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# Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Space Assessment Report



*Pocket Park, a proposed Local Green Space in Scole*

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## 2 LOCAL GREEN SPACES IN THE DDNP

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The National Planning Policy Framework sets out that specific areas of land which are demonstrably special to the local community may be protected against development through designation as Local Green Space. These are often found within the built-up area and contribute to the character of a settlement. These can vary in size, shape, location, ownership and use, but such spaces will have some form of value to the community and help define what makes that specific settlement what it is.

The designation should only be used where:

- The green space is reasonably close to the community it serves;
- The green area is demonstrably special to the community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, or richness of its wildlife;
- The green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

A robust process has been followed to determine which green spaces across the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan area should be designated. A working group of residents from each parish was used to identify potential sites for designation. These were then mapped, visited and evidence gathered as to their current use, history, importance locally and special qualities.

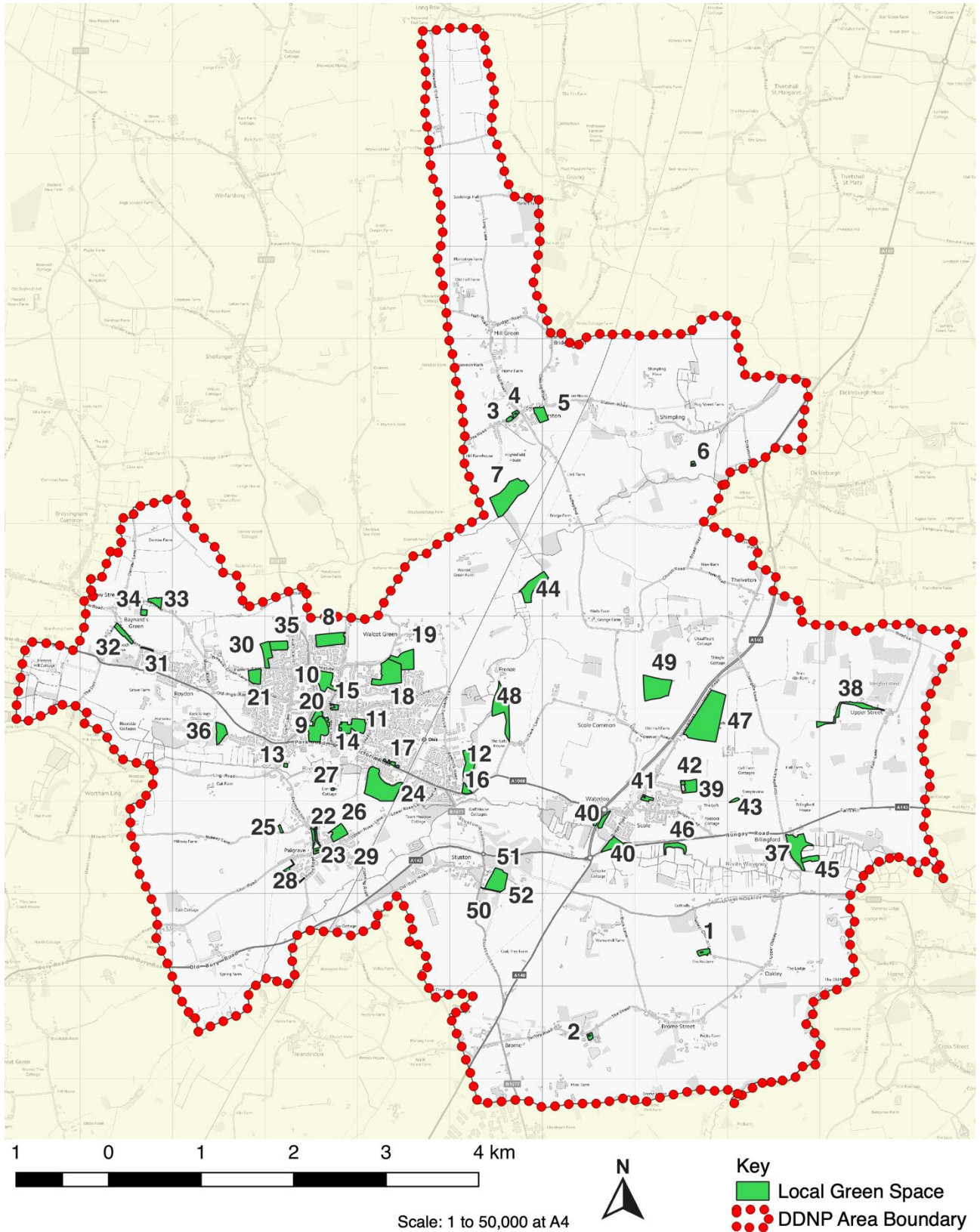
Potential sites were reviewed to determine if, at a glance, they met the national criteria, with all those which did or may do put to consultation. Residents were asked to what extent they agreed that the green spaces put forward in their community were special to them, and if they had any specific comments as to why they are special.

Any landowners affected by LGS designation were specifically contacted to make them aware of the potential implications and given the opportunity to provide their views.



