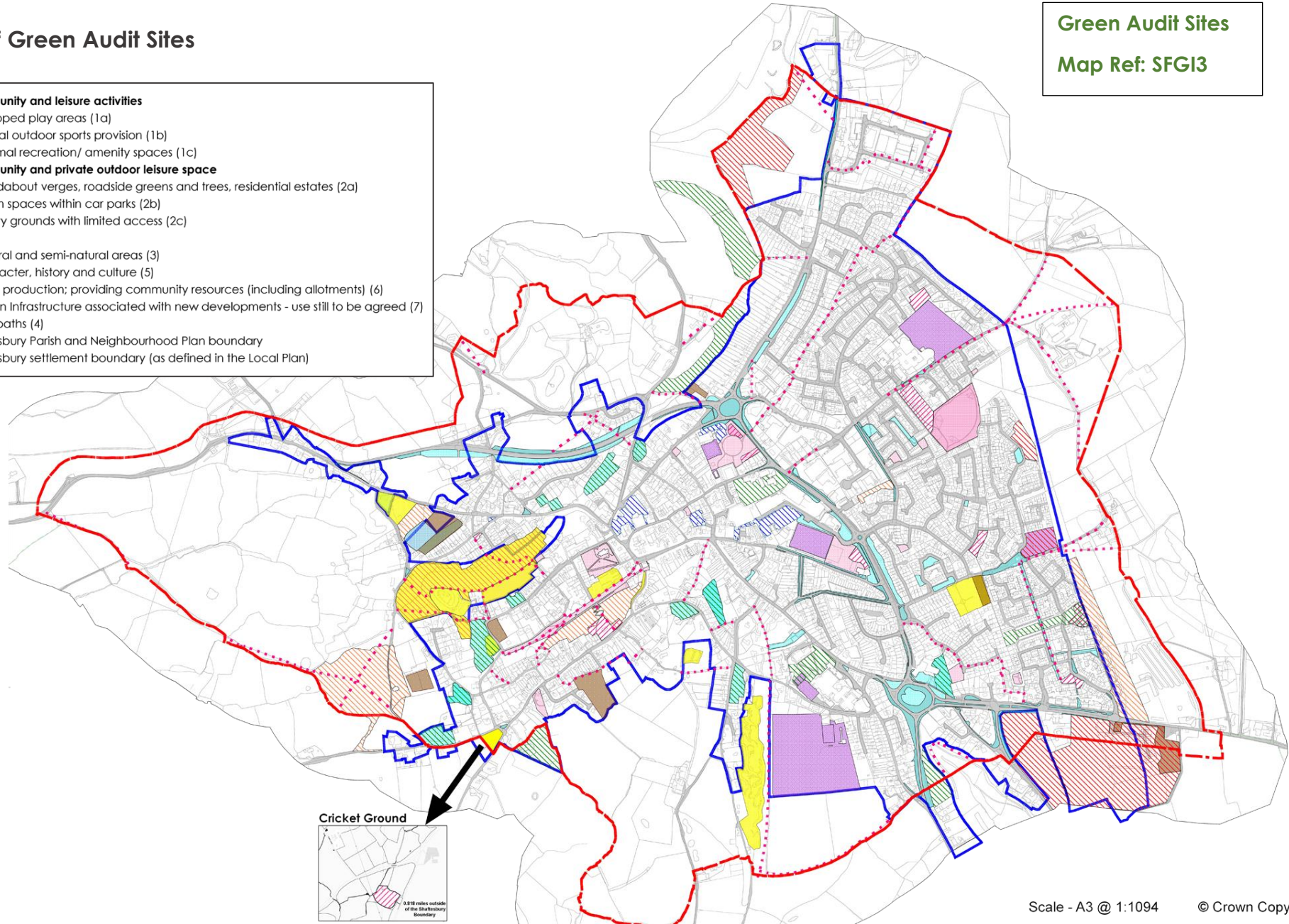
- h) The audit indicates those spaces being designated as LGS and also highlights some spaces that might be eligible when the NP is reviewed. A map of LGS and ITA spaces is included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

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## Map of Green Audit Sites

Green Audit Sites  
Map Ref: SFGI3

- Community and leisure activities**
  - Equipped play areas (1a)
  - Formal outdoor sports provision (1b)
  - Informal recreation/ amenity spaces (1c)
- Community and private outdoor leisure space**
  - roundabout verges, roadside greens and trees, residential estates (2a)
  - green spaces within car parks (2b)
  - facility grounds with limited access (2c)
- Other**
  - Natural and semi-natural areas (3)
  - Character, history and culture (5)
  - Food production; providing community resources (including allotments) (6)
  - Green Infrastructure associated with new developments - use still to be agreed (7)
  - Footpaths (4)
- Shaffesbury Parish and Neighbourhood Plan boundary
- Shaffesbury settlement boundary (as defined in the Local Plan)



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## List of Green Audit Sites

Green Infrastructure Elements by type with description, evidence for any perceived issues and links to projects that will address these, and assessment leading to designation of selected elements as Local Green Spaces.

Green Space & Reference number	Main Type		Area (ha)	Designation				Important characteristics & current use of the space	Relevant issues & evidence	Link to project	Assessment for designation as Local Green Space (LGS) or Important Treed Area (ITA)					
	(b)	Other		(d)	(e)	TPOs	SM				Other	(f)	(g)	No planning permission exists & no development proposed	& is close to community served	Not extensive
<b>1a) Community &amp; Leisure Activities: Equipped play areas</b>			<b>2.391</b>													
4.1.1 Castle Hill Close play area	<b>1a</b>		0.0299				LAP	Equipped, overlooked, fenced play area for young children in Enmore Green where there is no other provision.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
.3.1 Wincombe Rec (N section)	<b>1a</b>	<b>4</b>	0.6933				NEAP	Popular facility with range of children's play equipment suitable all ages, includes ball court, adult outdoor gym, space for 5-a-side football. Well placed as opposite primary school, dense housing and well used pedestrian route.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
4.4.1 Cockram's Play Area	<b>1a</b>		0.1655				NEAP	Equipped children's play area adjoining basketball court, adjacent to youth club and with some parking. Central to the town. Only play area serving either side of Christy's Lane south of Tesco.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
4.1.1 Barton Hill play area	<b>1a</b>	<b>4</b>	0.2001	IOWA			NEAP	Children's play area, MUGA, skate park, adult outdoor gym within a highly popular green open space. Next to bowling club and green and adjacent to outdoor swimming pool.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
4.5.1 St James' Park	<b>1a</b>	<b>4</b>	0.4017	IOWA			NEAP	The space includes two separate and differently equipped play areas and a small flat area for ball games within this much used larger space very popular with young families. The only such play space that is readily accessible to residents of St James and to people visiting historic core of the town.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
4.7 Ash Close Play Area	<b>1a</b>	<b>1c,4</b>	0.2565	IOWA			LEAP	Green space with range of play equipment for different ages, space for informal ball games, and one seat. Enclosed by fencing and accessed on four sides from parking areas serving residential estates. This is the only play area currently serving children on the far northeast side of the town.	Potential to offer more amenity for people and wildlife - boundary planting is sterile.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
4.8 Gower Road Play Area	<b>1a</b>	<b>1c</b>	0.2087				LEAP	Enclosed and overlooked play area with area for ball games and inner enclosure with equipment for young children. Young trees to the sides and bordered by a conserved hedgerow on northern edge. Well used by local residents from the area immediately north of Mampitts Lane.	Hedgerow maintenance practice unclear.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
4.9 Meles Mead - play area	<b>1a</b>	<b>4</b>	0.2725				LEAP	Enclosed and overlooked sitting area, small area of amenity grass, shrubs, trees and play equipment. Links to footpaths/cycleways (and conserved hedgerow) running north/south through adjacent development as well as connecting with the east/west wildlife corridor. Adjacent to informal access to semi-natural SUDS corridor to the east.	Good place for information board about these local sites & routes.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value	DC (TBC)	LGS	
4.6.1 East Green	<b>1a</b>	<b>4</b>	0.1628				LEAP	Three trees and a green open space with an enclosed young children's play area at one end. Overlooked & surrounded by houses in one of the more densely developed parts of this estate. Very well used by local residents of all ages who have no readily accessible alternative provision.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	Mgmt. Co. (TBC)	LGS	



