

## NE10 - Protecting open areas

- Support - 21
- Neither support of object - 7
- Object – 69

The changes to the supporting text and the Local Plan policies have not only been informed by the responses to the Regulation 18 consultation but they have also taken on board any additional feedback that has come out of discussions/meetings with statutory consultees and members in order to improve the clarity and understanding of the contents of the Local Plan.

<b>Comments in support of NE10 - protecting open areas</b>		
<b>Respondent number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Officer comment</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKBD-G</u>	Natural open space at River Park, Bushfield and Texas Fields must be protected, also smaller areas such as the Davis Kickabout in Badger Farm, Winchester.	Comments noted. These area areas of land are already protected under the countryside policies in the existing adopted LP and the emerging LP.  Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKJY-D</u>	Please see comments as given for Policy NE3. (NE3 - Comment: Welcome the link between development, and the required provision for public open space and facilities).	Support welcomed and comments noted.  Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8YF-P</u>	Any loss of open space or sports/recreation provision should have a VERY good reason and the support of the local community before this is allowed - not just the say so of the developer	Comments Noted.  Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N85N-T</u>	Your maps are unclear for Winchester itself. You need to include River Park and its fields and river walks which is a highly valued and incredibly beautiful resource where we go to find peace and	Comments noted. A Policies Map identifying areas of protected open

	<p>restoration.</p> <p>Please include the small space behind Hilliers where you can walk through from Greenhill Road - it is a welcome breath of fresh air.</p> <p>All playing fields should be preserved</p> <p>Think about creating grassy roadside verges in new development - they add to the enjoyment of an area and absorb rainfall and runoff.</p>	<p>space/nature conversation areas will be published at the Reg 19 stage.</p> <p>Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKUB-1</u>	<p>Although I support the Policy it is imperative for the District to preserve its Open Spaces and not allow property owners or Developers to creep into the Areas!</p>	<p>Support welcomed and comments noted.</p> <p>Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b></p>
<u>BHLF-KSAR-N8BQ-A</u>	<p>We support policy NE10</p>	<p>Support welcomed and comments noted.</p> <p>Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b></p>

<b>Comments which neither support nor object to NE10 - protecting open areas</b>		
<b>Respondent number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Officer comment</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKG5-6 Crawley Parish Council</u>	<p>We would support this policy if WCC could guarantee other development options were truly exhausted before any decisions made.</p>	<p>Comments Noted. The site selection methodology sets out the site selection process.</p>

		<b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NK79-T</u>	it is not clear how this policy relates to other policies in this section, such as NE1, NE4, NE7.	

<b>Comments which object to NE10 - protecting open areas</b>		
<b>Respondent number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Officer comment</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKYP-K</u>	<p>This policy should be amended to include Local Green Space designation for open areas that have significant "recreational value" to the community.</p> <p>We have more detailed recommendations regarding this amendment with respect to the "Winchester Town" area and the City of Winchester more generally, which are set out below.</p> <p>A) Protect vital open spaces through Local Green Space designation</p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the government's planning policies for England. Paragraphs 101 to 103 introduce a Local Green Space designation (LGS) to protect local green areas of special importance to local communities. This enables communities to identify and protect areas that are of value to them through Local Plans. Areas can be given LGS designation if they provide "recreational value" to the community they serve (or if they fulfil other criteria, such as beauty or historic significance).</p> <p>Winchester City Council's Regulation 18 consultation document for</p>	<p>Comments noted. A Policies Map identifying areas of protected open space/nature conversation areas will be published at the Reg 19 stage. As ever with planning it is always a balance and depending on the application in question, a number of different and sometimes competing factors will have to be weighed up and assessed by the Planning Officer when determining a case. Having discussed, Local Green Space designation with the Council's Natural Environment Team this is not something that the Council will be pursuing.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>

the Winchester District Local Plan 2019-2039 notes at paragraph 7.21 that one of the key roles of a Local Plan is to allocate Local Green Spaces. At paragraph 7.22 it recognises that “the designation of Local Green Space allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them.” This is reiterated at paragraph 7.77, where the document notes that “the importance of retaining open spaces has been highlighted through the process of consulting local communities on their needs and aspirations, but no Local Green Space designations have been suggested.” The paragraph goes on to note that “parishes” were asked to put forward spaces of importance to them, “most if not all of which” are now listed in the 2022 WCC Open Space Assessment that was prepared by council officers to support Local Plan development.