*Local Green Space image 1: Swamp Lane Wood, Roydon*

2.1 LOCAL GREEN SPACES IDENTIFIED IN THE DISS AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



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Map 1: local green spaces identified in the DDPN area

### 3 BROME & OAKLEY (2)

3.1 BRO - LGS 1: ST NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD, OAKLEY

3.2 BRO - LGS 2: ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD, BROME

Site Number	Name / location notes	Grid Ref (centroid)	Description and purpose	Quality, including any shortcomings	Statutory designations (if any)	Planning history	Close to the community	Demonstrably special	Local in character, not extensive tract	Owned by
<b>BRO-LGS 1</b>	St Nicholas' Churchyard, Oakley. Graveyard with grassland and trees around St Nicholas' Church	TM 15726 77354	Parish burial ground	Some of the grass is regularly mown in summer.	Setting for St Nicholas Church, listed building	N/A	Adjacent to the Rectory.	Wildlife: this green space is surviving ancient unimproved grassland habitat. Spiritual: burial place of the dead. Landscape: extensive views of surrounding landscape.	0.78 ha	Church of England, North Hartismere Benefice
<b>BRO-LGS 2</b>	St Mary's Churchyard, Brome. Graveyard with grassland and trees around St Mary's Church	TM 14498 76469	Parish burial ground	Some of the grass is regularly mown in summer.	Setting for St Mary's Church, listed building		Adjacent to Church Farm.	Wildlife: surviving ancient unimproved grassland habitat. Spiritual: burial place of the dead.	0.4ha	Church of England, North Hartismere Benefice

## 4 BURSTON & SHIMPLING (5)

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4.1 BUR – LGS - 3: CHURCH GREEN

4.2 BUR - LGS - 4: ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

4.3 BUR – LGS - 5: CROWN GREEN

4.4 BUR - LGS - 6: ST GEORGES' CHURCHYARD

4.5 BUR – LGS - 7: THE CARR

Site no.	Name/ location	Name / location notes	Grid Ref (centroid)	Description and purpose	Quality, including any shortcomings	Statutory designations (if any)	Planning history	Close to the community	Demonstrably special	Local in character, not extensive tract	Other comments	Landowners and/or managers
BUR-LGS-3	Church Green	Greenspace north of Diss Road and next to Strike School	TM 13644 83130	Grassland area used for informal recreation; site of annual Burston Rally	Grass is well maintained, with free public access.	Setting for listed building: The Strike School Burston NHER 48834.	N/A	In the village centre, within 50m of several houses	Recreation: greensward, used for annual Burston Rally and other community events. History: setting for Burston Strike School NHER48834. Site of Burston War Memorial.	0.34 ha	Valued greenspace with deep historical resonance for many in the village.	Parish Council owner
BUR-LGS-4	St Mary's Churchyard	St Mary's parish churchyard, Burston.	TM 13714 83183	Old parish burial ground with many grave stones, mature trees, bushes and hedges.	The grass is regularly mown with free public access. Good passive surveillance.	Setting for listed building: St Mary's Church NHER 11000.	N/A	In village centre, within 50m of several houses	History: Setting for St Mary's Church (NHER11000). Wildlife: ancient unimproved grassland with biodiverse sward; mature trees, bushes and hedges. Spiritual: resting place of the dead.	0.4 ha	Valued as attractive greenspace in the heart of the village.	[Diocese of Norwich]
BUR-LGS-5	Crown Green	Greenspace south of Crown Green Road, Burston.	TM 1398 8319	Greensward used as playing field and children's play area, with BMX track and community orchard.	Grass is regularly mown; free public access.	Close to listed building: Manor House Farm NHER 29916.	N/A	Within 30 m of houses	Recreation: village playing fields with football goals, BMX track, play equipment, community orchard. Wildlife: greensward with several mature oak trees and surrounding mature hedges.	1.7 ha	Valued as significant public recreation space.	Parish Council owner
BUR-LGS-6	St George's Churchyard	St George's parish churchyard, Shimpling.	TM 15626 82653	Old parish burial ground with many grave stones, mature trees and hedges.	Parish Council has grass and hedges cut; free public access.	Setting for listed building: St George's Church NHER 11040.	N/A	Rural location, on statutory footpath network	History: Setting for St George's Church (NHER11040). Wildlife: ancient unimproved grassland with mature hedges, trees and bushes. Spiritual: resting place of the dead.	0.23 ha	Valued as ancient greenspace associated with beautiful old rural church.	Redundant Church managed by The Churches Conservation Trust
BUR-LGS-7	The Carr	Damp woodland in valley east of Durbidge's Hill	TM136823	Biodiverse damp woodland and County Wildlife Site	Wilderness area, some management by owners; not publicly accessible but surrounded on three sides by footpaths	South Norfolk County Wildlife Site 34	N/A	Rural location	Wildlife: mostly biodiverse damp woodland habitat CWS 34. Recreation: surrounded on three sides by public footpaths; listed by Norfolk GI map as an 'Accessible Nature Site'.	7.8 ha	Valued for biodiversity and link to public footpath network	Thelveton Estate



## 5 Diss (14)

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- 5.1 DIS - LGS -8: DISS CEMETERY
- 5.2 DIS - LGS -9: DISS PARK AND THE MERE
- 5.3 DIS - LGS -10: PARISH FIELDS
- 5.4 DIS - LGS -11: RECTORY MEADOWS
- 5.5 DIS - LGS -12: FRENZE BECK
- 5.6 DIS - LGS -13: DISS AND DISTRICT BOWLING GREEN
- 5.7 DIS - LGS -14: DISS CAUSEWAY BOWLING GREEN
- 5.8 DIS - LGS -15: ST MARY THE VIRGIN- CHURCHYARD
- 5.9 DIS - LGS -16: DESIRA WOOD
- 5.10 DIS - LGS -17: DENNYHOLME GREENSPACE
- 5.11 DIS - LGS -18: DISS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS
- 5.12 DIS - LGS -19: WALCOT HALL MEADOW
- 5.13 DIS - LGS -20: THE BANKS OF THE MERE
- 5.14 DIS - LGS -21: DISS FOOTBALL GROUND