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(a)		Other	RoW - m	IOWA	TPOs	SM	Other				No planning permission exists & no development proposed	Not extensive & is close to community served	How the space is demonstrably special	How the space is served	Landowners (LGS site owners have been contacted)	To be LGS or ITA (h)
<b>1b) Community &amp; Leisure Activities: Formal outdoor sports provision</b>			<b>8.9253</b>													
15.1. Shaffesbury School playing fields & pitch	1b	3	5.491	IOWA				Synthetic turf pitch (35x60m) within the immediate area of the school grounds, playing fields belonging to the school are opposite the school on the other side of Hawkesdene Lane. Has been available for limited community use in the past and although this is not possible at present, the facility is included in the assessment of the town's provision against recommended standards within the Neighbourhood Plan.	Need arrangements to secure appropriate community use. But will only ever be available to the general public outside school hours.	Yes	Yes	Yes, next to school	Recreational value	Southern Academy Trust	LGS	
15.1.2 Tennis Club	1b		0.192	IOWA				Based at Shaffesbury School off Hawkesdene Lane, adjoining the playing fields (see above) these hard courts are available for community use weekends, school holidays, and after 3pm and are the only publicly accessible courts in Shaffesbury.	Only available to the general public outside school hours.		Yes	Yes, town edge, adjacent to school	Recreational value	Southern Academy Trust	LGS	
15.2 Cockram's Field Football Club	1b		0.8632	IOWA				Adjoins Cockram's Rec. Popular football ground with floodlights, changing rooms, Sports Bar and parking.			Yes	Yes, central to town	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
4.1.3 Shaffesbury Oasis swimming pool, Barton Hill	1b		0.0224					A popular heated pool open during warmer months and with different hours for term/holiday times. Access from Barton Hill Rec (could there be a 'lido area' here?) or Barton Hill			Yes	Yes, central to town	Recreational value	STC		
4.1.4 Barton Hill Bowling Green	1b		0.2341	IOWA				Bowling club & green. Adjacent to outdoor swimming pool, play areas and amenity space.			Yes	Yes, central to town	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
Cricket Ground (Not on map)	1b							Ground is just over a mile from the town, off B3091, outside the development boundary on level ground which is in short supply within and immediately around the town. Although outside the town boundary and Neighbourhood Plan area the ground is being designated for protection as a Local Green Space for its special recreational value to townspeople. The normal expectation would be that an LGS must be within easy walking distance - i.e. up to 800m. Shaffesbury has no facility for cricket that is easily accessible on foot. However, being a team sport, cricketers can share car journeys and it can therefore be argued that, in the absence of any alternative, the existing location is sustainable. Thus, protection of this amenity for townspeople is desirable. However as it is outside the Shaffesbury Neighbourhood Plan area it cannot be designated as an LGS	Given the shortage of facilities within the town, this space has the potential to offer additional year-round amenities.	Yes	Yes	No cannot have LGS designation as outside parish boundary	Recreational value	STC		
Shaffesbury Primary School Playing Field	1b	3	2.1226	IOWA				Large enclosed green space alongside the school buildings and alongside Mampitts Lane. Many mature trees around the perimeter. No public use at present but the head is open to finding ways for the community to benefit from the space .	Need arrangements to secure appropriate community use. But will only ever be available outside school hours	Yes	Yes	Yes, town edge, adjacent to school	Recreational value	Southern Academy Trust	LGS	
St Mary's School, Shaffesbury (not on map)	1b							The school has a synthetic turf pitch (61x97m) available for community use on weekday evenings. School is off the A30 Salisbury Road 2 miles from the town (outside the development boundary and in Wiltshire).	Only accessible by car or long cross country walk and only ever available outside school hours.		Yes	No	Recreational value	St Mary's School Trust		
<b>1c) Community &amp; Leisure: Informal recreation/amenity spaces (parks, gardens, amenity green space)</b>			<b>7.3918</b>													
1.1 Park Walk & Pine Walk	1c	4,5	0.3934	IOWA			RoW	Park Walk is a very popular walking (Right of Way N1/18) and seating area used by both residents and visitors. Mature trees and all-weather surface, which overlies archaeology of the Abbey (SAM) and has led to issues with selection & planting of new trees here. Close to the High Street with stunning views across Blackmore Vale to the south. Regularly used for fairs, markets and civic events and provides access to Rose Garden, St James' Park and paths leading across the top of the hill to Castle Hill Green. Pine Walk (RoW N1/22) leads off the far end of Park Walk, the gravel footpath	Asphalt surface doesn't do justice to this setting.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Historic significance, recreational value, beautiful views	STC	LGS	

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		Other	RoW - m	IOWA	TPOs	SM	Other				No planning permission exists & no development proposed	Not extensive & is close to community served	How the space is demonstrably special	Landowners (LGS site owners have been contacted)	To be LGS or ITA (h)
								leads on to St John's Hill. Beech trees and snowdrops grow on the banks and there are a few remaining Scots Pines							
4.2 Enmore Green Recreation Ground	1c	4	0.4943					Small recreation ground enclosed by fence and equipped with one set of goal posts. It sits between allotments and the Donkey Field where there is a community orchard, thus it is part of a biodiverse group of interconnected green spaces. The ground is well supported by the local community and used for junior football. Managed by a local group and there is no alternative level space within 700m.	Exploring Fields in Trust status.		Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS
10.5 Rose Garden (Park Walk Gardens)	1c	4,5	0.1082					Enclosed garden with both formal & informal planting. Dog free and safe for small children. Adjacent to Park Walk town centre, St James Park & Abbey. Popular with visitors as well as locals and often used for picnics.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS
5.5 Trinity Churchyard	1c	4,5	0.7511	IOWA				Setting for Trinity Church, a feature of Shaftesbury's skyline. The former parish church is now deconsecrated and the churchyard has become an important park. Pollarded Lime avenue, thousands of snowdrops and seating. Included in circular walks around the old town. Identified as Ecological Network local space.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value, value to wildlife, historic significance	STC / Trinity Centre Trust	LGS
10.1 Library garden	1c	4,5	0.036					A 'pocket-park' adjacent to Library with 4 well-used seats, small trees and raised sensory garden that is maintained by volunteers. People walking between Post Office/Angel Lane and Bell Street use this as a short-cut. In this part of the conservation area most houses front straight onto the pavement so the garden provides a green infrastructure 'stepping stone' for pedestrians and wildlife.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green 'stepping stone'	DC	LGS
4.3 Wincombe Rec Gnds Southern section	1c	4,5	2.062					The only recreation ground serving the large community in housing east of Christy's Lane. Popular large open green space surrounded by mature trees & hedgerows, some additional tree planting, all-weather footpaths, and linked to play area in northern section making this facility popular with all ages. On route to large primary school on opposite side of Wincombe Lane and accessible from housing to the north, south and west.	Potential to enhance pedestrian access at south-west corner.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS
10.6 Great Ground Garden	1c	2a,3	0.0231					Small enclosed area adjacent to Wincombe Rec, access from Great Ground Rd. Sensory Garden made by students working with NCS - National Citizen Scheme. Local residents have recently made changes to the garden.	Potential link to proposed new devt.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value. Green 'stepping stone'?	STC	LGS
4.4 Cockram's Field Recreation Ground	1c	5	0.7314	IOWA				Central sports/amenity space accessible to residents from whole of Shaftesbury and the only facility close to housing south of Tesco. Basketball court, youth club, some parking on site. Bounded by a mature hedgerow (Coppice St) and trees (Christy's Lane).			Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS
4.1 Barton Hill Rec	1c	4	1.1838	IOWA				Highly popular green open space which contains children's play area, MUGA, skate park, outdoor gym, bowling club & green. Adjacent to outdoor swimming pool. Also used by visiting fairgrounds and for community events. Complements Cockram's Field and is readily accessible, in particular for people living north of the town centre and in estates to the north east of Ivy Cross roundabout. The downside of this central location is that the whole park is very exposed to traffic pollution. This land was purchased by the town prior to 1950s.	The planting of evergreen hedging should be considered to mitigate traffic pollution risk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS
10.2 Brionne Garden (corner of Bleke St and Victoria St)	1c	4,5	0.0435					A 'pocket park' with mixed planting and seat, well used by local people who cut through or rest here. Is next to sheltered housing complex and accessible to residents. Named for and linked to twin town, Brionne. Exposed to traffic pollution.	Recent hedgerow planting needs care.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green 'stepping stone'. Link to twin town.	STC	LGS
18.1 Castle Hill Green	1c	4,5	0.8293			SM		Open amenity green space adjacent to the town centre with seating, an all-weather path, and a large informal games and	Access path from Bimport in poor condition & not well signed.This	Yes	Yes	Yes	Historic significance,	STC	LGS

