

1 General Information

1.1 Name and address of site. **Bullfurlong lane fields.**

1.2 Site location. **Field 13 ' Burbage Neighbourhood Plan Environment Proposals' map. SP436916**



1.3 Who is proposing site for designation. **Burbage Parish Council.**

1.4 Site ownership, if known. Details on land ownership can be obtained from the Land Registry. To note land parcels may not be registered, however local people may know the owner. **Leicester Diocese**

1.5 As the owner of the land been made aware of the potential designation? **The owner will be informed during the Neighbourhood Plan Submission Public Consultation period.**

1.6 Land owner support of the designation? **No representation was received from the owner during the Neighbourhood Plan Pre Submission Public Consultation period.**

1.7 Photographs of site



To the west, footpath U57 showing evidence of informal additional footpaths and Ridge & Furrow also to the east.

1.8 This potential Local Green Space serves which community. **Accessible from single track road running through site with additional public footpath U57. Plus a number of circular and transverse informal paths over the western section.**

2 Planning History

2.1 Any current planning application for this site? If planning permission granted could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space? **No.**

2.2 Has this site been allocated for development in the Local Plan? Could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space if allocated? **Yes field As120 to the west, field As121 is listed as not-developable.**

3 Area, scale, size and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space (LGS)

3.1 Proposed site area. **3.8 ha.**

3.2 Can the proposed LGS site be considered an “extensive tract of land”? **Medium size area surrounded by grassland, species-rich hedgerows, Woodland, scrub, mature trees and surviving ridge & furrow.**

3.3 Can this proposed LGS been considered “local in character”, if so why? **Immediately adjacent to the current Limits to Development boundary off Bullfurlong Lane. Highly valued by the local community living close by, evidenced by the many additional informal footpaths over the western part.**

Evidence from Burbage Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Questionnaire 'Our Village - Our Choice' 2015. Q8 Do you use the Countryside around Burbage 93.47% said yes.

4 Need for local green space

4.1 Is there a need for a local green space in this location? **See 5.2 below.**

5 Evidence to indicate the proposed LGS is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”

5.1 How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site less than 2km of the community it serves ? **See 3.3 adjacent to a southern extend of limits of development.**

5.2 Any obstacles or barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes? **Popular unofficial public open spaces, crossed by footpath U57, and with a number of circular and transverse informal paths giving access to the site and beyond from adjacent houses and roads.**

6. What evidence is there to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”

6.1 What evidence of support from Parish or Town Council. **The Burbage Parish Council have approved the submission of the Burbage Neighbourhood Plan that identifies the site as a local green space.**

6.2 Any evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals. **Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Questionnaire 'Our Village - Our Choice' 2015 Q9 Do you think that**

the Countryside around Burbage is important to its distinctive character 96.76% said yes and Q7 Easy access to the Countryside 83.35% said yes.

6.3 Any evidence of support from community leaders. **Not aware of any.**

6.4 Show any evidence of support from other groups **Not aware of any.**

7 Is there any evidence of natural beauty for this proposed LGS holds a particular local significance; (if applicable)

7.1 Is this criteria relevant to this site? **To the west of the site are numerous well worn informal footpaths connected to footpath U57 and surviving ridge & furrow.**

7.2 Why does the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty. **Not known**

7.3 Site visibility. **Viewed from local residential houses roadway and footpaths both formal and informal.**

7.4 Any landscape or similar designations for proposed LGS? e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; Conservation Area; Special Landscape Area Further information –Natural England. **Grassland, Woodland, scrub, mature trees, species-rich hedges and surviving ridge & furrow.**

7.5 Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents? **See 11.3 below.**

7.6 Does the site contribute to the setting of any special feature or historic building? **Includes part of Bullfurlong Lane, which is probably an 18th-19th century agricultural ‘occupation lane’ following an ancient track from Burbage to outlying fields (Leicester Grange, etc.) and Wolvey.**

7.7 Is the site highlighted in art or literature? **Not aware of any.**

8 Is there any historic evidence to show the proposed LGS holds a particular local significance; (if applicable)

8.1 Any criteria relevant to this site? **See 7.6.**

8.2 Are there any historic remains or buildings on the proposed LGS? **No.**

8.3 Evidence of important historic landscape features? e.g.; ancient trees; historic ponds; old hedgerows or historic garden features. Further information may be available English Heritage or local history society.



**HBBC Extended Habitat Survey Appendix B Target Note 12
Willow Tree SP43789178.**

**Surviving Ridge & Furrow. Historic England Agriculture and Forestry
Project No. 6468 ‘Turning the Plough – Update Assessment 2012’
As120, As121**

8.4 Has this proposed LGS been involved with the historic development of the village or town? **18th-19th century agricultural ‘occupation lane’ following an ancient track from Burbage to outlying fields (Leicester Grange, etc.) and Wolvey.**

8.5 Did any important historic events take place on the site? **None.**

8.6 Any evidence of historic rituals at this site? **None.**

9 Is there any recreational value evidence to show that the proposed LGS holds particular local significance; (if applicable).

9.1 Is this criteria relevant to this site? **Yes see 5.2.**

9.2 Is the site used for playing sport? **No .**

9.3 Can public physically access this site? Either via rights of way across or adjacent? Has this access been allowed on a formal or discretionary basis? Is there disabled access to the site? (To note a site can still be designated even if there is no public access.) **Yes – see 5.2**

9.4 Does the local community use the site for informal recreation? And since when? **Yes, evidence of numerous informal footpaths over site to the west.**

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? **Yes.**

10.2 Do you consider the site to be tranquil? **To the south agricultural fields and considered to be a tranquil setting.**

10.3 Is the site within a recognised tranquil area? **No.**

11 Is there any evidence of richness of wildlife to show that the proposed LGS holds a particular local significance; (if applicable)

11.1 Is this criteria relevant to this site? **Feb-2012 HBBC Extended Habitat Survey Field As121 Potential for Great Crested Newt.**



11.2 Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value? **No**

11.3 Are any important habitats or species found on the site? **LRERC 2013 survey (Appendix 24)**



Target notes 85 - SP438917 Hedgerow with Rosa sp., Prunus spinosa, Crataegus monogyna, Acer campestre, Sambucus nigra, Malus sp. Reasonably varied, unmanaged and overgrown.

Target note 87 - SP438916 Hedgerow, no close access, viewed with binoculars. Species recorded: Corylus avellana, Fraxinus excelsior, Sambucus nigra, Ulmus sp., Rosa sp., Crataegus monogyna, Prunus sp. Reasonably varied. Small gaps.

Target note 90 Burbage SP436915 Hedgerow. Species recorded: Ulmus sp., Sambucus nigra, Crataegus monogyna, Fraxinus excelsior, Acer campestre, Ilex aquifolium, Rosa sp., Prunus spinosa, Quercus cerris, Cornus sanguinea, Malus sp., Rosa sp. Varied. cLWS

Target note 101 - SP435916 Standing water. Pond under trees, shaded. Almost dried out, small area of shallow water remaining. Small stand of Iris pseudacorus. No other aquatic vegetation. Lots of bare mud. Banks shallow. Second smaller pond to north over bank, also dry.

Natural England priority habitat inventory: "the geographic extent and location of Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006) Section 41 "habitats of principal importance."

11.4 What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? **Not aware of any.**

11.5 Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community? **Not aware.**

12 Is there any evidence to show that the proposed LGS holds a particular local significance, for any other reason; (if applicable)

12.1 Is this criteria relevant to this site? **Site of tranquillity and natural beauty.**

12.2 What are the other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?
It acts as a reminder to local families of their connection to the countryside and natural beauty.