Appendix 2

Inventory of sites of environmental significance

The approximately 275 open, undeveloped parcels of land in the Plan Area were inventoried and evaluated against nine NPPF LGS criteria between September 2015 and March 2016. This table lists and scores the 95 best sites so identified, for their environmental (natural and historical) significance and community value. Six eligible sites scoring 28/36 (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 the Planning system (see the Policies and Community Actions in the Environment section of the Plan).

Proposed Local Green Space



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904	Village allotments. Well-used community asset and green open space in the centre of the settlement. Local level biodiversity significance. Important open space in community consultation, 2015.	4	5	5	5	4	1	2	1	3	30
284/405	The Parks. Large open field, previously subdivided. The northern half has <i>ridge and furrow</i> ; this is separated by an old sinuous boundary from smaller fields with no plough-land — this is probably the medieval settlement boundary between crofts associated with cottages and the open fields. There are historical earthworks in this southern section: recorded <i>HER sites</i> MLE4227 (possible 14 th century deer park) and MLE4226 (medieval village earthworks). Seven specimen trees have been planted here and are protected from livestock. Field pond beside north boundary. All accessed via footpath E36.	3	4	4	3	3	2	2	4	3	29

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332	Gill's Field. Open space within the settlement; grazing field with access from footpaths E30 ('Polka Walk') and E51. Valued views to 'The Rookery', 'The Thatches' and other important village buildings. <i>Important open space</i> in community consultation, 2015.	4	5	5	5	3	2	2	1	1	28
900	Edmondthorpe & Wymondham railway station site. Disused railway line and adjacent cutting sides on site of part of the station. The whole course of the old Midland & Great Northern Joint railway (1894) from the Parish boundary (east) to the farm bridge at SK891188 is Historic Environment site MLE16091; the station site itself is HE monument SK81NE29. The site has become a site of local biodiversity and community value, with a well-used unofficial footpath along the old track-bed between Butt Lane, footpath E36 and Sewstern Road. The site is also a Priority Habitat (deciduous woodland; Natural England).	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	28
905	Old Manor Gardens. Two areas of green open space retained as part of the design of the Old Manor Gardens development. Two at the north end, maintain the characteristic wide appearance of Main Street (see 903), while that to the west, on Nurses Lane, is well-used by local people (children and adults) as a recreation area. These are remaining sections of an open space of medieval origin within the built environment, providing context for and views of the Parish Church and churchyard. Important open space in community consultation, 2015.	5	5	3	5	3	2	1	3	1	28

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906	Churchyard and graveyard of St Peter's Church (<i>Listed Grade I</i>). Historical Christian (possibly pre-Christian) religious site (the present church is 13 th century, but is probably on a Saxon church site, which may be on a Celtic one). The churchyard has ornamental trees and planting and includes a medieval cross (<i>Listed Grade II</i>) and a number of 18 th century engraved slate and limestone headstones. The graveyard is a ?20 th century extension. Whole site is locally important for biodiversity. <i>Important open space</i> in community consultation, 2015.	4	5	5	D	3	2	2	4	3	[33] PROTEC TED
102/103	John Sedley Foundation Playing field. 2.83 ha, used for sport and recreation, village events, dog walking, etc. No facilities. Disused railway line forming north boundary is a Parish level biodiversity site (2014 survey). A copper beech tree of arboricultural and landscape value stands in grounds of the property adjacent to this site's SE corner. Important open space in community consultation, 2015.	5	4	5	5	5	1	1	1	2	[29] PROTEC TED (Covena nt)
051	The medieval (or older) track between the villages of Edmondthorpe and Wymondham. It survives as bridleway E44. Now a sunken way with bounding species-rich hedges (themselves on the ancient boundary hedges of the track) and trees. Highly valued by local people as a safe, direct offroad route between the settlements.	5	4	4	5	4	2	2	3	3	[32] NOT LGS CRITERI A

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041, 401, 406	Wymondham Rough SSSI (part) and LRWT Reserve. Meadow, scrub, deciduous woodland (Day's Plantation), marsh and stream-sides, abandoned canal, etc. Nationally important grassland site, County level importance for other habitats and species. Ridge and furrow in grassland field, field pond on north boundary, which is a surviving pre-Enclosure and species-rich hedge.	3	0	5	1	3	2	2	2	4	PROTEC TED (Statutory and LRWT)
004	Cribb's Meadow . National Nature Reserve, SSSI and LRWT reserve.	4	0	5	4	4	2	2	2	4	PROTEC TED (Statutory
901	Eastward extension of site 900: old railway cutting and associated boundaries and track-bed. Scrub and trees, grassland and other habitats. <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey). Western part accessed via unofficial footpath along track-bed from E36 to Sewstern Road	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	26
331	Group of several small fields on the edge of the built-up area. Includes <i>HE record sites</i> MLE4243 (probable Roman villa) and 4244 (medieval village earthworks). Although now largely small open fields and gardens, the whole area is within the medieval <i>historic settlement core</i> of Wymondham (MLE9203), indicating the shrinking of the village at a time of population decrease in the 14 th century). SE corner has an ornamental pond, successor of a historical (18 th century?) group recorded as <i>HE site</i> MLE4245. Within 'highly sensitive' Landscape Characterisation Zone (LCZ) 3 south of Wymondham (Melton BC <i>Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study,</i> 2015). Local importance for biodiversity and history. Access via footpath E52.	3	4	4	3	1	2	2	3	3	25