Site no.	Name	Location notes	Grid Ref (centroid)	Description and purpose	Quality, including any shortcomings	Statutory designations (if any)	Planning history	Close to the community	Demonstrably special	Local in character, not extensive tract	Other comments	Landowners and/or managers
DIS-LGS-8	Diss Cemetery	Public cemetery located on Heywood Rd, Diss	TM 117807	Public cemetery with character of a wildflower meadow in many parts.	Some areas are mown for public amenity, but many areas are left unmown to support species-rich grassland and associated animal life.	Not known	Land to the north is scheduled for cemetery expansion and housing development	Bordering the houses of Heywood Road and Heywood Avenue	Wildlife - County Wildlife Site SN30, with uncommon plant species; planted evergreens. Tranquillity - a resting place for the dead. History: created from arable land in 1869; setting for two Gothic-style mortuary chapels; site no.3 in Norfolk Gardens Trust report 1997.	3.9 ha	Cherished as being the town's principal burial ground, and as species-rich grassland.	Diss Town Council
DIS-LGS-9	Diss Park and the Mere	A public park and Mere (lake) located on Victoria Road, Diss but can also be accessed from Mere Street and Denmark Street	TM115797	Public park with trees and views of Diss Mere.	Well maintained and managed using public funds.	In the heart of conservation area that extends to Sunnyside in the north and Park Road to the south	Designated ILOS in Local Plan	The main shopping area lies to the east and the north of the park and historic buildings line Denmark Street to the west	History: sold to the town by Taylor family, 1960. Recreation: children's play area; youth 'hang-out' area; bandstand; venue for summer concerts and car boot sales; angling in the Mere. Landscape: view of the Mere; integral to identity and setting of Diss; Site no. 1 in Norfolk Gardens Trust report 1997.	1.92 ha	Highly valued by residents for recreation and visitors for views of the Mere and the surrounding townscape. Also used for hosting concerts, the Town Carnival, car boot sales, etc.	Diss Town Council

<b>DIS-LGS-10</b>	<b>Parish Fields</b>	A historical parkland and former garden to the Cedars at 60 Mount Street, Diss. Runs parallel to Shelfanger Road and Sunnyside, Diss	TM116802	Old parkland meadow used for grazing cattle, also known as The Lawn	Grass managed for grazing. Occasional trespass from surrounding properties. Integrity of original parkland affected by construction of Health Centre in one corner. 1970s.	Setting for listed building 60 Mount Street (The Cedars) (HE 1306153) and indirectly for other listed buildings in Mount Street.	Designated ILOS in Local Plan. A history of planning permission refusals since 1980s. Housing development proposal for 26 houses in 2019. Protected status reviewed in recent GNLP consultation doc. Town Council opposes development on the site.	Surrounded by houses of Mount St, Sunnyside, Shelfanger Rd and Manor Walk.	History: parkland associated with The Cedars house (designated NHER 33463); mentioned by John Betjeman in his Diss film, 1964. Wildlife: wood-pasture & parkland habitat; wildlife reservoir linked to local gardens. Landscape: integral to rural character of market town, particularly Mount Street; partly encircled by historic boundary belt; Site no. 2 (The Cedars and The Lawn) in Norfolk Gardens Trust report 1997. Views: notable views from Mount Street and car parks.	3.15 ha	Cherished by residents; focus of campaigning group Parish Fields Friends, supported by public petition 2019-2020 with 2600 signatures; parts of boundary belt of trees being restored with Town Council support.	Private ownership: farmer Ben Gaze, Roydon Farm, Diss IP22 5RF (Roydon)
<b>DIS-LGS-11</b>	<b>Rectory Meadows and Playing Field</b>	Home to the local cricket club and an important recreation area for the residents. Mai access is from Skelton Road.	TM119798	Part of these grounds was associated with the Rectory, now Mere Manor, but is an important "green lung" bisected by a footpath.	Well maintained public greensward, including cricket ground.	Adjacent to listed buildings The Wilderness (1271675) and Mere Manor (1049691).	Designated ILOS in Local Plan	Surrounded by the houses of Skelton Road, Mere Manor Court and The Entry. Adjacent to Diss Junior School.	Landscape: providing significant amenity greenspace and recreation space for residents in the east central area of Diss, particularly the housing estates round Skelton Road, etc. Recreation: Diss cricket ground.	3.32 ha	Home turf of Diss and District Cricket Club. Venue for firework displays.	Diss Town Council

DIS-LGS-12	Frenze Beck	Area of fen, riverbank, pond and grassland with network of footpaths	TM131793	Wildlife reserve: open to public for recreation and observation of nature. Extends in part into Scole Parish	Managed by River Waveney Trust under contract from landowner	County Wildlife Site no. 2286.	No relevant planning applications in last 5 years	ca. 1 mile from Diss town centre: close to housing estates and Sawmills Road Industrial Estates.	* Recreation: regularly used by local people and maintained by River Waveney Trust volunteers. * Wildlife: multiple species of mammals, birds, butterflies and insects recorded here, part of CWS 2286. * Green Infrastructure: part of an area zoned as 'GI Corridor' in the Norfolk Strategic GI Corridors and Habitat Core Areas map.	<b>1.5 ha Created in 2003/4 from an area of marginal flood prone land by South Norfolk District Council as part of the European Transnational Ecological Network project. Two reed beds amounting to 1.5ha were excavated with integral ponds and ditches so as to form stretches of open water and provide a range of wetland, meadow and pasture habitats.</b>	Used by local schools for nature study. Highly valued by frequent local visitors including bird watchers, other nature lovers and dog walkers as well volunteer group members who have put hundreds of hours into site restoration and maintenance.	Owned by South Norfolk District Council; managed by River Waveney Trust
DIS-LGS-13	Diss & District Bowling Green	The bowling green at Diss & District Bowls Club, Denmark Street	TM 11220 79391	Formally managed lawn used for bowling.	Very carefully managed sward. Not publicly accessible.	N/A	N/A	Within 50 m of houses of Lower Denmark Street.	Recreation: the home turf of Diss & District Bowls Club.	0.16 ha	Home turf cherished by the Diss Bowls Club	Diss & District Bowls Club, Denmark Green, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4BE
DIS-LGS-14	Diss Causeway Bowling Green	The bowling green at Diss Causeway Bowls Club, Chapel Street	TM 11809 79779	Formally managed lawn used for bowling.	Very carefully managed sward. Not publicly accessible.	N/A	N/A	Within 50 m of houses in Chapel Street, and next to a public car park.	Recreation: the home turf of Diss Causeway Bowls Club.	0.09 ha	Home turf cherished by the Causeway Bowls Club	Diss Causeway Bowls Club, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4AW

