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Executive Summary

The Elmbridge Local Plan will set out a strategy for the future development of the Borough in the period 2018 to 2035. Its role is to provide a delivery strategy to address particular challenges and issues that have been identified as being of local importance and to deliver sustainable development that supports the continued growth of the Borough whilst contributing to the protection and enhancement of our natural, built and historic environment.

Contributing towards the delivery of sustainable development, the Elmbridge Local Plan will have a number of distinct roles, including:

- Protecting sites in their current use – these are **designated** to ensure that they are not lost to other uses;
- Identifying key sites for new development – these are **allocated** and will act as a framework within which the Council can plan and manage growth in the future; and
- Assessing **infrastructure needs** – these will need to be prioritised in line with the delivery of new development in an area, together with an assessment of its impact and, the aspirations of the local community.

The Local Green Space Designation

Focusing on the ‘designation’ role of the Local Plan, this Study sets out the methodology for, and the assessment of, land submitted to the Council for designation as Local Green Space.

The Local Green Spaces designation, introduced by the Government’s [National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\)](#) in March 2012, offers a high degree of protection to areas of importance to the local community against new development, providing that it meets certain criteria. Spaces may be protected because of the wildlife they are home to, their beauty, their cultural or heritage significance, the tranquillity they provide or their recreation value.

Local Green Space designation should be consistent with wider planning policy for an area and should look to complement investment in the provision of new homes, employment opportunities and other essential services where appropriate. The designation should not be seen as means to stop these wider development needs.

The Government has not set out a standard methodology or template for the assessment of areas as Local Green Space. This methodology has therefore been prepared by the Council in accordance with the [NPPF](#), the Government’s [Planning Practice Guidance \(PPG\)](#), examples of other local authorities’ assessments and previous work undertaken by the Council on its approach to assessing ‘designations’.

Suggested Areas for Local Green Space Designation

As part of the preparation of the Elmbridge Local Plan, the Council held a number of community workshops¹ to enable early community engagement in the process of preparing the Plan. As part of the workshops community groups were given the opportunity to suggest areas for consideration as Local Green Spaces.

The workshops were followed by the publication of a series of consultation papers² providing the wider community and other interested parties the opportunity to suggest areas to be considered for Local Green Space designation. Those areas suggested during the community workshops were listed in the Plans. In addition to this consultation, an informal consultation with Elected Members took place in early 2016. As a result of the community workshops and consultations 164 areas were suggested as Local Green Space opportunities.

Initial findings

Of the 164 areas suggested by the community as potential Local Green Space sites 48 areas were excluded from consideration as they were protected from development by an existing piece of legislation or policy (e.g. [Sites of Special Scientific Interest \(SSSI\)](#)), were below the site size threshold set by the Council, or had planning permission for an alternative form of development (see Appendix 2 for further details).

116 areas suggested by the community for designation were therefore assessed against the methodology. Following on from detailed assessments, the initial findings are that there are 38 areas which meet the Local Green Space Criteria.

These areas are located within the following settlement areas:

- Claygate - 4
- Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon & Downside - 5
- East & West Molesey - 6
- Esher - 2
- Hersham - 2
- Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green - 6
- Walton-on-Thames - 7
- Weybridge - 6

¹ The community workshops were held in April 2013 and undertaken to support the preparation of the Council's Settlement Investment & Development (ID) Plans. In October 2014, the Council stopped preparing these plans and started a review of the evidence base supporting the housing targets set within the adopted Core Strategy (July 2011). This decision was made in light of a number of challenges to Local Plans adopted prior to the NPPF and with a pre-NPPF evidence base. Please see the Council's Local Development Scheme 2014 – 2017 for further details.

As the primary focus of the evidence base review is housing numbers, the Council considers that the evidence collected through previous plan preparation work, as far as it relates to other issues, remains relevant. This information has therefore been utilised as part of this Study.

² Elmbridge Borough Council, Settlement ID Plans: Options Consultation, April 2013

The initial findings of this study are set out in the accompanying appendices at the end of this document.

Reviewing the Methodology & Assessment of Potential Areas of Local Green Space

As part of the preparation of the Elmbridge Local Plan there will be a series of consultations and opportunities for engaging the community and other interested parties on the Council's proposals - both on the Plan itself and the evidence base documents that have supported its preparation.

As part of these consultations, communities and other interested parties will be given the opportunity to comment on the sites proposed / not proposed for Local Green Space designation and on the methodology. This Study will therefore continue to be reviewed, as appropriate, to inform future iterations of the Elmbridge Local Plan and will be available for comment up until, and including, the Proposed Submission Representation Period which is scheduled to take place in 2018.

Submit an Area for Consideration as Local Green Space

As part of the consultation on the Elmbridge Local Plan – Strategic Options Consultation (December 2016), communities and other interested parties are welcome to submit additional areas to the Council for consideration as potential Local Green Space.

Prior to submitting areas for consideration, the Council kindly requests that you ensure that the area has not already been considered by the Council (please see the accompanying documents for the appropriate location plans).

If you wish to submit an area for the Council's consideration as Local Green Space, please include with your submission:

- the name for which the area is commonly known amongst the community.
- a map clearly showing the location of the proposed area.
- a written statement clearly demonstrating how the suggested area meets the Local Green Space designation criteria.

Please send all submissions to the Planning Policy Team:

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There is no limit to the number of areas that can be submitted for the Council's consideration.

Questions

If you have any questions relating to the Elmbridge Local Plan, submitting an area for consideration as Local Green Space, and how areas have been / will be assessed please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy Team on the details shown above or on:

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 High quality green space has a positive impact on the urban environment and is a vital part of a vibrant community. Green or open space of different types and sizes can provide tangible social benefits such as promoting healthier lifestyles and encouraging social interaction within a community. As well as these recreational benefits, green spaces can also improve the visual amenity of a particular area, provide opportunities for biodiversity, and help alleviate and mitigate against flooding.
- 1.2 Elmbridge Borough Council recognises the value that green and open spaces have on the lives of people in the Borough and the value communities place upon them. As part of the Elmbridge Local Plan – Strategic Options Consultation (December 2016) the Council has asked whether it should continue to give a high level of protection to all open spaces and designate those spaces which meet the criteria for Local Green Spaces.
- 1.3 The Local Green Spaces designation, introduced by the Government's [National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\)](#) in March 2012, offers a high degree of protection to areas of importance to the local community against new development, providing that it meets certain criteria.
- 1.4 Spaces may be protected because of the wildlife they are home to, their beauty, their cultural or heritage significance, the tranquillity they provide or their recreation value.
- 1.5 Local Green Space designation should be consistent with wider planning policy for an area and should look to complement investment in the provision of new homes and employment opportunities, and other essential services where appropriate. The designation should not be seen as means to stop these wider development needs.

Assessment Methodology – Designations

- 1.6 The Government has not set out a standard methodology or template for the assessment of areas proposed as Local Green Space. This methodology has therefore been prepared by the Council to accord with the [NPPF](#) and the Government's [Planning Practice Guidance \(PPG\)](#). Examples of other local authorities' assessments have also been considered to build an effective process for assessing areas proposed as Local Green Space.
- 1.7 Once designated any proposed developments on these sites will be considered against policy DM20 – Open Space and views of the [Development Management Plan](#), part a of which sets out the policy on Local Green Space. These sites will be designated in any future plans taken forward by the Council following the review of evidence supporting the current local plan. Until the designation of Local Green Space is made they will still be considered as open spaces which

are protected under part b of policy DM20. As all open spaces are covered by part b of DM20 no specific designation is required

The Purpose of this Study

- 1.8 It is the purpose of this Study to build upon the assessment framework previously established taking into account the Government's [PPG](#) and applying the national framework criteria within the context of Elmbridge.
- 1.9 This Study serves two main purposes. The first is to establish the methodology for assessing those areas suggested to the Council for consideration as Local Green Space. The second sets out the assessment of the suggested areas against the methodology and provides an audit trail of how each area has been considered.
- 1.10 The results of the assessment process will be used to inform the preparation of the Elmbridge Local Plan, identifying those areas to be designated as Local Green Space alongside other designations and the allocation of sites for future development.

