

## Step 2: Complete checklist

If it seems that the candidate site may meet the designation criteria, complete the designation checklist below (and provide all the relevant evidence). The checklist should be completed for each candidate site.

<b>1</b>	<b>General Information</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<p><b>Name and address of site</b></p> <p><i>Some sites have several names and all known names should be given</i></p> <p><b>Huncote Leisure Center field, Sportsfield Lane, Huncote</b></p>
<b>1.2</b>	<p><b>Site location plan</b></p> <p><i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site.</i></p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Local Green Space (not to scale)</p> <p>Huncote</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Fosse Villages</p> <p><b>Author:</b> C. Wilkinson</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 28/01/2022</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: right;"> <p><i>Fosse Villages</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Additional Local Green Space</b></p> <p><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Additional Local Green Space</p> <p><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 1px; background-color: #ff0000; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Fosse Village Boundary</p> </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">© Crown copyright and database right. All rights reserved (100053564) 2022</p>
<b>1.3</b>	<p><b>Organisation or individual proposing site for designation</b></p> <p><i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised community group</i></p> <p><b>Huncote Parish Council as part of the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Group</b></p>
<b>1.4</b>	<p><b>Ownership of site if known</b></p> <p><i>Information on land ownership can be obtained from the Land Registry. Some land parcels are not registered however local people may know the owner.</i></p> <p><b>The site is owned by Blaby District Council but managed by Everyone Active, part of the SLM Group.</b></p>
<b>1.5</b>	<p><b>Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation?</b></p> <p><b>Blaby District Council are aware.</b></p>

1.6	<b>Does the owner support the designation?</b> <i>Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners</i>
	<b>As we understand it Blaby District Council support the potential designation.</b>
1.7	<b>Photographs of site</b>



1.8	<p><b>Community served by the potential Local Green Space</b>  <i>i.e. does the site serve the whole village/town or a particular geographic area or group of people?</i></p>
	<p>The area covers many different groups and activities.</p> <p>Huncote Leisure Centre is one of two district leisure centres operated by the district council, and also hosts a variety of sports teams' events from across the county, as well as hosting Leicester Huncote Hornets BMX club and their tracks which play host to BMX national championships. Enderby Band also have a rehearsal portacabin on the site for their various bands.</p> <p>This field is used for multiple events for groups and Leisure Centre based activities, as well as being a focal point for dog walkers locally.</p> <p>The field is also used as overflow parking for some of the larger events at the leisure centre, BMX site or sports field.</p>
2	<p><b>Planning History</b></p>
2.1	<p>Is there currently a planning application for this site? If planning permission has been permitted could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?</p>
	<p>There are no current planning applications for this site.</p>
2.2	<p>Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?</p>
	<p>No.</p>
3	<p><b>Size, scale and "local nature" of proposed Local Green Space</b></p>
3.1	<p><b>Area of proposed site</b>  <i>It is unlikely that a site of over 20ha (50 acres) would be considered suitable for designation.</i></p>
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3.2	<p><b>Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?</b>  <i>(Extensive tracts of land cannot be designated as Local Green Space)</i>  <i>e.g. how large is it in comparison to other fields; groups of fields; areas of land in the vicinity etc.? Does the site “feel” extensive or more local in scale?</i></p>
	<p>No.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Is the proposed site “local in character”?</b>  <i>e.g. does the site feel as though it is part of the local area? And why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? What is your evidence?</i></p>
	<p>The site is very much integral to the village, forming a large proportion of leisure and recreation area, and provides a location for many local dog walkers to visit.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Need for Local Green Space</b>
4.1	<p><b>Is there a need for a local green space in this location?</b>  <i>e.g. is there a shortage of accessible greenspace in the area? Is there a village needs survey or parish plan that provides evidence of that need. Further information – Natural England (Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard)</i></p>
	<p>The high levels of demand for usage of this site show the need for its existence.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”</b>
5.1	<p><b>How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community?</b>  <i>Possible evidence – a map to show that distance</i></p>
	<p>The site forms the north-west boundary of the built up area of the village of Huncote.</p>