<b>DIS-LGS-15</b>	<b>St Mary the Virgin Church and Graveyard</b>	This medieval Parish Church overlooks the busy Market place.	TM117800	The Church tower dates from the 13 <sup>th</sup> century and underwent major refurbishment in the Victorian era. Much of what is visible now is original to this period. Poet Laureate John Skelton was Rector here 500 years ago. The Church was built on a site used for worship for more than 1000 years.	The Church grounds and burial plots are well maintained	Setting for listed building	N/A	Located at the junction of Mount Street and Church Street	Tranquillity and Heritage: The well-maintained cemetery is a place of tranquillity to sit and reflect whilst in the middle of a busy town	0.55 ha	In regular use.	The Church of England. Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Mount Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4QG.
<b>DIS-LGS-16</b>	<b>Desira Wood</b>	Carr woodland between Frenze Beck and the Desira Fiat garage	TM 13180 79165	Damp woodland beside the Frenze Beck; a floodplain area often flooded in winter so mitigates downstream impact of flood water. Greenbelt area marking eastern boundary of parish.	Wilderness woodland area subject to winter flooding by Frenze Beck. No public access.	N/A	N/A	About 50 m from De Lucy House Care Home and is backed by the industrial estate.	Wildlife: site is continuous with southern side of Frenze Beck nature reserve. Landscape: provides background view for care home residents.	0.6 ha	Valued by care home residents as visual greenery	South Norfolk Council
<b>DIS-LGS-17</b>	<b>Dennyholme Greenspace</b>	Greensward and chestnut trees at Dennyholme old people's home	TM 12384 79410	Amenity grassland for housing estate with mature trees as part of landscaping for Dennyholme residents	Well maintained grass and trees with good passive surveillance.	N/A	N/A	About 20 m from residents' bungalows.	Wildlife: fine mature chestnut trees. Landscape: significant amenity value when viewed from Victoria Road or from bungalows.	0.43 ha	Valued by residents as visual greenery in an otherwise built-up area.	Saffron Housing Trust, Safron Barn, Long Stratton, Norfolk, NR15 2XP
<b>DIS-LGS-18</b>	<b>Diss High School playing field</b>	Open space adjoining Diss High School	TM123803	Grassed area used for sporting activities	Wide open space allowing a wide range of activities for the school	None known	Application for extension of neighbouring sports and leisure centre withdrawn, 2017. Pre-application opinion for development of up to 90 dwellings on neighbouring land to Northeast given, 2019	Diss High School with its 6th Form College forms the sole secondary education centre of Diss town	Recreation: essential open-air recreation/sporting facility for Diss High School	8 ha	In regular use	Diss High School Single Academy Trust, Walcot Road, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4DH

<b>DIS-LGS-19</b>	<b>Walcot Hall Meadow</b>	To the north of the site is Walcot Hall nursing home which borders the meadow and has a medieval moat as the boundary between the meadow and the hall. This supports an abundance of native plants and animal life.	TM1280NW	Agricultural land.	The site contains an onsite pond and a mature T2 Oak tree.	N/A	An outline planning application for 90 dwellings is pending 2019/1555. It is not supported by the Town Council, or by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust because of the unacceptable impacts on multiple protected species	It borders the dwellings on Walcot Rise	The Natural Environment Team at Norfolk County Council provided ecological advice to South Norfolk Council. This showed that there is a breeding population of great crested newts using the pond. There were also nine species of bats found and the T2 Oak tree is their likely roost.	3.25 ha	Highly valued by the residents because of its diverse wildlife. Common siting's are made of small deer, hedgehogs and bats.	Private owned Land Allocations Ltd, 21 Marina Court, Castle Street, Hull, England, HU1 1TJ
<b>DIS-LGS-20</b>	<b>The banks of the Mere</b>	Gardens and open space behind the elevated properties that stretch down to the Mere's edge	Mere Street, Market Place, Market Hill, St Nicholas Street and Denmark Street	Whether in the park, on Madgett's Walk or at the Mere's Mouth offers outstanding panoramic views for visitors across the Mere to the surrounding historical townscape	Outstanding views across the Mere to the banks and gardens of properties around the Mere. In 18/19 <sup>th</sup> century these sun facing gardens referred to as The Clynt were used for drying woven linen	Designated Important Local Open Space in South Norfolk Local Plan (2015)	Close to the town centre	The banks of the Mere and surrounded by properties (some listed) gently sloping down to the end of the Mere.	High valued outstanding views for the community and tourists alike. An important characteristic of Diss, It's a tranquil and peaceful setting.	1.2ha	Highly valued by visitors and residents alike, a tranquil peaceful setting in a busy market town with seating to sit and reflect or just to marvel at the views.	Privately owned. 10 – 16 Market Hill; 1-14D Denmark St; 11-16 Market Place; 17-23 St Nicolas St; 40-56 Mere St.
<b>DIS-LGS-21</b>	<b>Diss Town Football Club</b>	This comprises a football pitch, all weather facilities, clubhouse and parking facilities	Brewers Green Lane, Diss	This is well maintained sporting area complete with community and social facilities	Its senior football team play in the Thurlow Nunn League Division 1.	Not known but the football team was formed in 1888 and moved to the present site in 1983	As well as running 2 senior teams it also runs youth teams for under 11's through to under 18s as well as a girls' team and walking football teams to aid fitness for the less mobile/elderly	They are a well-supported local football team whose main claim to fame is they won the FA Vase at Wembley in 1994	Recreation: The site as well as being used by the football teams is well used socially by the community for events such as firework displays and for many years hosted Diss carnival	1.9 hectares		<b>Diss Town Football Club, Bamburgh House, Brewers Green Lane, Diss, O[22 4QP</b>

