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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

**1.1** This report presents the findings of a study to identify and assess nominated sites with the potential for designation as Local Green Spaces (LGSs) , as part of the evidence base work for the Thurrock Local Plan.

### Purpose of study

**1.2** The purpose of this study is to provide an assessment of the extent to which sites nominated by the public would meet the criteria for designation as LGS, as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework in paragraph 101 and in line with Thurrock’s guidance on LGSs [[See reference 1](#)].

**1.3** This study forms part of the evidence base to support Thurrock’s emerging Local Plan. The outputs of this study will inform the Council’s decision on whether to designate areas of LGS.

### Assessment scope

**1.4** In total, 91 sites were put forward to be considered for designation as LGSs by the public. The scope of this study is to assess those sites against LGS criteria.

**1.5** All of the nominated sites are shown on **Figures 1.1 to 1.4**.



Figure 1.1: Sites nominated for assessment as LGS: Aveley, South Ockendon, West Thurrock & Grays

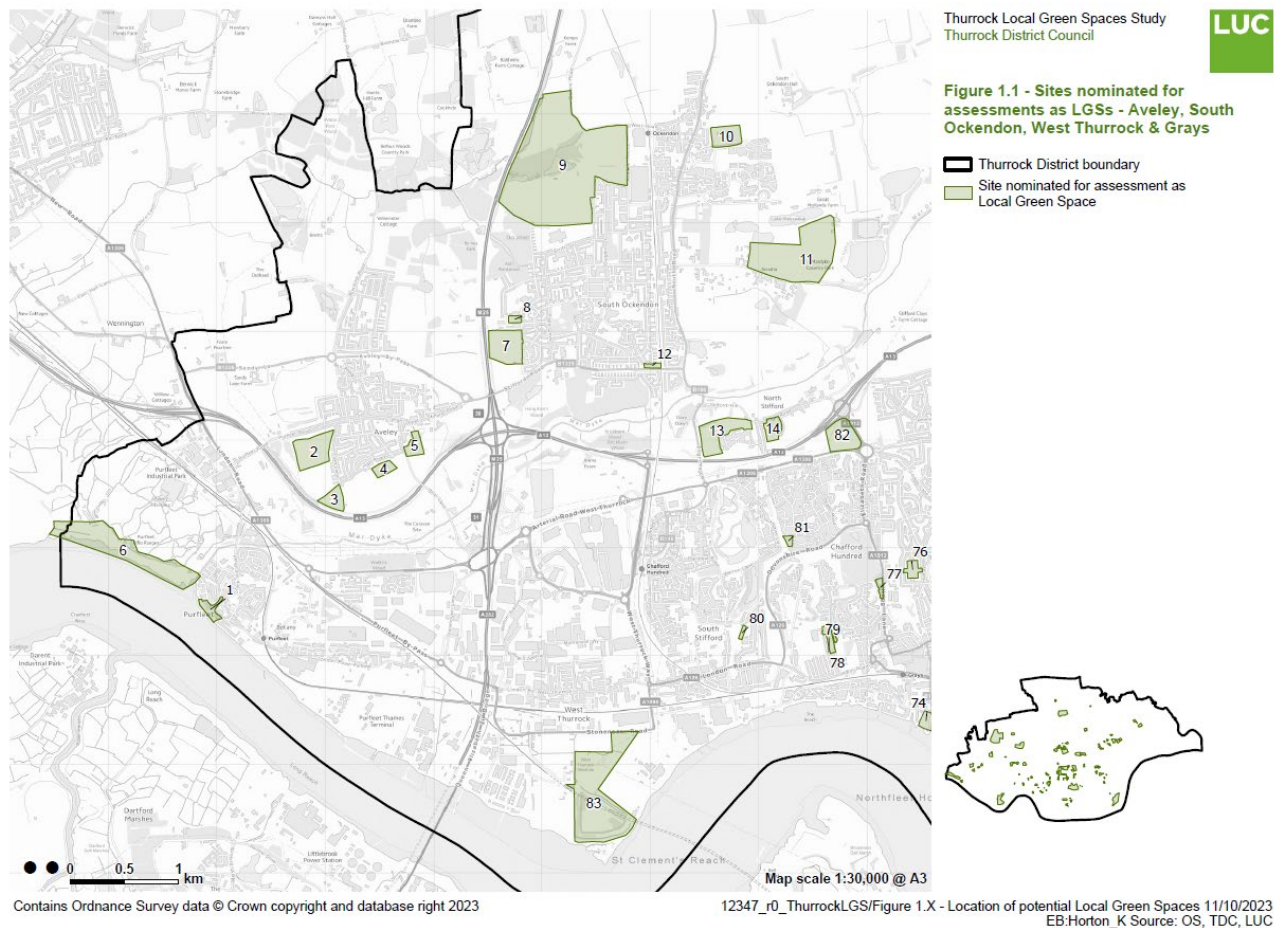


Figure 1.2: Sites nominated for assessment as LGS: Grays, Tilbury & Chadwell St Mary

