

ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS



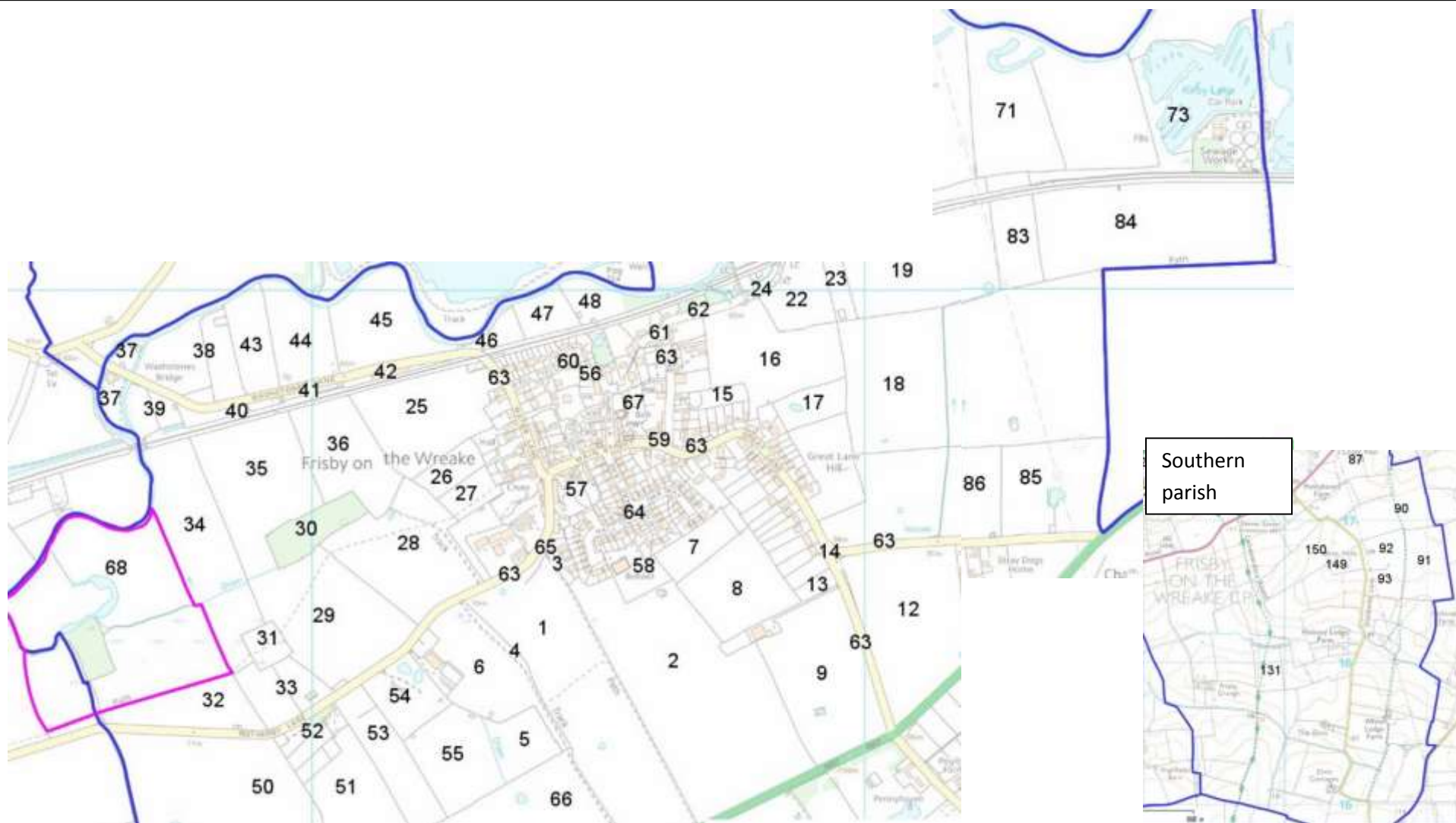
Environment chapters

Scoring system for sites of environmental significance

All scores should be supported by data or evidence, or reasoned justification.