## 6 PALGRAVE (8)

- 6.1 PAL-LGS-22: THE VILLAGE GREEN
- 6.2 PAL- LGS -23: ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD
- 6.3 PAL- LGS -24: WAVENEY VALLEY MEADOWS
- 6.4 PAL- LGS -25: PARISH CEMETERY
- 6.5 PAL- LGS -26: PLAYING FIELDS
- 6.6 PAL- LGS -27: UNITARIAN GRAVEYARD
- 6.7 PAL- LGS -28: PRIORY WOODS
- 6.8 PAL- LGS -29: BURLINGTON CLOSE GREENSPACE

Site no.	Name/ location	Name / location notes	Grid Ref (centroid)	Description and purpose	Quality, including any shortcomings	Statutory designations (if any)	Planning history	Close to the community	Demonstrably special	Local in character, not extensive tract	Other comments	Landowners and/or managers
PAL-LGS-22	<b>The Village Green</b>	Palgrave Green, comprising five areas separated by roads	TM 11540 78635	Historic village green comprising four areas divided by roadways, used as a village amenity.	Well maintained, with good passive surveillance.	Setting for 16 listed buildings including St Peter's Church. Registered Village Green no. VG41. Protected under the Commons Registration Act 1965.	N/A	In the centre of the village.	Recreation: amenity greenspace, bonfire parties and other village events. Wildlife: mature lime and ash trees, duck pond, semi-natural grassland. History: Medieval manorial land.	1ha	A much valued haven in the middle of Palgrave and what makes the village so unique.	Lord of the Manor of Palgrave
PAL-LGS-23	<b>St Peter's Churchyard</b>	St Peter's parish churchyard	TM 11587 78477	Old parish burial ground with many grave stones, mature trees and bushes and 2 War Graves	The grass is regularly mown. Good passive surveillance.	Setting for listed building: St Peter's Church. 2 WW1 War Graves	N/A	Within 50 m of houses and school	History: Setting for St Peter's Church (SHER-PAL014), and has notable old flint walls. Wildlife: unimproved grassland with biodiverse sward; mature trees and bushes. Spiritual: resting place of the dead.	0.428 ha	Valued as an attractive greenspace in the heart of the village, with fine old flint walls	Rev Adrian Watkins, Maintained by Palgrave Parish Council as now a closed churchyard for future burials

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PAL-LGS-24	<b>Waveney Valley Meadows</b>	Floodplain meadows in the Waveney valley	TM 12247 79139	Three meadows bordered on the east by the railway line and in the west by Diss sewage works. Used for stock grazing and nature conservation.	Maintained by farmer. Not visible from houses in Palgrave.	County Wildlife Site Mid-Suffolk 106 'Waveney Valley Meadows'. Component of Waveney Valley Green Infrastructure / Wildlife Corridor.	N/A	Visible from Lion Rd near railway Bridge and from houses on the south side of Victorian Rd, Diss.	Wildlife: varied acid grassland and wetland floras, as defined in CWS citation document; an important Wildlife Corridor component. Landscape: beautiful example of Waveney valley meadows, part of 'Wooded Valley Meadowlands & Fens' LCA. Green infrastructure: part of an area zoned as 'GI Corridor' in the Norfolk Strategic GI Corridors and Habitat Core Areas map.	8.25 ha	Public access via the riverside permissive path. The area is managed as a wildlife reserve with bird boxes etc.	Farmer: [Laurie, Place farm, Stuston]
PAL-LGS-25	<b>Parish Cemetery</b>	Burial ground at Millway Lane	TM 11172 78689	New parish burial ground	Well maintained.	Setting for listed building	N/A	Close to houses at Millway Lane.	Spiritual: resting place of the dead. Wildlife: grassland and hedges.	0.217 ha		Palgrave Parish Council]
PAL-LGS-26	<b>Playing Field</b>	Village playing fields next to Community Centre	TM 11781 78654	Village recreation ground with children's play area	Well maintained greensward	Protected under a Charitable Trust	N/A	Within 30 m of houses on its southern side; setting for the Community centre	Recreation: strolling, dog walking, football matches, village fetes, children's play, car boot sales, etc. Wildlife: greensward surrounded by thick hedges and some trees.	2.05 ha	Much valued green space for outdoor exercise	
PAL-LGS-27	<b>Old Unitarian Burial Ground</b>	An old graveyard in the countryside.	TM 11726 79138	Disused burial spot for the Unitarians of Diss in the 19th century.	Not maintained. Adjacent to The Lows, but lacking footpath access. No public access		N/A	50 m away from Elm Vale cottage.	Spiritual: a rural burial place. History: linked to early 19th century Unitarian sect supported by famous local educationalist Anna Barbauld and the Taylor family. Wildlife: grassland with mature trees.	0.068 ha		Diss Unitarian Chapel Fund And Burial Ground Charity (no. 212900)



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<b>PAL-LGS-28</b>	<b>Priory Wood</b>	Woodland belt between Lion Road and Priory Road	TM 11291 78221	Small woodland area with informal footpath access	An area of informal public greenspace.		Conveyed to Mid Suffolk District Council	Houses front the wood on Priory Road on the NE side of the wood. All other aspects are free of development.	Recreation: strolling, dog walking. Wildlife: mature woodland habitat.	0.686 ha	Footpaths go through this wood and are widely used by the public.	Mid Suffolk District Council
<b>PAL-LGS-29</b>	<b>Pond area in Burlington Close</b>	Burlington Close, off Crossing Road	TM 11858 78403	Greenspace containing notable pond, trees and hedges in Burlington Close to the houses	Grass well maintained by residents, good surveillance; site fenced on three sides.	Area was safeguarded at the time of the granting of the Planning Permission to build.	N/A	Close to houses in Burlington Close and Crossing Road, surrounding the pond on 3 sides.	Recreation: a planned amenity safeguarded for local residents, eg feeding ducks, visual greenspace at centre of Close. Wildlife: pond and grassland life.	0.079 ha	Pond with mature trees	Residents of the Close have collective management responsibility

