

Assessment of Open Spaces in Lavenham parish


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<p>1.The Recreation ground on Bridge Street Road</p> <p>Landowner: private individual LGS 1</p> 	<p>Church playing fields, Lavenham Lawn Tennis Club, Lavenham recreation ground</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Sports facilities including tennis, open to the community</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>
<p>2.Recreation Ground at First Meadow, Brent Eleigh Road</p> <p>Landowner: private individual LGS 2</p>	<p>Designated common land. Open space including equipped play area for children.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Well used and popular recreation space serving the village as a whole</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>


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<p>3. Village Hall Recreation Ground</p> <p>Landowner: Parish Council LGS 3</p> 	<p>Open green space in the grounds of Lavenham Village Hall</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>High recreation value adjacent to Lavenham Village Hall and Lavenham Pre-School. Serves the village as a whole.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>
<p>4. Green space at Meadow Close</p>	<p>Open green space with equipped play area specifically for use by</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space and play space at a neighbourhood level.</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>



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<p>Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 4</p> 	<p>Meadow Close residents but open to all</p>				<p>High recreational value to the residents in Meadow Close</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	
<p>5. Green space adjacent to Meadow Court with trees</p> <p>Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 5</p> 	<p>Open green space with several trees providing valued biodiversity and visual amenity to residents of Meadow Court and Meadow Close</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green, landscaped space at a neighbourhood level. (Meadow Court and Meadow Close)</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>


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<p>6. Green space at the Glebe</p>  <p>Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 6</p>	<p>Open green space with some trees providing visual amenity to residents at the Glebe</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space at a very local neighbourhood level.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>
<p>7. Green space at Butfield</p>  <p>Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 7</p>	<p>Open space with hedgerow and tree planting providing visual amenity and noise buffering from the road for residents at Butfield</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space at a neighbourhood level.</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>



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<p>8. Green space at Harwood Place</p>  <p>Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 8</p>	<p>Green amenity space with trees providing visual amenity and noise buffering from the road for residents at Harwood Place</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space at a neighbourhood level.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>
<p>9. Green space at Green Willows</p> 	<p>Green amenity space with trees and hedgerows providing visual amenity, an informal recreation area and noise buffering from the adjacent road</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space at a neighbourhood level.</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>


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Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 9						
<p>10. Green space at Bears Lane (north)</p> <p>Landowner: Osier View development company LGS 10</p> 	An open grassed area with low level boundary treatment providing visual and informal recreational space for residents on Bears Lane	Yes	Yes	Yes	Significant as a green space at a neighbourhood level.	Meets the criteria for LGS designation.
<p>11. Green space at Bears Lane (south)</p> <p>Landowner: Osier View development company LGS 11</p>	An open grassed area with low level boundary treatment providing visual and informal recreational space for residents on Bears Lane	Yes	Yes	Yes	Significant as a green space at a neighbourhood level. Also of historic value. Identified as a below ground heritage asset	Meets the criteria for LGS designation.



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<p>12. Permanent pasture to the west of Potlands Lane</p> <p>Landowner: private individual LGS 12</p> 	<p>An area of open pasture land in the setting of the Grade 1 listed St Peter and St Paul's Church.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Provides important setting to the Grade I listed Church.</p> <p>As an area of uncultivated, open pasture land, the land also has biodiversity value.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	
<p>13. Green space in Prentice Street car park</p>	<p>Attractive green space with public access in the historic core</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Important open space in conservation area. Provides visual amenity and biodiversity value in built-up area of the village.</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>



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 <p>Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 13</p>					Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1	
<p>14. Green space at Spring Street</p> <p>Landowner: Babergh District Council LGS 14</p> 	An open grassed area providing visual and informal recreational space for residents in Spring Street and surrounding streets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Significant as a green space at the neighbourhood level. Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1	Meets the criteria for LGS designation.


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<p>15. Green space at Deacon's Close.</p> <p>Landowner: Deacons Close development company LGS 15</p> 	<p>Open green space providing visual amenity and informal recreation space to residents at the Deacon's Close</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space at the neighbourhood level.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>
<p>16. Pond at junction of Bury and Preston Road</p> <p>Landowner: The Halt development company LGS 16</p>	<p>Open green space providing visual amenity contributing to the street scene in the northern part of the village. The space also provides informal recreational space, and noise buffering from Bury Road for residents in local area.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space at the neighbourhood level and also on the village level as the space is in a prominent location at the northern gateway into the village along Bury Road. Pond, vegetation and trees have biodiversity value.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>


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<p>17. Preston Road play space</p> <p>Landowner: The Halt development company</p>  <p>LGS 17</p>	<p>Open green space providing visual amenity and equipped play space for residents at Preston Road</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Significant as a green space at the neighbourhood level.</p> <p>Space was created as part of the development and was not identified in NP1</p>	<p>Meets criteria for LGS designation</p>


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<p>18. Dyehouse Field Wood</p> <p>Landowner: Lavenham Woodland Project LGS 18</p> 	<p>Publicly accessible woodland, planted in 2002 managed by the Lavenham Woodland Project.</p>	<p>Yes..</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>An area of local woodland planted and managed by the community.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets criteria for LGS designation.</p>
<p>19. Lavenham Railway Walk County Wildlife Site</p> <p>Landowner: Suffolk County Council LGS 19</p>	<p>A biodiverse-rich stretch of publicly accessible land. The area is part of a 3.31 hectare area of land designated as County Wildlife Site. A number of public rights of way run through the site, around the site and link up with the site.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Of local significance to the community as a whole because of its richness of wildlife and recreational value.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets the criteria for LGS designation.</p>