The City of Winchester community is made up of largely unparished wards so would not have been covered by any “parish” consultation exercise. Nevertheless, the 2022 WCC Open Space Assessment lists a large number of sports grounds, parks and recreation grounds, and other green spaces within these wards. It also notes that the majority of these wards carry a deficit of both sports grounds and parks/recreation grounds, relative to the government’s population-based open space standards. For example, St Paul has a shortfall of 7.48 hectares of sports grounds and 4.54 hectares of parks and recreation grounds, while St Barnabas has a shortfall of 5 hectares of sports grounds and 4.7 hectares of parks and recreation grounds, according to the WCC Open Space Assessment.

Given these widespread and significant shortfalls in recreational green space across the city, it is even more important to give the remaining sports grounds, parks and recreation grounds adequate protection from development, now and in the future. Indeed, the only city (Winchester Town) ward with a notable provision of sports

	<p>grounds over and above the open space standards is St Michael, which is home to the city’s only sports grounds benefitting from legal protection under Fields In Trust designation.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the protection afforded by Local Plan policies – such as the proposed NE10 – has proven inadequate to date. For example, several areas of open space “protected” by policy DM5 and/or countryside status in the existing Local Plan have now been developed for housing. It will therefore be important to designate key areas of recreational open space as Local Green Space in order to ensure their retention and ongoing availability for community use.</p> <p>We have identified the following areas that serve the Winchester city community, which have particular “recreational value” and which are also listed as sports grounds or parks/recreation grounds in the 2022 WCC Open Space Assessment. We are hereby making a formal request for these sites to be designated as Local Green Space (LGS) in the emerging Local Plan for 2019-2039:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sports ground – King George V and Garrison Ground, St Michael (recreation value, Fields In Trust designation)</li><li>• Sports ground – Rugby Football Ground, St Bartholomew (recreation value)</li><li>• Sports ground – Harestock Road sports ground, St Barnabas (recreation value)</li><li>• Recreation ground (which includes sports pitches) – North Walls</li><li>• Recreation Ground, including Devil’s Island, St Bartholomew (recreation value, historic covenant)</li><li>• Recreation ground – St Matthew’s Field, St Barnabas (recreation value)</li></ul>	
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	<p>activity centre).</p> <p>Finally, as the Bushfield Camp site is developed, it will be essential to retain and protect (through LGS designation) the area of downland to the rear of the site (i.e. the triangle of land furthest away from Badger Farm Road). This is a popular area for walking and is beautifully unspoilt, with both recreational and biodiversity value.</p>	<p>Bushfield camp is dealt with under Policy W5 – the policy is very clear the built development should be restricted to the 20 hectares that was previously occupied by the army base. As part of the planning application, there will be further information, including plans for a management agreement in terms of the remainder of the site (the triangle of land) which would be covered by a S106 Agreement.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change.</b></p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-NK8P-J</u></p>	<p>I believe that the following areas should be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil’s Island (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• St Matthew’s Field (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground,</li> <li>• Oliver’s Battery</li> <li>• Oram’s Arbour (St Paul)</li> <li>• St Giles’ Hill (St Michael)</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>