Criterion (NPPF 2012)	Score range	Notes
ACCESSIBILITY	0 - 4	e.g. private, no access (0) – could be made accessible – accessed via <u>PRoW</u> – fully open to the public (4)
PROXIMITY / LOCAL	0 - 4	Distant (0) – fairly near to – adjoins (3) or is within (4) settlement
BOUNDED	0 - 4	Individual parcel (not an undefined area or extensive tract of land)
SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY	0 - 4	Opinion of local people via questionnaire or at consultation event. Demonstrable custom and practice
RECREATIONAL / EDUCATIONAL USE	0 - 4	Actual or potential, everything from kick-about, dog-walking to Forest School use and Public Open Space
BEAUTY (including views)	0 - 2	Subjective, relative (give justification); use consultation map results
TRANQUILITY	0 - 2	Subjective, relative (give justification)
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	0 - 4	Extant, visible evidence. Number of periods/features/records etc. / Relevant existing designations (Historic Environment Records); R&F, industrial and social history
WILDLIFE SIGNIFICANCE, GEOLOGY	0 - 4	Richness of species and habitats (Priority (BAP) spp. / Priority habitats) / relevant existing designations (Habitat Survey, Local Wildlife Sites / site of geological significance)
[Maximum possible score]	32	Local Green Space designation can be considered for sites scoring 75% of the maximum possible total (i.e. 24 out of 32), but this proportion should be adapted to local circumstances; remember, "the Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space" (NPPF 2012, para. 77 – see below).

77. The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:
- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and
 - where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.



The approximately 195 open, undeveloped parcels of land in the Plan Area were inventoried and evaluated against nine NPPF LGS criteria between September 2016 and November 2016. A Phase 1 Survey of the parish was undertaken by Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre during Sept – Oct 2015 and Aug - Sept 2016, and the data contained within the Final Report (2017) has been included in this Inventory.

This table lists and scores the best sites so identified, for their environmental (natural and historical) significance and community value. Five eligible sites scoring 24/32 (75%) or more are proposed as Local Green Spaces (LGS). The remainder are noted, for consideration as appropriate in other Policies and Community Actions in this Plan and/or in the Planning system (see the Policies and Community Actions in the Environment section of the Plan).

Site #	DESCRIPTION / EVIDENCE	NPPF 2012 Local Green Space (LGS) Criteria (score ranges as shown)									Total score/32
		Access 0-4	Proxim. 0-4	Bounded 0-4	Special 0-4	Rec/Edu 0-4	Beauty (inc.views) 0-2	Tranq. 0-2	History 0-4	Wildlife etc. 0-4	
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067	The churchyard of Grade I listed St Thomas of Canterbury is relatively central and easily accessible, via a footpath that passes through in an east-west direction. It is a large open space that is important in providing the setting to the grade I listed Church of St Thomas of Canterbury. The churchyard is a valuable community and heritage asset that contributes to a green walking route through the village to the wider landscape. It would benefit from further management to improve the biodiversity value.	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	4	3	29 [n/a]
068	Frisby Marsh SSSI. Notified in 1981, the site comprises a complex of wetland habitats, grassland and woodland. Total area of the SSSI is 10.16ha, with 8.75ha falling within Frisby on the Wreake parish, the remainder lies in the adjacent parish of Hoby with Rotherby. This site contains some of the best remaining marsh in Leicestershire and comprises a complex of wetland habitats including grassland and woodland. The spring-fed marshes support populations of the county-scarce marsh valerian (<i>Valeriana dioica</i>) and marsh arrow-grass (<i>Triglochin palustre</i>). There are also areas of reed swamp and a relict ox-bow lake derived from the River Wreake. (Historic Records with 'The Wailes' meadow 032.)	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	2	4	25 [n/a]
016	The Horse Meadow. Large field, horse-grazed grassland. Favoured footpath to Asfordby and Kirby Bellars. AA route 'Villages of the Wreake' and LCC 'Parish Walks'. More informal access and used for sledging in snow (disputed by current landowner who	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	27