2. The Local Green Spaces Designation

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- 2.1 The [NPPF](#) sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied by individual Local Planning Authorities when preparing their Local Plans.
- 2.2 As part of the NPPF, the Government has introduced a new designation to protect local green areas which are valued by local communities. The Local Green Space designation will allow the Council through the preparation of its Local Plan and, where relevant, by Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Forums through their own community-led Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs), the opportunity to identify and protect areas that are of particular importance and value to the community.
- 2.3 By designating land as Local Green Space, the policies for managing the land are to be consistent with policy for the Green Belt e.g. development will be ruled out other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)

- 2.4 The Government's [PPG](#) sets out the details of how it expects local authorities to apply the NPPF in relation to their plan-making functions.
- 2.5 The Guidance contains some additional information on the designation of Local Green Space which has been incorporated into and has guided the Assessment Methodology.

Examples from other Local Planning Authorities

- 2.6 Given that the Local Green Space designation is a relatively new concept; there are limited examples of how the assessment of proposed areas has been approached by other local authorities. Examples found and considered as part of this methodology include:
 - [Canterbury City Council Report on assessments of Local Green Space Proposals \(April 2014\)](#)
 - [Cotswold District Council Local Green Spaces Evidence Paper \(November 2014\)](#)
 - [Green Spaces in Leicester & Leicestershire – Toolkit](#)
 - [Harborough Local Green Space background paper](#)
 - [Hertsmere Assessment for Site Allocations and Development Management Policies - Green Space and Amenity Report \(December 2012\)](#)

- [North Somerset Council Sites and Policies Development Plan Documents – Evidence Paper, Local Green Space \(February 2013\)](#)
- [Open Space Society: Local Green Space Designation, Information Sheet No. 20](#)
- [South Cambridgeshire Evidence Paper for Local Green Space & Protected Village Amenity Areas \(June 2013\)](#)

3. Local Green Spaces & the Elmbridge Local Plan

- 3.1 In accordance with the [NPPE](#), Local Green Spaces are only to be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and are capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.
- 3.2 Elmbridge Borough Council is currently preparing its Local Plan covering the eight main settlements within the Borough:
- Claygate
 - Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon & Downside
 - East & West Molesey
 - Esher
 - Hersham
 - Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green
 - Weybridge
 - Walton-on-Thames
- 3.3 The Local Plan has three distinct roles:
- protecting sites in their current use – these are **designations** to ensure that they are not lost to other uses.
 - identifying sites for new development – these are **allocations** and will act as a framework within which the Council can plan and manage growth in the future.
 - assessing **infrastructure needs** – these will need to be prioritised in line with the delivery of new development in an area, together with an assessment of its impact and the aspirations of the local community.
- 3.4 The assessment of potential Local Green Spaces falls into the 'designation' role of the Local Plan as identified above.

4. Local Green Space Criteria

- 4.1 Local Green Spaces are to be determined by Elmbridge Borough Council through the preparation of the Local Plan and, where relevant, by Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Forums through their own community-led Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs).
- 4.2 Through the [NPPF](#) and [PPG](#) the Government sets out the principles for Local Green Space designations, including three key criteria that areas will need to meet to be considered as Local Green Space. The three criteria are:
- Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves.
 - Demonstrably special to a local community.
 - Local in character, not an extensive tract of land.

Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

- 4.3 The [NPPF](#) and [PPG](#) do not prescribe exactly what 'reasonably close proximity' means. It is therefore left to the Council to interpret this criteria and how it applies to specific settlements.
- 4.4 As set out in the Guidance, there are a number of ways in which this could be applied and it is necessary to justify the relationship the green space has with the community it serves. It may vary depending on the size of the community the green space relates to or 'serves', or on the size of the green space or the value placed upon it by the community.
- 4.5 A common sense approach to the criteria is required. It is however, clear that the Government does not intend green spaces which are isolated or distant from the communities to be designated. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served. The emphasis is on green spaces that are inclusive and benefit the wider community, rather than those which are only visible or accessible to a small minority.

The Council's Intended Approach

- 4.6 When assessing the proximity of a community to a certain service / facility, the measurement usually applied is the walking distance or distance in metres e.g. within 300m or 5 minutes walking (as set out in [Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Guidance](#)).
- 4.7 This test will use this measurement as a basic guide however; this will not be the only determining factor. Rather, it will focus on the accessibility of the land. On this basis, private land which is generally not accessible to the public will not be included in the assessment other than land which is clearly of significant importance and / or where access to the public has been prohibited to protect

future development opportunities. Consideration will also be given to how accessible the land is in terms of public footpaths and whether there are other barriers to accessing the land e.g. roads, railways lines, rivers etc.

Demonstrably Special to a Local Community

4.8 The [NPPF](#) states that to be considered for designation as a Local Green Space, an area should be demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance; for example because of its:

- Beauty
- Historic significance
- Recreational value
- Tranquillity
- Richness in wildlife

The Council's Intended Approach

4.9 The [NPPF](#) and [PPG](#) do not expand on what is meant by each of the bullet points above. It is therefore up to the Council to determine how it assesses whether an area is 'demonstrably special to a local community'.

4.10 Based on the assessments of Local Green Space undertaken by other local authorities (listed in paragraph 2.6 of this Methodology), the Council will apply the following criteria:

- **Beauty** - The Council will assess the visual attractiveness of the proposed areas and their contribution to the townscape, landscape, character and / or setting of the settlement including views to and from the settlement. Local Green Spaces will typically contribute to local identity and character of the area and a sense of place.
- **Historic significance** – Consideration will be given to the proposed areas and whether they, or areas of them, have a historical significance. The areas may reflect an archaeological site or other historical feature, provide the setting to a statutory listed building or scheduled monument or be within a Conservation Area. Information will be obtained from the Council's Heritage and Conservation Officers and available historic records. In addition to statutory historical designations, local designations (e.g. locally Listed Buildings) as well as other demonstrable local historical value will also be taken into account.
- **Recreational value** - A Local Green Space would normally be more than just an informal play area or grassed pitches. For an area to be designated, the local significance of its recreational value, perhaps in terms of the variety of activities it supports and therefore its value to the community would need to be demonstrated. Formal recreational facilities such as bowling greens, grass tennis courts, golf courses, playing fields, grass play areas and allotments would not on their own be necessarily enough to meet the criteria fully, although they may be included where they are either part of a wider green

space or have a particular local significance. Similarly the existence of a right of way across land for example would not in itself be demonstration of significant recreational value.

- **Tranquillity** – Local Green Spaces may also provide value to the local community in terms of providing an oasis of calm perhaps in a busy town, or a space for quiet reflection. The Council will undertake a localised assessment of the visual and audible tranquillity of each proposed area / site, as well as referring to the [Campaign for the Protection of Rural England's \(CPREs\)](#) Tranquillity Map to assess the tranquillity of suggested areas. This mapping shows how tranquil an area is, based upon 42 factors utilised by CPRE, Natural England and the University of Northumbria to create the maps. They include both negative and positive factors that can be seen and / or heard: for example hearing traffic, seeing urban development, hearing birdsong or seeing trees in the landscape.
 - **Richness of wildlife** – A Local Green Space may be of particular local significance because of its importance for wildlife. This can take the form of international, national or local wildlife designations in addition to non-designated features that have the ability to support wildlife, e.g. mature trees, ponds, hedgerows, riverbanks etc.
- 4.11 The full detail of the scoring system used is set out in Section 5 of this Study.