<u>ANON-KSAR-NKS9-P</u>	I would like the North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew) to be designated as local Green space to afford it better protection. This place is vital for me and my family as a place to use for recreation and exercise and I am a member of the local cricket club that uses this area constantly.	Comments noted. Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKTM-B</u>	I would like North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew) Abbey Gardens and St Giles Hill to be given Local Green Space designation	Comments noted. Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NK7F-7</u>	It should ensure that North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew) and the Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew) are designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection. These spaces are invaluable to the community and should be given this protection.	Comments noted. Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKB9-5</u>	I would like to see LGS designations implemented within the city, to protect some of our valuable green spaces (such as St Giles Hill, Orans Arbour, Abbey Gardens and North Walls Recreation Ground) from any danger of development at some point in the future.	Comments noted. Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKBF-J</u>	Please designate the following as Local Green Space:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football/recreation ground Harestock Road St Matthews Field</li> </ul> <p>These are vital areas for green recreation for local people.</p>	Comments noted. Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKB1-W</u>	I request that request that the following areas, to be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection: North Walls recreation ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew); Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew); Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas); St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas); Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke); Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke); Compton Way recreation ground,	Comments noted. Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b>



	Oliver's Battery; Oram's Arbour (St Paul); St Giles' Hill (St Michael); Abbey Gardens (St Michael)	
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKBE-H</u>	<p>I believe the following areas should be designated with Local Green Space status:</p> <p>North Walls recreation ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew); Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew); Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas); St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas); Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke); Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke); Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery; Oram's Arbour (St Paul); St Giles' Hill (St Michael); Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKBN-T</u>	<p>I support Local Green Space designation for North Walls Recreation Ground including Devil's Island to protect it from encroachment, particularly by controversial development of the River Park site.</p> <p>Also designation of the Itchen Navigation towpath, not all of which is SSSI, used by thousands of walkers.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NK6K-B</u>	<p>I wish to see Local Green Space (LGS) designations included in the policy. In particular, I should like to see the following areas designated as Local Green Space: North Walls recreation ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew); Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew); Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas); St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas); Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke); Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke); Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery; Oram's Arbour (St Paul); St Giles' Hill (St Michael); Abbey Gardens (St Michael).</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Recommended Response: <b>No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKKB-Q</u>	<p>I would strongly suggest that the North Walls Recreation Ground and adjacent areas, at least, be designated as having Local Green Space status, in view of the importance of these areas in a number of respects, and the considerable development pressures both currently, and likely to arise in the future.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

		<b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKD7-5</u>	There should be no new large developments at all in Hampshire. We have already seen Southampton virtually linked with new development to Fareham, Gosport and Portsmouth and the way things are heading Winchester will soon be linked to Southampton and Basingstoke and Hampshire will become just one big housing estate, which will not only ruin the countryside and wildlife but literally drain the rivers and aquifers of all water	Comments Noted. There is a requirement to meet the Government's housing requirements. The Council has undertaken a site selection process to determine the most appropriate and sustainable locations for development.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKJJ-X</u>	Areas need Local Green Space status to be fully protected from developments. Areas include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery;</li> <li>• Oram's Arbour (St Paul);</li> <li>• St Giles' Hill (St Michael);</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul>	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKJT-8</u>	I would like to request that the following areas be designated with Local Green Space status: North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew); Rugby Football Ground	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>

	(St Bartholomew); Oram's Arbour (St Paul); St Giles' Hill (St Michael); Abbey Gardens (St Michael)	
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKJW-B</u>	The policy should specify that there are areas to be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection from people looking to sell or develop land. Green spaces are important to the local Winchester population and are what makes Winchester great to live in!	Comments Noted. It is considered that this already covered in the Policy with sufficient protections.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8UT-Z</u>	Preserve enough open spaces. We don't have enough	Comments Noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8UF-J</u>	I request the area to be designated with local green space status which will afford greater protection	Comments Noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8UV-2</u>	<p>Areas need to be designated with Local Green Space status. Protect them more and better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery;</li> <li>• Oram's Arbour (St Paul);</li> <li>• St Giles' Hill (St Michael);</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul>	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>

<u>ANON-KSAR-N8UU-1</u>	Where is there any mention of Local Green Space? I believe the River Park was meant for nature and people of Winchester and should be protected	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8UE-H</u>	I wish to submit a request for the following areas to be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil’s Island (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• St Matthew’s Field (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver’s Battery;</li> <li>• Oram’s Arbour (St Paul);</li> <li>• St Giles’ Hill (St Michael);</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul>	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8US-Y</u>	I would very much like to see Riverpark in Winchester and adjacent areas such as Devil’s Island designated Local Green Space status. I believe that is the best way to protect the space from development and encroaching building e.g. the proposed Southampton University scheme, which may be found to be unlawful.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8UN-T</u>	Fundamentally I object to the policy and submit a request for an area, or areas, to be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8E8-M</u>	I would like the following areas to be designated with Local Green Space status:	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>

