

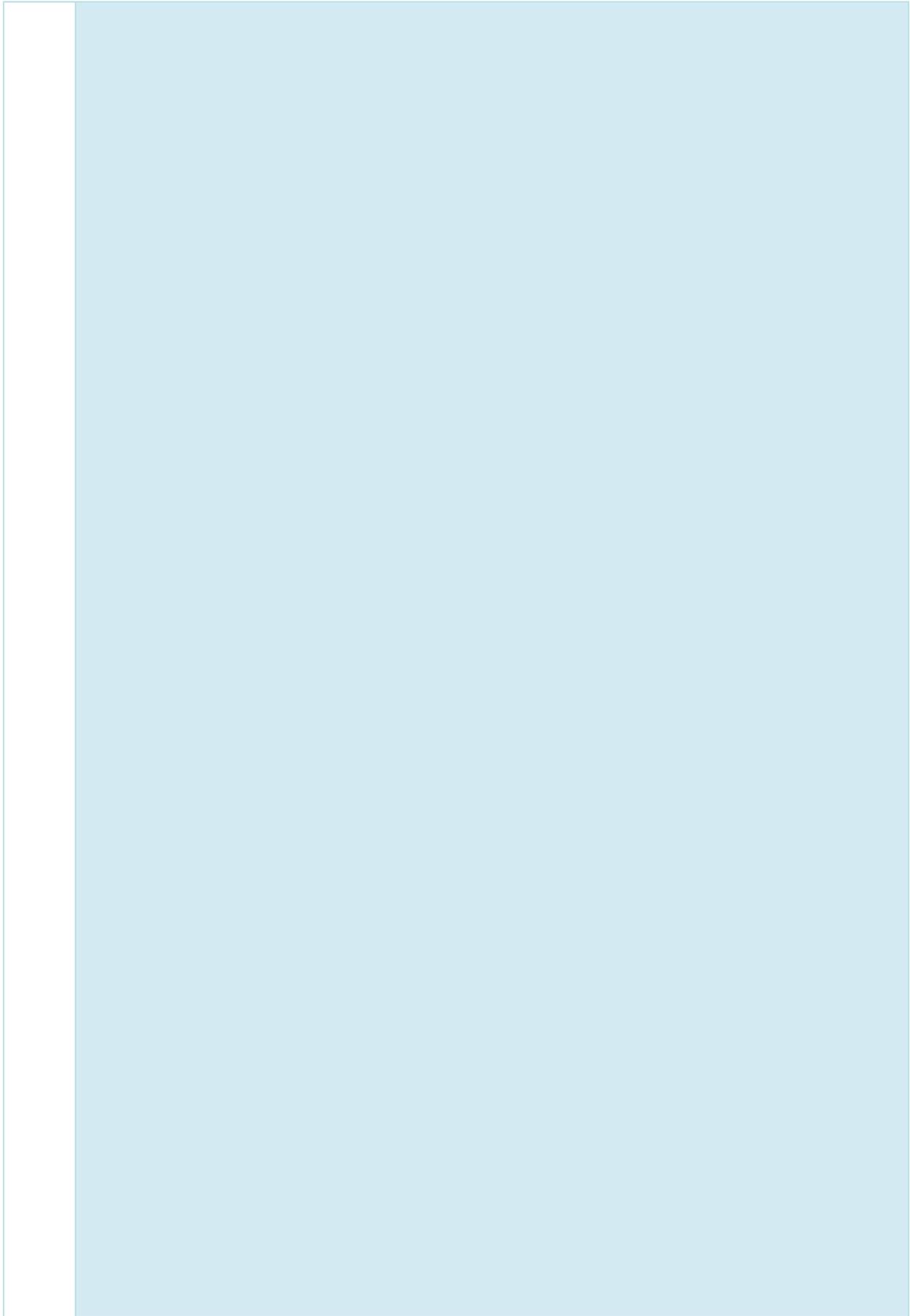
Step 2: Complete checklist

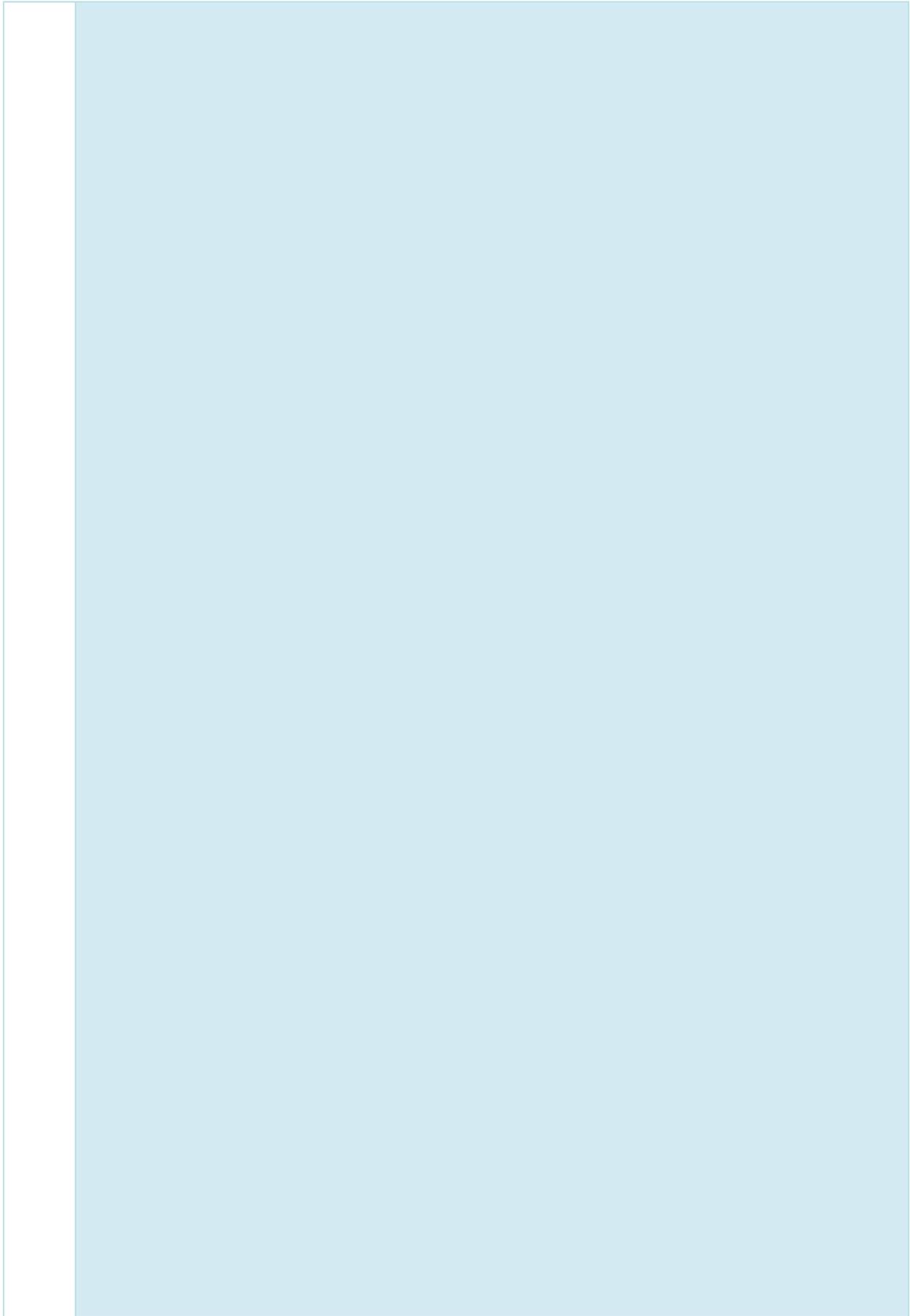
If it seems that the candidate site may meet the designation criteria, complete the designation checklist below (and provide all the relevant evidence). The checklist should be completed for each candidate site.