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121	Grounds of Edmondthorpe Hall (1621, altered c.1700, restored 1860s, destroyed 1942, demolished 1980s). The site of the house is <i>HE site</i> MLE4225. Landscaped grounds mostly 18th century with 19th century improvements and plantings. Includes extensive parkland (meadows, avenues, specimen and landscape trees, etc.). The main avenue is mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (deciduous woodland) by Natural England. Ornamental woodland around the Hall site is a <i>potential Local Wildlife Site</i> (pLWS) in the 2104 LCC survey. Two further areas of ornamental woodland, surrounding an ornamental 'canal' created by damming Edmondthorpe Brook are respectively a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey) and a Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i> (deciduous woodland). A triangular section at the west end of the estate preserves <i>ridge and furrow</i> under pasture that was created in the 17th century and is thus a demonstrably older example of preserved medieval farmland than others in the Parish, which were turned over to grazing land at the time of the Enclosure. Access via bridleway E50b and footpath E53.	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	24
054	Deciduous woodland spinney to north of windmill. Open space of landscape and community value. Important open space in community consultation, 2015. Access via footpath E43.	2	3	5	5	2	2	1	1	2	23

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903	Roadside greens, Main Street. Three groups of mown grass roadside verges and islands defining the characteristic wide layout of the main village street, the result of Wymondham's late medieval – 18 th century function as a stopping place for cattle-drovers. Important open space in community consultation, 2015.	5	5	2	5	1	2	0	3	0	23
340	Grounds of 'The Rookery'. Ornamental plantings and lawns of local biodiversity significance, including area of mature trees mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (woodland) by Natural England. Access via footpath E34 (which passes through the spinney) and bridleway E50 (at south boundary, views only)	3	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	2	23
910	Sections of Oakham Canal (c.1800) now dry (mostly on embankment) and with locally important woodland, scrub and wetland habitats. <i>Potential Local Wildlife Site</i> (pLWS) in LCC 2014 survey. Contiguous with the canal to its west is a strip of deciduous plantation, of which the southern part has been mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (woodland) by Natural England.	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	23
145	Riverine meadowland, grazed, beside meandering, largely natural, course of brook. Assessed and validated <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LWS) by Natural England. District level biodiversity and geomorphology interest, high local value as open space and landscape feature. Public access via footpaths E39 and 38.	4	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	2	22

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370	Small streamside field with hedged boundaries to SW and N. Clear earthworks (<i>HE site</i> MLE4248) are the site of a medieval watermill. The brook is a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey). Access via bridleway E50 (views only) and footpath E34.	2	3	4	2	1	2	2	3	3	22
127	Woodwell Head . Deciduous and mixed woodland on high ground, apparently a 19 th century covert plantation. <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site. Access via bridleways E 50a and E50c.	4	1	4	3	2	2	2	1	3	22
115	Grazing field/parkland within the Hall estate, mature trees and grassland. <i>HE site</i> MLE4219: earthworks, probably representing the medieval Manor House.	1	5	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	21
902	School grounds. Important open space and area for sport and recreation (limited access). Important open space in community consultation, 2015.	3	5	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	20
917	Wright's Lane corner. Important open space; mown grass, large tree etc. on elevated site surrounded by old limestone retaining walls.	2	5	5	4	0	2	1	0	1	20
320	Dark Lane field and spinney. Grazing field to north of the southern loop of Dark Lane (bridleway E50). Includes the track and its grass verges and a spinney of streamside mixed woodland on its SE edge, the latter mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (woodland) by Natural England. Important open space with views in community consultation, 2015.	1	4	4	5	1	2	1	0	2	20
097	Streamside woodland either side of Edmondthorpe Brook. <i>Potential Local Wildlife Site</i> (pLWS) in 2014 LCC survey. Access via bridleway E50C.	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	0	3	20