## 7 ROYDON (7)

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7.1 ROY – LGS - 30: QUAKER WOOD

7.2 ROY - LGS - 31: SWAMP LANE WOOD

7.3 ROY – LGS - 32: BAYNARDS LANE WOOD

7.4 ROY - LGS - 33: LITTLE GREEN

7.5 ROY - LGS - 34: SNOW STREET ALLOTMENTS

7.6 ROY - LGS - 35: LOUIE’S LANE ALLOTMENTS

7.7 ROY - LGS - 36: POTASH LANE FIELDS

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ROY-LGS-30	<b>Quaker Wood</b>	AKA Diss Community Woodland – within Roydon on Factory Lane.	TM 11017 80616	Mixed environment for leisure and bio-diversity	Well maintained by regular work parties of volunteers.	N/A	Planning consent granted by SNC ref 2008/0888/CU for Change of Use from agricultural land to community and amenity purposes	On the western boundary of the built-up east end of Roydon	Wildlife: Young woodland, some mature and veteran trees, open spaces, wildflower meadow, pond and natural areas.	2.08 ha, immediately next to estate housing in Roydon and Diss	Much used and enjoyed by locals, school groups and visitors - for walking, nature study, relaxation.	Owned and managed by Diss Community Woodland Project, a local volunteer group. In existence since 2010.
ROY-LGS-31	<b>Swamp Lane Wood</b>	Woodland south of Swamp Lane between Swamp Lane and Hose Avenue .	TM 09726 80651	A strip of old woodland next to Swamp Lane and Hose Avenue housing - for walking, playing and nature. Adjoins greensward of Hose Avenue's SNDC Open Space.	Natural, fairly dense old woodland growth, with a clear compact path through the length of it. Monitored by the Parish Council.	N/A	N/A	On one side, runs alongside Hose Avenue housing estate.	Wildlife: Notable for its oaks, holly and yews, Recreation: much used by all for walking and also as an area for play by the children of the estate which it abuts.	0.191 ha	Much appreciated as enhancing the natural character of Swamp Lane.	South Norfolk District Council
ROY-LGS-32	<b>Baynards Lane Wood</b>	On the east side of Baynards Lane between Baynards Lane and the Rugby Club	TM 09481 80802	A strip of ancient woodland notable for beech and oak, with mature understorey, and two ponds. For walking and pleasure.	Compact linear path through natural woodland. Monitored by the Parish Council.	Marked as 'Deciduous Woodland - Priority Habitat' by MAGIC Map.	N/A	Runs alongside Baynards Lane, which joins a newer part of the village to the older Snow Street part. Very accessible from both areas.	Wildlife: A natural corridor of woodland linking old and new communities, emblematic of Roydon's distinctive blend of old and new. Designated Priority Habitat, deciduous woodland.	1.16 ha.	Much valued as an old woodland, by walkers, bird watchers, naturalists.	Privately owned

<b>ROY-LGS-33</b>	<b>Little Green</b>	Woodland on north side of Snow Street opposite The Friary	TM 09832 81155	Mature mixed woodland with a public footpath at east and west ends	Well maintained	N/A	N/A	Near Snow Street and Brewers Green	Wildlife: mature woodland and veteran oak trees. History: former historic green replaced by secondary woodland. Recreation: popular with walkers, public footpaths and west and east ends, (east end path currently being reinstated).	1.01 ha	Much appreciated in the spring for its show of snowdrops. Also valued for its variety of tree species running alongside the much walked and cycled Snow Street.	Privately owned
<b>ROY-LGS-34</b>	<b>Snow Street Allotments</b>	Allotments accessed by lane from Snow Street	TM 09689 81039	Gardening plots for rent.	Well looked after, with a council warden in charge	N/A	N/A	Central to Roydon	Recreation: gardening and horticulture. Wildlife: biodiverse habitat for garden insects, birds, mammals; many varied niches.	0.411 ha	Much used, much appreciated	Owned and managed by Roydon Parish Council.
<b>ROY-LGS-35</b>	<b>Louie's Lane Allotments</b>	Accessed from Louie's Lane	TM 11154 80683	Plots for rent for gardening.	Well looked after, and managed by Diss and District Allotment Holders' Association	N/A	N/A	On the populous eastern side of Roydon, on border with Diss	Recreation: gardening and horticulture. Wildlife: biodiverse habitat for garden insects, birds, mammals; many varied niches.	1.78 ha	Much used, much appreciated	Owned by Diss Town Council.
<b>ROY-LGS-36</b>	<b>Potash Lane Fields</b>	Fields and scrub lying to the north-west of Potash Lane. Accessible by a track from Tottington Lane and from Roydon Fen via a path.	TM 10533 79744	Rough tussocky ground, with some trees and scrub. A track goes through it to Roydon Fen	Rough and natural, perfect for a range of flora and fauna, and for variety of habitat in the village. A favourite with barn owls.	Marked on MAGIC map as part of Roydon Fen Local Nature Reserve and as Lowland Fen Priority Habitat.	N/A	Close to the south east part of the village, bordering with Diss. Many houses near, and easy access from the rest of Roydon.	Wildlife: adjacent to Roydon Fen County Wildlife Site; rough grassland and scrub dotted with saplings, the field is wild and a great favourite with barn owls. History: a former parish rubbish dump in one area.	1.89 ha	Seen as an asset to the parish as being an uncultivated and wild area which forms part of the Gap between the settlement boundaries of Roydon and Diss.	Privately owned.