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		Other	RoW - m	IOWA	TPOs	SM	Other				No planning permission exists & no development proposed	Not extensive & is close to community served	How the space is demonstrably special	Landowners (LGS site owners have been contacted)	To be LGS or ITA (h)
								walking area. Stunning views to the north. Very well used and popular with dog walkers/teenagers/families. Provides access to paths to Castle Hill slopes, Castle Mound and Queen Mother's Garden. This is a scheduled monument because it overlies a late Saxon urban area, recently explored through a radar survey.	important historical site has been used inappropriately for overspill parking.				recreational value, beautiful views		
10.4 Queen Mother Garden	1c	3,5	0.0579					An attractive garden with bee-friendly planting maintained by volunteers. Enclosed quiet space with seating and long countryside views. Adjoins Castle Hill Green and the pathway between Castle Hill slopes & Bimport.		Yes	Yes	Recreational value. Value to wildlife & biodiversity.	STC	LGS	
3.2 Rolt Millennium Green	1c	3	0.2028				MG	Attractive community garden with open country views to south. Mixed planting & fruit trees with a grassed area and all-weather path. Managed by local charity.		Yes	Yes	Recreational value. Value to wildlife & biodiversity.	The Rolt Millennium Green Trust	LGS	
13.1.3 Ten Acres Southeast section and 13.1.2 Ten Acres Southwest Section	1c	4	0.1406	IOWA				These two housing green spaces with added amenity value are within a housing estate off Nettlecombe. Both grassed, one (SW) providing possibility of ball games, one (SE) with uneven surface which provides access to Wincombe Rec.	Potential to offer more amenity for residents and nature	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green 'stepping stone'	Sovereign Housing association	LGS
3.3 Rutter Close Green	1c	4	0.0571	IOWA				Small public open space with maturing trees, grass and seating alongside well-used pedestrian access to Pound Lane and Tesco. Surrounded by housing in an area with limited other public green space.		Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green 'stepping stone'	STC	LGS	
3.7 The Rickyard	1c	4	0.0825					Small landscaped green space with seating, curved pathways, small trees, surrounded by beech hedge. Connected with well-used pedestrian routes and right of way N1/8	The path between the Rickyard and Linden Park is unlit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green 'stepping stone'	DC	LGS
3.5 Linden Park Green	1c	3	0.1948	IOWA				Popular green space surrounded by mature trees and overlooked by some of the homes on Linden Park estate. Used for informal play and ball games, by dog walkers, and hosts community 'get-together'. It's the only community recreation space within the Linden Park development.		Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS	
<b>2a) Community &amp; Private Leisure: roundabout verges, roadside greens and trees, residential estates, housing green spaces</b>			<b>0.9038</b>												
13.2 St Rumbold's Road & Old Boundary Road	2a	4						1930s development with narrow roads, pavements and integrated green infrastructure in the form of street trees, grass verges and front gardens - many bounded by hedges	Green infrastructure at risk from car parking	Yes					
13.22 Salisbury St. green	2a	4	0.0333					A linear open space with grass and trees and well-used footpath leading from Salisbury Street to St Martin's Lane. Was recently reduced in size when DCC sold a small plot, residue is being transferred to STC. A community group, in conjunction with STC, is planning bee-friendly planting and other improvements.		Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green 'stepping stone'	STC	LGS	
13.4 Trinity Road green	2a		0.0987	IOWA				Small unfenced public open space with grass and young trees surrounded by housing and enhancing the sustainability of this development.	Potential to add value to people and wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value	STC	LGS
13.5 'Little Shilling'	2a		0.0197					Very small green space at the junction of Burton Close and Brionne Way. Has grass and young trees which will add to the street scene as they mature.							
13.6 Maple Road / Hoeller Close	2a	4	0.0843		TPOs			Mature copse of trees, formerly hedgerow trees, next to recent residential development to the west. Will face a new green space 'Wincombe Green' to the east. Some young trees have been planted to supplement this copse.	New trees suffered in 2018 drought. Needs gentle management to improve biodiversity & integration with green space opposite	Yes	Yes	Yes	Value to wildlife.	?	LGS
13.7 Mampitts Rd & Lane	2a	4			TPOs			Leads from Christy's Lane and Linden Park Corner through a narrow section to the cemetery and then becomes a lane through recent development and out into the countryside with access to rights of	This key route for pedestrians and cyclists is vulnerable if there was to be further development to the east.	Yes			Recreational value, value to wildlife. This is an		



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								way N1/39 & N1/7. Well used by local residents accessing the town centre on foot or bicycle. Important mature trees along the roadside including a particularly large and significant sycamore tree opposite the allotments plus important green verges and mature trees around the junctions with Trinity Road.					important green corridor but not a space eligible for LGS.			
12.11 Mampitts Square	2a		0.2799					Three-way elongated junction between Allen Road, Maple Road, and Mampitts Lane with car parking spaces and wide paved verges. Will give access to new green space (sometimes also referred to as Mampitts Square or 'Trinity Green' tba) and has a community shop. This junction is used by walkers, cyclists, and motor vehicles. There is metal seating and hard landscaping in the centre of the space.	Some shrubs but scope for more planting including trees.	Yes						
13.1.1 Ten Acres West Section	2a		0.2586					These are the two northernmost spaces that are part of Ten Acres estate with close packed houses set around amenity grassed areas ('green lungs'). The west section comprises a wide verge alongside King Alfred's Way with an all-weather path diagonally across it. This adds amenity to housing that is close to Longmead industrial area. The second space is a long narrow strip of grass with seats and two raised beds totally surrounded by dense housing.	If suitably equipped and planted the enclosed strip could offer more amenity to both young children & nature.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value,	Housing Association	LGS	
13.1 Ten Acres Mid Strip	2a														Housing Association	
13.8 Wincombe Lane	2a	4						Provides access to primary school & countryside paths at eastern end, runs through the Longmead Industrial Estate and to the town centre to the west where it is closed to through traffic. Well used by local residents accessing the town centre on foot or bicycle. Trees and hedgerows line the eastern part of the lane.	Protect this important pedestrian & cycle route from any traffic linked to proposed development to the east.	Yes			Recreational value, value to wildlife. This is an important green corridor but not a space eligible for LGS.	DC		
13.9 King Alfred's Way	2a							Street trees and grass verges line the road which is heavily used by both cars and pedestrians passing through this residential area adjoining an industrial estate. The convenience store at the junction with Beaufoy Close is very well-used by residents of the eastern part of the town.	Some industrial buildings not screened by planting.	Yes				DC		
13.4.1 Trinity Rd West Verge	2a		0.0513	IOWA				Three mature trees in a grassed area divided by a hedge from the verge of Trinity Road. A chain and sign prohibit public access.			Yes	Yes	Value to wildlife	?	ITA	
13.23 The Maltings - hedgerows	2a	3,4						The integration of conserved hedgerows in this major development on green field site has not been wholly successful. Hedges border footpath/cycleways, residential roads, private gardens, green spaces - and have different treatments at the foot of the hedge. They support biodiversity - particularly birds and there are also badgers. Some hedges are 'protected' by close boarded fencing and one has a sign warning the public to stay off it.	Scope to engage local community in clarifying maintenance policies to suit each hedgerow, degree of public access, including children & play. Use 'information boards' as opposed to 'warning signs'.	Yes			Important green corridors	Persimmon		
12.8 A350 Grosvenor Road verge	2a	5						A350, main entry to the town (and county) for traffic from the north, is a road bordered by grass verges, with some hedgerows - contributing to Shaftesbury's rural feel. A community group has planted trees to mark the gateway to the town. A proposed roundabout will provide access to new housing and green space at Littledown (west) and the business park (east).	No green screening alongside Wincombe Business Park between the entrance and Tailgate Park.	Yes				DC		
12.8.1 A350 Littledown verge	2a															
12.13 Ivy Cross Roundabout & Verges	2a	5						Busy junction with five exits. Both the roundabout and surrounding verges are substantially green with natural verges (including triangle opposite the bowling club), some cultivated beds and impressive collection of mature trees in the centre. These trees help to mitigate risks from traffic pollution. Provides access to filling station and fast	Conserve these trees which mitigate traffic pollution. Edge planting using garden species is unsuited to this setting	Yes				DC	ITA	