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094	Streamside woodland either side of Edmondthorpe Brook. Mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (deciduous woodland) by Natural England. Access via bridleway E50C.	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	0	3	20
915	Field of wildflower-rich semi-improved grassland to the north of site 004, mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (semi-improved grassland) by Natural England.	2	0	5	3	2	2	2	1	3	20
915	Tithe Barn Field . Important open space opposite Sid's Paddock currently used for grazing	2	5	5	3	0	2	2	0	1	20
916	Spring Lane. Important open space at the junction of Cragg's Walk and Spring Lane. A much used intersection of footways, footpaths and roads	3	5	5	2	0	2	1	0	1	19
342	Group of semi-improved grass fields, grazed, with internal post and wire fences. Newly-planted copse near northeast corner. Access via footpath E30 on its northern boundary and bridleway E50 on the southern boundary. Important open space in community consultation, 2015 (southern part).	2	4	4	5	1	1	1	0	1	19
907	'Sid's Paddock' small open area of mown grass providing valued view of St Peter's Church from and across Nurse's Lane.	2	5	5	3	0	2	1	0	1	19
418	Arable field with site 901 forming its northern boundary and species-rich hedgerows to west and east. The latter are <i>potential Local Wildlife Sites</i> (pLWS) in the 2014 Habitats survey undertaken by LCC. A small brook (semi-natural watercourse) crosses the field near its eastern end and a strip of uncultivated rough grass has been allowed to remain here.	1	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	3	18
453	Grazing field with <i>ridge and furrow</i> and other earthworks. Species-rich hedge on southern boundary. Access via bridleway E44.	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	18

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908	Two sections of abandoned Oakham Canal, now overgrown as wet woodland. Both are <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity sites (2014 survey).	1	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	18
120/230	Two grazing fields with well-preserved <i>ridge</i> and <i>furrow</i> in three furlongs. The plough land strips are complete at their eastern ends, suggesting that the modern Teigh Road follows the course of an old track running between adjacent medieval open fields (see also 121)	2	4	4	1	1	2	1	2	1	18
914	Cribb's Meadow railway embankment. Scrub woodland with flowering plants, birds and mammals. <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site.	2	0	4	1	2	2	2	2	3	18
083	Grass field with species-rich post-Enclosure hedges with standards and a single ash tree on the line of an old hedge and ditch. Well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i> of two furlongs (a small gore in the SW corner has strips at 90° to the rest); the NE hedge appears to be on an earlier open field boundary. Visible from footpath E30 and the public road.	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	17
412/417	Adjacent grazing fields with well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i> , showing two (cross-cutting) sets of ridges of different ages.	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	17
220	Site of Edmondthorpe brickyard, <i>HE site</i> MLE4218 Area of scrub, trees, rough grass, building foundations, etc. The site is on Jurassic Whitby Mudstone formation. The brickyard was in operation from before 1887 until at least 1959 (OS maps) and (presumably) some 19 th and 20 th century structures in the Parish were constructed using the products.	2	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	17

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345	Arable field under ELS with wide uncultivated headland at north and east sides; large field pond and other features surrounded by rough grass close to north boundary. An elm tree of arboricultural and landscape significance survives in a small copse on the south boundary with Glebe Road.	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	16
312	Wymondham sewage treatment works. Mown grass, settlement tanks etc. and part of spinney (site 320). Of local importance for biodiversity, with a specimen tree of landscape significance at its NE corner. Visible from bridleway E50.	2	3	5	1	0	0	2	0	3	16
911	Section of disused railway line in cutting. The line is HE site MLE16091; the cutting sides are mapped as Priority Habitat (deciduous woodland) by Natural England.	1	1	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	16
001	Grass field, previously arable, faint traces of <i>ridge and furrow</i> . Field pond adjacent to south boundary, which is an old railway cutting with scrub and trees.	1	2	4	1	0	2	2	1	2	15
109	18 th century field transected by dismantled railway. North part is arable with hedged boundaries; south section is grass with well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i> . The course of the railway from here eastwards to Wymondham (1.3 kms) is a <i>Parish-level</i> biodiversity site (2104 survey).	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	2	3	15
067	Grass field with grounds of house to south. <i>Ridge and furrow</i> . Access via footpath E43.	2	3	4	1	0	1	1	2	1	15
404	Grazing field, currently under Stewardship (HLS), with field pond and wetland area ('snipe bog') and broad margins managed for wildlife. Access (views) from footpath E34.	2	1	4	1	0	1	2	1	3	15
066, 081, 082	Three grazing fields with <i>ridge and furrow</i> , of which 066 is the best-preserved. Visible from footpath E47.	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	15

