

Evaluation of proposed site against the criteria for Local Green Space (LGS) set out in: National Planning Policy Framework clauses 76-78

All Sites listed meet the criteria 'in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves' and 'the area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land'

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		Beauty	Historic Significance	Recreational value	Tranquillity	Wildlife significance						
1	St John's Close SP 18027 76675			X			The area is special as an oasis of green in the centre of the village. Its greenery, mature trees and pathways act as a focal point linking parts of the village centre. The land has been used as a marshalling area for community events such as the annual Knowle Fun Run and the Remembrance Day parade. It is locally important as it adds significantly to the green character of the village centre. Exceptionally some minor incursions into the edge of the area may be acceptable if it can be demonstrated that the benefits in terms of safety, enhanced parking and the free flow of traffic outweigh the loss of green edge.	Yes		SMBC		Amenity Open Space
2	Land at Arden Academy SP 17817 76359			X			The green space at the front of Arden Academy provides an attractive green setting on to Station Road with mature trees and a small pond. It contains three memorial features associated with the school and a young oak planted in 2012 as part of a schools and colleges initiative linked to the London Olympic Games. It forms part of the entrance area to the Academy and is accessible to the public. This area is special as the only green space fronting Station Road and it makes a significant contribution to its green character. Green frontages are a distinctive local feature which the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to maintain. LGS designation would retain the same level of protection as it currently enjoys (Green Belt) and would not preclude redevelopment of the Arden Academy site for residential purposes should the land be so allocated as proposed. Consider possible option of maintaining a narrower strip of green frontage that does not go all the way back to the school building	No	Highly valued due to the reasons given but the frontage is currently protected under greenbelt policy and under VC4, VC5 and H2 of the NP	SMBC	X	
3	MIND Garden SP 17652 75926	X		X	X	X	This is a horticulture and conservation project run by Solihull Mind created to support those with mental health issues and their families. It contains growing areas, wildlife conservation areas and a sports pitch. It contains mature trees together with many native and hedgerow plants planted in the last 20 years and provides a tranquil environment. It is special locally as it serves the local Mind community and is widely supported by the KDBH community as demonstrated by the level of concern when threatened with relocation or closure. The promoters of the Arden Academy proposals have publicly stated that the Mind Garden will not be affected by its proposals. The LGS designation recognises the special qualities of this area over and above the fact that the site lies within current Green Belt boundaries.	Yes		SMBC	X	
4	Bentley Heath Park SP 16452 76175			X			The Park is highly valued for its recreational value and provides a pedestrian green route. There are tennis courts, football pitches and children's play equipment.	Yes		SMBC		Park

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5	Knowle Park – Jobs Close Park and LNR SP 17664 76664	X		X	X	X	The Park is highly valued for its recreational value, tranquillity, beauty and for its wildlife. Jobs Close Local Nature Reserve is located on the Longdon Rd frontage of the Park and extends along the Purnells Brook on the western side of the park. The Nature Reserve contains a pond as well as the Brook both of which support wildlife. The whole area is very popular with the local community.	Yes		SMBC		Principal Park
6	Dorridge Park SP 17022 74378	X		X	X	X	The Park is highly valued for its recreational value, tranquillity, beauty and for its wildlife. Dorridge Wood is designated as a Local Nature Reserve. The areas adjacent to the wood extending to Arden Road and the area from the brook to Windmill Road are adopted as Local Wildlife Sites. The LNR and LWS support wildlife and the whole area is very popular with the local community. Area adjacent to east end of LWS along Windmill land extending to Darley Green Road and at west end to Grange Road are currently listed as Potential LWS. The park falls within current Green Belt boundaries but due to its nature and situation within the local community it is of particular value for local residents and residents from nearby villages (eg Knowle) as a recreational area as well as for its significance for wildlife, with a mosaic of habitats including Dorridge Wood and the brook.	Yes		SMBC	X	Principal Park Natural Open Space (Dorridge Wood)
7	Hanbury Park SP 16987 75358			X			Located close to 2 local primary schools so it is ideal after school play area. Wheelchair Accessible route around the park. Well-used excellent Children’s recreation ground. Variety of terrains. Also used for dog walking.	Yes		SMBC		Park
8	Conker Lane including Green route from Four Ashes (by D&M) to Conker Lane and Railway SP 15999 75355 : SP 16528 75423 SP 16496 75293 : SP 16183 75746			X	X	X	Well used and accessible green route through the area and provides a corridor for wildlife.	Yes		SMBC		Amenity Open Space Natural Open Space (Buckminster Dr end)
9	Grand Union Canal at Knowle: Canal towpath M42 to NP boundary SP 17785 78760 SP 19097 75111	X	X	X	X	X	Knowle Locks are locally listed and situated within the current Green Belt boundaries. The towpath and locks are special to the surrounding local communities for their heritage and recreational value as well as their beauty, having elevated vistas over the countryside. An active boatyard adjoins the locks and there are houses fronting the tow path which are excluded from the designation. The towpath alongside the Grand Union Canal passes along the eastern edge of Knowle and is special for its informal recreational value, tranquillity and as wildlife corridors.	Yes	Waiting response from C&R Trust	Canal and River Trust	X	
10	Copse at Dorridge Rd / Avenue Rd corner (opposite station) SP 16977 74947			X			An area of mature trees adding to the green street scene and visual amenity value	Yes		SMBC		

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11	Former bypass route from Longdon Rd to Warwick Rd (at Wychwood roundabout)			X	X	X	Valued for recreational use and wildlife. Corridor for wildlife linking Job's Close LNR with Streamside Trust land (Wychwood Woods) and River Blythe SSSI and farmland. Presumption of some development hence designation of a corridor of 8 metres from Purnells Brook.	No	Contacted - waiting response - not optimistic as agents very against it Note that the amendment to NE2 may cover the importance of this area as a wildlife corridor.	Private		
12	Green island in Edstone Close			X	X		Highly valued by local residents. Focal point for residents of Edstone Close and used by residents from adjacent roads for recreational purposes and community events	Yes		SMBC		Amenity Open Space
13	Knowle Children's Field, Kixley Lane (vested in National Trust)		X	X			Used for generations and donated to the community and then given to National Trust. National Trust supports classification as LGS	Yes		NT have emailed support		Amenity Open Space
14	Land at end of Moorfield Avenue (Pool End) SP 16744 76561 SP 16660 76022			X	X		A green traffic free pedestrian route with two ponds and passes a moat	Yes		SMBC		Amenity Open Space
15	Wychwood woods SP 18132 77954	X		X	X	X	Situated within current Green Belt boundaries the site has special significance for the local community and wildlife. The land is held in trust for conservation purposes. Donated to the community as part of a land deal. Highly valued as a green corridor by people, corridor for wildlife corridor, links Purnells Brook to Canal (site ref 10) and to the former bypass route (site ref 12), designated LWS.	Yes		SMBC owns Streamside Trust manages	X	Natural Open Space
16	Middlefield Park on Grove Road SP 17554 75553		X	X			Last remaining evidence of the extensive gardens of the former Middlefield Hall. Well used and appreciated as amenity green space for its recreational value	Yes		SMBC		Amenity Open Space
17	Hampton Road / Kixley Lane (rear of Miller Scheme) SP 18468 77122			X	X	X	Balancing pond and open space. Area 3.2 ha of designated Local Wildlife Site (LWS). Recreation route from Hampton road to both Kixley lane & the canal. The site lies within the current Green Belt boundaries and is an area of marshland and semi-improved grassland and as such is particularly special in the KDBH area	Yes		Probably SMBC - it was a significant wildlife site long before Miller Homes scheme	X	