	recently inherited the land). Dot map heavily populated for this plot, during village consultation to indicate special places and views. Lovely views to Kirby Bellars church spire. Mill Lane gardens to west, Mill Lane to north. Hedges and a number of mature trees to four sides, mostly ash, some hollow, deadwood in canopy and girth 3m. Phase 1 survey suggests pLWS. Rising ground, view from top to north treasured by public, view from bottom to southwest edge of village treasured by community. Deep ridge and furrow, other archaeology in HER. Part of designated Shine DLE8012. Location of medieval village earthworks MLE3740 in HER. Other HER Findspots in adjacent Mill Lane gardens support the ancient relevance of this area to the historic origins of the village. Awaiting further habitat survey by LCC Ecology. Thrush and yellowhammer present, April, 2017.										
001	Dawson's Field , bounded by A607 to south, Rotherby Lane to north, with Leicestershire Round footpath and allows the only safe access to the Scheduled Monument Stump Cross on verge of A607, views valued by the community across village towards school and Wreake Valley. Dot map heavily populated for this plot, during village consultation to indicate special places and views. Important rural and tranquil context to edge of village. Potential for further archaeological finds near Stump Cross and roman site, such as MLE 21395, MLE 21396 and MLE 21397. Species rich hedges with trees to all sides. Old ridge + furrow grassland, species-rich meadow, possible ponds. Herbs and fungi in sward. Includes several pLWS willow and ash trees. Fantastic ash, pLWS, massive girth, beautiful, hollow at base and holes in branches. Potential for educational nature walks. Listed as a Site of Ecological Importance in the outgoing LP. Broad girth ash stumps, recently felled, suggests TPO's on remaining pLWS trees could be required.	2	3	4	4	2	2	2	3	4	26

	LCC Phase 1 survey identifies at least five pLWS, including hedgerow trees and the grassland itself. At least northern two-thirds of the field Proposed LGS.										
032	The Wailes. Area of grassland adjacent to, and part-within Frisby Marsh SSSI and woodland. Hedges surrounding, and dividing, differing sections. Rotherby Lane to south. Leicestershire Round footpath, much-used and valued, proximal to SSSI so shares some ecology and good for nature watching. Ridge and furrow. Archaeology – find spot roman and iron age (MLE6828); ditches, pits, enclosures - iron age settlement continuing to roman times (MLE7985). Not particularly local in character for LGS.	2	1	3	4	4	2	2	3	4	25
056	Butt End or ' The Butts '. Parish green on walkway between Church Lane and Wellfield Lane. Small community orchard planted in 2010. Ivy-clad walls, mature trees, birds, hedgehogs. Children collect conkers and climb the horse chestnut tree.	4	4	4	4	3	1	2	1	2	25
057	Allotments behind The Bell pub	4	4	4	4	4	1	2	0	1	24
027	Jouni's Paddock. Leicestershire Round footpath, county-level and locally favoured route. Water Lane gardens to east, wooden fences and hedges to all sides. Ridge and furrow. Frequent herbs. Moles present. View to open countryside. View to village edge. Important to retain rural nature of footpath.	2	3	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	24