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913	Ecologically important (probably at District level) group of fields comprising c.15 ha of mesotrophic ('lowland neutral') grassland, some with well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i> , other cropmarks and apparent earthworks, and several old field ponds. The site includes four validated <i>Local Wildlife Sites</i> (Natural England designations). The source of the River Witham is on this site.	1	0	3	1	1	2	2	2	3	15
350	Grassland field, <i>ridge and furrow</i> with a headland against the public road (south boundary); the strips disappear beneath the Enclosure hedge to the north. Field pond in NW corner.	2	1	4	1	0	1	1	2	2	14
075	Group of four grass fields with discontinuous internal hedges; faint <i>ridge and furrow</i> . Hedge on north boundary is a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey), while the verges of the wide highway (The Mere) here (from the Old Grammar School to the junction with Butt Lane, 1.5 kms) are also a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site, previously managed for wild flowers. Visible from the public road.	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	2	2	14
451	Narrow arable field parallel with the modern road. The southern boundary is a species-rich hedge; the field is thought to be a section of a historical (medieval or older) cattle droving road (The Drift), with the hedge forming its southern side.	1	2	4	1	0	1	1	2	2	14
163a	Remnant of larger field isolated by the railway; well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i> , with a (post-medieval) field pond near the northern boundary; the latter is a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey).	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	14
185, 231	Arable fields with species-rich hedgerows on their east sides, against the road (which is probably a Dark Ages trackway) and the Parish boundary. <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity sites.	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	14

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011, 037, 038	Areas of parkland, grazing land and rough grass in semi-natural riparian corridor (River Eye and its old courses, oxbows etc.). Surviving and abandoned (largely dry) sections of Oakham Canal (c.1800) form the west boundaries.	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	13
356	Grassland field, two areas of well-preserved <i>ridge</i> and <i>furrow</i> separated by the course of a track or a baulk. 'The Grange' (farm buildings etc.) post-dates the features. Visible from public road.	2	1	4	1	0	1	1	2	1	13
382a	Strip at southern edge of an otherwise arable field (382). Northeast part is streamside grassland, the remainder a small plantation of deciduous trees. The brook is a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey). Access via footpath E34.	2	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	3	13
049	The middle field of a group of three with sinuous (pre- Enclosure) boundaries. The outer fields are now under arable, but this one retains well-preserved <i>ridge</i> <i>and furrow</i> , the strips of which run parallel with the field boundaries. Visible from the public road.	2	2	3	0	1	1	1	2	1	13
137, 139	Two grass fields mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (semi-improved grassland) by Natural England. Access from footpath E50f.	2	0	3	1	1	2	2	0	2	13
399, 403	Arable fields under ELS whose west and north headlands are uncultivated. North boundaries are formed by a small, semi-natural meandering brook which is a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site, 2014 survey. Overgrown field pond is now scrub and wetland.	1	1	3	1	0	2	2	0	2	12
054, 192, 193, 478,	Strip of riverside fields (partly arable, partly grassland) to east and south of River Eye. <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site, 2014 survey. Visible from public road.	2	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	2	12
091	Northern part of two grass fields; grazed by horses. Faint ridge and furrow.	0	3	3	1	0	1	1	2	1	12

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141	Arable field with species-rich hedgerow on its east side, against the road (which is probably a Dark Ages trackway) and the Parish boundary. <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site.	2	0	2	1	0	2	1	2	2	12
071	Large arable field with large field pond, somewhat overgrown. For north boundary (highway verges) see 075.	1	2	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	11
202	Ridge and furrow in streamside grass field; the plough land is separated from the brook (River Eye headwaters) by a narrow strip of meadow; this site is a small example of preserved medieval farmland.	1	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	2	11
909	Species-rich hedge on west side of Edmondthorpe Road; <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey).	3	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	11
455, 460, 238	Group of three small fields in which three old field ponds survive together with a large (?19 th century planting) oak tree.	1	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	2	11
465	Scrub and trees on disused railway cutting sides. Mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (deciduous woodland) by Natural England.	1	0	3	0	1	2	2	1	2	11
029	Crossing Covert . Mixed woodland, 2.2 ha between railway and canal. Mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (Natural England).	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	2	10
013	Grazing field, currently under Stewardship (HLS), with field pond and other areas managed for wildlife. Access (views) from bridleway E48.	1	1	4	0	0	1	1	1	1	10
021	Arable field bounded to the north by Drift Hill, with old field pond. Visible from the public road.	1	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	10
022a	Plantation on site behind water tower, with ornamental trees and an old field pond surrounded by trees. Mapped as <i>Priority Habitat</i> (deciduous woodland) by Natural England.	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	2	10

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025	Arable field under entry-level Stewardship (ELS), railway land to west (hedged boundary), uncultivated area in south corner. Species-rich hedgerow forms east boundary: <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site, 2014 survey.	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	0	2	9
227	Two roadside verges and strip of plantation woodland beside farm lane off Drift Hill. All are <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity sites. Access via bridleway E50e.	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	9
912	Scrub and grass associated with railway land; <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site for unimproved grassland.	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	8
203	Species-rich hedge on north side of the road, a <i>Parish level</i> biodiversity site (2014 survey).	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	7
009	Arable field with working and disused railway land to east. Field pond (intermittent). East boundary adjoins railway cutting with 0.42 ha of scrub, deciduous trees and rough grass. Hedges with standards to other boundaries.	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	6