Local in Character and not an Extensive Tract of Land

- 4.12 The [NPPF](#) states that designated Local Green Spaces should be 'local in character' and 'not an extensive tract of land'. The [NPPF](#) does not define what an 'extensive tract of land' is, so it is for the Council and, where appropriate, local communities to decide what this will mean in their area.
- 4.13 Government [Guidance](#) does however, state that blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, a designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name.

The Council's Intended Approach

- 4.14 Consideration will be given to the contribution the area makes to the visual amenity of the street scene and the physical form and layout of the settlement. It is considered that to warrant designation, an area will be largely self-contained with clearly defined edges and occupies a proportionate area of land within the settlement area.
- 4.15 As a guideline, the Council will not seek to designate any land which is larger than 30ha (approximately 73 acres). This threshold was selected as Local Green Spaces should have 'clear and definable boundaries' and those that were above this threshold tended not to meet this criterion. On analysis there was also a clear

gap between sites that fell under this limit and those which came above i.e. those that were above 30ha tended to be close to or over 40ha. Any sites larger than this will be automatically excluded during the initial 'sieving' exercise at the start of the area analysis process.

Other considerations

- 4.16 Local Green Spaces will need to meet the Government's criteria set out in the [NPPF](#) and the Council's interpretation of it within the context of the Borough, but otherwise, whether to designate land is a matter of local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, or allotments or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis.
- 4.17 The Council is however, minded to include a number of additional considerations when determining whether a site should be designated as a Local Green Space. It is proposed that if an area is covered by the below existing designations / criteria, then it will be excluded from the selection process.

Statutory Designations

- 4.18 The proposed designation would mean protecting parcels of land which do not fall under existing statutory designations or protective ownership. Land covered by the following statutory designations will not be considered for potential designation as Local Green Space as a legislative and policy framework to protect them already exists, and affords a higher level of protection.

- [Historic Parks and Gardens](#)
- [Listed Buildings](#)
- [National Trails](#)
- [Ramsar Sites](#)
- [Sites of Special Scientific Interest \(SSSIs\)](#)
- [Special Protection Areas \(SPA\)](#)
- Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace (SANG)
- Town and Village Greens, Registered Commons
- Land under protective ownership e.g. National Trust, Woodland Trust³

Sites with planning permission

- 4.19 As set out in the Government's [PPG](#), the Council will not consider land that has planning permission for development as Local Green Space. The only exception to this would be where planning permission is no longer capable of being

³ A number of the above links are to sites external to Elmbridge Borough Council's website. Elmbridge Borough Council does not take any responsibility for the content of these sites.

implemented or if the development would be compatible with the reasons for the designation.

Land size & characteristics

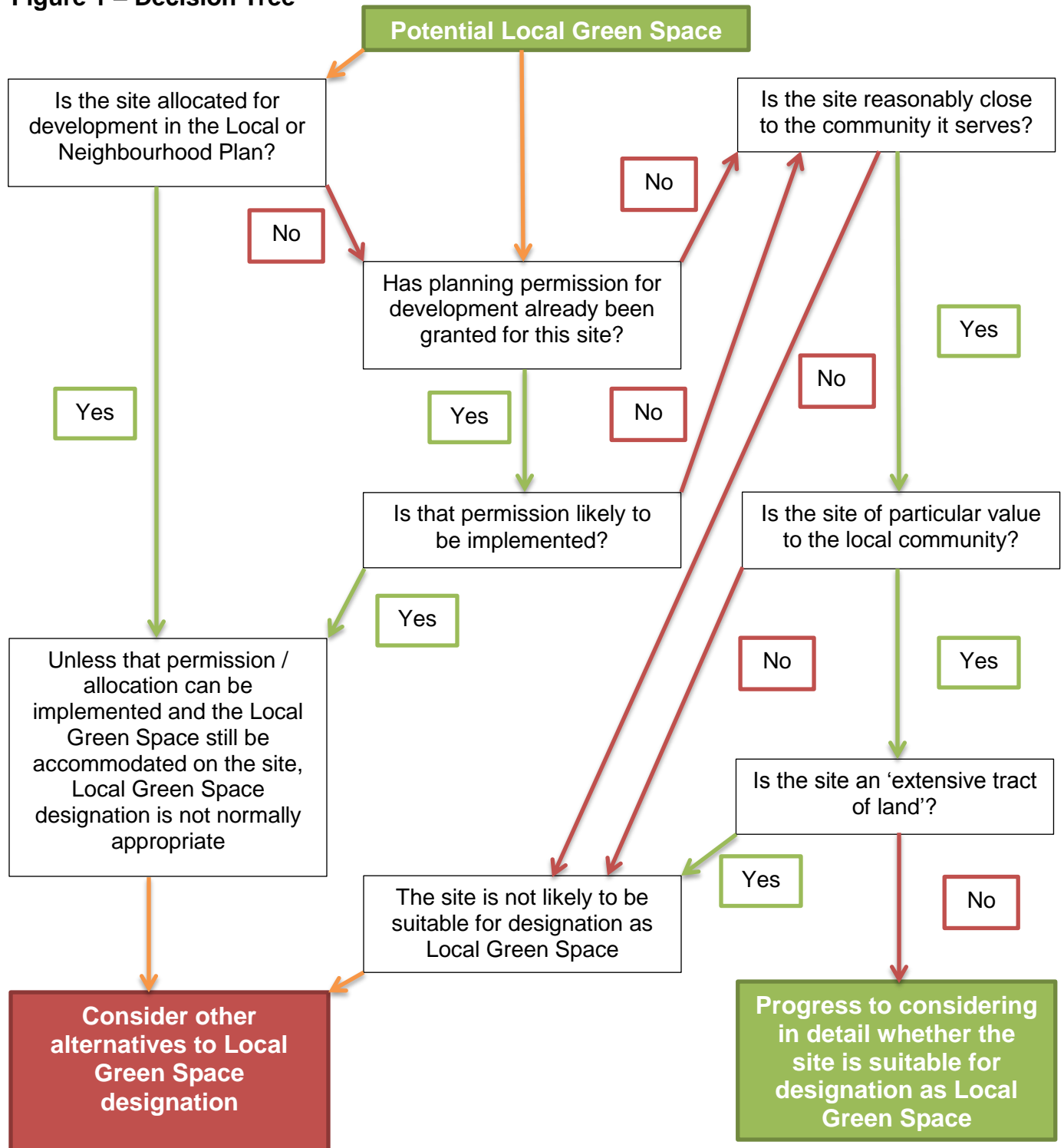
- 4.20 [Guidance](#) states that providing a piece of land can meet the criteria of paragraph 77 of the [NPPF](#); there is no nationally prescribed lower size limit for a Local Green Space.
- 4.21 Nonetheless, one of the primary reasons for designating land as Local Green Space is to afford it similar protection as land within the Green Belt i.e. it will be protected from inappropriate development unless very special circumstances are demonstrated. On this basis, the Council intends to introduce a minimum area size threshold to ensure that areas valued by the community are only designated and afforded the same protection as land designated as Green Belt when the area is capable of being developed.
- 4.22 The minimum threshold proposed is any area below 0.05 hectares (0.12 acres) would not be designated. This represents the size of an area which can accommodate approximately one residential unit and also reflects the size of recent small scale commercial and retail developments.
- 4.23 As part of its assessment, a piece of land's shape and characteristics will also be considered in terms of whether it is developable. For example, a suggested piece of land may be considered as it meets the size threshold; however, it could be a long piece of land of no more than a metre wide which is not capable of being developed.
- 4.24 In addition, in some parts of the Borough there are 'clusters' of open spaces e.g. around road junctions, that individually may not be 0.05 hectares or more in size. However, where this does occur consideration will be given as to whether there is a sufficient relationship between the areas of land to assess them as one larger area that warrants further analysis.