062	<p>Mill Lane Verges and hedges, giving much character to a beautiful and tranquil lane. Conservation Area. Much used as footpath, for access to several countryside walks. Flood zone 3. Not bounded.</p>	4	4	1	4	3	2	2	2	2	24
028	<p>Large field. Grass land, cattle-grazed. Thick hedges all around. Rotherby Lane to south. Adjoins woodland 030 on part of northern boundary. Children catch leaves falling from trees here in autumn. Leicestershire Round footpath, valued by community goes beside woodland and is good for wildlife spotting. Space used for throwing Frisbees along footpath. Important to keep footpath rural. Deep ridge and furrow. Views back towards Frisby. Views across other fields and woodland with egrets, buzzard and smaller birds. View to railway (Flying Scotsman and other steam trains use the line). Veteran ash tree in corner with 025 (FRIS02 SHLAA site). pLWS. Frequent herbs. Water-filled, brick-lined trench surrounded by bushes and trees – acting as pond. Species-rich hedgerow. Awaiting further biodiversity survey.</p>	2	2	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	23
017	<p>Christine's Field, horse-grazed grass, frequent herbs, back gardens of Great Lane to west, and a natural village edge, integrating countryside with existing and new development on FRIS 1. (Indicative layout from Richborough Estates refers to view to St Peter's Church and will have a green edge and footpath at boundary with Christine's Field.) Land to be sold - potential for footpath extension to join rural network if future landowner is sympathetic. Informal dog walking/nature watching (disputed by current landowner who recently inherited the land). Hill - ground still rising from 016 and 018. Dot map heavily populated for this plot, during village consultation to indicate special places and views. Adjoins 016 with</p>	1	3	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	22

	empty gateway in hedge and shares many features such as hedges, trees and archaeology. Ridge and furrow (Shine LE8012). (Fantastic ash, pLWS, massive girth, beautiful, hollow at base and holes in branches – in shared hedgerow with the Horse Meadow). Pond – fenced off + surrounded by young willows and other trees - goldfish? Heron visits the pond. Rabbits. Tawny owls and bats reported by residents on Great Lane.										
029	Large field. Grass land, sheep-grazed. Thick hedges all around. Rotherby Lane to south. Adjoins woodland 030 on part of northern boundary. Community-planted group of trees to mark Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Leicestershire Round footpath, valued by community. Deep ridge and furrow and other earthworks. Views back towards Frisby. Views across other fields and woodland with egrets, buzzard and smaller birds. Frequent herbs. Species-rich hedgerow. Small wet area in west of field shares some species with SSSI. Drain under hedgerow pLWS.	2	2	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	22
044	Cricket field. Rotherby & Hoby Cricket Club use only. Washstones Lane to south, river Wreake to north. Osiers/young willows to river bank. Many ash, all ages in species-rich hedges. Several sp. Fungus extensive near pavilion. Moles! Planted trees (cherry, field maple, silver birch).	3	2	4	4	4	1	2	0	2	22
058	Grounds of Frisby Primary School	3	4	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	21
004	Gated road/track between A607 and Rotherby Lace. Footpath. Old, species-rich hedges with mature trees and berry fruits. Verge with wild flower species rich in pollinating insects and seed heads for birds. Views across river valley to north.	4	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	20

018	Large field, horse-grazed grassland. Frequent herbs in grass. Tall hedges with ash, field maple and other trees surround. Footpath, much-used. AA route 'Villages of the Wreake' and LCC 'Parish Walks'. Lovely views to Kirby Bellars church spire. Deep ridge + furrow – part of SHINE LE8012. Awaiting further habitat survey by LCC Ecology. Celandine display in grass, April 2017.	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	20
020	Long, narrow field, grass. Sheep-grazed. Patchy, grown-out hedges all round. Railway track to south. Two pedestrian rail crossings (one also vehicular for access to fields between river and railway), associated with footpaths. Two much-used footpaths and informal dog-walking. Mature ash trees, including one with split trunk and hollow trunk. Signs of woodpeckers here. pLWS. View to Frisby top, lovely, photogenic field treasured by community. Ridge + furrow remnants (extending across railway from 019). Low ground, often wet in winter, some electricity pylons.	3	2	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	20
052	Burial Ground.	4	2	4	4	0	2	2	0	2	20
131	Meadow near Hickory Lodge Farm. Old ridge and furrow grassland, gently sloping, viewed from footpath only. Sheep grazed. Nice fine sward with <i>Cynosurus cristatus</i> , <i>Agrostis capillaris</i> , <i>Festuca rubra</i> , <i>Trisetum flavescens</i> , <i>Phleum bertolonii</i> , <i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> , <i>Hordeum secalinum</i> . Herbs recorded: <i>Trifolium repens</i> , <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> , <i>Galium verum</i> , <i>Trifolium pratense</i> , <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg., <i>Cerastium fontanum</i> , <i>Achillea millefolium</i> , <i>Rumex acetosa</i> . Also <i>Luzula campestris</i> , <i>Carex</i> sp. Locally frequent bryophytes and fungi. Interest a bit patchy, most diverse at northern end. Stream to north boundary. Much-used, District-level	2	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	20