	Dean Park North Walls Playing Fields	
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8EZ-P</u>	There should be more areas designated LGS to permanently protect green and play areas. If not made permanent they are very likely to be encroached upon.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8EV-J</u>	In the face of rampant development greed, we need greater protection for key areas like the North Walls Recreation Ground to be designated with Local Green Space status.  Otherwise we are in danger of losing the unique qualities that make Winchester special and that can be enjoyed by everyone, for yet another development scheme that benefits a select few and only detracts for the beauty of the city.	It is considered that the opening line of the Policy setting out that open spaces will be protected from development offers sufficient protection.  <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8EE-1</u>	I request amendment to make the following areas designated with Local Green Space status which I am told will afford greater protection because I like to walk in these areas and I like having lots of green space near where I live to walk the dog, etc.  North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew); Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew); Oram's Arbour (St Paul); St Giles' Hill (St Michael); Abbey Gardens (St Michael)	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8EN-A</u>	I want to see MORE Local Green Space in Winchester not less. We are already woefully short of places for people just to enjoy for what they are.green space ! There is no need for any development, improvement or alteration. Children and families are capable of using this as it is a space, what is wrong with that and given the	Comments Noted. Any development proposal of sufficient scale will need to meet the standards set out in Table 1 proceeding Policy NE 3 (Open Space, Sport and Recreation).

	combination of finance and WCCs apparent commitment to the environment it would seem laudable on many fronts.	
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8E3-F</u>	<p>The following places should be designated as Local Green Places to give them maximum protection from unnecessary development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil’s Island (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• St Matthew’s Field (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver’s Battery;</li> <li>• Oram’s Arbour (St Paul);</li> <li>• St Giles’ Hill (St Michael);</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8MQ-N</u>	Some areas should be protected as Local Green Space. I can think of are North Walls Recreation Ground and Orams Arbour. Im disappointed there’s no strategy for protecting green space in this way.	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8M5-S</u>	I request an area, or areas, to be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection.	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8YR-2</u>	North Walls Recreation Ground to be Local Green Space	Comments noted.

		<b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8YZ-A</u>	I request that the following areas be designated with Local Green Space Status, North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devils Island. St Giles Hill Orans Arbour Abbey Gardens And the Rugby, football and other recreation grounds.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8YT-4</u>	Local green spaces should be protected- especially North Walls recreation ground which offers a lovely green space in town and hosts many opportunities for exercising outdoors (eg parkrun and outdoor boot camps)  The recent pandemic has helped people understand the value of outdoor exercise and protection of green spaces is key.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKPX-J</u>	It is vital that Open Areas within the City which provide a Green Lung be recognised and designated Local Green Spaces. This applies in particular to River Park which includes Devils Island, the Rugby and Football pitches. This area is threatened by the proposed sale of the old Recreation Centre . The green space is enjoyed by local residents, sports lovers and nature lovers. It is a valuable and irreplaceable local resource.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8YN-X</u>	I would like to submit a request for the policy to identify which local areas have been designated with Local Green Space status such that they will then be afforded greater protection.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8ND-9</u>	Dyson Drive green Winchester and North walls rec park Winchester to be designated with Local Green Space status to afford greater protection	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>