## 8 SCOLE (13)

- 8.1 SCO -LGS- 37: BILLINGFORD COMMON
- 8.2 SCO -LGS -38: BILLINGFORD UPPER STREET GREEN
- 8.3 SCO -LGS -39: PLAYING FIELD
- 8.4 SCO -LGS -40: POCKET PARK
- 8.5 SCO -LGS -41: ST ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD
- 8.6 SCO -LGS-42 BOWLING GREEN
- 8.7 SCO -LGS-43: ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD
- 8.8 SCO -LGS-44: SCOTLAND WOOD
- 8.9 SCO -LGS-45: WOOD NEAR BILLINGFORD BRIDGE
- 8.10 SCO -LGS-46: WAVENEY WOOD
- 8.11 SCO -LGS-47: SCOLE LODGE GROUNDS
- 8.12 SCO -LGS-48: WOODED AREA ALONG ANGLES WAY
- 8.13 SCO -LGS-49: BIG WOOD

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SCO-LGS-37	Billingford Common	Triangle of land in angle between A143 and Low Road	TM 167785	Ancient common land, now grassland and woodland nature reserve, used for informal recreation.	Rough grass land and woodland with a sense of wildness and CROW land with free public access. Includes windmill.	CROW land. Registered Common Land 35544, part of 'Billingford Common and Billingford Green'. Setting for Billingford Windmill listed building NHER7969.	N/A	Adjacent to the hamlet of Billingford, and flanked by houses on N and NW sides.	Wildlife: heathland and woodland County Wildlife Site SN14. History: setting for Billingford Windmill NHER 7969. Recreation: informal walking and dog exercising for hamlet of Billingford and other local villages; setting for events associated with the windmill. Green Infrastructure: part of an area zoned as 'GI Corridor' in the Norfolk Strategic GI Corridors and Habitat Core Areas map.	4.8 ha	Attractive area with spectacular windmill at its centre.	[Thelveton Estate]

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SCO-LGS-38	Billingford Upper Street Green	Land alongside roadways at Billingford Upper Street	TM 17440 80033	Grassland and secondary woodland on relic tract of ancient common land linked with footpath network.	Rough grassland mown in places by residents.	N/A	N/A	Flanked by houses of Upper Street	Wildlife: surviving piece of grassland habitat. * History: relic of formerly more extensive common land (Faden 1797). * Recreation: linked to local footpath network. * Green Infrastructure: part of an areas zoned as 'GI Corridor' in the Norfolk Strategic GI Corridors and Habitat Core Areas map.	2.4 ha		[Theveton Estate]
SCO-LGS-39	Playing Field	Playing Field at eastern end of Ransome Avenue.	TM 15576 79174	Football Pitches	Well maintained. Good surveillance	N/A	N/A	Next to Scole Community Centre and within 20 m of houses at Ransome Avenue	Recreation: Used frequently for activities such as football, village fete, fun days, charitable events, etc	1.78 ha	A valued community asset	Scole PC
SCO-LGS-40	Scole Pocket Park	Scole Pocket Park, surrounding land and access paths.	TM 14725 78588 (Lot 1) & TM 14831 78568 (Lot 2) & TM 14595 78847 (Lot 3) & M 14655 78810 (Lot 4) & TM 14713 78518(Dragon Park) and TM 14771 78550 (permissive woodland)	A Pocket Park of five units for informal recreation and wildlife value, including a fenced 'outdoor classroom' area.	Well maintained. Rangers walk during daylight hours. Access limited in some areas during flood water conditions. Interlinking of areas dependent on permissive access arrangement.	N/A	N/A	100 m from the houses of Clements Close, Beech Close and Karen Close.	Recreation: walking. Wildlife: riverside and woodland habitats. Tranquillity: riverside with trees. Quality of life: valued local amenity. Education: includes a fenced outdoor classroom area. Artistic: dragon sculpture. Green Infrastructure: part of an area zoned as 'GI Corridor' in the Norfolk Strategic GI Corridors and Habitat Core Areas map.	Total area 4.55 ha, comprising five lots (1: 0.29 + 2: 0.85 + 3: 0.65 + 4: 0.81 + dragon park 1.24 ha) plus riverside woodland: 0.35 ha)	A valued community asset used on a daily basis by many people.	Scole PC, and the privately owned woodland by Theveton Estates.

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SCO-LGS-41	St. Andrew's Churchyard	Graveyard for St Andrew's Church	TM 15106 79045	Grassy space with graves and grave stones. The whole churchyard is a valued village asset and has been recently expanded.	Well maintained and has many visitors	Setting for a listed building: Church of St Andrew - 1156145 and NHER 7597.	N/A	100 m from Village centre	History: Setting for St Andrew's Church (NHER 7597). Wildlife: unimproved grassland with biodiverse sward; mature trees, bushes and hedges. Spiritual: resting place of the dead.	0.75 ha	A valued community asset	Scole PCC
SCO-LGS-42	Bowling Green	The bowling green at Scole & District Bowls Club, Ransome Avenue	TM 15516 79200	Formally-managed lawn used for bowling.	Very carefully managed sward. Not publicly accessible.	N/A	N/A	Within 20 m of houses of Ransome Avenue	Recreation: the home turf of Scole & District Bowls Club.	0.168 ha	Cherished by the Bowls Club	[Scole PC
SCO-LGS-43	St Mary's Churchyard	Rough grassland around the ruins of St Mary's Church	TM 16089 79015	Former churchyard of St Mary's Church, now rough grassland	Managed as part of [Countryside Stewardship] area	Setting for Ruins of St Mary's Church listed Grade 2 #1050243.  Also NHER 7958: Thorpe Parva deserted settlement and church of St Mary.	N/A	Linked to footpath network.	History: setting for NHER 7958 (St Mary's Church and Thorpe Parva deserted settlement). Wildlife: unimproved grassland. Spiritual: resting place of the dead. Visual: spectacular ruined tower, a local landmark. Green Infrastructure: part of an area zoned as 'GI Corridor' in the Norfolk Strategic GI Corridors and Habitat Core Areas map.	0.249 ha		[Theveton Estates]
SCO-LGS-44	Scotland Wood	Damp carr woodland next to the parish boundary with Diss.	TM 13892 81342	Valley woodland site in the Frenze Beck valley.	Carr woodland and grassland in private ownership.	CWS South Norfolk 32 (Scotland)	N/A	About 0.6 km west of Burston Road; about 250 m east of Blackthorn Farm, Walcot Green.	Wildlife: biodiverse damp woodland, designated CWS; ecological connectivity in the Frenze Beck river catchment.	3.71 ha	A valued ecological corridor component	[Theveton Estates]
SCO-LGS-45	Wood near Billingford Bridge	Damp woodland about 150 m north-east of Billingford Bridge	TM 16893 78379	Valley woodland site close to the River Waveney	Carr woodland in private ownership adjoining Billingford Common.	CWS South Norfolk 14 (East of Billingford Common)	N/A	About 350 m south-east of the hamlet of Billingford	Wildlife: biodiverse damp woodland; designated CWS ecological connectivity in the Waveney valley corridor. Landscape: contributes	0.977 ha	A valued ecological corridor component	[Theveton Estates]