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(a)		Other	RoW - m	IOWA	TPOs	SM	Other			(f)	(g)	No planning permission exists & no development proposed	Not extensive & is close to community served	How the space is demonstrably special	Landowners (LGS site owners have been contacted)	To be LGS or ITA (h)
								food outlets - used by through traffic, local industrial estate, and nearby residents. Difficult for pedestrians to cross the A350 here.								
12.2 Little Content Lane/Christy's Lane	2a	5		IOWA	TPOs			This road carries the A350 north-south traffic and in the past served as a by-pass of the town centre. Now it separates the historic core of the town in the west from more recent residential development to the east. There are many mature trees, (including a line of 80 beech trees which were planted to commemorate the 80th birthday of the Queen Mother following an idea put forward by the mayor at that time) and generous grass verges on the roadsides, with notable green elements being: trees/verge at the north-east side of Little Content Lane where it meets the Ivy Cross roundabout; trees associated with Barton House opposite the junction with Wincombe Lane; trees/verge on east of the road as it runs parallel with Fairlane to a wide verge with new planting at the end of Mampitts Road; trees on the west side of the road with copses near the entrance to Tesco (IOWA, 12.10), along the verge and then a copse with several substantial trees at the end of Coppice Street; and many mature trees associated with the Royal Chase Hotel at the south-eastern end of Christy's Lane. There are several crossing points well-used by pedestrians and cyclists moving east / west. Just south of the Ivy Cross roundabout a footpath from Laneside (southern part of right of way N1/3) emerges alongside Longmead veterinary practice and users seek to cross into Barton Hill Rec which offers a pedestrian/cycle route through to the town centre. There is no controlled or marked crossing here. Further south there is another popular crossing point between Wincombe Lane and Barton Hill, this served by pedestrian lights. Still further south is another traffic-light-controlled crossing close to Pound Lane and the roundabout giving access to Tesco. A third set of lights control the crossing for people moving between Mampitts Road/Linden Park and Coppice Street.	Conserve the trees to address traffic pollution on this road that is heavily used by pedestrians. Seek ways to separate pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles.	Yes					DC	ITA
12.5 Royal Chase Roundabout & Verges	2a	5						Large roundabout with central copse of mature trees, some beds of cultivated shrubs amongst grass verge, and further trees and grass at junctions. Maintenance regime leaves grass long under and around the trees, but short around the cultivated beds at certain times of year. As Ivy Cross roundabout, these trees help to mitigate risks from pollution and merit protection. Pedestrians and cyclists moving between homes to the south east of the town and Shaftesbury School / the medical practice / the town centre must cross the roads here. The crossing points are marked but not controlled (except for a warden on Salisbury Road at the start and end of the school day).	Conserve these trees which mitigate traffic pollution. Scope for maintenance policy that encourages biodiversity where appropriate. Edge planting using garden species is inappropriate in this setting	Yes					DC	ITA
12.5 A30 Salisbury Road	2a	5						An entry point for traffic from the east. New development on the northern side is prominent, young trees not yet providing any screening. There are traffic light-controlled junctions with roads serving the development. A plot of land to the south is earmarked for employment use. The central reservation encountered when travelling from the east is hard surfaced, whereas closer to the Royal Chase roundabout the central reservation is grassed (giving a more rural feel and better supporting biodiversity). Development here is visible from local landmark, Melbury Hill (Local Plan supports protecting views & character). There are long views towards Melbury Hill to the south from the road as it approaches the junction with the Higher Blandford Road B3081 (C13). Beyond the Royal Chase roundabout, the road narrows and is characterised by many older stone cottages and boundary features.	Protect views from the countryside south of the town.	Yes					DC & Wiltshire County Council	

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152.5.2 Lower Blandford Rd	2a	5			TPOs			The northern stretch of the Lower Blandford Road bypasses the Royal Chase roundabout and is a narrow, leafy residential road with mature hedge and trees on the eastern side.							DC	
12.5.3 B3081 (C13) Higher Blandford Rd	2a	5						This 'minor' road carries HGV traffic from N to S in a one-way system to alleviate congestion on A350. Open views to the east give way to hedgerow further south (views highlighted by survey respondents Q29a); hedgerows, naturally green verge and garden trees to the west. For traffic from the south the first views of Shaftesbury are of the new development north of A30. There has been an outline planning application for residential development of land to the east (which is outside the development boundary and would affect the views noted above).							DC	
12.12 A350 South	2a			IOWA				This main but narrow road is lined with trees and attractive verges and passes a more extensive wooded area to the east as it heads south of the town through Cann. It is crossed by a popular edge-of-town footpath (N1/9 right of way through Boyne Hollow from the east becomes N1/12 to the west).	Used as a country path by walkers/dog walkers						DC	ITA
12.6 St James' green	2a		0.0156					This small triangular green is an important character feature at the eastern edge of the settlement of St James. It is opposite the school and church and has an old finger post (as well as some more modern signs).			Yes	Yes	Recreation value, green stepping stone		DC	LGS
12.14 The Butts Triangle, Enmore Green	2a		0.0185					A delightful green triangle with grass, wildflowers and three maturing trees at the leafy junction between The Butts and Breach La. and close to one of the access points for the open space at Castle Hill slopes. This feature on the edge of Enmore Green contributes to its rural village character.			Yes	Yes	Value to wildlife, green stepping stone. Not suitable for LGS designation		DC	ITA
Enmore Green triangle	2a		0.0293					A grassed triangle in the centre of Enmore Green at the junction between The Knapp, Tout Hill and Yeatman's Lane. There is a small notice board and a seat - all contributing to Enmore Green's village 'feel'.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green stepping stone		STC	LGS
12.1 Butts Knapp (triangle opposite Shaftesbury School)	2a	4,5	0.0146		TPOs			This wide verge with trees and grass, bounded by a stone wall along Salisbury Street, is opposite the secondary school and close to a bus stop. It contributes to the character of Salisbury Road, frames the school entrance and has local significance - evident in the new memorial bench and war memorial.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value, green stepping stone		DC	LGS
16.1 Coppice St	2a	4,5						Road runs from the post office to Christy's Lane where there is a copse 'Little Firs' at the corner (owned by STC). There is an established 'singing' hedgerow bordering the amenity spaces on the north side of the road. Along the eastern part of the road there is 1930s housing and an uneven narrow pavement along the south side. This pavement doesn't catch the winter sun and in periods of snow/ice can become very slippery. Some of the houses still have boundary hedges but other front gardens are used for parking or hedges have been replaced by close-boarded fencing. There's a small green space with seating & information board at the town end near rear access to Tesco. This is the key route for pedestrians and cyclists moving between town centre and residential areas to the east (and countryside beyond - Hardy Way). Proposals by local community group (OSG) for a footpath/ cycleway behind the hedgerow is being revisited by them.	Described as 'in need of sympathetic repair' in the Historic Urban Character Appraisal carried out in 2011.	Yes					DC	