<u>ANON-KSAR-N8NR-Q</u>	North Walls recreation needs to be protected as a lgs (local green space). We use it for running, especially parkrun and playing with the children. It's vital that this space is protected.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8NT-S</u>	We should protect north walls as an open space for the public	Comments noted. North Walls Recreation Ground is designated and will continue to be designated as Protected Open Space.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8N2-Q</u>	There are many sites across the city which would merit Local Green Space (LGS) designation which would afford more formal protection to much needed and valued open 'recreational value' space; of particular importance is the North Walls recreation ground including Devil's Island, adjacent to the nature reserve (St Bartholomew) – especially given community concerns over the future of the former River Park Leisure Centre site and the potential breaking of the statutory trust which protects the wider recreation ground site. Accordingly please could I request that the North Walls recreation ground, including Devil's Island and also Abbott's Barton open space and playground, the Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew), Oram's Arbour (St Paul), St Giles' Hill (St Michael) and Abbey Gardens (St Michael) are given LGS designation in the Local Plan.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8GF-4</u>	I think North Walls should be a protected Local Green Space.	Comments noted.  <b>Recommended Response: No Change</b>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8GQ-F</u>	Please don't take out open space in this City; we need it for ourselves and our children to enjoy as they do now and it encourages people to walk - young and old.	Comments noted. Areas of open space in the Winchester City are already designated as Protected Open Space.



		<b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change.
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8GM-B</u>	The area should be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection	Comments noted. <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8QJ-J</u>	<p>The protection of open spaces is too weak. There are several sites in the city that should have Local Green Space (LGS) designation, giving formal and strong protection to the continuing public enjoyment of those sites.</p> <p>Some are (one would hope) uncontroversial. St. Giles Hill, Oram's Arbour and Abbey Gardens are most unlikely to be threatened, so there is surely no reason to deny them LGS designation. The North Walls Recreation Ground is already threatened by proposed development, and I strongly urge that this are be given LGS designation to ensure it is as protected as possible.</p>	Comments noted. <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8QH-G</u>	The River park area should be designated with Local Green Space status to afford it greater protection.	Comments noted. <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8XA-G</u>	I would like to see areas such as our North walls park area and associated land, Rugby ground, Oram's Arbour, St Giles' Hill, & Abbey Gardens designated with Local Green Space status for protection of the limited green environments in Winchester.	Comments noted. <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change
<u>ANON-KSAR-NK81-K</u>	<p>N.B. re point 7.77 in the document... when were local communities consulted on Local Green Space designations? I have no recollection of such a consultation; were the unparished (city) wards consulted about this?</p> <p>It is very important that open spaces in the city - and beyond - are</p>	Comments noted. <b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change

	<p>protected via Local Green Space (LGS) designation. Protection via planning polices has not proven adequate in the previous Local Plan and several open spaces have since been developed for housing.</p> <p>I therefore submit a request for the following open spaces to be LGS designated, all of which offer recreational, biodiversity, heritage or amenity value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil’s Island (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• St Matthew’s Field (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver’s Battery</li> <li>• Oram’s Arbour (St Paul)</li> <li>• St Giles’ Hill (St Michael)</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul>	
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N8X2-1</u></p>	<p>I request that the following areas be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil’s Island (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Oram’s Arbour (St Paul).</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-NKJ1-5</u></p>	<p>Winchester College supports the principle of the protection open areas however requests that only those sites with amenity, biodiversity, heritage or recreational value are protected.</p> <p>Kingsgate Park (Site 28 in the City Council’s Open Space Assessment) is protected as it has an amenity and recreational value. The site has limited visibility from the public realm and therefore it does not have a significant public amenity value and any</p>	<p>Comments Noted.</p> <p>The Kingsgate Park site of the College does still add open space value to the city and forms part of the open space assessment whether or not there is public access. We would</p>