Green Belt

- 4.24.1 The [PPG](#) states that if land is already designated as Green Belt, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.
- 4.25 [Guidance](#) states that one potential benefit is in areas where protection from development is the norm e.g. villages included in the Green Belt, but where there could be exceptions is that the Local Green Space designation could help to identify areas that are of particular importance to the local community. Areas of Green Belt submitted for potential Local Green Space designation will therefore be considered.

4.26 Figure 1 below sets out the proposed process the Council will undertake in assessing an area that has been proposed for designation as Local Green Space.

Figure 1 – Decision Tree



5. The Identification and Assessment of Potential Local Green Spaces

Identifying land for consideration

- 5.1 The Local Green Space criteria make clear that community value must be attributed to a green space for it to be considered for designation. As part of a Local Plan public consultation in April 2013, the Council set out the opportunity for the community to suggest areas to be considered for designation as Local Green Space. The Settlement ID Plans also listed a number of areas that were put forward at various community workshops held prior to the publication of the Options Document. This list of areas has since been added to following informal consultation with elected members in early 2016.
- 5.2 The number of areas suggested for designation as part of the workshops, consultation and engagement with members within each Settlement Area are set out below:
- Claygate – 12⁴
 - Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D’Abernon & Downside – 15
 - East & West Molesey – 17⁴
 - Esher – 13
 - Hersham – 14
 - Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green – 50⁴
 - Walton-on-Thames - 21
 - Weybridge – 24
- 5.3 Further details of the areas suggested for designation are set out in the accompanying documents where they have also been mapped on a settlement area basis.

Considering land as Local Green Space

- 5.4 As set out in the preceding section of this document, not all land suggested to the Council as Local Green Space will be considered for designation. A sieving exercise has been undertaken to exclude land which is located within an area covered by a statutory designation, has planning permission, is inaccessible and / or does not meet the land size / characteristics requirements. Areas excluded on the basis of one of these criteria are shown in Appendix 2.

⁴ Three sites (41 - East and West side of Esher Road, 61 - Hersham Golf Course and 131 - Surbiton Golf Club) fall within the East and West Molesey / Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green, Hersham / Esher and Claygate / Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Settlement Areas respectively. The number of sites listed by area is therefore 165, as opposed to 162 sites being considered.

- 5.5 All remaining sites will be considered against the established criteria and the interpretation of this at a local level, which is further expanded upon below. The full assessment of the sites is set out in a settlement specific accompanying document.

Assessment and Scoring of Areas

- 5.6 The scoring system used when assessing each suggested area is based upon the five main criteria set out in Section 4. Each of these has been broken down into sub-criteria (set out below) which are scored between 0 (null, e.g. the area did not meet any of the criteria in any way) and 5 points, where the area met a number of, or the individual criteria strongly.
- 5.7 In designating an area as Local Green Space it is proposed that if an area achieves over 50% of the total available 'points' e.g. a total score of at least 13 out of the 25 available, then it would be considered for designation. This is because it would need to score highly against at least three criteria. Alternatively, if an area scores maximum points (5) against two criteria, but does not score at least 13 points overall, it will also be considered for designation due it scoring so highly against those criteria. If an area scores below 13 point and does not score 5 against two criteria then it will not be considered for designation as the area is not considered to be meeting the requirements of the criteria sufficiently to warrant designation.

Beauty

Criteria: Beauty	Score	Required attributes
	0 (Null)	The area meets none of the sub-criteria
	1	The area meets one of the sub-criteria
	2	The area meets two of the sub-criteria
	3	The area meets three of the sub-criteria
	4	The area meets four of the sub-criteria
	5	The area meets five or all of the sub-criteria

Beauty sub-criteria

Sub-criteria	Definition
Visual attractiveness:	A subjective view of the area and observations made by the officers undertaking the assessment. This focuses upon looking for features such as mature planting, aesthetically pleasing layouts and high quality structures (if relevant).
Contribution to the townscape:	Contribution to 'the general appearance of a built up area, for example a street, town or city'. ⁵
Contribution to the landscape:	Contribution to the non-built up environment, for example rivers and their frontages, fields and woodlands.

⁵ Definition from: https://www.planningportal.co.uk/directory_record/544/townscape_cityscape

Contribution to the character and / or setting of the settlement including views to and from the settlement:	Contribution towards the 'look and feel' of the wider area, e.g. is it regularly broken up by green sections? Contribution towards the views of the approach to, from or through a settlement / area
Contribution to local identity and character:	Contribution towards the 'look and feel' of the localised area, e.g. is it regularly broken up by green sections, or is it focused around a particular green space?
Contribution to sense of place:	Contribution towards enabling the area to be specifically identified as the settlement / locality in which it is found.

Historic Significance

Criteria: Historic Significance	Score	Required attributes
	0 (Null)	Has no notable / recorded historical value.
	3	Has significant recorded / demonstrable local historical value / provides the setting for a locally listed building.
	5	Provides the setting for at least one statutory historical designation (this includes Conservation Areas, statutory Listed Buildings, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Areas of High Archaeological Potential).

Recreational Value

Criteria: Recreational value	Score	Required attributes
	0 (Null)	The area is of no recreational value
	1	The area has one formal use but has restricted access e.g. is in / part of private land or club.
	2	The area is within a semi-private residential area or is multi-use private land or club.
	3	The area has multiple publicly accessible informal uses.
	4	The area has one formal use and multiple informal publicly accessible uses.
	5	The area has multiple publicly accessible formal and informal uses.

Tranquillity

Criteria: Tranquillity	Score	Required attributes
	1	Major and constant disturbance. The area is heavily affected by a main road and / or by neighbouring uses e.g. industrial areas, or

		other areas with regular disturbance.
	2	Some major disturbance. This area has some disturbance by a main road / or by neighbouring uses e.g. industrial areas or other areas with regular disturbance.
	3	Some disturbance. The area is located on a minor road with some irregular activities causing disturbance.
	4	Limited disturbance, e.g. the site is located within a residential area with low levels of noise and visual intrusion from associated residential activities.
	5	No disturbance. No visual or audible intrusion.

Richness of wildlife

Criteria: Richness of Wildlife	Score	Required attributes
	0 (Null)	The area is a monoculture ⁶ / of no or little wildlife value.
	1	Contains one notable habitat.
	2	Contains two notable habitats.
	3	Contains three or more notable habitats.
	4	Contains / is within a county / locally designated area of wildlife value.
	5	Contains / is within an internationally / nationally / regionally designated area of wildlife value.

Wildlife sub-criteria

Sub-criteria	Definition
'Notable habitat'	For the purposes of this criterion this is an area that has the potential to support wildlife e.g. mature trees, hedgerows, a pond, riverbanks etc.
County / locally designated area of wildlife significance	This includes designations such as Local Nature Reserves (LNRs), identified meadows etc.
Internationally / nationally / regionally designated area of wildlife significance	This includes Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Ramsar Sites and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) etc.

⁶ A monoculture for the purposes of assessing Local Green Spaces means an area that has no mixture of plants / habitats e.g. an area that is solely made up of grass would be considered a monoculture.

6 Initial findings & next steps

- 6.1.1 Of the 164 areas suggested by the community as Local Green Space opportunities, 48 areas were excluded from consideration as part of the sieving exercise e.g. they were protected from development by an existing piece of legislation or policy.
- 6.2 The remaining 116 areas suggested for designation were then assessed against the established methodology. Based on the methodology set out above, the initial findings suggest that 38 areas could be designated as Local Green Space. These areas are located within the following settlements:
- Claygate - 4
 - Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon & Downside - 5
 - East & West Molesey - 6
 - Esher - 2
 - Hersham - 2
 - Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green - 6
 - Walton-on-Thames - 7
 - Weybridge - 6
- 6.3 A comprehensive list of those areas is set out in Appendix 4.

Reviewing the methodology & assessment of sites

- 6.4 The methodology and the assessment of sites will continue to be reviewed, as appropriate, to inform future iterations of the Elmbridge Local Plan and will be published alongside the Local Plan for future comment. Additional areas suggested to be designated as Local Green Space as part of the Local Plan – Strategic Options Consultation (December 2016) will be considered by the Council.

