

Supporting Document 12 - Local Green Spaces Assessment (Revised February 2020)

This Table provides the rationale for inclusion of Green Spaces in Policy Eye 20 (to be read with Figure 14 of the Submission Draft Eye Neighbourhood Plan)

Map no.	Place	Demonstration of value as a local community asset.	Ownership	Biodiversity values	Landscape values	Existing VIOS	Important as green network	Historic values	Important as eco corridor	Recreation value
1	Town Moors woodland	Planted woodland with ditches; ponds and sculptures; former town dump. Managed for and by local community since 1950s (Eye Borough Council). Designated as VIOS in MSDC Local Plan. Priority Habitat as defined in NPPF/	Charity	x	x	x	x	?	x	Informal
2	Town Moors playing field	Open grass field with football pitches; skate park; managed for and by local community since 1950s (Eye Borough Council). Designated as VIOS in MSDC Local Plan	Charity		x	x	x			Formal
3	The Rettery	Riverside green path with woodland, wet in places; boardwalk and former railway line. Includes PROW and landowners have given support to management by Eye Guides (daffodil planting, bat box project & tree planting) Designated as VIOS in MSDC Local Plan	Private	x	x	x	X	?	x	Informal
4	Rettery allotments	Private allotments not fully used at present. Local asset for lease holders.	Private		x		X			Informal
5	Oak Crescent Green	Open grassland with some shrubs and trees; children's	Public		x	x	+ route			Formal

		play equipment and 5-a-side goal and basketball net. Owned by MSDC and managed with funds from MSDC. Used by local community. Designated as VIOS in MSDC Local Plan								
6	Primary School Playing Field	Open field with tree surrounds and pond. Proximal greenspace with public access for events.	Public/Church	x	?				x	
7	St Peter & St Paul Churchyard	Open grassland with mature trees; Designated as VIOS in MSDC Local Plan. Closed churchyard so responsibility passed to Eye TC. Owned by Parochial CC with public access.	Church/Public	x	x	x	route	x	x	
8	Eye Castle and Meadow	Mound with shrubs; open grass area with seats and interpretation. Heritage asset owned by MSDC with public access for events and informal recreation asset.	Public	[x]	x			x		Informal
9	The Pennings Local Nature Reserve	2 former arable fields with some interesting flora; edge trees, beside river. Statutory designated site for nature conservation declared in 1996 for environmental education. Biodiversity asset owned and managed by MSDC with public access.	Public	x LNR	x				x	Informal
10	Eye Cricket Pitch	Open cricket pitch and nets with club house. Owned and managed by Eye & District Cricket Club for members & public for events.	Semi-public							Formal

11	Eye Cemetery	Active cemetery with older area dating back over 100 years; mature trees; 2 chapels. Owned and managed by Eye TC with public access.	Public	[x]	x				Linked	Informal
12	Hartismere School Playing Fields	Formal playing field with pitches and artificial turf beside school. Public access for events eg Sports Relief.	Academy						Linked	Formal
13	Victoria Windmill	Mill ruined base surrounding by grassland with some interesting plants and hedges. Listed heritage asset owned and managed by MSDC.	Public	[x]	x			x		Informal
14	Victoria Mill Allotments	Active allotments. Owned by Eye TC for local lease holders.	Public				x		Linked	Informal
15	490th Memorial	Small formal area of reinforced grass and hedge set in grassland with some interesting plants. Owned by MSDC and managed by local community.	Public	x	?			?is now	x	Informal
16	Abbey Bridge meadow	Small riverside grassland used to access river for annual Scout Group duck race and safe access to Pennings LNR.	?	?	x				x	Informal
17	Eye Scout Hut	Small grass field bedside scout hut. Owned and managed by local community for members with public access for events.	Third sector							Formal
18	Hartismere Hospital Roadside Meadow	Grass strip between road and hospital with some trees including fruit trees. Proximal greenspace asset.	Public		x?setting			?		

19	Paddock House Roadside Meadow	Former garden with significant exotic trees. Proximal greenspace asset formerly with public access,	Public	X bee orchids	x					?
20	Langton House orchard	Former orchard former extended garden. Priority Orchard habitat as defined in NPPF.	Private	X	x				x	
21	Town Stream field (Brightwell)	Former orchard now with brambles and rampant growth partially in floodplain. Designated as VIOS in MSDC Local Plan as open space within built up area of town. Proximal greenspace asset viewed from PROW.	Private		x				x	
22	Town Stream fields (East)	Mix of fields and outbuildings in floodplain. Designated as VIOS in MSDC Local Plan. Proximal greenspace asset viewed from PROW.	Private		x				x	
23	Baldwin/airfield Country Park - proposed	To be designated country park with new development	Private? Will be public		?		?		?	?
24	Century Rd /Victoria Hill junction patch	Small area of grass with shrubs and path. Owned and managed by MSDC.	Public	x	x					
25	Eye Bowls club	Formal bowls green with club house and adjoining rough grass. Local asset for members with public access to events.	Third sector							Formal
		Important access routes /links in green network that may not be PROW								
26	Access Buckshorn Lane car park to Castle Hill	Path and steps between car park and housing. Access from town centre to castle bailey and Castle site. Owned by MSDC.	Public							x
		Important PROW with corridor impact								

27	Rapsy Tapsy Lane	Byway with restriction crossing stream. Heritage asset used by public.	PROW	x	x				x	Informal
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Policy implications

These green spaces have been identified because of their contribution to the quality of the life in Eye. Between them these special assets contribute important values that need to be recognised, protected and where appropriate added to. They have been assessed around particular values:

- Important for biodiversity
- Important for landscape and views to retain character of town
- Important for linking green spaces together to meet human and wildlife needs
- Important for access and recreation values – health and wellbeing as well as sustainable movement