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<b>SCO-LGS-46</b>	<b>Waveney Wood</b>	Damp woodland between A143 and River Waveney	TM 15428 78533	Valley woodland site on the banks of the River Waveney	Wet woodland in private ownership.	CWS South Norfolk 12 (Adjacent to River Waveney)	N/A	About 300 m south-east of St Leonard's Close houses	Wildlife: biodiverse damp woodland, designated CWS; ecological connectivity in the River Waveney valley. Landscape: contributes visual diversity in Waveney valley.	1.34 ha	A valued ecological corridor component	[Thelveton Estates]
<b>SCO-LGS-47</b>	<b>Scole Lodge Grounds</b>	Woodland and parkland surrounding Oaklands Care Home	TM 15723 79948	Mature woodland and parkland setting for Scole Lodge.	Land in private ownership.	CWS South Norfolk 16 (Scole Lodge Grounds).  Setting for listed building Scole Lodge (1156206).	N/A	Surrounding Oaklands Care Home	Wildlife: mature woodland and grassland park; designated CWS; woodland landscape connectivity element. Amenity: quality of life for c.50 residents and the staff.	12.26 ha	Amenity value for c.75 patients and staff	[Kingsley Healthcare ]
<b>SCO-LGS-48</b>	<b>Wooded area along Angles Way</b>	Wooded areas either side of Angles Way bridleway between Diss Business Centre and Frenze Church	Historical traditional large wooded area with views through to Frenze Beck and Diss to the west	One of the few remaining traditional woodlands in the area	on Thelveton Estates Land	N/A	N/A	Alongside the popular Angles Way	History, delightful part of Angles Way between Diss and Scole. Wildlife, with the small area of woodland home to many species.	About 1ha to the east 3ha to the west	Anecdotally this is valued by the residents and visitors alike.	Thelveton Estates
<b>SCO-LGS-49</b>	<b>Big Wood</b>	Historical traditional large wooded area.	One of the few remaining traditional woodlands in the area	Rough and natural, perfect for a variety of habitat in the area. A favourite with barn owns.	on Thelveton Estates Land	Adjacent to one of the most popular footpaths	History, wildlife	Adjacent to one of the most used footpaths in the Parish	Nominated by local walkers and wildlife enthusiasts for the diversity seen here	6ha	Valued by the residents and visitors alike.	Thelveton Estates



## 9 STUSTON (3)

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9.1 STU-LGS-50: RECTORY LANE FOOTPATH

9.2 STU-LGS-51: HALL MEADOWS

9.3 STU-LGS-52: LODGE MEADOW LANE FOOTPATH

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STU-LGS-50	Rectory Lane	Lane between church and B1077	TM 13377 77900	A lane to Rectory and church from the main part of the village	A private track which becomes a footpath between high hedges; signed as a footpath. No vehicular access to church.	Signed as a public footpath but not marked on Suffolk CC PRoW map	N/A	Close to the old Rectory	Recreation: signed permissive footpath connecting main part of village with Church and Church Lane. Wildlife: hedges and woodland. History: an ancient lane.	0.046 ha / 150 m	Used for people walking to church	All Saints Church
STU-LGS-51	Hall Meadows	Meadow land east of The Lodge	TM 13517 78144	Two meadows with trees and ponds east of The Lodge and north of Stuston House. Used for stock grazing.	Private land visible from Church Lane and Stuston Common	Not known	Thought to be part of the estate of the old Tudor House (demolished)	Backing onto houses in Stuston Lane (B1077)	History: Adjacent to site of Tudor House now demolished, 19th century parkland associated with The Lodge; land-use continuity has been maintained. Wildlife: grazed meadowland habitat with ponds and trees. Landscape: great visual amenity and contributing to rural sense of place.	4.05 ha	Somewhat "landlocked" parcel of land with access and land drainage issues	David Laurie (Lord of Manor)
STU-LGS-52	Lodge Meadow Lane	A lane running east-west north of Stuston House	TM 13334 78071 (west end) to TM 13547 78021 (east end)	Lane from main part of village towards Stuston Hall	A private track to various properties - not a statutory footpath.	[None]	N/A	Close to Stuston Houses and houses of Stuston Lane (B1077)	Recreation: informal path connecting main part of village with Church Lane and the Common near Stuston Hall. Wildlife: hedges and woodland. History: an ancient lane. Views: allows villagers to see Lodge Meadows from the southern side.	0.102 ha / 220 m	Vehicular access to properties and used by people walking out towards Church Lane	David Laurie (Lord of the Manor)

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