Appendix 1 – Land suggested to the Council for Local Green Space designation

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)
1	Albany Reach	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	2.75
2	Queens Road Garden	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.06
3	Arbrook Common	Esher	41.5
4	Arbrook Lane open space	Esher	0.54
5	Area around Knight and Bessborough Reservoirs	Walton-on-Thames	11.98
6	Area around Queen Elizabeth Reservoir	Walton-on-Thames	37.8
7	Area by cemetery at top of Rectory Lane	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.14
8	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area D	Weybridge	7.02
9	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area E	Weybridge	1.59
10	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area F	Weybridge	1.71
11	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area G	Weybridge	1.21
12	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area H	Weybridge	1.65
13	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Areas A, B and C	Weybridge	2.01
14	Back Green	Hersham	0.86
15	Bankside Drive- Area C	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.17
16	Bankside Drive- Areas A & B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.25
17	Bankside Drive- Areas D - F	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.32
18	Bankside Drive- Areas G & H	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.16
19	Belgrave Close	Hersham	0.52
20	Betts Way / Rectory Lane open spaces	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.13
21	Brampton Gardens	Hersham	0.17
22	Chadwick Place	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.28
23	Christ Church	Esher	0.62
24	Church Walk open space	Weybridge	0.07
25	Churchfield Road, Allotments, Sports Ground & play area	Weybridge	7.57
26	Cigarette Island	East & West Molesey	2.05

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)
27	Clare Hill Golf Club	Esher	4.92
28	Claygate Common	Claygate	14.47
29	Claygate Recreation Ground	Claygate	3.71
30	Cleves School	Weybridge	2.83
31	Cobham Recreation Ground	Cobham	3.19
32	Corner of Church Walk & Old School Square	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.04
33	Corner of Speer & Summer Road	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.1
35	Coronation Recreation Ground	Hersham	7.82
36	Cow Meadow Common	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.98
37	Cricket Way open space & play area	Weybridge	1.56
38	Cumbrae Gardens	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.06
39	Denleigh Gardens 'Green'	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.17
40	Ditton Marina	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	2.95
41	East and West of Esher Road	East Molesey / Thames Ditton	0.29
42	Elm Grove Recreation Ground	Walton-on-Thames	5.52
43	Ember Sports Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.06
44	Esher Cricket Club	Esher	2.13
45	Esher Green	Esher	1.1
46	Esher High Street Greens	Esher	0.15
47	Esher Road Open Spaces	Esher	0.88
48	Field off Claygate Lane	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	4.63
49	Fieldcommon	Walton-on-Thames	49.81
50	Fleece Road shops and surrounding green pockets- Areas A and B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.12
51	Fleece Road shops and surrounding green pockets- Areas C - H	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.12
52	Giggs Hill Gardens Open Spaces- Areas A & B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.07
53	Giggs Hill Gardens Open Spaces- Areas C & D	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.07
54	Gloucester Close Open Space	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.04
55	Green between Walton Youth Centre and	Walton-on-Thames	0.28

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)
	Hersham Road		
56	Green Island in Meadow Road	Claygate	0.05
57	Green Islands in Derwent Close	Claygate	0.11
58	Grovelands Recreation Ground	East & West Molesey	2.39
59	Halfway Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.4
60	Corner Summer Road / Hampton Court Way	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.73
61	Hare Lane Green	Esher	1.27
62	Hersham Golf Course	Hersham / Esher	42.98
63	Hersham Green & play area	Hersham	1.17
64	Hersham Recreation Ground- Area A	Hersham	2.2
65	Hersham Recreation Ground- Area B	Hersham	0.81
66	Home of Compassion Gardens	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.66
67	Hurst Meadow and Hurst Park Open Space	East & West Molesey	27.34
68	Hampton Court Way verges	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.66
69	Jolly Boatman site	East & West Molesey	0.18
70	Kingston Grammar School Playing Fields / Ditton Fields	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	9.21
71	Land fronting Portsmouth Road	Cobham	6.96
72	Land to front of BT Telephone Exchange	Weybridge	0.05
73	Leigh Hill Common- Area E & F	Cobham	0.42
74	Leigh Hill Common- Areas A - C	Cobham	1.84
75	Leigh Hill Common- Areas D	Cobham	0.99
76	Longmead Road- Area C	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.18
77	Longmead Road- Areas A & B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.86
78	Mayfield Gardens	Hersham	0.43
79	Molesey Close	Esher	0.2
80	Molesey Heath	East & West Molesey	25.58
81	Molesey Hurst Recreation Ground	East & West Molesey	5.17
82	Monument Green	Weybridge	0.27
83	Oatlands Recreation Ground	Weybridge	4.21

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)
84	Old Pauline's Sports Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.19
85	Oxshott Village Centre	Cobham	0.06
86	Oxshott Village Sports Club	Cobham	2.94
87	Pavilion Sports Ground	East & West Molesey	2.77
88	Queens Road – wooded area	Hersham	0.88
89	Reeds School Playing Fields	Cobham	7.72
90	St Lawrence C of E Junior School	East & West Molesey	1.22
91	Weybridge War Memorial	Weybridge	0.03
92	Riverside Space (Chomley – Ferry Road)	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.45
93	Rosslyn Park open space	Weybridge	0.57
94	Roundabout in Glebelands	Claygate	0.03
95	Rythe Court Open Spaces	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.37
96	Sandy Lane	Walton-on-Thames	0.23
97	Southdown Road	Esher	0.39
98	St. Andrew's School Playing Fields	Cobham	1.89
99	St. Georges Church	Esher	0.29
100	St. James Church	Weybridge	0.58
101	St. Nicholas Church and Memorial Garden	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.75
102	Stoke D'Abernon Recreation Ground	Cobham	2.66
103	Stompond Lane Sports Ground	Walton-on-Thames	3.26
104	Summer Road Recreation Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.1
105	Surbiton Hockey Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	2.68
106	Tartar Road Common	Cobham	0.66
107	Templemere	Weybridge	1.14
108	Thames Ditton Infant School playground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.26
109	Thames Ditton Lawn Tennis Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.71
110	The Dell	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.92
111	The Roundway	Claygate	0.35
112	The Wilderness- Area A	East & West Molesey	0.84
113	The Wilderness- Area B	East & West Molesey	6.19

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)
114	Torrington Lodge Car Park	Claygate	0.31
115	Traffic island opposite former Focus DIY	Weybridge	0.01
116	Vaux Crescent open space and play area	Hersham	0.48
117	Vaux Mead	Hersham	1.1
118	Walton Common	Weybridge	5.58
119	Walton-on-Thames Cricket Club	Walton-on-Thames	7.05
120	Fieldsave	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.63
121	Waterside Drive / Excel Centre	Walton-on-Thames	17.42
122	Weston Green School Playing Fields	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.14
123	Whittets Ait	Weybridge	1.29
124	Willowbank – Malden DSME & Scout Hut environs	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.05
125	Windmill Lane / Vallings Place	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.09
126	Area Around Island Barn reservoir	East & West Molesey	37.14
127	Barwell	Claygate	15.8
128	The Green	Claygate	0.55
129	Telegraph Lane Allotments	Claygate	1.16
130	Vale Road Allotments	Claygate	1.12
131	Surbiton Golf Club	Claygate / Hinchley Wood	46.29
132	Leg of Mutton Field	Cobham	7.71
133	South of Anvil Lane	Cobham	3.86
134	The Furze, Oxshott	Cobham	2.36
135	The Tilt	Cobham	1.74
136	West Molesey Recreation Ground	East & West Molesey	1.91
137	Old Tiffianians Association Sports Ground and Hampton Court Road Allotments	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	14.32
138	Brendre Gardens	East & West Molesey	0.85
139	Beauchamp Road Allotments	East & West Molesey	2.94
140	Ray Road Allotments	East & West Molesey	1.14
141	Felix Road Recreation Ground	Walton-on-Thames	1.43
142	George Froude Park	Walton-on-Thames	1.36

