

## Local Green Space Site assessment – Site 1

<b>Code</b>	LGS
<b>Site</b>	Church Meadow
<b>Address/location</b>	Brewery Lane, Bridge
<b>Size</b>	???
<b>Ownership</b>	Privately owned
<b>Public Access</b>	None

Site Description	Flat, low lying, liable to flooding, agricultural meadow with fine views towards St Peter's Parish Church and ancient graveyard. Marks the start of the "Green Corridor" along the Elham Valley. Currently used for sheep grazing.
Local Plan 2006 allocations	Conservation Area and Flood Zone <b>No ?</b>
Proposed Local Plan allocations	Conservation Area and Flood Zone <b>No ?</b>
<b>Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?</b>	No
<b>If allocated as local green space can it endure beyond plan? Why?</b>	Yes. Area is important as a water meadow and as an area which soaks up water and prevents flooding in Brewery Lane and the High Street. There are springs and underground streams in this location. It provides surface water drainage for the village.
<b>Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?</b> Ie within 400m	Yes. Immediately adjacent to the village.
<b>Does the site have local significance?</b>	Yes. Views of historic Grade II listed church.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it well used by wide range of community?</li> <li>• Is it multi-use space?</li> <li>• Is it currently publicly available for use?</li> </ul>	<p>Previously used for annual village bonfire.</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it beautiful? <i>(Is the area attractive with high visual amenity)</i></li> </ul>	Yes, with idyllic ( <b>and much photographed</b> ) views of the church and countryside.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does it have historic</li> </ul>	Yes. Immediately adjacent to the church, the origins

significance?	of which date back to the 12 <sup>th</sup> Century, and its surrounding historical graveyard.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does it have recreation value? <i>including playing fields, is it used formally or informally for sports</i></li> </ul>	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it tranquil? <i>Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle</i></li> </ul>	Yes. Very peaceful with far reaching views.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the site have wildlife value? <i>Biodiversity</i></li> </ul>	Yes. Biodiversity and wildlife value, encouraged by the open space. It is protected by mature trees with appropriate wildlife along its southern boundary.
<b>Is the site local in character?</b> ( <i>ie able to service the local community and not extensive</i> )	Yes, with the Elham Valley Way and National Cycle Route No 17 passing on its north side.
<b>Should it be designated as local Green Space or not? Why?</b>	Yes. Essential for flood protection for the village. It enhances the historic setting of the Grade II listed church. It is an important part of the "Green Corridor" which links the villages along the Elham Valley.