	<p>recreational value is a private benefit as it is not accessible to the public. This contrasts markedly with the College playing fields (Site 29) which have both an amenity and recreational value. It is therefore requested that the open area designation is removed from Kingsgate Park.</p>	<p>therefore not want open space designation removed from this site.</p> <p>There are many private school and college playing fields and sports grounds in Winchester. Even though they are not generally accessible to the wider community they have always been considered worthy of protection in the local plan. They are also mapped in the Open Space Assessment (but not counted as contributing to the quantum of fully accessible recreational areas) and where they are visible from the public realm they are classed as having an amenity value in addition to their recreational value and included in the Open Space Assessment as contributing to the character and appearance of the town. Kingsgate Park is visible from Romans Road and although this is limited to a short stretch of Romans Road it is nevertheless contributing to the amenity of the area and it is therefore included in the OSA for both its recreational value and its amenity value.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: no change</b></p>
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<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N85D-G</u></p>	<p>Paragraph 7.77 states that 'no Local Green Space designations have been suggested.' I understood that in excess of 440 requests were made by the Shedfield Parish community that land at Five Oaks Farm, between Waltham Chase and Shedfield, should be designated as Local Green Space. I would like this to be addressed and the reason for the statement in 7.77 explained, please.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change</p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N838-2</u></p>	<p>Not happy with the last sentence :-</p> <p>'Development may exceptionally be permitted where it is demonstrated that the benefit to the community clearly outweighs the harm caused by the loss of all or part of the facility, and options for developing elsewhere have been explored'.</p> <p>To me this is a get out clause which enable to the policy to be over ridden. This would be open to abuse.</p>	<p>Comments Noted. The development proposal would need to demonstrate that the benefit to the community outweighs its loss of all or part of the facility. It will also need to be complaint with other elements of this policy, as well as other policies in the Local Plan, before development of the space would be considered.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change</p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-NKF8-8</u></p>	<p>Local green spaces in Winchester are insufficient and the sites identified in WCC's 2022 Open Space Assessment are proposed to be "protected" through Local Plan policies. I believe this is insufficient protection and that such sites, most notably North Walls recreation ground (including Devil's Island and the nature reserve) must be given a Local Green Space (LGS) designation.</p> <p>The recreation ground is owned by the people of Winchester and is protected under a legal covenant although this appears to be under attack.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response:</b> No Change</p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N8UQ-W</u></p>	<p>Areas like River Park , Orams Arbour and St Giles Hill all need total protection against any development or sale to third parties and should be given Local Green Space protection</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space</p>

		<p>allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N83T-X</u>	<p>The following need to be designated with Local Green Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground including Devil's Island;</li> <li>• Oram's Arbour;</li> <li>• St Gile's Hill;</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens.</li> </ul> <p>These areas need to be protected from any development and retained in perpetuity for the enjoyment of the citizens of Winchester.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8V9-6</u>	<p>Formal protection to areas of open space L.G.S designations.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N8YC-K</u>	<p>I want the Winchester Racquets and Fitness Club grounds in Bereweke Road to be designated as Local Green Space and thus protected from any future possible attempts at housing development on this site.</p> <p>I want the open space at River Park to be protected as open space for use by the people of Winchester. While the footprint of the now defunct recreation centre might be used for some other purpose, the open space, including tennis courts must be protected from building developments, of any kind.</p> <p>We have to protect our existing, limited open space in Winchester.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>