5.2	<p>Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?</p> <p><i>e.g. railway line; main road</i></p> <p><i>Possible evidence – a map to show any potential barriers and how those can</i></p>
	<p>Depending on which residents are trying to access the site, some will need to cross up to two main village roads to access the site.</p>
6	<p>Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”</p>
6.1	<p>Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council</p> <p><i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i></p>
	<p>Huncote Parish Council has approved the submission of the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan that identifies the site as a Local Green Space.</p>
6.2	<p>Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support; petitions; surveys etc.</i></p>
	<p>Consultation on Issues and Options in 2011 demonstrated that of those parish residents that responded, 95% supported the designation of the site as a Local Green Space.</p>
6.3	<p>Evidence of support from community leaders</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc.</i></p>
	<p>Available on request.</p>
6.4	<p>Evidence of support from other groups</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support from organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i></p>
	<p>Available on request</p>
7	<p>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty,” (if applicable)</p>
7.1	<p>Is this criteria relevant to this site?</p>
	<p>NO</p>
7.2	<p>Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.</p>
7.3	<p>Site visibility</p> <p><i>e.g. is it easy to see the site from a public place? Are there long-distance views of the site? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</i></p>
	<p>The site can be seen from much of the leisure centre site and BMX site, as well as from bridleway V69.</p>
7.4	<p>Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?</p> <p><i>e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; Conservation Area; Special Landscape Area</i></p>
	<p>No.</p>

7.5	<p>Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?</p> <p><i>Further information –Natural England</i></p>
	No.
7.6	<p>Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?</p>
	No.
7.7	<p>Is the site highlighted in literature or art?</p> <p><i>e.g. is the site mentioned in a well-known poem or shown in a famous painting?</i></p>
	No.
<b>8</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its historic significance” (if applicable)</b>
8.1	<p>Is this criteria relevant to this site?</p>
	No.
8.2	<p>Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?</p> <p><i>e.g. listed buildings; scheduled ancient monuments; registered parks and gardens; war memorials; other historic remains or structures.</i></p> <p><i>Further information –English Heritage; local history society</i></p>
	No.
8.3	<p>Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?</p> <p><i>e.g. old hedgerows; ancient trees; historic ponds or historic garden features</i></p>
	Lots of old hedgerows throughout the site, and surrounding the majority of the site.
8.4	<p>Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?</p> <p><i>e.g. the old site of the town railway station; the old garden for the manor house etc.</i></p>
	The Huncote Leisure Centre site is a former landfill site.
8.5	<p>Did any important historic events take place on the site?</p>
	No.
8.6	<p>Do any historic rituals take place on the site?</p> <p><i>e.g. well-dressing; maypole dancing etc.</i></p>
	No.
<b>9</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its recreational value (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable)</b>

9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	YES
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport? <i>If so what sport? How long has it been used for sports provision? Is this sports provision free or is a club membership required?</i>
	The area is regularly used by the cross-country running club (Huncote Harriers), it also supports a wider training area for many users of the sports field, BMX site and leisure centre users.  The area also forms a space for overflow parking during larger events.
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site? <i>e.g. are there any public rights of way across the site? Or adjacent to the site? Has access been allowed on a discretionary basis? Is there public access to the whole site or only part? Is there good disabled access to the site? (A site can still be designated even if there is no public access.)</i>
	The public are welcomed onto the site
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when? <i>e.g. dog walking; sledging; ball games etc.</i>
	The site is used for informal recreation by the local community and has been increasingly used by local dogwalkers since the 1970's.
10	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for example because of its tranquillity" (if applicable)
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	No
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil? <i>e.g. are there are any roads or busy areas close by?</i>
	We do not consider the site to be a tranquil space.  There is a village road to the east of the site and the M69 motorway is a short distance to the north of the site.
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area? <i>e.g. within the Campaign to Protect Rural England's tranquillity maps</i>
	No.
11	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for example because of the richness of its wildlife"; (if applicable)
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?
	YES



11. 2	<p><b>Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?</b>  <i>e.g. as a site of special scientific interest; a key wildlife site etc Further information - Natural England</i></p>
	No.
11. 3	<p><b>Are any important habitats or species found on the site?</b>  <i>e.g. habitats and species listed in the UK priority habitats and species lists or in Biodiversity Action Plans or protected species or on the red/amber lists of birds of conservation concern.</i>  <i>Further information - Natural England; National Biodiversity Network; RSPB</i></p>
	A variety of animal and plant species can be found across the site, with many of the animals using the hedgerows surrounding the site for nesting.
11. 4	<p><b>What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?</b>  <i>Further information - Natural England; National Biodiversity Network</i></p>
11. 5	<p><b>Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?</b>  <i>e.g. long-term monitoring of breeding birds.</i></p>
	Unknown.
12	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for any other reason”; (if applicable)</b>
12. 1	<b>Is this criteria relevant to this site?</b>
	YES
12. 2	<b>What are the other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?</b>
	The parish council, district council and county council, as well as many of the user groups of the site, have made a significant investment into the site so that it provides a space for the whole community to use and has become a focus for local events and activities.