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<b>2b) Community &amp; private leisure: green spaces within car parks, industrial estates</b>			1.0618														
14.1 Tesco car park, pedestrian entrances	2b		0.1419					Rear access to Tesco is forbidding, provision was made for trees but these haven't been established	Planning condition has not been enforced							Tesco	
11.1 Angel Lane car park	2b	4	0.1601					This car park includes extensive planting that is maintained by volunteers and that enhances the experience of pedestrians moving between Bell St and Post Office/Salisbury Street.								DC	
11.2 Bell St car park	2b	4	0.5313					Central car park adjacent to former supermarket - now empty, unattractive, and scruffy but the focus of a community led regeneration project and public toilets were recently renovated by the town council. Important pedestrian entry point to town for locals and visitors using the car park.								DC	
11.3 Bleke St/Barton Hill car park	2b	4	0.2133	IOWA				Free car park a short walk from the town centre and adjacent to Barton Hill Rec. Trees at one side of the car park contribute to the character of the area and help to mitigate the risks of climate change. This section is designated as an IOWA.		Yes	Yes	Yes	Important Treed Area not suited to LGS designation	STC		ITA	
11.4 Enmore Green car park	2b		0.0152	IOWA				Small roadside parking area opposite Fountain Inn and between Breech Lane and The Knapp. Trees, hedge and grass verge of the carpark are opposite trees and shrubs in garden of private house on The Knapp (IOWA). Together these add to the rural village feel of Enmore Green.					Important Treed Area not suited to LGS designation	Fountain Inn & other private		ITA	
<b>2c) Community &amp; private leisure: Facility grounds with limited access, eg schools, hotels, medical centre, private gardens</b>			11.7965														
15.3.3 Shaftesbury School - Main Site, Salisbury St	2c		0.8456	IOWA				The school site encompasses an IOWA to the north west and is bounded by mature trees along Lower Blandford Road, and Hawkesdene Lane. The trees are important to the character of this town edge location where the land slopes gently away to the south. (The sports facilities on this site have been listed separately see 1b 15.1 and these are proposed for LGS designation).			Yes	Yes	Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	Academy Trust		ITA	
15.5 Shaftesbury School, Barton Hill House	2c		0.8596	IOWA				This residential accommodation for boarders at the school stands in a IOWA off Christy's Lane where the mature trees in the grounds add to the green corridor that carries traffic through the town. Grounds have no public access.			Yes	Yes	Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	Academy Trust		ITA	
15.4 The Abbey C of E VA Primary School	2c	5	1.0458	IOWA				The land south of St James' St and adjacent to the primary school has many mature trees and contributes to the leafy character of the settlement and is a feature of the views of St James from the countryside beyond. Designated as an IOWA. There is no public access and most of the grounds are outside the parish boundary	The school are developing a pond.		Yes	Most of the school grounds are outside the parish boundary	Value to wildlife and important to the character of St James.	DC			
7.6 The Cliff & Pensbury Plantation	2c	3,4	4.1079		TPOs		AONB	Trees/woodland 'hanging' on slopes to the west of developments alongside A350, N & S of Littledown development land. Part of the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs AONB. Not regarded as accessible natural green space but there is limited public access from Grosvenor Road via rights of way N1/32 through The Cliff to Kingsettle Wood, and N1/40, N69/31, & N1/31 to Motcombe Road.	Protected by the extended slopes policies				Important contributor to landscape character	Privately owned			
10.7 Royal Chase Hotel grounds	2c		0.4632	IOWA				The hotel grounds have many substantial trees that affect the character of this part of the town - whether for car users navigating the Royal Chase roundabout or for residents of Linden Park, the development behind the hotel. Designated as an IOWA.			Yes	Yes	Important Treed Area that contributes to the character of this part of the town.	Royal Chase Hotel		ITA	

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		Other		RoW - m	IOWA	TPOs	SM				Other	(f)	(g)	No planning permission exists & no development proposed	Not extensive & is close to community served
13.11 French Mill Lane	2c		0.4137	IOWA				Mature trees in private gardens at the top of the lane add to the character of The Slopes and are designated as IOWA.	Protected by Slopes Policy				Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.13 Layton Lane (between Shooters Hill & Great La.)	2c		0.3155	IOWA				This wooded area on the slope behind Layton Lane houses and between Shooters Hill and Great Lane is designated as IOWA for its contribution to the character of The Slopes.	Protected by Slopes Policy				Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.33 Layton Lane	2c		0.4618	IOWA				These private gardens opposite the end of Shooters La. are designated as IOWA for their contribution to the character of The Slopes.	Protected by Slopes Policy				Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.16 Foyle Hill	2c		0.3017	IOWA				Private land/gardens designated as IOWA on right going downhill past Raspberry Lane. Contributes to the character of the lower slopes on this edge of the town.					Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.12 Breach La. /Raspberry La.	2c			IOWA				Private land/gardens opposite the end of Tanyard Lane. designated as IOWA. Contributes to the character of the lower slopes on this side of the town.					Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.14 Bimport	2c		0.1667	IOWA				Private gardens adjoining Castle Hill with mature trees that contribute to the distinctive character of the hilltop conservation area.					Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.15 St John's Hill	2c		0.9224	IOWA				Private land/gardens adjoining ancient graveyard (SAM) have mature trees and are designated as IOWA for their contribution to the character of the Slopes.	Protected by Slopes Policy				Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.19 Between Tout Hill & Yeatman's Close	2c		0.2005	IOWA				Private land/gardens that contribute to the character of the lower slopes north of the spur.					Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.18 New Road /Yeatman's Close	2c		0.5638	IOWA				Private land/gardens that contribute to the character of the lower slopes north of the spur.					Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
13.17 The Beeches (B3081) opposite New Road junction	2c		0.2152	IOWA				Private land where the hedgerow and trees contribute to the character of the steep slope at the side of this main road at the edge of the town.					Important Treed Area not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA
16.4 Meles Mead - wildlife corridor/ reserve	2c	3.4	0.9131					Natural space & east/west wildlife corridor for badgers with central part enclosed by metal railings to protect wildlife and not therefore regarded as accessible natural green space. Bordered to north and south by grass verges with some small trees and overlooked by housing. At the western end there are extensions to these verges which have no apparent amenity function. Pathways alongside the grassed areas have an urban feel (hard surface, straight lines) and signs on the railings tell people to 'beware' of the protected site.	Potential to provide increased amenity, educational information and better support biodiversity.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Value to wildlife, educational potential	DC	LGS
Land adjoining Boyne Hollow	2c	3.4		IOWA	TPO			A Right of Way (see N/9) runs from the A350 through a field with hedgerows on both sides, this is an IOWA and extends beyond the Parish Boundary		Yes	Yes	Yes	Important Treed Area, not suited for LGS designation	privately owned	ITA

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<b>3) Natural and semi-natural areas</b>			<b>14,5084</b>													
2.5 Castle Hill slopes	3	2,4,5	5.0859					This semi-natural green space occupies the northern slopes of the spur. There are wooded areas and some important trees, footpaths and steps connecting the hilltop to Enmore Green and the countryside beyond. The slopes are popular with dog walkers, teenagers, & families. Managed as a local nature reserve and designated as an Ecological Network local space.	Potential to improve signage (the new signage is of questionable quality) and promote circular walks. Trip Advisor calls it a 'hidden gem'!	Yes	Yes	At 5.1 ha relatively large, but has clear boundaries, & serves residents of both old town and Castle Green.	High recreational value, slopes of historic significance as setting for the Saxon hilltop town and Castle Mound, value to wildlife & biodiversity.	STC	LGS	
9.1 Enmore Green Donkey Field Community Orchard	3	4,5,6	0.5654					Very attractive orchard, wildlife garden and open space with views just beyond the settlement boundary. Leased to a local community group. Being between the allotments /playing field and churchyard, it provides a transition between the settlement and farmland beyond.	Enmore Green: good model for connected green infra- structure. Exploring Fields in Trust status		Yes	Yes	Value for recreation, beauty and biodiversity	STC	LGS	
2.1 Breach Common	3	4	4.1949					Natural space with many mature trees. Since grazing rights are no longer exercised this is becoming an important site for biodiversity. Hardy's Way goes through the Common and other footpaths link to open countryside. Identified as an Ecological Network local site	Himalayan Balsam needs controlling. Explore Fields in Trust status	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value, high value to wildlife & biodiversity	Commoners	LGS	
7.4 St James' Park	3	1c, 4,5	1.6012	IOWA				Green public space with play equipment documented separately on slope between Park Walk and historic settlement of St James. Very popular with families, many trees, biodiverse, wildlife. Well-used path and Jubilee Steps up the slope.	Ongoing issues around style and surface of pathway.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreational value, beauty, value to wildlife	STC	LGS	
16.3 Jeanneau Copse	3	5	0.2119					Band of mature trees separating industrial estate from housing off King Alfred's Way - acts as a welcome buffer zone. Gate (locked) separates access path from the pedestrian footpath but this has recreational potential and there has been public access in the past. Also potential for community use (Forest School interest) if maintained appropriately.		Yes	Yes	Yes	Value to wildlife and biodiversity. Boosts sustainability of development. Potential for recreational value.	STC	LGS	
16.5 SUDS corridor, Eastern edge of The Maltings, 'The Maltings Ponds'	3	4	2.8491					The southern part of a man-made town-edge green space created by the sustainable drainage strategy adopted for the development along the eastern edge of the town (divided by a small piece of farmland and Mampitts La from the northern section which is still under development). Linked ponds, wetland habitat, newly planted grasses, shrubs, trees, as well as some older hedgerows. Informal access paths exist and the area is used by dog walkers, and by children for informal play; but there is no signage. Occupies land within the protected by-pass corridor.	Potential to provide a richer, and more biodiverse setting for recreation and wildlife.		No	Yes	Recreation value, value to wildlife, mitigates climate change and boosts sustainability of development. But within the protected by-pass corridor so cannot be LGS	Persimmon to transfer to Dorset Council		
<b>4) Green corridors: promoting walking/cycling, integrating green infrastructure into urban areas</b>																
Wincombe Bus Park through Crookhayes to Little Content Lane N1/3	4		1234m				RoW	This represents an important arterial walking route into the town from the North Eastern housing estates. Much of the path is very narrow, rubbish strewn and virtually impassable with the worst section at the southern point.	Poor condition inhibits use.	Yes						
Littledown through Wincombe Industrial Park N1/4	4		297.71m				RoW	This path provides an important walking route from these businesses to a large residential area and open countryside with good views to the east of A350. It also provides access to RoW N/32 which leads to open countryside, including Kingsettle Woods (WT) to the west of A350. The Wincombe Industrial Park end to this path, although signposted, is difficult to find as it is tucked in alongside a building.	Signage could be improved.	Yes						