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)
143	Denton Grove Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.11
144	Severn Drive Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.37
145	Land to the north of Hillrise Flats	Walton-on-Thames	0.24
146	Land to the south of Lindley Road	Walton-on-Thames	0.22
147	Land to the north of Fieldcommon	Walton-on-Thames	0.34
148	Riverhouse Gardens	Walton-on-Thames	1.01
149	Land to the south of Walton Rowing Club	Walton-on-Thames	0.09
150	Shaw Drive Green	Walton-on-Thames	1.9
151	Weir Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.62
152	Oatlands Park Hotel, Area A	Weybridge	4.83
153	Oatlands Park Hotel, Area B	Weybridge	3.06
154	The Heath, Brooklands Road	Weybridge	0.97
155	Weybridge Cricket Club	Weybridge	2.19
156	Giggs Hill Green	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	3.09
157	Land at Esher College	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	3.86
158	Abbey Walk open spaces	East & West Molesey	0.76
159	Long Ditton Recreation Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.22
160	Hinchley Wood Memorial Garden	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.2
161	Lynwood Road Recreation Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	8.09
162	Hersham War Memorial	Hersham	0.17
163	Ryden's School playing field	Hersham	14.85
164	Imber Court Sports Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.42

Appendix 2 – Land excluded as part of the ‘sieving’ exercise

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Statutory Designation	Planning Permission	Land Size	Comments
3	Arbrook Common	Esher	41.5	✓		✓	Vast tract of land and Registered Common & SSSI (Arbrook / Esher Commons)
4	Arbrook Lane Open Space	Esher	0.54	✓			Registered Common (Arbrook / Esher Commons)
5	Area around Knight and Bessborough Reservoirs	Walton-on-Thames	11.98	✓			SSSI, SPA and RAMSAR site
6	Area around Queen Elizabeth Reservoir	Walton-on-Thames	37.8			✓	Vast tract of land
13	Christ Church	Esher	0.62	✓			Statutory Listed building and its curtilage
14	Back Green	Hersham	0.86	✓			Village Green (Back Green)
28	Claygate Common	Claygate	14.47	✓			Registered Common (Claygate Common)
32	Corner of Church Walk & Old School Square	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.04			✓	Too small
45	Esher Green	Esher	1.1	✓			Registered Common (Esher Green)
46	Esher High Street Greens	Esher	0.15	✓			Registered Common (Esher Green)
49	Fieldcommon	Walton-on-Thames	49.81			✓	Vast tract of land
54	Gloucester Close Open Space	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood	0.04			✓	Too small

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Statutory Designation	Planning Permission	Land Size	Comments
		and Weston Green					
55	Green between Walton Youth Centre and Hersham Road	Walton-on-Thames	0.28	✓			Within the curtilage of the statutory Listed Building (Elm Grove)
56	Green Island in Meadow Road	Claygate	0.05	✓			Village Green (Meadow Road)
59	Halfway Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.4	✓		✓	Village Green (Halfway Green) and too small
61	Hare Lane Green	Esher	1.27	✓			Registered Common (Hare Lane Green)
62	Hersham Golf Course	Hersham	42.98			✓	Vast tract of land
63	Hersham Green & play area	Hersham	1.17	✓			Village Green (The Green)
66	Home of Compassion Gardens	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.66		✓		2013/4334 : residential care home
69	Jolly Boatman site	East & West Molesey	0.18		✓		2008/1600 : 66 residential units, 603sqm commercial floorspace and a 46 bedroom hotel
73	Leigh Hill Common- Area E & F	Cobham	0.42	✓			Registered Common (Leigh Hill)
74	Leigh Hill Common- Areas A - C	Cobham	1.84	✓			Registered Common (Leigh Hill)
75	Leigh Hill Common- Areas D	Cobham	0.99	✓			Registered Common (Leigh Hill)
77	Longmead Road- Areas A & B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.86	✓			Registered Common (Weston Green)

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Statutory Designation	Planning Permission	Land Size	Comments
82	Monument Green	Weybridge	0.27	✓			Village Green (Monument Green)
91	Weybridge War memorial	Weybridge	0.03	✓		✓	Village Green (The Green, Weybridge Village Green) and too small
94	Roundabout at Glebelands	Claygate	0.03			✓	Too small
99	St. Georges Church	Esher	0.29	✓			Statutory Listed building and its curtilage
100	St. James Church	Weybridge	0.58	✓			Statutory Listed building and its curtilage
101	St. Nicholas Church and Memorial Garden	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.75	✓			Statutory Listed building and its curtilage
103	Stompond Lane Sports Ground	Walton-on-Thames	3.26		✓		2013/3492 : 30 residential units, care home, office and doctor's surgery
106	Tartar Road Common	Cobham	0.66	✓			Registered Common (Old Common)
107	Templemere	Weybridge	1.14	✓			Majority of site within Oatlands Park Historic Park and gardens
115	Traffic island opposite former Focus DIY	Weybridge	0.01			✓	Too small
116	Vaux Crescent open space and play area	Hersham	0.48	✓			Village Green (The Green, Burwood Road, Hersham)
120	Fieldsave	Thames Ditton, Long	0.63				No access

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Statutory Designation	Planning Permission	Land Size	Comments
		Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green					
121	Waterside Drive / Excel Centre	Walton-on-Thames	17.42		✓		2015/0949 : New stadium development
126	Area Around Island Barn reservoir	East & West Molesey	37.14			✓	Vast tract of land
127	Barwell	Claygate	15.8				No access
131	Surbiton Golf Club	Claygate / Hinchley Wood	46.29			✓	Vast tract of land
135	The Tilt	Cobham	1.64	✓			Lower Tilt Village Green
152	Oatlands Park Hotel, Area A	Weybridge	4.83	✓			Part of the Oatlands Park Park or Garden of Historic Interest
153	Oatlands Park Hotel, Area B	Weybridge	3.06	✓			Part of the Oatlands Park Park or Garden of Historic Interest
154	The Heath, Brooklands Road	Weybridge	0.97	✓			The Heath Common Land
155	Weybridge Cricket Club	Weybridge	2.19	✓			Village Green (The Green, Weybridge Village Green)
156	Giggs Hill Green	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	3.09	✓			Giggs Hill Green Common Land
162	Hersham War Memorial	Hersham	0.17	✓			Contains the Hersham Memorial Cross statutory Listed Building
163	Ryden's School playing field	Hersham	14.85		✓		2013/5035 : Outline planning application

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Statutory Designation	Planning Permission	Land Size	Comments
							for 296 residential units

Appendix 3 – The assessment of all the sites that were not excluded during the ‘sieving exercise’

Full details of each individual area assessment is set out on a settlement by settlement basis in the series of accompanying documents.