	Leicestershire Round footpath.										
007	Field, grassland, hedges to all sides, school playing field to western boundary. Gardens of Ash Way and Oak Way to north, Great Lane to east. Ridge and furrow (remnants?), ditch to east side. Treasured by residents adjoining, wildlife – grass snakes, owls, bats. Proximity to school.	1	3	4	2	1	1	2	2	3	19
030	Broad-leaved Woodland. Priority habitat. Footpath runs past in adjacent field. Awaiting further biodiversity survey. pLWS	1	2	4	3	1	2	2	0	4	19
025	Large field. Sheep-grazed grass. Bounded by railway to north, Water Lane and Water Lane gardens to east. Pumping station? in northeast corner beside level crossing. Electric/telecom cables. Hedges and trees to two sides. View to Hoby spire from Water Lane and much of Wellfield Lane. Uninterrupted view of the skyline and sunsets – only one in this part of village. Ridge and furrow. Archaeology MLE3728 – possibly medieval earthwork. Informally used to view e.g. Flying Scotsman go through village. Forms natural rural edge of village on Water Lane. Used as car park for village occasion once. MBC describe it as ‘essential washland’. Floodplain and major import for surface water dispersal. High water table. Suitable for Habitat enhancement for floodplains with sympathetic owner? Pair of egrets resting, hedgehogs (BAP species), foraging bats, rabbits, buzzards. Minimum distance of field to otter sighting 50m, though separated by level crossing and Water Lane.	1	3	4	4	1	1	0	2	2	18

064	Hall Orchard green Trees and green that add great character to this housing estate.	4	4	1	4	1	2	1	0	1	18
073	Kirby Lake. Reclaimed gravel pit, now Fishing lake comprising large expanse of open water, with mats of floating vegetation and stands of marginal species. Adjoining habitats include rough grassland, tall ruderals and woodland/plantation, with the River Wreake in close proximity to the N. Many waterfowl. pLWS or cLWS	1	2	4	2	2	1	2	1	3 cLWS	18
019	Field, grassland. Railway track to north. Hedges three sides, few trees. Small group trees in south-east corner. Footpath, much-used, pedestrian rail crossing to field 011. View to both Asfordby and Frisby church spires and Kirby, view to Frisby edge. Deep ridge + furrow – part of SHINE LE8012. Electricity pylons at far edge.	2	2	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	17
031	Small area of mixed terrain and old brickwork/pits/cellars? Marshy grassland and wet woodland. Priority habitat? pLWS Species-rich hedgerow. Leicestershire Round footpath. Recumbent willow. pLWS	2	2	4	2	1	1	2	0	3	17