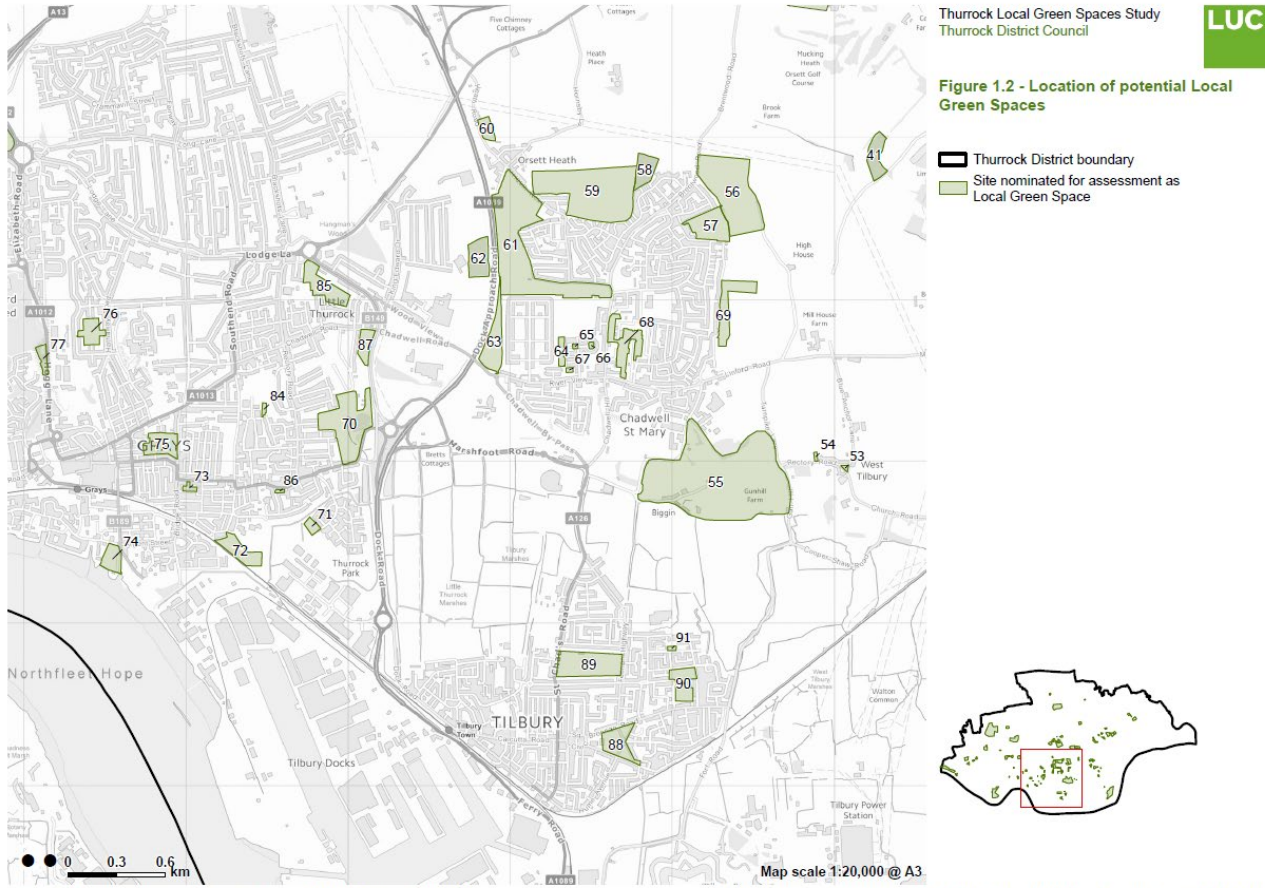


Figure 1.3: Sites nominated for assessment as LGS: East Tilbury & Linford

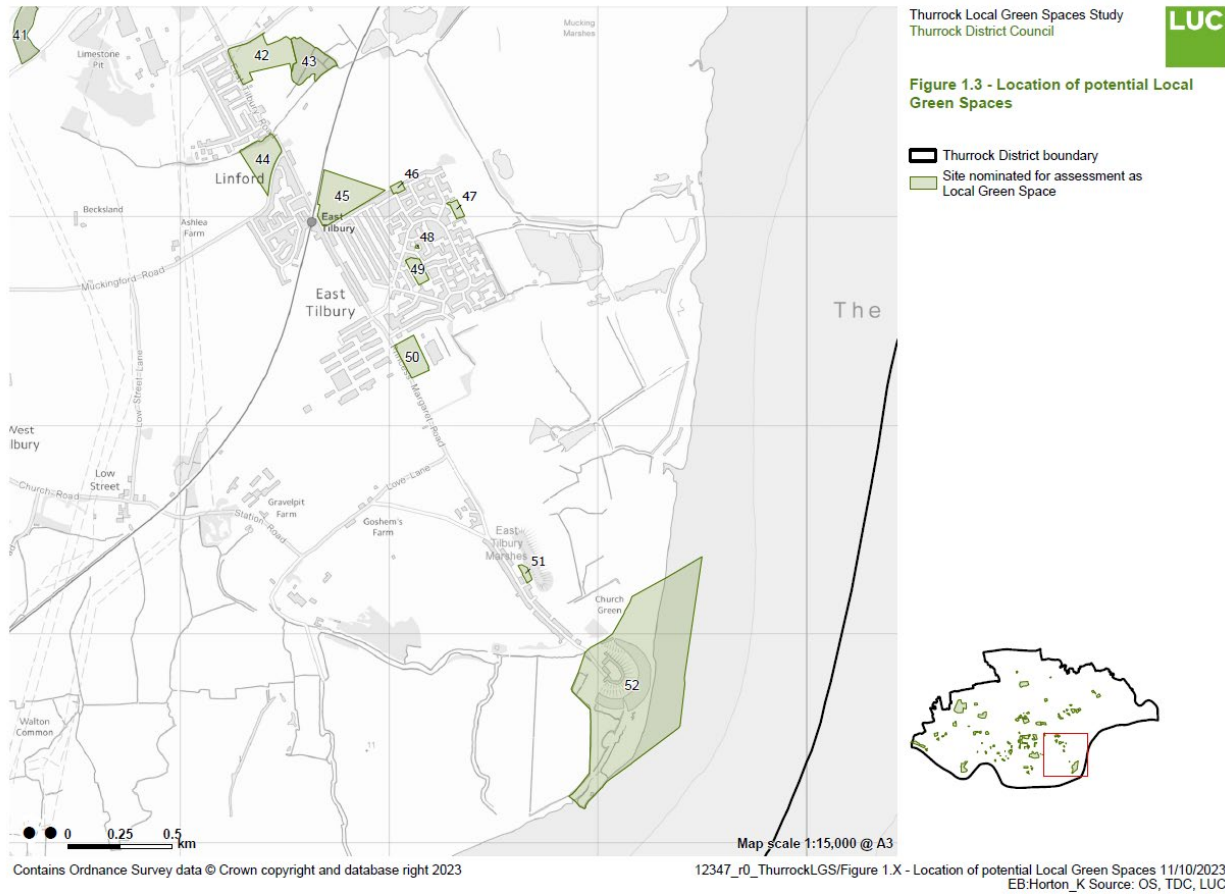
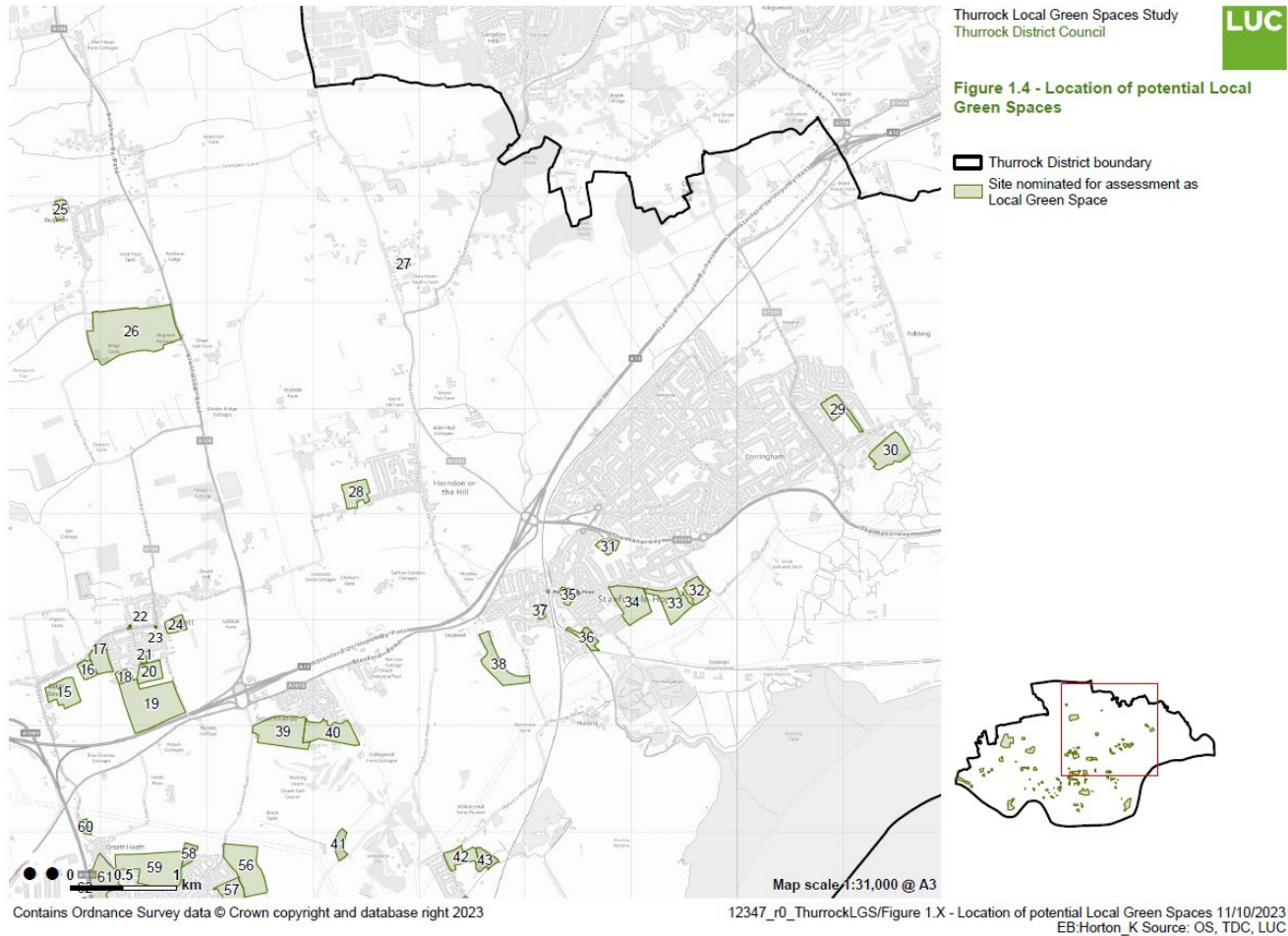




Figure 1.4: Sites nominated for assessment as LGS: Stanford le Hope, Corringham & Orsett



## Policy context

### National Planning Policy Framework

**1.6** The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in June 2019 and updated in July 2021 and September 2023, sets out the government's planning policies for England. The updated NPPF makes provision for LGS designation in chapter 8, which is headed "Promoting healthy and safe communities". Under the sub-heading "Open Spaces and Recreation", paragraphs 101, 102 and 103 provide as follows:

**101:** 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.

**102:** 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.

**103:** Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.

**1.7** The assessment of the sites against Para. 101 of the NPPF is beyond the scope of this study and is undertaken by the Local Planning Authority (Thurrock Council) who would be required to make further judgement on these matters in each case.

**1.8** Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), published by the Government in March 2014 [[See reference 2](#)], provides some additional detail, including:

- Provided that land can meet the criteria at paragraph 102 of the NPPF, there is no lower size limit for an LGS.
- Designating a green area as LGS would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners.
- Management of land designated as LGS will remain the responsibility of its owner.
- Some areas that may be considered for designation as LGS may already have largely unrestricted public access. However, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access.
- Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate.
- LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented.