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Is the area demonstrably special to the local community?					Total score	Comments	Outcome
				Beauty	Historic	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Richness in Wildlife			
1	Albany Reach	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	2.75	2	5	4	5	3	19		Consider designation
2	Queens Road Garden	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.06	2	0	0	4	2	8		Do not designate
7	Area by cemetery at top of Rectory Lane	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.14	1	5	0	2	1	9		Do not designate
8	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park- Area D	Weybridge	7.02	4	5	2	5	3	19		N/A
9	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area E	Weybridge	1.59	2	0	0	5	3	10		N/A
10	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area F	Weybridge	1.71	2	0	0	5	3	10		N/A
11	Areas around the lakes in	Weybridge	1.21	1	0	0	5	3	9		N/A

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Is the area demonstrably special to the local community?					Total score	Comments	Outcome
				Beauty	Historic	Recreational Value	Tranquility	Richness in Wildlife			
	Burwood Park - Area G										
12	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Area H	Weybridge	1.65	2	0	0	5	3	10		N/A
13	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park - Areas A, B and C	Weybridge	2.01	2	0	0	5	3	10		N/A
15	Bankside Drive - Area C	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.17	2	0	0	3	0	5		Do not designate
16	Bankside Drive - Areas A & B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.25	2	0	0	2	0	4		Do not designate
17	Bankside Drive - Areas D - F	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.32	2	0	0	3	0	5		Do not designate
18	Bankside Drive - Areas G & H	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.16	2	0	0	3	0	5		Do not designate
19	Belgrave Close	Hersham	0.45	3	0	0	5	2	10		Do not designate
20	Betts Way / Rectory Lane open spaces	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.12	2	0	0	2	1	5		Do not designate

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Is the area demonstrably special to the local community?					Total score	Comments	Outcome
				Beauty	Historic	Recreational Value	Tranquility	Richness in Wildlife			
21	Brampton Gardens	Hersham	0.17	3	0	0	4	1	8		Do not designate
22	Chadwick Place	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.28	4	0	0	4	1	9	Private estate which is accessible.	Do not designate
24	Church Walk open space	Weybridge	0.08	3	5	0	5	2	15		Consider designation
25	Churchfield Road, Allotments, Sports Ground & play area	Weybridge	7.57	5	5	5	4	2	21		Consider designation
26	Cigarette Island	East & West Molesey	2.03	5	5	3	2	3	18		Consider designation
27	Clare Hill Golf Club	Esher	4.92	5	5	1	4	2	17		Consider designation
29	Claygate Recreation Ground	Claygate	3.70	2	5	5	3	2	17		Consider designation
30	Cleves School	Weybridge	2.83	0	5	2	2	2	11		Do not designate
31	Cobham Recreation Ground	Cobham	3.12	2	3	5	2	2	14		Consider designation
33	Corner of Speer & Summer Road	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.10	0	0	0	2	2	4		Do not designate

Area Ref	Area name	Settlement	Area (Ha)	Is the area demonstrably special to the local community?					Total score	Comments	Outcome
				Beauty	Historic	Recreational Value	Tranquility	Richness in Wildlife			
34	Corner Summer Road / Hampton Court Way	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.72	3	0	0	1	2	6		Do not designate
35	Coronation Recreation Ground	Hersham	7.65	2	3	5	3	2	15		Consider designation
36	Cow Meadow / Common	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.98	2	0	0	5	3	10		Do not designate
37	Cricket Way open space & play area	Weybridge	0.20	4	3	5	4	2	18		Consider designation
38	Cumbrae Gardens	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.06	1	0	0	4	1	6		Do not designate
39	Denleigh Gardens 'Green'	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.16	2	0	0	1	1	4		Do not designate
40	Ditton Marina	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	2.95	2	5	0	1	0	8		Do not designate
41	East and West side of Esher Road	East Molesey / Thames Ditton	0.29	3	5	0	1	1	10		Do not designate
42	Elm Grove Recreation	Walton-on-Thames	5.52	3	5	5	4	2	19		Consider

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	Ground									designation	
43	Ember Sports Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.06	2	3	2	4	2	13	Concerns over access. Private sports club	Do not designate
44	Esher Cricket Club	Esher	2.12	4	3	1	4	2	14		Do not designate
47	Esher Road open spaces	Esher	0.88	3	5	0	1	1	10		Do not designate
48	Field off Claygate Lane	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	4.63	3	0	0	5	2	10		Do not designate
50	Fleece Road shops and surrounding green pockets - Areas A & B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.12	2	0	0	2	1	5		Do not designate
51	Fleece Road shops and surrounding green pockets - Areas C - H	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.12	0	0	0	2	0	2		Do not designate
52	Giggs Hill Gardens - Areas A & B	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.07	3	5	0	2	1	11		Do not designate
53	Giggs Hill Gardens - Areas C & D	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood	0.07	2	5	0	1	0	8		Do not designate

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		and Weston Green									
57	Green Islands in Derwent Close	Claygate	0.08	3	0	0	3	1	7	Do not designate	
58	Grovelands Recreation Ground	East & West Molesey	2.25	3	5	5	3	2	18	Consider designation	
68	Hampton Court Way verges	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.69	3	0	0	1	1	5	Do not designate	
64	Hersham Recreation Ground - Area A	Hersham	2.20	3	5	5	2	2	17	Consider designation	
65	Hersham Recreation Ground - Area B	Hersham	0.81	0	5	0	1	1	7	Do not designate	
67	Hurst Meadow and Hurst Park Open Space	East & West Molesey	27.34	5	5	5	1	3	19	Consider designation	
70	Kingston Grammar School Playing Fields / Ditton Fields	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	9.21	2	0	2	4	2	10	Do not designate	
71	Land fronting Portsmouth Road	Cobham	6.96	4	3	1	2	2	12	Do not designate	
72	Land to front of BT Telephone Exchange	Weybridge	0.05	2	5	0	2	1	10	Do not designate	

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76	Longmead Road - Area C	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.18	1	0	0	4	0	5		Do not designate
78	Mayfield Gardens	Hersham	0.38	3	0	0	1	2	6		Do not designate
79	Molesey Close	Esher	0.20	1	0	0	4	0	5		Do not designate
80	Molesey Heath	East & West Molesey	25.58	5	0	3	4	3	15		Consider designation
81	Molesey Hurst Recreation Ground	East & West Molesey	5.17	2	0	5	4	1	12		Do not designate
83	Oatlands Recreation Ground	Weybridge	4.21	4	5	5	1	2	17		Consider designation
84	Old Pauline's Sports Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.19	3	5	2	4	2	16		Consider designation
85	Oxshott Village Centre	Cobham	0.05	2	5	0	1	1	9		Do not designate
86	Oxshott Village Sports Club	Cobham	2.93	2	3	2	4	2	13	Private sports club	Do not designate
87	Pavilion Sports Ground	East & West Molesey	2.77	2	0	0	3	1	6		Do not designate
88	Queens Road – wooded area	Hersham	0.88	2	0	0	1	2	5		Do not designate
89	Reeds School Playing Fields	Cobham	7.71	1	3	2	3	2	11		Do not designate

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90	St Lawrence C of E Junior School	East & West Molesey	1.22	0	5	2	3	1	11		Do not designate
92	Riverside Space (Chomley – Ferry Road)	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.45	3	0	0	4	1	8		Do not designate
93	Rosslyn Park open space	Weybridge	0.57	4	0	2	4	1	11	Private estate which is accessible.	Do not designate
95	Rythe Court Open Space	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.37	2	0	2	4	3	11	Private estate which is accessible.	Do not designate
96	Sandy Lane	Walton-on-Thames	0.23	1	0	0	2	0	3		Do not designate
97	Southdown Road	Esher	0.39	1	0	0	4	0	5		Do not designate
98	St. Andrews School Playing Fields	Cobham	1.89	0	0	2	2	2	6		Do not designate
102	Stoke D'Abernon Recreation Ground	Cobham	2.65	3	3	5	3	2	16		Consider designation
104	Summer Road Recreation Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.10	2	0	4	4	2	12		Do not designate

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105	Surbiton Hockey Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	2.68	0	3	2	3	2	10		Do not designate
108	Thames Ditton Infant School Playground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.25	0	5	2	2	1	10		Do not designate
109	Thames Ditton Lawn Tennis Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.71	2	3	1	3	2	11		Do not designate
110	The Dell	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.92	2	0	3	4	3	12		Do not designate
111	The Roundway	Claygate	0.34	3	0	3	3	1	10		Do not designate
112	The Wilderness - Area A	East & West Molesey	0.84	3	0	2	5	3	13		Consider designation
113	The Wilderness - Area B	East & West Molesey	6.19	2	0	4	4	3	13		Consider designation
114	Torrington Lodge Car Park	Claygate	0.30	0	0	0	2	1	3		Do not designate
117	Vaux Mead	Hersham	1.10	2	5	0	1	2	10		Do not designate
118	Walton Common	Weybridge	5.58	3	0	3	2	3	11		Do not designate
119	Walton-on-Thames Cricket Club	Walton-on-Thames	7.05	4	3	1	5	3	16		Consider designation