011	Small area of mature broad-leaved trees and hedge to the edge of field Gaddesby Lane/Great Lane junction. Oak, ash, field maple and willow. Tree 57 pLWS just other side of hedge. Possible pond? Part of view on entry to village on Gaddesby Lane. Contributes to view and rural and tranquil character on entry to village.	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	0	3	17
013	Small field, sheep-grazed grass, hedges with trees to three sides, farm track to south, Great Land to east. Ridge and furrow extending from field 009.	1	4	4	1	0	2	2	1	2	17
003	Access to field 002 onto Rotherby Lane by short track containing mature standard trees which are pLWS and viewable from wide verge on Rotherby Lane and field 001 therefore wildlife and nature interest. Contributes to tranquil setting at edge of village.	1	4	4	1	0	2	1	0	3	16
008	Field, grass land, hedges to three sides, with gardens of Great Lane to east, farm track and Mr Cook's farm buildings to south. Ridge and furrow with SHINE designation (LE8011). Fenced off rectangular feature - HER site of 18/19 th C farm building	0	3	4	2	0	1	2	2	2	16
015	Small field, Mill Lane and Great Lane gardens to two sides. Hedges to four sides. Highly-used footpath, part of circular walk through fields and to Asfordby/Kirby Bellars. Ridge and furrow. 3 bird sp. seen in 2 minutes.	2	4	4	0	2	0	2	1	1	16
022	Grassland. Hedges three sides, young and mature trees of several species. Railway track to north plus access track to village allotments 023 and Mill Lane extension track to west. Shares pLWS with 016. Ridge and furrow, part of SHINE LE8012.	0	2	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	16

023	Village allotments – private arrangement	2	2	4	2	3	0	2	0	1	16
049	Paddock with narrow 'green lane' section accessing Rotherby Lane. Species-rich hedges and trees to all sides. Gardens of 'The Laurels' and Rotherby Lane to western edge. Farmyard to south. Viewed from Leicestershire Round footpath in adjacent field. Green lane access viewed from Rotherby Lane. Superb thick hedges. Mature maple? Tree in hedge. Mature trees in west end.	1	3	4	2	0	2	2	0	2	16
090, 091, 092, part 149, part 150	Bran Hills. Historic site. Series of fields, so not bounded as single site. Footpath. Gaddesby Lane on border. Possible pond. MLE8840 Iron Age/Roman site south of Kirby Bellars; MLE 8842 Anglo-Saxon site south of Kirby Bellars MLE 18731 Bronze Age site south-west of Kirby Bellars MLE 18732 Bronze Age metalworking site, Bran Hills.	2	2	0	2	1	2	2	4	2	16
149	Grassland. Gaddesby Lane to one side. Hedges on four sides. Site of Ecological Importance in outgoing Local Plan. LCC Phase 1 survey – no access, viewed from road, LWS if unchanged. Part of field within Bran Hills historic site.	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	2	3	16
009	Field, grass land, hedges to three sides, with Gaddesby Lane to east, A607 to south, farm track and Mr Cook's farm buildings to north. Mature ash trees in hedges, bracket fungus. Possible pond surrounded by small trees, awaiting survey by LCC. Ridge and furrow with SHINE designation (LE8011). Contributes to view and rural and tranquil character on entry to village.	1	3	4	2	0	1	0	2	2	15
071	Grassland, hedges to three sides, river to northern boundary. Footpath to Asfordby. Oxbow lake pLWS or cLWS	0	2	4	2	1	1	2	0	3	15

014	Mature ash tree on verge at Great Lane/Gaddesby Lane junction. Ivy-clad, some deadwood, girth 3m. pLWS in Phase 1 survey.	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	15
037	River Wreake channels on both sides of scrap yard/caravan storage site. Both side channel and main channel identified as pLWS. Parish-level sites. Side channel has MLE22484 (derelict lock). Viewable from Washstones Lane from bridge. Many species inc dragonflies, moorhens, coots. Regular passers-by on foot/bike/horse.	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	15
009	Field, grass land, hedges to three sides, with Gaddesby Lane to east, A607 to south, farm track and Mr Cook's farm buildings to north. Mature ash trees in hedges, bracket fungus. Possible pond surrounded by small trees, awaiting survey by LCC. Ridge and furrow with SHINE designation (LE8011). Contributes to view and rural and tranquil character on entry to village.	1	3	4	2	0	1	0	2	2	15
047	Small field, grass. Bounded by river Wreake on north and railway line, village to the south. Low-lying and often flooded in wet weather. Access via tunnel under rail line, subject to flood. Shares wildlife with nature reserve. View across Frisby Lakes nature reserve. Viewed from Frisby Lakes to conservation area edge of village.	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	0	3	15
048	Small field, grass. Bounded by river Wreake on north and railway line and village to the south. Low-lying and often flooded in wet weather. Access via tunnel under rail line, subject to flood. Shares wildlife with nature reserve. View across Frisby Lakes nature reserve. Viewed from Frisby Lakes to conservation area edge of village.	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	0	3	15

