

Local Green Space Site assessment – Site 3

Code	LGS
Site	Water Meadows
Address/location	off Brewery Lane
Size	???
Ownership	Privately owned
Public Access	Yes

Site Description	Flat low lying fields crossed by public rights of way, situated along the Nailbourne and adjacent to Grade II listed properties
Local Plan 2006 allocations	Conservation Area and Flood Zone No ???
Proposed Local Plan allocations	Conservation Area and Flood Zone No ???
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No
If allocated as local green space can it endure beyond plan? Why?	Yes. The water meadows protect the village from flooding caused by the occasional stream known as the Nailbourne.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? Ie within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, due to public footpaths and proximity to historic listed buildings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it well used by wide range of community? • Is it multi-use space? • Is it currently publicly available for use? 	<p>Yes. In constant use by ramblers and dog walkers.</p> <p>Limited – majority use is for farmland. Only the public footpaths.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it beautiful? <i>(Is the area attractive with high visual amenity)</i> 	Yes, with wide ranging views and the setting of historic buildings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it have historic significance? 	Ancient water meadows and setting of historic properties.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it have recreation value? 	Yes – for walkers.

<i>including playing fields, is it used formally or informally for sports</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it tranquil? <i>Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle</i> 	Yes, very peaceful.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the site have wildlife value? <i>Biodiversity</i> 	Yes, site has biodiversity and wildlife value, particularly related to the riparian vegetation, hedgerows and mature trees.
Is the site local in character? (<i>ie able to service the local community and not extensive</i>)	Yes, forms part of the Elham Valley Way, leading to one of the original Kentish hop gardens.
Should it be designated as local Green Space or not? Why?	Yes. It provides protection from flooding. The footpath along with the riparian vegetation next to the river has recreational value, high biodiversity value as well as public amenity value.