

## Appendix 6: Environmental inventory scoring system

Criterion (NPPF 2018)	Score range	Notes
<b>LOCAL IN CHARACTER</b> , not an extensive tract of land	N Y	<b>Yes</b> is essential for LGS designation. The site should be a single bounded parcel of land, or a small, coherent group (evidence-based, with shared characteristics and in single ownership).
<b>PROXIMITY</b>	0 1-4 5	<b>5</b> = an open space <u>within</u> a settlement <b>4</b> = adjacent to the settlement boundary (Limit to Development line when defined) <b>3, 2, 1</b> = successively farther from settlement <b>0</b> = most distant from main settlement(s)
<b>SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY</b>		
BEAUTY	0 1-2 3	Subjective, relative (give justification); use consultation 'dot' map results for views. Only the most attractive land in the Plan Area should qualify (most should get <b>0</b> )
TRANQUILLITY	0 1 2	Tranquillity should be judged as a real experience and only applied to sites that have public access; just being 'a long way from anywhere' doesn't make a site tranquil. Most sites should get <b>0</b> . <b>2</b> will probably be limited to e.g. churchyards, well-designed memorial gardens, managed semi-natural habitats where birdsong is louder than traffic noise.
RECREATIONAL VALUE	0 1-4 5	<b>5, 4</b> = Public Open Spaces designed for sport and recreation or as facilities for children and young people <b>3</b> = Membership sport facilities (tennis, bowls, etc.). Very well used park or other recreational space with full or comprehensive public access. Managed wildlife site with public access. Semi-natural parkland (trees, grass) with public footpaths and no restriction on access. <b>2</b> = Paddock or grazing field with 1 or more public footpath, e.g. well-used for dog-walking, traditional sledging field <b>1</b> = arable farmland with public footpath but no other access. <b>0</b> = private property with no public recreational value or access
<b>LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE</b>		
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	0 1-4 5	Historical significance can only apply to sites and features that can be seen (to be appreciated) or are proven buried archaeological features. <b>5</b> = statutory site, includes or comprises Scheduled monument, Listed Building, feature or structure. National Trust or English Heritage site

				<p><b>4</b> = site with features in the County <i>Historic Environment Record</i>, Historic England <i>PastScape</i> records. <i>Registered park or garden</i>. Well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i>.</p> <p><b>3, 2</b> = site includes feature, earthworks or building with known local historic environment significance – history includes 20<sup>th</sup> century. Fainter <i>ridge and furrow</i></p> <p><b>1</b> = site of local oral or recorded history importance, no actual structure</p> <p><b>0</b> = No evidence for historical environment significance</p>
RICHNESS OF WILDLIFE	0	1-4	5	<p>Protection of habitats and species, in compliance with EU Directives and English legislation, at the local level of individual land parcels.</p> <p><b>5</b> = Statutory site, includes or comprises SSSI (biodiversity or geology) or other national or European designation.</p> <p><b>4</b> = County Wildlife Trust, etc. <i>nature reserve, Country Park</i> with importance for biodiversity, etc.</p> <p><b>3</b> – site with National, county and local biodiversity features, e.g. <i>Priority Habitats</i>, occurrence of one or more <i>Species of Conservation Concern</i> (use national or county Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Species lists), mapped Gt Crested newt ponds, bat roosts and foraging areas. County or local site designations e.g. <i>Local Wildlife Site (LWS)</i>, <i>Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)</i>, <i>Local Nature Reserve, Community WildSpace</i>, etc.</p> <p><b>2</b> = other site of known local biodiversity importance not recorded elsewhere with e.g. BAP species, species-rich hedgerows, watercourse, pond</p> <p><b>1</b> = (parish background level), moderate or potential wildlife value</p> <p><b>0</b> = no evidence for natural environment significance</p>
<b>[Max. possible score]</b>			<b>25</b>	