

## SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

	Weight	Selection	Protection	Notes
<b>Local Green Space (LGS)</b>	Statutory	NPPF criteria, applied locally. Designation is a 'matter for local discretion'.  Highest environmental importance in the Plan Area, scoring e.g. 75%+ overall.	Full protection of the site and its features 'other than in exceptional circumstances'	No other obligations or burdens on landowner.  No new public rights (e.g. access) are conferred
<b>Other site of environmental significance (natural and historical)</b>	Non-statutory, but in compliance with English and EU regulations / directives	NPPF paras 174, 197, etc.  National, county and district designations (existing) for biodiversity and /or history  Sites not eligible for LGS designation but with demonstrable high environmental significance in the Plan Area, scoring 3+ for either history or wildlife	The sites, significant historical features, habitats and species should be taken into account if development or change of use is planned;  presumption against harm or destruction	No new public rights (e.g. access) are conferred
<b>Important Open Space</b>  <b>Includes</b> 'Open Space, Sport & Recreation' sites, OSSR  <b>And ...</b>	Non-statutory	NPPF and Local Authority criteria and guidance  'all open space of public value' in 9 categories  Sites not eligible for LGS designation but with demonstrable high community value in the Plan Area. (Some LGS may also be OSSR). Score 75%+ in community value criteria (columns 2, 3.1 – 3.3)	Presumption against redevelopment or loss of value.  If redevelopment, developer must provide equivalent replacement site and facilities  May also be protected by public ownership or covenant	Includes all sites identified by HDC as OSSR, and additional sites identified in the Plan's environmental inventory  No other obligations or burdens on landowner  No new public rights (e.g. access) are conferred
<b>Statutory Listed Building and Scheduled Monument</b>	Statutory	English legislation  National significance  Age, rarity, aesthetic merit, best of type	No development on <u>Scheduled Monuments</u>  Demolition, extension, alteration of <u>Listed Buildings</u> require 'special permission' from Local Authority.  The 'setting' of the feature will also be considered if affected by development nearby	Already protected – no Policy needed in the Plan

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<b>'Local List'</b>	Non-statutory	NPPF paragraph 197.  Identified in the environmental inventory and through community consultation	Notification as <i>non-designated heritage assets</i> . Advisory on owners, community and HDC	Less proscriptive than statutory Listing.  No other obligations or burdens on landowner if the building is in a Conservation Area. Otherwise both the structure and its 'setting' will be taken into account in Planning Applications
<b>Wildlife corridor</b>	Non-statutory	NPPF paragraph 174, etc., and conservation good practice.  Broadly linear features identified in the environmental inventory for their biodiversity value and for providing connectivity between habitats and species in the Plan Area	Should be taken into account if development or change of use is planned; presumption against harm or destruction	No other obligations or burdens on landowner  No new public rights (e.g. access) are conferred
<b>Ridge and furrow</b>	Non-statutory	NPPF paragraph 197.  Historic England encourages LPAs and Neighbourhood Plans to treat sites with ridge and furrow as non-designated heritage assets	Notification as <i>non-designated heritage assets</i> . Advisory on landowners, farmers, community and HDC	No other obligations or burdens on landowner, although sites receiving DEFRA subsidy as ridge and furrow will be protected for the lifetime of the agreement.  No new public rights (e.g. access) are conferred
<b>View</b>	Non-statutory	Identified in inventory, through community consultation and fieldwork	Recognition, and notification to HDC to identify zones in which careful consideration should be given to regulations (e.g. permitted development in open countryside)	