## Thurrock guidance

**1.9** Thurrock Borough Council recognises the benefits that green and open spaces have for the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people in the borough and the value communities place upon them. The Council therefore published the 'Designating Local Green Space Guidance' document in January 2022 [reference 1].

**1.10** This document sets out the Council's intended approach to identifying, assessing and designating sites as LGSs across the borough as part of the evidence base informing the new Local Plan. It outlines the national and local policy position for LGSs and sets out the criteria and step-by-step process for LGS designation, which has formed the basis of the methodology presented in Chapter 2 of this report.

## Chapter 2

# Methodology

**2.1** This section sets out the methodology for the assessment and includes the assessment criteria used.

## Nomination of sites for consideration as LGS

**2.2** Thurrock Council held two public consultations in relation to LGS designation as part of the Local Plan process. Between February and April 2016, the Council consulted formally with residents on Local Plan Issues and Options (consultation 1) in accordance with the latest National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Policy Guidance (PPG). It also used this information to help form new standards for open space.

**2.3** From 24 January to 6 March 2022, the Council invited communities to nominate LGSs in their area that they felt meet the following criteria: close to the community, special, and local. They then invited the public to comment on their draft LGS guidance document (consultation 2).

**2.4** The nominated sites were indicated by pins (point data), which Thurrock Council turned into sites (polygon data) using aerial photography to identify obvious boundaries such as roads or fences. Where the boundary for a site was not obvious, it was confirmed as part of the LGS assessment (described below).



## Assessment of nominated LGS sites

**2.5** This section outlines the criteria that LGS must meet, in line with the guidelines set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) and as set out in Thurrock Council's LGS Guidance [reference 1].

**2.6** All five of the following criteria must be met in order for a site to be considered for designation as an LGS:

- **Criterion 1:** Land is not the subject of a planning permission for development.
- **Criterion 2:** The space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Criterion 3:** The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character.
- **Criterion 4:** The space is within close proximity to the community it serves.
- **Criterion 5:** The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.

**2.7** An LGS designation is intended for sites that are not protected by existing designations and Thurrock's LGS guidance (paragraph 2.5) states that:

The bar for LGS designation is set at a very high level and it is clear from the national policy that LGS designation should be the exception rather than the rule. Consequently, the Council considers that sites with the following existing protections are to generally be considered sufficiently protected in managing development and therefore reduces the need for further designation as a LGS. Thus the Council does not envisage there would be a beneficial gain in designating them. However, there may be

exceptions where these protections only protect a small proportion of the site or owing to site-specific circumstances.

**2.8** For this reason, an additional Criterion was added:

- **Criterion 0:** site is not within a designated area (e.g. for wildlife or heritage)

**2.9** Criteria 0-4 were applied during the initial screening exercise (Step 1) of this study. Criterion 5 and the 'local in character' part of Criteria 3 were applied during the desk study and site visits described below (Steps 2 & 3). The outputs from these stages were then brought together to inform the overall assessment of each nominated LGS site.

### Step 1: Initial screening of the sites

**2.10** Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping was used to carry out an initial screening of sites put forward for consideration as LGSs, to assess the sites against Criteria 0-4. GIS datasets were overlaid using ArcGIS to determine whether the nominated LGS sites intersect with or lie wholly within various types of feature and to measure their size and distance from other features.

**2.11** Where the boundary of a nominated site was unclear, a conservative buffer of 300m was applied to carry out the screening in GIS. A circle with an area of 19ha has a radius of 246m, so 300m captures sites bigger than 19ha (i.e. 'extensive tracts') and therefore allows a precautionary approach to be taken when checking whether a site overlaps with other designations. The use of 19ha as the size above which sites can be considered 'extensive tracts' has been applied by several other local authorities in their LGS assessments and is considered sufficiently precautionary.

**2.12 Table 2.1** explains how Criteria 0-4 were applied at the initial screening stage to screen sites in or out.

**Table 2.1: Initial screening criteria**

Criteria	Relevant GIS dataset/s	Screening method
0) Site is not within a designated area	<p>Designated sites data in public domain:</p> <p>Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA), Ramsar sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), National Nature Reserve (NNR), Local Nature Reserve (LNR), Registered Park &amp; Garden (RP&amp;G)</p>	<p><b>Screen out if:</b> site is wholly within SAC, SPA, Ramsar, SSSI, NNR, LNR, RP&amp;G.</p> <p><b>Requires further assessment (i.e. screen in) if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Site is partly within SAC, SPA, Ramsar, SSSI, NNR, LNR, RP&amp;G.</li> <li>■ Site has no designation.</li> <li>■ Site has another type of designation that is not incompatible with LGS designation.</li> </ul> <p>Note that other designations e.g. Conservation Areas, Scheduled Monuments (including their setting), Local Wildlife Sites and Green Belt were considered in relation to Criterion 5 (special/local value).</p>
1) Land is not subject to a planning permission for development	<p>Planning permissions data provided by Thurrock Council</p>	<p><b>Screen out if:</b> site is wholly within a site with planning permission for development (granted within the last three years) <b>AND</b> that development is not compatible with the creation/retention of LGS e.g. development of a whole small site.</p> <p><b>Requires further assessment (i.e. screen in) if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Site does not have planning permission for development.</li> <li>■ Site is partly within an area with planning permission.</li> <li>■ It is not clear whether planning permission would be compatible with LGS designation or not.</li> </ul>
2) The space is not allocated or proposed for	<p>Local Plan designations and Call</p>	<p><b>No sites will be screened out</b> on the basis of Local Plan allocation/ proposal;</p>