<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N8VQ-X</u></p>	<p>Formal protection to areas of open spaces L.G.S. designation status.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N8V2-Y</u></p>	<p>Section 5.56, North walls recreation area. Designate current green area as a Local Green Space.</p> <p>Policy H.4 Northington, Swarraton and Totford. This is essentially an open settlement, and not a village with a nucleated centre. The infilling policy H.4 allows should also include a statement that to define what a developed area is. I would argue that there are only individual houses in these places, and no developed area the character of which would be improved by infilling.</p> <p>Local green space designation. The water meadows of the candover stream, if they do not already have Local Green Space designation should be so designated.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N899-9</u></p>	<p>Given the shortage of green space in Winchester, I believe areas should be designated as Local Green Spaces, and that this should be included with the Local Plan. I believe that the former River Park Leisure Centre should be designated as a Local Green Space, as it was previously a public leisure amenity, and should remain accessible to the residents as open space or sports and leisure facilities rather than built on by University of Southampton or other developers. Current plans for this site involve restricting public access and use. I also believe that LGS status should be given to other green areas in the city, including the park adjacent to Chandler Road in Abbots Barton, as this was previously identified as a potential site for residential development.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N896-6</u></p>	<p>I would ask that all of the following areas be designated with Local Green Status to safeguard these precious green spaces within Winchester from built development in-perpetuity:</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery;</li> <li>• Oram's Arbour (St Paul);</li> <li>• St Giles' Hill (St Michael);</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul> <p>Further to the above, all of Winchester's allotments should also be protected in-perpetuity as they play an invaluable role for community cohesion, biodiversity and enabling people to live more sustainably. I would in fact wish to see more allotments created within Winchester District to provide for the increased demand for such areas.</p>	<p>allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N89V-6</u>	<p>Open areas, for example North Walls recreation ground and the associated "Devil's Island", must be protected by designating them as Local Green Spaces.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N89W-7</u>	<p>I hereby submit a request for the following areas, to be designated with Local Green Space status which will afford greater protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew);</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew);</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas);</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke);</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery;</li> <li>• Oram's Arbour (St Paul);</li> <li>• St Giles' Hill (St Michael);</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N8WR-Z</u></p>	<p>I would like RIVER PARK TO HAVE A PROTECTED STATUS</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N819-1</u></p>	<p>See NE9 for a need for a relaxation of use of Open Spaces, where they demonstrate opportunities for dual use of land.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N886-5</u></p>	<p>I strongly ask that the following areas are designated with Local Green Space status:  North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew)  Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew)  Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas)  St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas)  Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke)</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>



	<p>Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke)  Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery  Oram's Arbour (St Paul)  St Giles' Hill (St Michael)  Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</p> <p>and that all of Winchester's allotments are protected in-perpetuity.</p>	
<u>ANON-KSAR-N88R-1</u>	<p>I believe there should be areas which should be designated as Local Green Space, which will afford greater protection, such as North Walls recreation grounds.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<u>ANON-KSAR-N882-1</u>	<p>As a boy who has grown up in Winchester the following green spaces should be protected from built development and I therefore ask that they are designated with Local Green Space status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil's Island (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• St Matthew's Field (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver's Battery</li> <li>• Oram's Arbour (St Paul)</li> <li>• St Giles' Hill (St Michael)</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul> <p>and that all of Winchester's allotments are protected in-perpetuity.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>

<p><u>ANON-KSAR-N88M-V</u></p>	<p>Green spaces are irreplaceable as proved in lockdown and as such the following areas should be designated with Local Green Space status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Walls Recreation Ground, including Devil’s Island (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Rugby Football Ground (St Bartholomew)</li> <li>• Harestock Road sports ground (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• St Matthew’s Field (St Barnabas)</li> <li>• Cromwell Road recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Somers Close recreation ground (St Luke)</li> <li>• Compton Way recreation ground, Oliver’s Battery</li> <li>• Oram’s Arbour (St Paul)</li> <li>• St Giles’ Hill (St Michael)</li> <li>• Abbey Gardens (St Michael)</li> </ul> <p>and that all of Winchester's allotments should be protected in-perpetuity and added to.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that any Local Green Space allocations would be dealt with as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change</b></p>
<p><u>BHLF-KSAR-N8ZV-7</u></p>	<p>Policy NE10 Protecting Open Areas OBJECT Winchester College supports the principle of the protection open areas however requests that only those sites with amenity, biodiversity, heritage or recreational value are protected. Kingsgate Park (Site 28 in the City Council’s Open Space Assessment) is protected as it has an amenity and recreational value. The site has limited visibility from the public realm and therefore it does not have a significant public amenity value and any recreational value is a private benefit as it is not accessible to the public. This contrasts markedly with the College playing fields (Site 29) which have both an amenity and recreational value. It is therefore requested that the open area designation is removed from Kingsgate Park.</p>	<p>Comments Noted. The Council will review whether Site 28 should be removed from the Open Space Assessment when this is updated.</p> <p><b>Recommended Response: No Change to policy but review Open Space Assessment and potential removal of Site 28 (Kingsgate Park).</b></p>

	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Officer response</b>
Comments from SA	Policy NE10 could be strengthened by requiring that where development is permitted on an open space and a replacement open space is to be provided it should be provided as close as possible to the open space that would be affected by the development.	Additional policy criterion iii <i>‘The replacement open space is provided and located as close as possible to the open space that would be affected by the development’.</i>
Comments from HRA		

### Amendments to supporting text

7.75. The Plan aims to concentrate development within the most sustainable locations in existing towns and villages, while retaining their green spaces where they have a recognised recreational, biodiversity, heritage or amenity value.