059	Green at Mill Lane/Main Street junction Gives character to Main St.	4	4	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	15
063	Verges on Water Lane, Great Lane, Mill Lane, Gaddesby Lane, Rotherby Lane and Carrfields Add to character and tranquillity of setting. Value to wildlife (invertebrate/flora) on approaches to, and throughout, village.	4	4	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	15
087	Chalk Pool Hill. Footpath. Grassland. Ridge and furrow (SHINE 8012). Two possible ponds in Phase 1 survey.	2	2	4	0	0	2	1	2	1	14
002	Field, arable? bounded by village dwellings and primary school playing field to north, A607 to south. Tranquil setting to edge of village providing shelter from A607 noise and pollution. A pond lies on this boundary, surrounded by hedges and trees. This pond helps accommodate surface water. Land then rises rapidly up to A607, and water runs rapidly off since ridge and furrow was recently lost to ploughing. Shares species-rich hedgerow/pLWS with 001 beside which is a small group of trees within field boundary. Northern half subject to planning application for 48 homes.	1	3	4	2	0	1	1	0	2	14
006	Paddock, barns associated with small holding. Northern boundary to Rotherby Lane. Herb-rich grassland, old ridge and furrow. Scrub area adjacent to track 004 where pond has dried out. View across valley.	1	3	4	0	0	1	2	1	2	14
012	Field, grazed grassland, now subdivided after recent sale. Hedges to four sides, including group of broadleaved trees 011. Electric cables crossing. Bounded by A607 on south, Gaddesby Lane to west, Great Lane to north. Pond at corner next to A607. Contributes to view and rural and tranquil character	1	3	4	2	0	1	1	0	2	14

	on entry to village.										
021	Small paddock of rough ground and ruderal. Gate unused) to railway. Unloved part of Mill Deeping land? Probably generally wet land. Numerous willows, including some very old pollards. pLWS? One, beside footpath in 020, especially old and massive, 4m girth, hollow, dead wood and much wildlife value. pLWS.	0	3	4	0	2	0	2	0	3	14
024	Mill Lane 'extension'. Rough track providing off-road vehicular access to allotments 023 and rail crossing to fields between river and railway. Mill House garden to north. Favoured footpath to access network of footpaths across fields. Bounded by gardens. Lined by rich verges and many species of trees, shrubs, climbers. Kingfisher and egret seen in Mill House garden.	4	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	14
026	Paddock. Patchy outgrown layered hedges to three sides. Water Lane gardens to east. Ridge and furrow. View across it from Leicestershire Round footpath in adjoining field.	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	1	1	14
043	Smallholding grassland. Viewed from cricket field. River Wreake to north, Washstones Lane to south. Hedges surround. Willows on riverside. Several mature ash in roadside edge, some ivy-clad with bracket fungus. Also young ash trees in species-rich hedgerow along roadside. Large apple tree to river side. Possible otter signs observed by owner.	1	2	4	1	0	1	2	0	3	14
045	Smallholding grassland. Viewed from cricket field. River Wreake to north, Washstones Lane to south. Hedges surround. Mature willow fallen in river. Young and mature willows on riverside. Area of dense bushes and osiers by river. Several mature ash, some ivy-clad and with bracket fungi, in roadside edge, also young	1	2	4	1	0	1	2	0	3	14