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<p>20. The Common (next to First Meadow)</p> <p>Landowner: private landowner</p> <p>LGS 20</p> 	<p>Green amenity space, registered as common land, along three sections of Lower Road. Provides visual amenity to residents and, due to prominent location to village as a whole</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Provides visual amenity value.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>Meets criteria for LGS designation</p>
<p>22. Rectory Meadow</p>	<p>Area of green open space in grounds of The</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Not sure</p>	<p>The community value attributed to this space is</p>	<p>The space has value as</p>

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<p>Landowner: Lavenham Church (St Peter's & St Pauls).</p>  <p>Other Open space of Value A.</p>	<p>Rectory, Church Street. Sometimes the space is opened up for community functions organised by the Church.</p>				<p>linked to its use for functions on those occasions it is opened up. At other times the space is not accessible to the public or community.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	<p>amenity land when it is opened up for community use. Identify as Other Valued Open space rather than Local Green Space</p>
<p>23. Riverside opposite the bottom of Prentice Street (Recreation Area)</p>  <p>Other Open space of Value B</p>	<p>Small area of informal amenity land, which is also registered common land. The space provides informal recreational space for residents in immediate vicinity and attractive setting for walkers accessing the public right of way along the river.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Not sure</p>	<p>The River Corridor itself has local significance and public access to this is provided via the public footpath. This specific space however appears to have close association with residential properties opposite and immediately adjacent, thereby limiting the value of the space to the wider public.</p>	<p>Identify as Other Open Space of Value rather than Local Green Space</p>

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Landowner: ?					Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1	
<p>24. Osier View Public Open Space</p> <p>Landowner: Osier View development company</p>  <p>Other open space of value C</p>	<p>Public Open space secured for the community in association with residential development completed in Bears Lane. The land is located on the eastern edge of the completed Osier View development and is publicly accessible.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The site itself is in a visually sensitive location and provides communal views into open countryside and across the valley. Landscape improvements and tree planting were agreed as part of the planning consent for the residential development but have not yet been</p>	<p>Currently it is valued as a component of the larger swathe of open land in this location and as part of a public open space being delivered in connection with the Osier View development. With further landscape improvements and planting, it has the potential to be of significant value to the community it serves</p>	<p>Land does not yet meet the criteria for LGS designation. Identify as an "Other Open Space of Value"</p>

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<p>25. Riverside Footpath</p> <p>Landowner: ?</p> 	<p>Riverside public realm associated with the houses in the Lower Road residential development. In addition, the space is attractive walking route along the river away from the road providing access from Lower Road through to Preston Road.</p>	Yes	Yes	The space is tranquil and attractive. It is a popular walking route for local residents.	The space has close association with residential properties in the Lower Road residential development. Other than the amenity value of the footpath itself, the space feels part of semi-private outdoor amenity space for the Mortlocks development, rather than a public space for wider communal use.	Identify as Other Open Space of Value rather than Local Green Space
<p>26. Permanent pasture to the north of Park Road.</p> <p>Landowner: private individual Other open space of value E</p>	<p>An area of open pasture land providing high visual amenity to walkers along the Public Right of Way which runs from the Railway Walk to Park Road.</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>High visual amenity for walkers along this established public right of way.</p> <p>As an area of uncultivated, open pasture land, the land also has biodiversity value.</p> <p>Identified as a safeguarded open space in NP1</p>	Identify as Other Open Space of Value rather than Local Green Space

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2. Recreation ground at First Meadow on Brent Eleigh Road



**3. Village Hall Recreation Ground
Local Green Space 3**



**4. Green space at Meadow Close
Local Green Space 4**



5. Green space adjacent to Meadow Court with trees
Local Green Space 5



6. The Glebe
Local Green Space 6



**7. Green space at Butfield
Local Green Space 7**



**8. Green space at Harwood Place
Local Green Space 8**



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**10. Green space at Bears Lane (north)
Local Green space 10**



11. Green space at Bears Lane (south)
Local Green Space 11



12. Permant pasture land to the west of Potlands Lane
Local Green Space 12



**13. Green space in Prentice Street car park
Local Green Space 13**



**14. Green space at Spring Street
Local Green Space 14**



**15. Green space at Deacon's Close
Local Green Space 15**



**16. Pond at junction of Bury Road and Preston Road
Local Green Space 16**



**17. Preston Road Play space
Local Green Space 17**



**18. Dyehouse Field Wood
Local Green Space 18**





**19. Lavenham Railway Walk
Local Green Space 19**



20. The Common
Local Green Space 20



21. Rectory Meadow
Other open space of value A



**22. Riverside opposite the bottom of Prentice Street (Recreation Area).
Other open space of value B**



**23. Osier View Public Open Space
Other open space of value C**



24. Riverside footpath

Other open space of value D



**35. Permanent pasture to the north of Park Road
Other open space of value E**



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