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122	Weston Green School Playing Fields	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.14	1	0	2	4	2	9		Do not designate
123	Whittets Ait	Weybridge	1.29	5	5	3	5	2	20		Consider designation
124	Willowbank – Malden DSME & Scout Hut environs	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.05	3	3	4	4	2	16		Consider designation
125	Windmill Lane / Vallings Place	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.09	4	0	0	4	1	9		Do not designate
128	The Green	Claygate	0.55	5	5	0	1	1	12		Consider designation
129	Telegraph Lane Allotments	Claygate	1.16	5	0	1	5	2	13		Consider designation
130	Vale Road Allotments	Claygate	1.12	5	0	1	5	3	14		Consider designation
132	Leg of Mutton Field	Cobham	7.71	4	5	5	3	2	19		Consider designation
133	South of Anvil Lane	Cobham	3.86	3	0	0	3	2	8		Do not designate
134	The Furze, Oxshott	Cobham	2.36	4	0	3	4	3	14		Consider designation

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136	West Molesey Recreation Ground	East & West Molesey	1.91	2	0	4	2	2	10		Do not designate
137	Old Tiffianians Association Sports Ground and Hampton Court Road Allotments	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	14.32	5	3	2	4	2	16		Consider designation
138	Brendre Gardens	East & West Molesey	0.85	2	0	4	3	1	10		Do not designate
139	Beauchamp Road Allotments	East & West Molesey	2.94	1	0	1	4	2	8		Do not designate
140	Ray Road Allotments	East & West Molesey	1.14	1	0	1	5	2	9		Do not designate
141	Felix Road Recreation Ground	Walton-on-Thames	1.43	4	0	4	4	2	14		Consider designation
142	George Froude Park	Walton-on-Thames	1.36	3	0	4	4	2	13		Consider designation
143	Denton Grove Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.11	3	0	0	4	1	8		Do not designate
144	Severn Drive Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.37	2	3	0	2	2	9		Do not designate
145	Land to the north of Hillrise Flats	Walton-on-Thames	0.24	4	5	0	3	1	13	Private estate which is accessible.	Consider designation
146	Land to the south of Lindley Road	Walton-on-Thames	0.22	2	0	0	4	1	7		Do not designate

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147	Land to the north of Fieldcommon	Walton-on-Thames	0.34	1	0	4	1	2	8		Do not designate
148	Riverhouse Gardens	Walton-on-Thames	1.01	5	5	4	4	2	20		Consider designation
149	Land to the south of Walton Rowing Club	Walton-on-Thames	0.09	5	0	0	4	1	10		Do not designate
150	Shaw Drive Green	Walton-on-Thames	1.9	5	0	3	4	3	15		Consider designation
151	Weir Green	Walton-on-Thames	0.62	4	0	0	3	2	9		Do not designate
157	Land at Esher College	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	3.86	1	0	2	3	2	8		Do not designate
158	Abbey Walk open spaces	East & West Molesey	0.76	2	0	0	1	1	4		Do not designate
159	Long Ditton Recreation Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.22	3	0	5	3	2	13		Consider designation
160	Hinchley Wood Memorial Garden	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	0.2	4	3	0	1	1	9		Do not designate
161	Lynwood Road Recreation Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	8.09	2	0	5	3	2	12		Do not designate

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164	Imber Court Sports Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.42	2	3	2	1	2	10		Do not designate

Appendix 4 – Initial sites that meet the Local Green Space criteria

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				Beauty	Historic	Recreational Value	Tranquillity	Richness in Wildlife			
1	Albany Reach	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	2.75	2	5	4	5	3	19		Consider designation
8	Areas around the lakes in Burwood Park- Area D	Weybridge	7.02	4	5	2	5	3	19		Consider designation
24	Church Walk open space	Weybridge	0.08	3	5	0	5	2	15		Consider designation
25	Churchfield Road, Allotments, Sports Ground & play area	Weybridge	7.57	5	5	5	4	2	21		Consider designation
26	Cigarette Island	East & West Molesey	2.03	5	5	3	2	3	18		Consider designation
27	Clare Hill Golf Club	Esher	4.92	5	5	1	4	2	17		Consider designation
29	Claygate Recreation Ground	Claygate	3.70	2	5	5	3	2	17		Consider designation
31	Cobham Recreation Ground	Cobham	3.12	2	3	5	2	2	14		Consider designation
35	Coronation Recreation Ground	Hersham	7.65	2	3	5	3	2	15		Consider designation

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37	Cricket Way open space & play area	Weybridge	0.20	4	3	5	4	2	18		Consider designation
42	Elm Grove Recreation Ground	Walton-on-Thames	5.52	3	5	5	4	2	19		Consider designation
43	Ember Sports Club	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.06	2	3	2	4	2	13	Private sports club.	Consider designation
44	Esher Cricket Club	Esher	2.12	4	3	1	4	2	14		Consider designation
58	Grovelands Recreation Ground	East & West Molesey	2.25	3	5	5	3	2	18		Consider designation
64	Hersham Recreation Ground - Area A	Hersham	2.20	3	5	5	2	2	17		Consider designation
67	Hurst Meadow and Hurst Park Open Space	East & West Molesey	27.34	5	5	5	1	3	19		Consider designation
80	Molesey Heath	East & West Molesey	25.58	5	0	3	4	3	15		Consider designation
83	Oatlands Recreation Ground	Weybridge	4.21	4	5	5	1	2	17		Consider designation
84	Old Pauline's Sports Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.19	3	5	2	4	2	16		Consider designation

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86	Oxshott Village Sports Club	Cobham	2.93	2	3	2	4	2	13	Private sports club	Consider designation
102	Stoke D'Abernon Recreation Ground	Cobham	2.65	3	3	5	3	2	16		Consider designation
112	The Wilderness - Area A	East & West Molesey	0.84	3	0	2	5	3	13		Consider designation
113	The Wilderness - Area B	East & West Molesey	6.19	2	0	4	4	3	13		Consider designation
119	Walton-on-Thames Cricket Club	Walton-on-Thames	7.05	4	3	1	5	3	16		Consider designation
123	Whittets Ait	Weybridge	1.29	5	5	3	5	2	20		Consider designation
124	Willowbank – Malden DSME & Scout Hut environs	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	1.05	3	3	4	4	2	16		Consider designation
128	The Green	Claygate	0.55	5	5	0	1	1	12		Consider designation
129	Telegraph Lane Allotments	Claygate	1.16	5	0	1	5	2	13		Consider designation
130	Vale Road Allotments	Claygate	1.12	5	0	1	5	3	14		Consider designation
132	Leg of Mutton Field	Cobham	7.71	4	5	5	3	2	19		Consider

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											designation
134	The Furze, Oxshott	Cobham	2.36	4	0	3	4	3	14		Consider designation
137	Old Tiffianians Association Sports Ground and Hampton Court Road Allotments	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	14.32	5	3	2	4	2	16		Consider designation
141	Felix Road Recreation Ground	Walton-on-Thames	1.43	4	0	4	4	2	14		Consider designation
142	George Froude Park	Walton-on-Thames	1.36	3	0	4	4	2	13		Consider designation
145	Land to the north of Hillrise Flats	Walton-on-Thames	0.24	4	5	0	3	1	13	Accessible private estate.	Consider designation
148	Riverhouse Gardens	Walton-on-Thames	1.01	5	5	4	4	2	20		Consider designation
150	Shaw Drive Green	Walton-on-Thames	1.9	5	0	3	4	3	15		Consider designation
159	Long Ditton Recreation Ground	Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood and Weston Green	6.22	3	0	5	3	2	13		Consider designation