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(a)			RoW - m	IOWA	TPOs	SM	Other				No planning permission exists & no development proposed	Not extensive & is close to community served	How the space is demonstrably special	How the space is demonstrably special	Landowners (LGS site owners have been contacted)	To be LGS or ITA (h)
								Accessing RoW N1/32 requires crossing the A350 at a busy spot with fast moving traffic: a proposed roundabout here will provide a safer crossing point.								
Wincombe Lane end past BV Dairy (North) N1/5	4		334.9m				RoW	Footpath by dairy well used by dog walkers. It is possible to access an east-west track below Great Hanging (and a network of tracks) by crossing field	Stiles non dog-friendly and can get very muddy	Yes						
Wincombe Lane end past BV Dairy (South towards St Mary's) N1/6	4		536.14m				RoW	Links with N1/5/39. Town-edge path from Wincombe Lane follows access road to BV Dairy after which it becomes a footpath bounded by a fence and hedge with some mature trees. There are open views of the 'caterpillar' to the south east. A patch of woodland along part of the path currently screens the nearest houses (one field away) from the noise of BV Dairy. This field is within the reserved by-pass corridor.		Yes			Long views and countryside access.			
End of Mampitts Lane right fork N1/7	4		211.02m				RoW	An important countryside access path that leads to the attractive dry valley 'Long Bottom' and small settlement of Higher Combe. Part of a documented long-distance path bringing walkers from further afield. The width of the path is restricted as it passes farm buildings and after rain it can be extremely muddy and virtually unusable.	Work with landowner to improve access in all weathers.	Yes						
Linden Park cut through from Christy's Lane to Salisbury Rd N1/8	4		595.65m				RoW	A well-used pedestrian route through housing estates and providing access to the town centre. The right of way follows a residential road through Linden Park and then becomes a hard surfaced, unlit, and poorly signed footpath before crossing the green space of Rickyard and on to Salisbury Road.	Unattractive, urban feel, partly edged by close boarded fencing	Yes						
Boyne Hollow N1/9	4		410.02m				RoW	An attractive unsurfaced country path along the top edge of Boyne Hollow. The eastern end is accessed through a small patch of level ground on the Lower Blandford Road. This area is at risk and may need protection	1st stile not easy to manage because of the slope - consider a gate?	Yes						
Great Lane to Hawkesdene Lane N1/10	4		231.37m				RoW	Much used tarmac path with gardens/private land on either side, in places bounded by hedgerows on top of a bank. Provides important pedestrian access to Abbey View Medical Centre.	Review maintenance regime: over strimming of bank at times	Yes						
Parallel to the Wilderness N1/11	4	3.5	588.23m				RoW	This much used path provides access to open countryside south of the old town with stunning views across the Blackmore Vale glimpsed through the mature trees of The Wilderness. This path is part of a documented long-distance path that brings walkers from further afield.	The right of way has been fenced so that walkers are confined to a strip of land along one edge of the field at the top and eastern side of The Wilderness. This becomes very muddy, and sometimes impassable, during wet weather. Work with landowner to improve access in all weathers.	Yes			Important views and countryside access.			
French Mill Lane to L. Blandford Rd N1/12	4	3.5	571.88m				RoW	A much-used countryside path through part of Shaftesbury's lower slopes. Path runs across the top of Whiting's Field and links up with N1/11. Stunning views across to Melbury.	Access can be difficult in certain conditions as the path is affected by mud (towards L Blandford Rd end) and low hanging branches. Recently (May '19) the footpath along the top of the field has been fenced in and it is likely to become muddy and possibly impassable during wet weather. Work with landowner to improve year-round access.	Yes			Long views and countryside access.			
Great Lane to Layton Lane N1/13	4		70.11m				RoW	A steep grass path leading between houses, providing a safe walking route that avoids the junction of Great Lane & Layton Lane. Can be wet and slippery.	Can be wet and slippery.	Yes						

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Shooters Lane N1/14	4		200.06m				RoW	A very steep path linking St James with the town centre. Lovely display of snowdrops on bank.	Can be slippery if leaves have not been cleared but there is a handrail. Needs careful maintenance.	Yes							
Through St James Allotments N1/16	4	5	329.112m				RoW	Attractive walk through well managed, edge of town, allotments with lovely views over the countryside to the south.	The section behind the Two Brewers is very narrow and can be difficult to traverse when overgrown and muddy underfoot.					Views			
Park Lane N1/17	4	5	110.66m				RoW	Hard-surfaced cut-through to Park Walk from Gold Hill and High St.		Yes							
1.1 Park Walk N1/18	4	1c,5	514.36m				RoW	Park Walk is a linear open space and one of the most-visited sites in Shaftesbury. It passes through a belt of mature trees that are an important landscape feature on the crest and slope of the settlement hill. Park Walk is described more fully with other spaces of historic significance, section 5 of this Audit.	Asphalt surface doesn't do justice to this setting.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High recreational value - part of many walks through and around the town. See more below.	STC	LGS	
Jubilee Path N1/19	4	1c,3,5	110.66m				RoW	This right of way is through the middle of St James's Park connecting the town centre with St James. The Jubilee Steps were constructed to commemorate the 1935 Silver Jubilee (25th anniversary of the accession of King George V). Recently a new section of path was created to join up the zig zag section with the gate at the bottom of the park. This follows the steep, straight line of the right of way.	The surface of the new path is smooth and slippery. A solution to this has yet to be found.	yes							
Path from A350 by KFC through shops onto Longmead N1/2	4		90.73m				RoW	This right of way has been assimilated with commercial buildings and follows a narrow pavement through a car parking area.	Avoid loss of pedestrian amenity in new development	yes							
Magdalene Lane to Park Walk N1/20	4						RoW	A very short tarmac path leading alongside the hospital through a kissing-gate on to Magdalene Lane, used by residents and visitors exploring the hilltop.									
Path from Sherborne Causeway towards Breach Common N1/21	4						RoW	This path runs alongside Shaftesbury Boundary and joins up with N59/6									
Pine Walk N1/22	4	1c,3,5					RoW	Pine Walk is at the far end of Park Walk. It is an attractive and important pedestrian route and wildlife corridor.	There are just a few Scots Pines surviving here.	Yes				Included in many walks within and around the town.			
Stoney Path N1/23	4		33.16m				RoW	Leading up from Laundry Lane (St James) with two spurs. The steep path is cobbled with handrail and cross hatching.	Extra loop past Mangle Cottage needs attention.	Yes							
Cut from St John's Hill to Tanyard Lane N1/24	4		74.89m				RoW	An attractive 'secret' path that borders back gardens. Access from St John's Hill is difficult as it is a busy road with no pavement.	Repairs and signage needed for the Tanyard Lane end.	Yes							
Footpath from Bimport around the top of Castle Green N1/25	4	1c,5	84.57m				RoW	A mostly tarmac-covered wide, easy-access path with seating, information boards, and far reaching views.	The ambulance station end to the path provides a very unappealing entrance to Castle Hill, described fully in section 5 of this Audit and an important Shaftesbury landmark. No signposting	Yes				Long views.			
Breach Lane to Bimport N1/26	4		290.57m				RoW	An underused path, (Original Hardy's Way) by St Edwards Chancery at the end of Bimport the pathway is very steep.	Sections lower down are very overgrown. Consider steps at steepest part. Review maintenance.	Yes							
Castle Hill Mound footpath to Breach Lane N1/27	4	1c,5	525.80m				RoW	Well-used gravel path with shallow steps down the hill. Good views. links to N1/25						Views, passes through semi-natural green space close to the town centre			