	ash trees in hedgerow along roadside. Large ash stump in roadside hedge – regrowing and hollow pLWS. Other habitats.										
046	Small field, grass. Bounded by river Wreake on north and railway line to the south. Level crossing and Washstones Lane to the west. Low-lying and often flooded in wet weather. Shares wildlife with nature reserve. Dead otter found here approx. 2012. Owner wished to put holiday caravans here in past, hence some potential recreational use subject to permissions. Currently under a Countryside Stewardship arrangement. Water birds, moorhens etc.	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	0	3	14
060	Green on Wellfield Lane Important green space in front of sheltered bungalows.	4	4	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	14
061	Green on Carrfields/Mill Lane corner	4	4	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	14
010	Plot of scrub surrounded by mature hedges. Brambles, young trees regenerating, rosebay willowherb etc. (tall ruderal in survey). Adjacent to 44 Great Lane.	1	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	13
036	Grassland. Railway to north. Woodland to western corner. Hedges all round. Viewed from Leicestershire Round in adjacent field. White egrets, pair.	1	2	4	1	0	2	1	0	2	13
065	Green on Rotherby Lane at entrance to village. Mowed and tidied by Eddie McLoughlin	4	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	12

066	Zion house orchard Traditional orchard, target notes in LCC Phase 1 survey and MBC Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study 2016. No access, so difficult to score.	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	12
086	Grassland. Species-rich hedge. Hedges to four sides. Great Lane to one side. Important approach to village. Will become edge of village to new housing. Ridge and furrow (SHINE 8012). Ridge and furrow (SHINE 8012).	0	2	4	1	0	1	1	2	1	12
083	Grassland. Hedges to four sides, railway to north boundary. Ridge and furrow (SHINE DLE8012). Huge old willow pollard in middle of field. pLWS? High voltage electricity pylon at south edge (with plot 075).	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	2	2	11
085	Grassland. Species-rich hedge. Hedges to four sides. Great Lane to one side. Ridge and furrow (SHINE 8012). Clump of trees and possible pond. High voltage electricity pylon in centre. Important approach to village.	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	10
005	Paddock, hedgerows to two sides, Gated road 004 to east side. Horse-grazed.	1	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	11
053	Paddocks/small holding. Rotherby Lane to north.	1	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	11
054	Paddocks/small holding with buildings. Rotherby Lane to north. Species-rich hedgerow. Mature ash in hedge.	1	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	11
034	Grassland. No access. Railway to north. Woodland to south. Hedges to all sides. River Wreake to part of one edge.	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	0	2	10

Examiner's conclusions on Environmental Inventory

Following must be taken into account on the Environmental Inventory from the Examiner's report

"I also have some reservations regarding the neighbourhood plan's approach to the identification of green space and also sites of ecological interest as well as historical sites. My concerns relate to the methodology used and is set out in Appendix C – Environmental Inventory. This adopts a scoring mechanism, with a range of potential scores of 0–4 (except in case of beauty, which has a range of 0-2, for some reason). However, my concerns stem from the fact that the table includes as scoring opportunities, a list of factors which the NPPF in paragraph 77, gives as examples as to why a green area may be demonstrably special to a local community. An area of green space could hold particular local significance, for example, because of its historical significance, or it can be special because of its richness of wildlife. The way the steering group has set out all the possible examples, creates an opportunity for cumulative scoring for sites against the number of criteria, which would produce a higher score than an individual site that could have a maximum score for one particular reason, for example because of the site's recreational value to the community, as opposed to another site that score lower against a number of the possible alternative attributes but would attain a higher score. I do not believe that the NPPF suggests that the examples should be counted as individual characteristics but really are illustrations of alternative reasons that some communities can give, to why they value of an area of green space.

These problems then appear to be compounded, by the same methodology also used to score sites for other environmental significant significance e.g. a site which is possible local wildlife site is also scored on its recreational value or the fact that the site is bounded."