


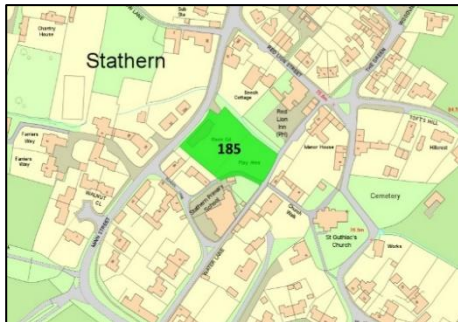






## APPENDIX 7: LOCAL GREEN SPACES EVIDENCE BASE

REF	DESCRIPTION / EVIDENCE	NPPF (2019) LOCAL GREEN SPACE CRITERIA							
		LOCAL BOUNDED, NOT EXTENSIVE YES/NO	SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY (Max 10)				LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (Max 10)		TOTAL /25
			PROXIMITY 0 - 5	BEAUTY 0 - 3	TRANQUIL 0 - 2	REC. VALUE 0 - 5	HISTORY 0 - 5	WILDLIFE 0 - 5	
189	<b>St Guthlac's churchyard</b>  Churchyard on mounded site, ironstone retaining walls. Melton Borough Council designated Local Green Space, confirmed by this Plan.  Over 20 old, large trees (cedars, yew trees etc) surrounding the church. Footpath (G26a) runs through the churchyard. Headstones including 18 <sup>th</sup> century engraved Swithland Slate, some have been moved into rows and large grassed area in front of the church is used for community events including the annual horticultural show. Setting of listed building - HER no. MLE12687. Various finds in the vicinity of the Church (MLE6224, MLE16547, MLE16548 and MLE16550).  At least 4 BAP species birds, bats (2 species).	Y	5	3	2	2	5	3	20
	 								
185	<b>Recreation Ground and Play Area, Water Lane / Main Street known as the Playpark</b>  MBC designated Local Green Space.  Adjacent to and used by Stathern primary school.  Setting for several listed buildings. Bordered on the northern edge by ancient hedgerow. Bordered on the western edge by a stream making this area an important wildlife habitat. Historically, this land was glebe land. In Whites Directory 1886, it was mentioned that 'poor people rented garden allotments'. In 1995, a lease was granted to the Parish Council and a planning application was lodged for change of use to a playpark. Over centuries, it has been used by the residents and this has continued. Even in modern history, (the past 20 years) this has been the venue for the annual village 'Party in the Park'.	Y	5	2	1	5	3	2	18
	 								

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182	<b>Penn Lane allotments</b>  Parish Council allotments. Melton Borough Council designated Local Green Space. A large area in the centre of the village that has been used for more than 100 years as allotments. All 36 allotment plots are let to 24 holders and there is currently a waiting list. The plot is bordered on the north and eastern boundaries by ancient hedgerows. The west and south boundaries are bordered by cottages. The 36 plots include some which are the gardens to those cottages. Acting as a wildlife sanctuary, the allotments are a much-loved resource offering peace and tranquillity in the centre of the village. When working in the allotment, more often than not, the sound of birdsong or indeed a rather noisy cockerel is louder than the sound of occasional passing traffic. Historically, the allotments were purchased from the Duke of Rutland on 21 <sup>st</sup> July 1921, although there are records of allotment holders dating back to 1908 at the Leicester Records Office.	Y	5	2	2	5	2	2	18
									
186	<b>Church Lane cemetery</b>  Closed cemetery. Parish Council owned. Ancient hedgerows to the eastern and western boundary although some of the western boundary hedgerow was removed recently by the owner of the paddock whilst creating access to his land. The site has reverted to a species-rich wildlife habitat and left, by and large, to naturalise and is enhanced by the adjoining <i>gote</i> (an Anglo-Saxon watercourse). There are historical gravestones throughout the cemetery, and all are dated to the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> century.	Y	5	3	2	2	3	3	18
									

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187	<b>Toft's Hill cemetery</b>  Parish Council owned. Cemetery containing Commonwealth War Graves. This is an active cemetery, but people who are not visiting the graves often stop by on their walk along the adjoining Toft's Hill to make use of the two benches installed to give people a picturesque view of the village and the Vale of Belvoir. There are beautiful views looking east towards the escarpment. Grass snakes and woodpeckers seen on site. A tranquil spot. Site bordered by old hedgerows growing through the metal railings in some spots.	Y	4	3	2	2	4	3	18
	