Criteria	Relevant GIS dataset/s	Screening method
<p>development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p>for Sites data provided by Thurrock Council</p>	<p>however, types of allocation/ proposal will be noted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Site within / partially within a Local Plan designation e.g.: major developed site; residential precinct; gypsy/traveller/showpeople site; town centre etc.</li> <li>■ Site identified through Call for Sites.</li> <li>■ Site is not within an area with a Local Plan proposal.</li> </ul> <p>Note: there are no Neighbourhood Plans in Thurrock at this time.</p>
<p>3) The space is not an extensive tract or land and is local in character</p>	<p>No additional GIS datasets required.</p>	<p><b>Screen out if:</b> site is 19ha or larger (except where this is the result of a 300m buffer being applied because the boundary is unclear).</p> <p><b>Requires further assessment (i.e. screen in) if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Site is below 19ha (record size); or</li> <li>■ The site area needs to be confirmed through site visit.</li> </ul> <p>Note: ‘Local in character’ to be determined through Criterion 4 and desk study (local value etc).</p>
<p>4) The space is within close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>Local Areas (2018) data provided by Thurrock Council Ordnance Survey base map</p>	<p><b>Screen out if:</b> site is &gt;800m from a local community</p> <p><b>Requires further assessment (i.e. screen in) if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It is unclear what local community would be served by the site.</li> <li>■ Site is 800m or less from local community.</li> </ul>

## Step 2: Desk based assessment of the sites

**2.13** A combination of desk study and site visits was used to appraise the sites against the final criterion (and the 'local in character' part of Criterion 3):

- Criterion 5: The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance

**2.14** **Table 2.2** sets out the criteria that were applied to assess whether a site is 'demonstrably special' to the local community and whether those criteria were applied via a desk study (Step 2) or site visit (Step 3). This analysis framework comprises a series of questions related to each of the criteria set out at paragraph 102(b) of the NPPF. The contents of the questions were developed using professional judgement and by reference to guidance issued by other local authorities [See reference 3]. For those criteria applied by desk study, **Table 2.2** identifies the sources of information that were used to inform the assessment.

**2.15** There are three corresponding questions for each special characteristic. In order to conclude that, on balance, the site meets each special characteristic, there needs to be a greater number of 'Yes' answers recorded than 'No' (i.e. two or three Yeses); professional judgement has also determined whether the affirmative answers carry sufficient strength to outweigh the negative answers. Similar judgements are required by Landscape Architects during the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment process.

**2.16** The number of indicators of specialness for each site, and the strength of those, has informed an assessment of whether the criteria for specialness can be strongly demonstrated, only moderately, or weakly. For example, a site meeting the criteria for 'tranquillity' that does not appear to be used by the public and does not meet any other criteria does not meet the LGS criteria as strongly as a site with clear heritage interest that is well used by the public for recreation.



**Table 2.2: Special characteristic screening criteria**

Special characteristic	Assessment criteria	Source of information
Beauty	Is there good visibility of the site? (e.g. from the community it serves)	Site visit
	On balance, is there an absence of detracting features?	Site visit
	Is the site covered by landscape character / sensitivity assessment that refers to that area's beauty?	GIS: Thurrock Local Character Area boundaries Desk study: Local Character Area reports
Heritage significance	Does the site form the setting for heritage structures / buildings or contain historic landscape features?	GIS: Statutory designations e.g. Green Belt, Conservation Areas, Scheduled Ancient Monuments; Ordnance Survey mapping. Note that data on non-designated assets (Historic Environment Record) was not available. Desk study: historic Ordnance Survey maps and interpretation of the GIS data (professional judgement)
	Does the site play a role in the historic development of the nearby settlement?	Desk study: historic Ordnance Survey maps
	Did or do any historic events / rituals take place on the site? (e.g. evident on a noticeboard or website)	Desk study: Google search Site visit
Recreational value	Is the site crossed by public rights of way (PRoW), bridleways, cycleways etc?	GIS: ProW, cycle routes
	Is the site used for sports or informal recreation?	GIS: Green & Blue Infrastructure assets data (activity spaces, allotments, golf course, sports facilities, play space, playing fields, public park) Desk study: Google search to supplement GIS data

Special characteristic	Assessment criteria	Source of information
		Site visit
	Is the site used for community events / schools etc	Desk study: Google search Site visit
Tranquillity	Is the site minimally affected by sources of nearby noise pollution?	Site visit
	Is the site recognised as tranquil on the CPRE Tranquillity map?	GIS: CPRE tranquillity - the top 20% relative tranquil areas (i.e. top two categories)
	Are there natural features on or adjacent to the site that contribute to visual tranquillity?	Site visit
Richness in wildlife	Are any specific or locally representative (e.g. Biodiversity Action Plan) habitats or species found on the site? Is any part of the site a local wildlife site?	GIS: Priority habitats, open mosaic habitat. Desk study: Essex Biodiversity Study (2007) and Essex Wildlife Trust Local Wildlife Sites Finder.
	Is the site being studied for wildlife by local interest groups?	Desk study: Google search
	Does the site form part of a wildlife corridor or stepping stone network?	GIS: Natural England habitat networks – ‘combined habitats’

### Step 3: Site visits

**2.17** Site visits were used to identify the characteristics of nominated LGSs that demonstrate that a site is special, that could not be confirmed through desk study (see **Table 2.2**). The site visits were also used to check any uncertainties identified through desk study, for example site boundaries; and to confirm whether or not the site could be considered an ‘extensive tract’.

**2.18** The potential LGS sites were visited by two consultants over three days in May 2023. Information gathered during the visits was recorded on tablets set up

with interactive maps (ArcGIS online) that allowed notes, site boundaries and photographs to be recorded in the field, georeferenced and used in GIS.