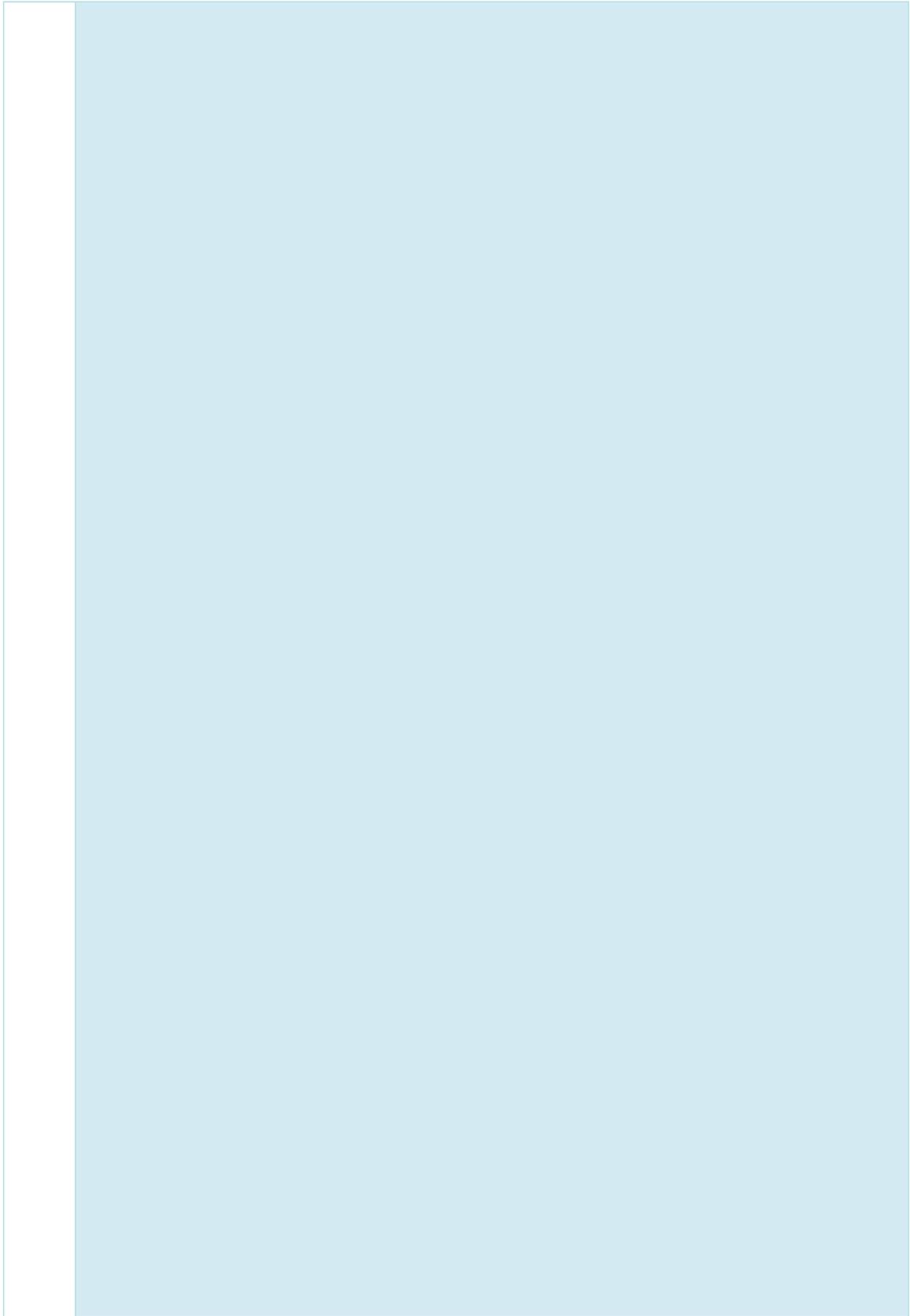
1	General Information
1.1	<p>Name and address of site</p> <p><i>Some sites have several names and all known names should be given</i></p> <p>BMX Field, Huncote Leisure Centre, Sportsfield Lane, Huncote</p>
1.2	<p>Site location plan</p> <p><i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site.</i></p>
1.3	<p>Organisation or individual proposing site for designation</p> <p><i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised community group</i></p> <p>Huncote Parish Council as part of the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Group</p>