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(a)		Other	RoW - m	IOWA	TPOs	SM	Other			(f)	(g)	No planning permission exists & no development proposed	Not extensive & is close to community served	How the space is demonstrably special	How the space is demonstrably special	Landowners (LGS site owners have been contacted)	To be LGS or ITA (h)
Castle Hill footpath to Breach Lane N1/28	4	1c,5	260.65m				RoW	Well-used gravel and tarmac path with long flight of steps, seating, and kissing gate at the Castle Green end. Goes past Queen Mother Garden and Castle Green play area.						Views, passes through semi-natural green space close to the town centre			
Path from Yeatman's Lane to New Road across A30 N1/29	4		307.74m				RoW	Across the A30 back of ledge to Motcombe. Hazardous rural path. Popular with dog walkers. Very overgrown by steps up to Paynes Place.	Review maintenance.	Yes							
Nettlebed junction (East side) joining New Road N1/30	4		153.99m				RoW	Like N1/29 this steep path traverses the slope north of the spur. The steps to the path on Yeatman's Close are very steep and were recently highlighted as having a role to play in a possible circular cycle route around the town - with a suggestion for a simple ramp so that cyclists can wheel their bikes between levels.	Potential to form part of circular cycle route.	Yes							
Littledown to Motcombe Road N1/31	4						RoW	Links to N69/31 running below Pensbury Plantation	3 stiles on pathway	Yes							
Littledown to Motcombe N1/32	4	3.5					RoW	A rural path connecting with beautiful wooded landscape (Kingsettle Wood, Woodland Trust). Part of a long-distance path, White Heart Link, bringing walkers from further afield. Has been difficult to access as footpath emerges on the busy main road with only a narrow verge but this will change with the proposed development of housing at Littledown. RoW may be diverted and a roundabout constructed on the main road.	Seek to maintain rural feel of this path AND improve access.	Yes			Views, countryside access				
Dark Lane (off Ivy Cross rbt) N1/33	4						RoW	Motcombe Road to Long Cross Junction. This path currently has a poor surface leading to trip hazards.	Review potential for improving usability: install steps, handrail, modify for dual purpose footpath and cycleway?	Yes							
B3081 towards Hawkers Hill Farm N1/34	4						RoW	Leads from Shaftesbury to open countryside north of the spur.									
Snakey Lane N1/35	4	3.5					RoW	An ancient cart track, old hedgerow and SM (Abbey Fishponds) on one side. Part of an old network of unsurfaced rural pathways bounded by ancient trees & hedgerows on the town's slopes to the south of the spur. Biodiverse, support wildlife, give access to open countryside and contribute to distinctive rural character of this part of the town edge. It links into Watery Lane.	Review maintenance - low branches, muddy at times	Yes			Recreational value & important to wildlife.				
Path 2 across Breach Common N1/36	4	3					RoW	Footpaths traversing the common and providing access to open countryside. Some sections of these paths can become very muddy but they provide a rare opportunity to walk through uncultivated land which has not been grazed for some years.	Explore opportunities for footpath links to Duncton	Yes							
Path from Breach Lane across Breach Common N1/37	4	3					RoW	As above. This path is part of two documented long-distance paths bringing walkers from further afield.	As above	Yes							
Cut through from Little Content Lane through Longmead to Wincombe Lane N1/38	4						RoW	The section of the path from Little Content Lane to Longmead (past Stalbridge Linens) provides an important but not particularly attractive short cut for residents of housing to the eastern side accessing the town centre.	Opportunity to improve	Yes							
End of Mampitts Lane left fork N1/39	4						RoW	Tarmac drive links up with N1/6 providing access to open countryside. It is not obvious that this is a public footpath as there is no DCC sign.	Improve signage	Yes							
Bottom of French Mill Lane N59/17	4	5					RoW	Footpath through field with stunning views across to Melbury. Difficult stiles and does not directly join up to N59/18	Difficult stiles and does not directly join up to N59/18. Improve usability	Yes							
Bottom of French Mill Lane N59/18	4	5					RoW	Footpath through field with stunning views across to Melbury.	As above								



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Buttons Avenue, Bramble Patch, Badger Walk, East Green	4							Car-free all-weather pathways usable by walkers (and cyclists?) moving through the housing estate between Mampitts Lane to the north and Salisbury Road to the south. The paths tend to follow the straight line of conserved hedgerows and have mown grass verges and some young trees.	No marked cycle route. Potential to enhance biodiversity, recreational value.	Yes							
Long Distance Footpaths (LDP)	4							There are four LDPs that pass-through Shaftesbury: The Hardy Way (which is one-directional based on a book and website description of the route), White Hart Link (WHL), Round Dorset Walk & Great Wessex Way. The town entry/exit points are footpath N1/7 and Mampitts Lane (twice); N1/32 through The Cliff; Foyle Hill & Breach Common (N1/37) (twice) or St John's Hill; Frenchmill then Kingsman Lanes; and footpath N1/11 across the top of The Wilderness.	Round Dorset Walk and Great Wessex Way are unmarked. WHL is aiming to get better route from new development at Littledown.	Yes							
<b>5) Character, history and culture</b>			<b>6.4295</b>														
18.3 Shaftesbury Abbey	5	1c	0.4752	IOWA		SM		Managed by Shaftesbury Abbey and Museum Preservation Trust, a charity. Excavated remains in walled garden, herb garden & espalier fruit trees. Garden used for cultural events and community events. Plans to improve museum and garden access from Park Walk. Townspeople have been very engaged with SAVED - a lottery funded project to discover more about the scale and historic layout of the abbey.	As a scheduled monument in the ownership of a strong local community group the site is well protected from inappropriate development and as LGS status may hinder their future plans if it is not being designated as LGS.		Yes	Yes	Historic significance, recreational value	SA & MPT are not in favour of LGS design	No		
18.4 Castle mound	5	3	0.7229			SM		Castle Mound is a scheduled monument on the 'At Risk' register of Historic England. Set high on the edge of Castle Hill Slopes it is now being managed more sympathetically by rangers.			Yes	Yes	Historic significance, long views	STC	LGS		
2.4 The Wilderness	5	3,4	2.666		TPO area			Privately owned. Public access via a right of way (N1/11) that runs north / south over the top of this densely wooded extremely steep slope. From this path there are striking views to the west through the trees. The right of way is enclosed and relatively narrow - restricting its use in muddy conditions or by dog-walkers. Part of The Slopes, the trees here are an important element in the Shaftesbury landscape. The Wilderness has historic significance as the likely quarry providing stone for the Abbey. The importance to local people was amply demonstrated by the extent of interest shown when the Wilderness was sold at auction late in 2018. STC with a high level of public support tried unsuccessfully to secure the Wilderness for the town.	Recent narrowing of public footpath has restricted its use. 'Private land' signage has been erected. Sections of hedgerow and trees recently removed to create a new large access from French Mill Lane hollow way.	Yes	Yes	Yes	The Right of Way has high recreational value, the green space has value to wildlife and historic, and cultural significance	Private owner	LGS		
18.2 Abbey Fishponds	5	4	0.2182			SM		Privately owned, no public access. Three rectangular depressions on overgrown south-west facing slope off Layton Lane. Held fish in 16th Century when the ponds were owned by nunnery of Shaftesbury Abbey. An OS map from 1900 shows a footpath leading from Layton Lane to Snakey Lane going past the Abbey Fishponds. There is an old 'Trespassers will be prosecuted' sign on the gate off Snakey Lane					Historical significance-protected by SM status. Not eligible for LGS	private ownership			
5.6 St John's Churchyard, Enmore Green	5		0.6549	IOWA				Churchyard between The Donkey Field and St John's church, slopes steeply down to the church so that it overlooks the church tower.						Church Commissioners	LGS		
18.6 Bury Litton - old churchyard of St John	5	3	0.1811	IOWA		SM		Ancient yew tree (The Shaston Yew) recognised as significant and is possibly pre-Christian. In the past this tree would be been an important and very visible feature on the hillside. Gravestones, including some from 17th century and two rare mushroom shaped stones, amongst other trees. Evidence of St John's church is elusive.	The tree was in a poor state but paths and tree are now being sensitively maintained by volunteers. The site is managed by STC		Yes	Yes	Historic significance, value to wildlife	St James PCC	LGS		
5.2 St James churchyard	5		0.244	IOWA				Just west of the church, this is still in use as a graveyard. Peaceful and welcoming with lovely views and also visible from distant viewpoints. Large field next to the church is used for overflow parking. A hard surface has recently been created at the top of this field (Dec 2018).			Yes	Yes	Recreational value, historic / cultural significance,	Church Commissioners	LGS		