7.76. Open areas with an important amenity, biodiversity or heritage value contribute substantially to the appearance and local distinctiveness of the area and help define the character of towns and villages. These spaces may also be performing other important environmental functions, such as ecosystem services. The local planning authority will continue to protect these important open areas both within and outside settlements. Many of the important parks and recreation grounds serving the settlements are outside the settlement boundaries, in the countryside, where they are protected by policies such as Policy SP3.

7.77. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides for local communities to identify ‘Local Green Space’ of particular importance to them. The importance of retaining open spaces has been highlighted through the process of consulting local communities on their needs and aspirations, but no Local Green Space designations have been suggested. In preparing the revised Open Space Assessment in 2020 parishes were asked to put forward all the green spaces of particular importance to them for consideration. Most if not all of these green spaces are now in the Open Space Assessment 2022 and will be afforded protection by the ‘protecting open areas’ policy. The NPPF is clear that this designation will not be appropriate for most green or open spaces and that particular criteria will need to be met. Therefore, this Plan does not seek to designate any Local Green Spaces, but will protect important open areas through other policies, such as Policy NE3, NE7, NE10 and the policies relating to development in the countryside.

7.78. Policy NE10 identifies and protects open areas that are important for one or more of the criteria listed in the policy. In relation to biodiversity, spaces are only included where they have a recognised nature designation (e.g. SINC or SSSI) and only areas with scheduled monuments are included in relation to heritage. Policy NE10 also does not identify all areas that may be considered to contribute to green infrastructure, which are covered under Policy NE4. Not all the areas covered by Policy NE10 will necessarily

have public access, but still merit designation for other reasons, such as contributing to visual amenity, or cultural significance. Some private sports grounds fall within this category.

7.79. The Open Space Assessment which is a background document to the Local Plan, lists the important open areas, whether they are within defined settlement boundaries or not, with an explanation of the role they are performing and why they are important, including the extent of public accessibility where known. The Strategy goes on to identify specific needs, deficits and surpluses of publically accessible open space. The Open Space Strategy therefore refers to some spaces that will not be subject to Policy NE10 but are nonetheless important when considering the extent and nature of provision and needs in an area, including sites outside settlement boundaries.

7.80. Policy NE3 requires that where important open areas, including hard surfaced areas such as courts, are proposed to be lost in part or completely, replacement open space should be provided nearby. Where this is not possible, then the community benefit of the development should be shown to clearly outweigh the harm caused by the loss of the open space. However, many forms of development are seen in planning terms to 'benefit the community' and this can leave open space in a vulnerable position.

7.81. Therefore, the harm caused by the loss or the reduction of the important open area, both individually and cumulatively, should be fully understood with regard to the benefits or 'services' the open space is providing. These benefits and services can be economic, environmental or social and can include:

- Character and local distinctiveness;
- Biodiversity;
- Heritage value;
- Water and flood management;
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- Opportunities for improving health and well being e.g. through informal or formal physical activity, etc.

#### Amendments to policy

Open areas within defined settlement boundaries which have an important amenity, biodiversity, heritage or recreational value, as shown on the Policies Map and detailed in the Open Space Assessment, will be protected from development. Built development will only be permitted on these spaces where it accords with the Development Plan and:

- i. The proposal is for a facility which is ancillary to the function of the open space; and

- ii. The contribution of the open area to the character of the wider area is maintained or enhanced. Development may exceptionally be permitted where it is demonstrated that the benefit to the community clearly outweighs the harm caused by the loss of all or part of the facility, and options for developing elsewhere have been explored
- iii. **The replacement open space is provided and located as close as possible to the open space that would be affected by the development<sup>7</sup>.**