**2.19** The following characteristics were recorded for each site:

### Beauty

- Is there good visibility of the site? (tick box Yes/No)
- On balance, is there an absence of detracting features? (tick box Yes/No)

### Heritage significance

- Did or do any historic events / rituals take place on the site? (notes field)

### Recreational value

- Is there evidence that the site is used for sports, informal recreation or events? (notes field)

### Tranquillity

- Is the site minimally affected by sources of nearby noise pollution? (tick box Yes/No)
- Are there natural features on or adjacent to the site that contribute to visual tranquillity? (tick box Yes/No)

### Other information

- Confirmation of site boundary (tick box to confirm whether correct; option to mark up new boundary on map if not)
- Notes on use of the site, historic events, wildlife; supporting photographs (notes field and geotagged photographs)
- Confirmation of whether the site could be considered an 'extensive tract', i.e. Is the site enclosed or part of a wider, open site? Does it have definable edges? (notes field)

**2.20** The findings of the site visits were combined with the desk study data on the special characteristics of the sites to determine whether each potential LGS site met LGS Criteria 5 (i.e. it was able to demonstrate at least one special characteristic).

**2.21** Where it was not possible to survey sites during the site visit (for example because there was no public access), additional desk study has supplemented the information available for each site, and a judgement made as to whether there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate special characteristics or not.

### Step 4: Assessment

**2.22** Where nominated sites met the initial screening criteria (Criteria 0-4; Step 1) and been able to demonstrate (moderately or strongly) that they have characteristic that make them special (Criteria 5; Steps 2 & 3), recommendations were made in relation to the suitability of supporting a LGS designation. Sites with only weak demonstration of specialness have, on balance, been judged not to meet LGS designation criteria.

**2.23** In some cases, an element of professional judgement was also required where, for example, a site has existing planning permission, to consider whether that permission might be incompatible with LGS designation. Further information may also be required in order to determine whether a site is appropriate for LGS designation. In those cases, this report explains the decision-making process and makes recommendations for next steps.

## Chapter 3

# Assessment results

**3.1** A summary of the overall ratings for each of the potential LGS sites is provided in **Appendix A**, with key findings presented and discussed below.

## Initial screening (Criteria 0-4)

**3.2** In total, **18** sites were screened out at during the initial screening (Criteria 0-4); and therefore **73** sites were taken forward for further assessment following the initial screening, and subject to desk study (Criterion 5) and site visits.

## Criterion 0 – existing designations

**3.3** The following sites were screened out under Criterion 0 as they have existing designations:

- **7: Fyfield Drive, South Ockendon:** part of Belhus Park Registered Park and Garden.
- **35: St Margarets Church, Stanford Le Hope:** Listed churchyard.
- **36: Fairview Close, Stanford le Hope:** The vast majority of the site is within Grove House Wood Local Nature Reserve; the remainder does not warrant separate LGS designation as it is small and not demonstrably special on its own.
- **43: Linford Wood:** Designated as a LNR.
- **80: Palmerstons Garden Play Area, Grays:** Much of the area is already within Lion Pit SSSI; the remainder of the site does not warrant separate LGS designation as it is very small and not demonstrably special.



**3.4** Two sites are also partly within designated areas. These were not screened out under Criterion 2 as LGS may be possible on the undesignated parts of the site.

- **77: Hogg Lane, Grays** – partly within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
- **84: Gunning Road Play and Green Space, Grays** – partly within a SSSI.

## Criterion 1 – planning permission

**3.5** Two sites were screened out under Criterion 1 as they are sites with planning permission that would not be compatible with LGS designation:

- **3: Land Southwest of Aveley** – site has planning permission for a primary school and nursery (22/00077/FULPSI).
- **79: Meesons Lane, Grays** – site has planning permission for eight dwellings (21/00770/CV).

**3.6** Site 13 Harrington Crescent also has a planning application (23/00853/FUL) for proposals that include 97 homes, a care home, and public open space. If permission is granted at this site, then the nominated LGS site would not be suitable for LGS designation, but the new public open space could be assessed in its own right, once established.

**3.7** A number of sites have planning permission that have lapsed, have a planning history where permission has been refused, or are for permissions that are not relevant to LGS designation (e.g. for signs). Those sites have not been screened out.

## Criterion 2 – Local Plan allocation

**3.8** There were no sites that were screened out under Criterion 2. The new Thurrock Local Plan is currently being prepared and a policy map for the Local

Plan is not yet available (this study is part of the evidence base to inform it). The policy map for the current Core Strategy is available and has been used to identify policy areas that the nominated LGSs are within, although those policy areas are not necessarily incompatible with LGS designation. Sites were therefore screened in and the Core Strategy policy has been used to provide additional information about the sites, for example in assessing a site's special characteristics (Criterion 5).

**3.9** With the exception of eight sites (47, 48, 64-67, 73 & 81), all of the nominated LGS sites overlap with at least one Core Strategy policy area. The notes table in Appendix A provides the details of the policy areas that apply to each LGS. These include the following types of policy area:

- Green Belt;
- Heritage assets and historic environment;
- Leisure recreation and open space;
- Shopping centres and parades;
- Landscape and nature conservation;
- Housing broad location;
- Industrial, commercial and employment.

**3.10** Green Belt protection applies to the majority of the borough (and the majority of the LGS sites), excluding only pockets of areas that are more densely built up. Core Strategy Policy CSSP4 - Sustainable Green Belt states that the council will maximise opportunities for increased public access, leisure and biodiversity within the green belt, which is compatible with LGS designation. It is assumed that the emerging Local Plan will have a similar policy. Guidance on LGSs for Neighbourhood Planning [See reference 4] points out that Green Belt designation does not recognise the landscape quality or community value of land, therefore LGS could be used to recognise and protect the community value of a sports pitch within Green Belt, for example.

**3.11** On the Core Strategy policies map, heritage assets are Conservation Areas and Scheduled Monuments; these are more sparsely dispersed across the authority area than Green Belt. In contrast to the heritage designation used in Criterion 0 (Registered Park & Garden), LGS designation would not necessarily conflict with this type of policy area as development is not necessarily precluded within these areas; for example Core Strategy (Policy CSTP24) states that the council will support increased public access to historic assets, including military and industrial heritage. The heritage value of LGSs within these policy areas may contribute to evidence that the site is 'demonstrably special to the local community', therefore heritage designations are considered further below (Criterion 5).