1.4	<p>Ownership of site if known</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>The site is owned by Blaby District Council and leased to Leicester Huncote Hornets BMX team.</p>
1.5	<p>Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation?</p> <p>Blaby District Council and Leicester Huncote Hornets are aware of the designation.</p>

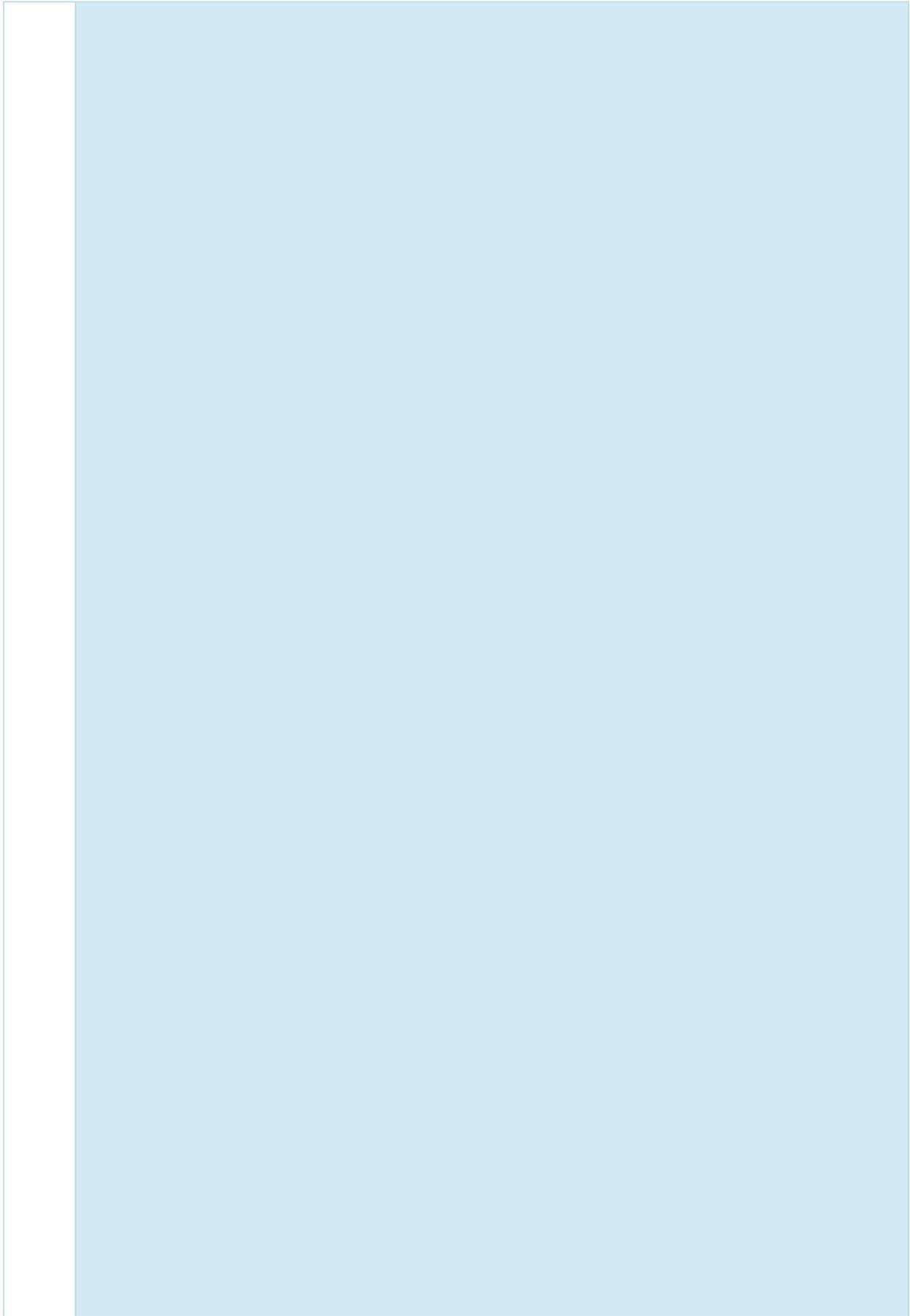
1.6	Does the owner support the designation? <i>Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners</i>
	As we understand it Blaby District Council support the potential designation.
