



THORNDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Local Green Space Assessment
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LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The parish of Thorndon has several 'green spaces' that are important to the character of the village and provide an amenity for its residents. Paragraph 99 and 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2019) identifies the possibility of identifying green spaces that meet certain characteristics as "Local Green Spaces". The paragraphs state:

99. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

100. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

This report provides an assessment of the green spaces in the village against the criteria in paragraph 100 in order to support the designation of local green spaces in the emerging Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan.

The Identified Green Spaces

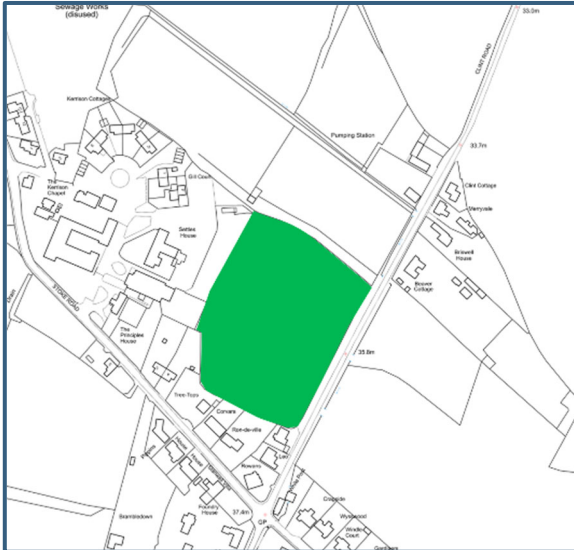
A list of the green spaces is detailed below. Some of the spaces are grouped together.

1. Kerrison Playing Field
2. Fen View Play Area and Open Space
3. Kerrison Set Aside Land
4. All Saints' Churchyard
5. The Bowling Green

Appraisal

The following pages provide a detailed assessment of the identified spaces to ascertain whether they conform with the Local Green Space definition of the NPPF.

1. Kerrison Playing Field



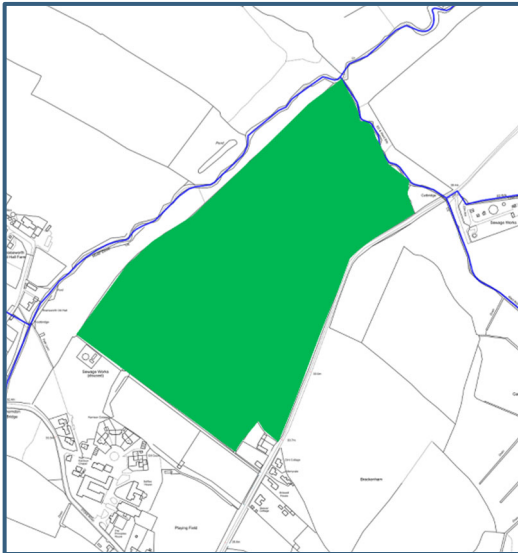
Site Details	
Description and purpose	Playing Field providing formal recreation opportunities
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Adopted Mid Suffolk Local Plan - Visually Important Open Space Emerging Joint Local Plan – Designated Open Space
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	1.5 hectares
Ownership	The Kerrison Trust
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	On edge of village and adjoining site with planning permission for 20 dwellings
Public access	Restricted access
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No records of significance
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Originally part of the Kerrison Approved School where detained boys could play football and cricket
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The site does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

2. Fen View Play Area and Open Space



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Children's Play Area and informal open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Adopted Mid Suffolk Local Plan - Visually Important Open Space Emerging Joint Local Plan – Designated Open Space
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.75 Ha
Ownership	Parish Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Centrally located within the village, close to the primary school, community shop and public house
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important amenity area for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

3. Kerrison Set Aside Land



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Set aside grassland with general public access
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	c15.5 Ha
Ownership	The Kerrison Trust
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	At the centre of the Conyers Way development and within 500m of the majority of homes
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Any history about why it's set aside??
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The area is clearly distinct from the surrounding area and provides accessible informal open space adjoining the village. Being bounded by hedgerows means it is contained and does not constitute an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

4. All Saints' Churchyard



Site Details	
Description and purpose	
Checklist	
Statutory designations	Grade II* Listed Building
Site allocations	Adopted Mid Suffolk Local Plan - Visually Important Open Space
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.5 Ha
Ownership	Church Diocesan
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it serves	Located in the centre of the village and adjacent to the Primary School
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	Grade II* Listed Building
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Tranquil space that has both historic and community significance to Thorndon.
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site is self-contained and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

5. The Bowling Green



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Bowling Green
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Adopted Mid Suffolk Local Plan - Visually Important Open Space
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.17 Ha
Ownership	John Coy, Thorndon
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Within built-up area of the village
Public access	Only accessible to members
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important formal recreation facility for the community
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site is self-contained and does not form an extensive tract of land.
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