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5.4 St Rumbold's Churchyard (Cann)	5		0.2106	IOWA				Access around school buildings from Salisbury Road. Attractive quiet space next to school. It is not obvious that the churchyard is in the public domain. Boundary hedge adjoining footpath severely cut back recently.	Review maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Historic / cultural significance, value to wildlife, biodiversity	Academy Trust?	LGS
5.1 Mampitts Cemetery	5		1.0566	IOWA				This cemetery off Mampitts Road is expected to meet the needs of local people for some time to come. There are allotments on eastern side. Surrounded by low hedge and housing development. Has an open feel with small number of mature trees.			Yes	Yes	Recreational value, cultural significance, value to wildlife, biodiversity	STC	LGS
<b>6) Food production</b>			<b>2.7351</b>												
8.5 Wrightson Allotments	6		0.2337	IOWA				Enclosed allotment site off Bimport with 14 half allotments and 2 people on waiting list (Oct 2018)			Yes	Yes	Recreation value, biodiversity	Wrightson Allotments Trust	LGS
8.2 Enmore Green Allotments	6	4	0.7848	IOWA				Allotments are owned by the town council but very well managed by the Enmore Green Allotment Assn. Attractive site adjacent to recreation ground and Donkey Field with its community orchard.			Yes	Yes	Recreation value, biodiversity	STC	LGS
8.6 Community Farm - Shaftesbury Homegrown	6		0.3898					There is space for fruit and vegetable growing on this site on the shallow slopes on the western edge of the town. The land (total area 1.2ha) is leased by its private owner at very low rent to a small community collective that has managed it as a smallholding for more than 10 years. The collective is open to additional volunteers but remains small as the site is not easy to access for people living in the main residential areas to the east.	Long term future insecure					Privately owned	No
8.1 Bray Allotments	6		0.1357					Small site, hidden away and difficult to access because of traffic at Ivy Cross roundabout.			Yes	Yes	Recreation value, biodiversity	STC	LGS
8.4 St James allotments	6	4	0.943	IOWA				Well-used allotments with a right of way along one edge and bisected by a popular path.			Yes	Yes	Recreation value, biodiversity	STC	LGS
8.3 Mampitts Allotments	6		0.2481	IOWA				Allotments between cemetery and new housing development, bounded by reinstated hedgerow to east. At the end of 2018 two thirds of all residents on the town council's allotments waiting list lived near these allotments.	Reinstated native hedge has been underplanted with garden shrubs.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recreation value, biodiversity	STC	LGS
<b>7) Green Infrastructure associated with new developments - use still to be agreed or not yet implemented. These spaces will be considered for designation as LGS as part of a review of the NP after they have been brought into use.</b>															
3.8 Little Down headland - green space at the edge of Littledown development	7		1c,3,4,5					Public green space planned for new development (OPP for 170 homes). There will be long views framed by the mature trees of the steep slopes to either side of this headland, views that could be on a par with those from Castle Hill Green. The space has the potential to add to Shaftesbury's sense of place ('hill top town') for local and other town residents. The space here could also be important within the wider bio-diverse green infrastructure network for Shaftesbury and those developing the 'White Hart Link' LDP would like to route the right of way along the edge. Initial plans provided for the inclusion of new planting and equipped areas for play and parking for visitors to the space with access via roundabout opposite Wincombe Business Park. More recent detailed proposals have been less sympathetic to the AONB and proved controversial.	Ensure new planting is appropriate to this location. The green spaces on this new development will need to be considered for LGS designation as soon as it is possible to do so.	Yes			Recreational value, beautiful views, value to wildlife.	Redrow Homes	n/a
13.34 Boundary green space within proposed development off Wincombe Lane	7	7			TPOs			Planning permission has been granted for 191 homes. The development will obviously provide a range of green amenity spaces to be agreed when detailed plans are put forward. The Boundary green space is a known green infrastructure element	Initial plans for green space within this devt. did not conform to aspirations within NP. The green spaces on this new development	Yes			Historic significance, value to wildlife,	Barratt Homes	n/a

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								because it provides the setting for a substantial protected tree, an old boundary oak marking the town and county boundary where there is also a right of way.	will need to be considered for LGS designation as soon as it is possible to do so.				recreational value			
8.7 A30 allotments	7	6	0.4065					Allotment site to the south of the A30 adjacent to Orchid View. The site will serve residents in the south-eastern part of the town where there is demonstrable unmet need.	Consider naming these Caterpillar View. These allotments will need to be considered for LGS designation as soon as it is possible to do so.				Recreation value, value for biodiversity	STC	n/a	
19. 1 Mampitts Square (aka Trinity Green)	7		0.962					An area of land between the three-way road junction and the bypass corridor and bounded to the south by Mampitts Lane/ right of way N1/39. This will provide green space to residents where there is currently a shortfall. The original indicative Master Plan stated that facilities to be constructed here could include a community hall, parking, an equipped play area and allotments. There is 'green corridor' potential for this space to be connected via the northern section of the SUDS corridor to an additional green space (Wincombe Green) still to be provided.	Previous use to store construction materials and equipment has left debris and compacted ground. The green spaces on this new development will need to be considered for LGS designation as soon as it is possible to do so.	Yes			Recreational value	Persimmon to transfer to STC	n/a	
'Entrance Green'	7							A small green space between the final stage of the development and Wincombe Rec. Ongoing construction masks the treatment of the interface between the development and the open amenity space of Wincombe Rec.	This green space may be suitable to consider for LGS designation at a later date.							
'Wincombe Green'	7							This projected space is alongside Maple Road and opposite mature trees near Hoeller Close. Part of the land is currently being used to store materials and equipment during the final stages of building work and it's not possible to see the extent of what will be handed over.	Concerns as above. This green space may be suitable to consider for LGS designation at a later date.							
'The Triangle'	7							This land at the south east corner of Persimmon's development runs north from the A30 alongside the southern section of the SUDS corridor. It can be accessed from the south end of Allen Road. It has the potential to extend the semi-natural 'Mallings Ponds' (SUDS) space and offers facilities for independent play and/or kickabout to young people who are beyond 700m of Wincombe Rec or other similar provision. It is currently being used as an informal play/dog exercise area.	This green space may be suitable to consider for LGS designation at a later date.							
Employment Land south of A30	7							The area designated for development as employment land sits on the town edge on a gentle slope which is visible from the surrounding countryside. Hence this is sensitive to development and falls within the revised Slopes Policy. Landscape planting will be crucial to its environmental impact and some tree and hedgerow planting will be required on all sides and within the site.	The green spaces on this new development will need to be considered for LGS designation as soon as it is possible to do so.							
Proposed development off Higher Blandford Road	7							Outline planning permission has been sought but refused for development adjacent to, but outside, the development boundary alongside the Higher Blandford Road and just south of the A30 Salisbury Road. This land slopes away to the south and there are views both from the A30 and of the site from the surrounding countryside - making it sensitive to development. If permission was ever granted, the integration with existing trees and hedgerows and landscape planting and views incorporated with this development will be crucial.	Suitable protection for the green spaces, hedgerows and trees will need to be considered at the earliest opportunity					Private ownership		