

Assessment of public spaces

Site Details										
Description and purpose	Churchyard	Village Gardens	New Street Close	Playing Field	Bowls Green and Tennis Courts	Green triangle by High School entrance in Wilby Road	Westhall	Shelton Hill	Cemetery	Green verges in New Street between Wilby Road and New Street Close
Checklist										
Statutory designations		None	None			None	None	None	None	None
Site allocations	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Planning permissions	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Area	0.5 ha	2.4 ha	0.25 ha	2 ha	0.5 ha	0.1 ha	0.4 ha	0.2 ha	0.5 ha	0.2 ha
Ownership	Parish Council	Stradbroke Trust	MSDC	Parish Council	Parish Council	MSDC	Parish Council	MSDC	Parish Council	SCC
NPPF Criteria Assessment										
Close to the community it services	Located in the centre of the village and highly visible	Located on the eastern edge of the village but within 800m of the majority of homes	Located in the centre of a small housing development	Within 800m of the majority of homes	Within 800m of majority of homes	Within 800m of majority of homes	Centre of a substantial housing development	Provides green verge and break between housing and main road	Located on the eastern fringe of the village but within 800m of the majority of homes	Provides green verge and break between road and housing
Public access	Open to all 24/7	Open to all (except allotments)	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Restricted to club members and visitors	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Open 24/7
Ecologically significant	Some wild flowers	Contains 1ha wildflower meadow and community orchard of similar size stocked with traditional Suffolk varieties. Also included is a small but ancient pond. It is a haven for wildlife and as such a environmental sensitive management policy is in operation.	None	None	None	None	None	None	Significant number and variety of wildflowers and wildlife haven.	None
Historically significant	Burial ground - now closed	No	None	None	None	None	None	None	Current cemetery for Parish	None
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	A significant focal point in the centre of the village and used for special occasions including weddings, memorial service and christmas.	An important resource for approximately 30 families to grow their own food. The site is adjacent to a public footpath and used extensively by walkers and dog owners and for picnics in the summer.	A focal point for residents to meet or just enjoy the open space	Used by football and cricket clubs and for occasional events such as fetes and concerts. Important for space informal recreation	Important resource for recreation and encouraging health and wellbeing	Significant space with built environment with substantial tree/s and bench.	Important open space for recreation and meeting. Has new play equipment and football posts	Important to local residents and enhances appearance of main entry point to the village	Important to many families with ancestors and relatives buried there and/or expectation of being buried there.	Provides surround for village sign and enhances appearance of main road through village
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	It is the only green space in the centre of the village	Sits well within its surroundings and helps retain a green edge to the village.	Provides some relief to an otherwise unattractive area	Adjacent to housing on 3 sides and open field on the other which may ultimately be developed			Important to local residents and sits well with adjacent housing on 3 sides	Tree lined verge appeals to residents and visitors	Quiet and natural area that has been a feature of the village for many years	
Conclusion		Qualifies for designation		Qualifies for designation	Qualifies for designation		Qualifies for designation			
Improvements possible if any			Additional planting of shrubs/small trees to improve attractiveness	Extension to playing field would enable to have multiple games playing at the same time		planting of shrubs and perennials plus a new bench to make it more attractive				