



	Site 8: Green Lane Cemetery	Site 9: Green Lane Allotments	Site 10: Watermeadows	Site 11: Old Woodstock Play Area	Site 12: Community Orchard and Community Woodland	Site 13: Hesington Road Cemetery
<b>Grid reference</b>	SP 44781 17395	SP 44884 17583	SP 44457 17033	SP 44185 17507	SP 43590 18501	SP 44857 16891
<b>Description and purpose</b>	0.6 Ha cemetery that is still in use. An additional piece of land to the east has been gifted to the cemetery to increase its size. A planning application has been submitted by Blenheim Estate for the adjacent land to the East/South East.	0.4Ha site running alongside Green Lane to the north of Woodstock that contains allotments for growing fresh produce. Owned by Blenheim Estate.	Covering 5.5 hectares of land on the flood plain of the River Glyme the water meadows is an area rich in biodiversity. The site is owned by WTC and is in the Woodstock Conservation Area.	0.22Ha play area located at the end of Rosamund Drive north of Old Woodstock. The site contains a swing set, slide and additional open space. Owned by Blenheim Estate the site is currently the subject of a planning application that extends northwards. It is proposed that the children's play area may be retained or relocated within the development.	0.72Ha strip of land that runs adjacent to the A44 north of Old Woodstock. Owned by Blenheim but on a long lease to WTC. The site is managed by the community group "Sustainable Woodstock" as a community orchard, growing more than 80 fruit trees since 2017.	0.9 Ha site off of Hesington Road which contains Woodstock Cemetery.
<b>Policy designations (see policy key for details)</b>	EH9/EH16	E5, EH2, EH4, EH5	EH2, EH3, EH4, EH5, EH9, EH10 (Priority Habitats: Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh, Lowland Fens, Deciduous Woodland)	EH4/EH5/E5	EH4/EH5/E5	EH9/EH16
<b>Quality and condition (Good/Mixed/Poor)</b>	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
<b>Value and benefit to community</b>	The site has historic significance to Woodstock and its residents. In good condition and beautifully landscaped the site is frequently visited by local residents.	Important recreational space used by members of the local community to grow vegetables and flowers. Just outside the town, the site provides an opportunity to get out to a more rural setting. The allotments are well maintained and, as the only allotments in the town, very popular. There is a long waiting list	The water meadows were granted to the town in a charter of King Henry VI dated 24 May 1453 and are a unique feature in the heart of the town, providing a valuable habitat for birds, small mammals, and plants from small aquatic species to mature trees. The water meadows are easily accessible to the public as an area of quiet tranquillity and are a popular place for walkers.	Important recreational space for young children in a semi-rural setting where they can play and spend time outdoors. Such spaces are important for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.	Important social and recreational space, the site facilitates sustainable living by encouraging residents to come together to grow and sell local produce.	The site has historic significance to Woodstock and its residents. In good condition and beautifully landscaped the site is frequently visited by local residents.
<b>The green space does not already have planning permission for development</b>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
<b>The green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
<b>The green space is considered demonstrably special to a local community and holds particular local significance because of its... (beauty/historic significance/recreational value/tranquility/wildlife/other)</b>	Historic Significance/Tranquility	Recreational Value/Tranquility	Wildlife/Tranquility/Recreational Value	Recreational Value	Recreational Value, Tranquility	Historic Significance/Tranquility
<b>Does this site meet the criteria</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Although part of a wider allocation, Local Plan policy states that the play area should be replaced or enhanced.	Although not immediately adjacent to the main built-up area it is connected via footpaths and is well-used and managed by the local community.	Yes

<b>Relevant Local Plan Policies</b>	
<b>POLICY E5</b>	The Council will support the development and retention of local services and community facilities to meet local needs and to promote social wellbeing, interests, interaction and healthy inclusive communities.
<b>POLICY EH2</b>	The quality, character and distinctiveness of West Oxfordshire's natural environment, including its landscape, cultural and historic value, tranquillity, geology, countryside, soil and biodiversity, will be conserved and enhanced. New development should conserve and, where possible, enhance the intrinsic character, quality and distinctive natural and man-made features of the local landscape, including individual or groups of features and their settings, such as stone walls, trees, hedges, woodlands, rivers, streams and ponds.
<b>POLICY EH3</b>	The biodiversity of West Oxfordshire shall be protected and enhanced to achieve an overall net gain in biodiversity and minimise impacts on geodiversity, including by protecting and mitigating for impacts on priority habitats, protected species and priority species, both for their importance individually and as part of a wider network.
<b>POLICY EH4</b>	The existing areas of public space and green infrastructure of West Oxfordshire will be protected and enhanced for their multi-functional role, including their biodiversity, recreational, accessibility, health and landscape value and for the contribution they make towards combating climate change.
<b>POLICY EH5</b>	New development should not result in the loss of open space, sports and recreational buildings and land unless up to date assessment shows the asset is surplus to requirements or the need for and benefits of the alternative land use clearly outweigh the loss and equivalent replacement provision is made
<b>POLICY EH8</b>	Proposals which are likely to cause pollution or result in exposure to sources of pollution or risk to safety, will only be permitted if measures can be implemented to minimise pollution and risk to a level that provides a high standard of protection for health, environmental quality and amenity.
<b>POLICY EH9</b>	All development proposals should conserve and/or enhance the special character, appearance and distinctiveness of West Oxfordshire's historic environment, including the significance of the District's heritage assets, in a manner appropriate to their historic character and significance and in a viable use that is consistent with their conservation, in accordance with national legislation, policy and guidance for the historic environment.
<b>POLICY EH10</b>	Proposals for development in a Conservation Area or affecting the setting of a Conservation Area will be permitted where it can be shown to conserve or enhance the special interest, character, appearance and setting.
<b>POLICY EH16</b>	When considering proposals that would affect, directly or indirectly, non-listed buildings, nonscheduled, non-nationally important archaeological remains or non-Registered Historic Parks and Gardens, as such assets are also irreplaceable, the presumption will be in favour of the avoidance of harm or loss.