1.7	Photographs of site











1.8	<p>Community served by the potential Local Green Space <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 plays host to Leicester Huncote Hornets BMX team, which they use for training riders and holding their race meets on the especially constructed tracks. Events include, BMX regional Championships, BMX national championships and BMX British championships.</p>
2	<p>Planning History</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>Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space</p>
3.1	<p>Area of proposed site <i>It is unlikely that a site of over 20ha (50 acres) would be considered suitable for designation.</i></p>
	<p>2.2318HA</p> <div data-bbox="301 1070 676 1787" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Area 2.2318 ha</p> <p>Centroid 451428.84,297852.80</p> <p>Perimeter 612.8700 m</p> <p>Created By 31ub011</p> <p>Created Date 13/07/2021 15:18:12</p> <p>Edit By 31ub011</p> <p>Edit Date 13/07/2021 15:24:03</p> <p>Lengths <input type="text"/> Areas <input type="text"/></p> </div>
3.2	<p>Is the site an “extensive tract of land”? <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>

	<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> <p>Members of the public cannot use the track while club training sessions and events are taking place.</p>
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”
6.1	<p>Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council</p> <p><i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i></p>
	Huncote Parish Council has approved the submission of the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan that identifies the site as a Local Green Space.
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>
	Consultation on Issues and Options in 2011 demonstrated that of those parish residents that responded, 75% supported the designation of the site as a Local Green Space.
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>
	Available on request
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>
	Available on request
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty,” (if applicable)
7.1	<p>Is this criteria relevant to this site?</p>
	NO
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>
	The site can be seen from much of the Leisure Centre site as well as Huncote sports field. It is also easily seen by anyone using bridleway V69.
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>
	The area is a former tip site.

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
8	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its historic significance” (if applicable)
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 site was the local tip site for many years, before closing and being repurposed as a leisure facility by the district council.
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.

9	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)
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>
	There is a BMX training course, national/British championships BMX course used by all ages on the site.
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 much of the site, although they are restricted during club training sessions and events from using the track.
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>
	Outside of club training sessions and events the site is welcomed to be used by the public.
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>
	Due to the nature of the site, this would not be a tranquil site. 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>Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value? <i>e.g. as a site of special scientific interest; a key wildlife site etc</i> Further information - Natural England</p>
	No.
11.3	<p>Are any important habitats or species found on the site? <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> Further information - Natural England; National Biodiversity Network; RSPB</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>What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? Further information - Natural England; National Biodiversity Network</p>
11.5	<p>Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community? <i>e.g. long-term monitoring of breeding birds.</i></p>
	Unknown.
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for any other reason”; (if applicable)
12.1	<p>Is this criteria relevant to this site?</p>
	YES
12.2	<p>What are the other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?</p>
	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.