**3.12** Open space is identified within Local Plans to provide a diverse range of accessible public spaces. The Core Strategy (Policy CSTP20) sets out the Council's intention that natural and equipped play and recreational spaces are provided and maintained to meet the needs of the local community. The open space policy areas cover open spaces, parks, and recreational areas from Country Parks to amenity green spaces with a range of equipped play spaces and natural play areas; and more than half of the LGS sites fall partly or wholly within areas identified as open spaces in the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy policies do not explicitly protect open spaces, therefore LGS designation may be compatible with any of the open space types within the Core Strategy.

**3.13** Designated areas for shopping centres and parades are outlined in Policy CSTP7 Network of Centres, within the Core Strategy. This designation is unrelated to the priorities of the LGS in terms of public access and importance to the local community, although a site within a shopping area could be designated as an LGS if appropriate. This policy area only overlaps with three of the nominated LGS sites: 35, 74 & 75.

**3.14** There are various landscape and nature assets identified on the Core Strategy policy map, including SSSIs and Local Nature Reserves. LGSs with these designations would have been screened out under Criterion 0, therefore this category of policy area for sites screened in relate to the other types of asset: Thames Chase Forest, Protected Lanes, Green Chains and Green Grid

sites. Around one quarter of the LGS sites fall within these policy areas, and LGS designation could provide additional protection within these areas.

**3.15** Two nominated LGS sites - part of 72 Elm Road Open Space and all of 84 Gunning Road - overlap with areas identified on the policy map for employment provision; and one nominated LGS site (38 Maple Park, Stanford le Hope) is within an area that is a Broad Location for housing in the Core Strategy. It is not known whether these sites will be allocated within the Local Plan but if they are then employment / industrial development would probably be incompatible with LGS designation, whereas housing or mixed use development may be somewhat compatible e.g. by retaining part of the site as LGS. In either case, the decision to designate these sites as LGS could influence the decision to allocate the sites for development within the Local Plan. These sites have therefore not been screened out.

## Criterion 3 – extensive tract

**3.16** Seven sites were screened out under Criterion 3 as they are larger than 19ha and are therefore 'extensive tracts':

- **6: Riverwalk west of Purfleet** – site also partly within a SSSI.
- **9: Little Belhus Country Park.**
- **11: Land North of Buckles Lane, South Ockendon.**
- **19: 'Footpath South of Orsett' (Rectory Road field).**
- **26: Bulphan Airfield** – site also has a planning application (not yet determined) for 750 homes and other mixed uses (19/01556/OUT), although this in itself is not incompatible with LGS designation, as part of the site could be green space if the permission was granted. However, as the site could undergo significant change in character, the assessment of part of the site as potential LGS should occur if the site is developed.
- **52: Coalhouse Fort** – site also partly within a SSSI, SPA & Ramsar site; and a Scheduled Monument.

- **83: Watson Close, Grays** – site also partly within a SSSI and a Local Wildlife Site ‘West Thurrock Lagoon’.

**3.17** Four sites had boundaries that could not be confirmed through desk study. For these sites, the conservative buffer of 300m was applied and the sites were screened in for further assessment through site visit. These areas were explored during the site visits but are areas with extensive agricultural fields and are not obvious candidates for sites that could be considered LGS. These sites have therefore been screened out:

- **2 Land West of Aveley;**
- **24 Penn Close, Orsett;**
- **55 Land at Biggin**, although part of the site is within Local Wildlife Site ‘Broom Hill’; and
- **56 Land northeast of Chadwell St Mary.**

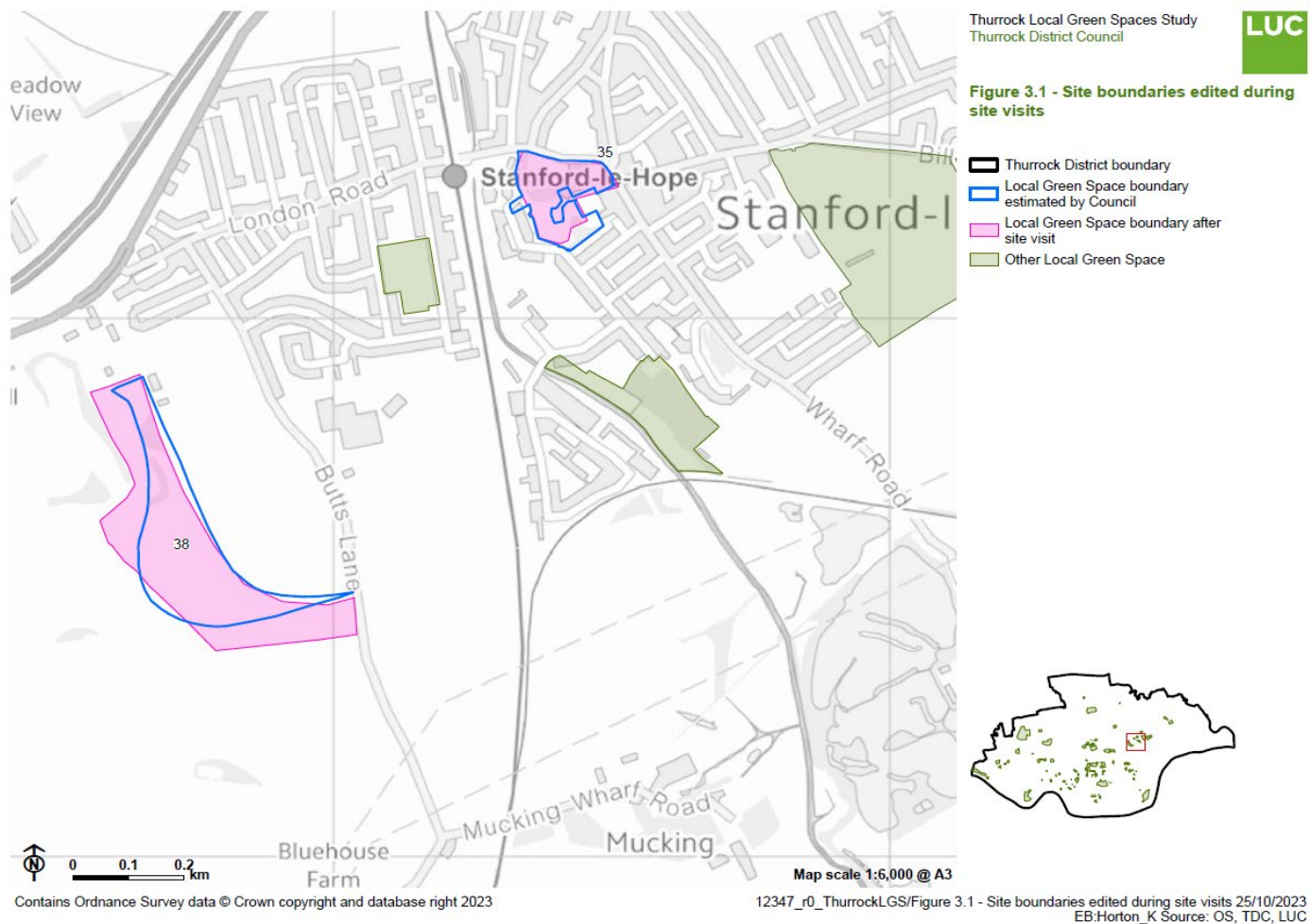
**3.18** Two other sites had boundaries that were revised during the site visit (see **Figures 3.1** and **3.2**) were:

- **35 St Margarets Church, Stanford le Hope:** boundary revised to exclude areas in private ownership (back gardens).
- **38 Maple Park:** boundary revised to exclude the golf course and follow fence line.

**3.19** The screening criteria were applied to these revised site boundaries. The boundaries of the other sites were confirmed as being correct.



Figure 3.1: Site boundaries edited during site visits



## Criterion 4 – close proximity to community

**3.20** All of the sites are within 800m of a community (settlement); therefore no sites have been screened out under Criterion 4.

## Demonstrating special characteristics (Criteria 5)

**3.21** The 73 sites that met the initial screening criteria were subject to desk study and site visits, to confirm whether they can demonstrate special characteristics. The sites are a range of types, from small greenspaces within residential areas, churchyards or around memorials; to large parks, recreation grounds and wildlife areas.

**3.22** It was not possible to access **four** sites to complete the assessment, during the site visits:

- **41 Rainbow Wood:** private land with no rights of way, access track alongside appeared closed (is open to walkers and cyclists, however);
- **58 Old House Wood, Chadwell St Mary:** access to this site was not found as it is in an area that appears semi-private (behind houses), although it does have rights of way through it;
- **60 Land at Whittaker's Nursery, Chadwell St Mary:** private land with no rights of way and could not see into site;and
- **62 Terrels Heath, Grays:** access to this site was not found as it is in an area that appears semi-private (behind a school), although it does have rights of way through it.

**3.23** The assessment of these sites has therefore been completed as far as is possible using information available online (see details in Appendix A and below).

**3.24** 15 sites were screened out because they cannot demonstrate that they have at least one of the special characteristics (i.e. meet two or three of the criteria for at least one category of specialness):

- **8 Humber Avenue, South Ockendon:** Small area of amenity grassland and trees.
- **12 Callan Grove, South Ockendon:** Small area of grass; some trees.
- **15 Land at Baker Street:** Field (not accessible to the public).
- **25 St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan:** Grazed field adjacent to church. No visible signs of use, although a footpath skirts along its edge.
- **27 Kirkham Avenue, Lower Dunton Road:** Field (not accessible to the public).
- **60 Land at Whittaker's Nursery, Chadwell St Mary:** private land not accessible to the public (not surveyed), no information online to demonstrate specialness.
- **63 Land West of Chadwell:** Field (not accessible to the public).
- **64 Kingsley Walk Allotments, Chadwell St Mary:** Large securely gated allotment site.
- **65 Newham Place, Chadwell St Mary:** Two small areas of amenity grassland, parking and a residential road.
- **66 Cambridge Gardens, Chadwell St Mary:** Small area of amenity grassland and two trees in residential estate.
- **67 Merton Place Allotments, Chadwell St Mary:** Large securely gated allotment site.
- **69 Flat Iron Field, Chadwell St Mary:** Site is scrub/meadow no public access to most of it, although a footpath crosses.
- **81 Frobisher Gardens, Grays:** Grassed area within residential estate.

- **82 Land North of Grays:** Field (not accessible to the public).
- **91 Kipling Avenue, Tilbury:** Small area of grass in a residential area.

**3.25** Of the sites that can demonstrate at least one of the special characteristics, some are clearly more 'special' than others. We have therefore grouped the sites into 'weak', 'moderate' and 'strong' demonstration of special characteristics to indicate how they compare to each other.

**3.26** The tables in **Appendix A** provides further details on how these sites scored.

## Weak demonstration of special characteristics

**3.27** Sites only weakly demonstrating special characteristics, for example because they are tranquil but do not score highly in the other categories and/or have minimal evidence of use. **Figure 3.2** provides examples of some of the sites in this category, with photographs taken during site visits.

**3.28** On balance, while having some of the features that can indicate specialness, these are not sufficiently 'special' to justify LGS designation:

- **4 Land South of Aveley:** Agricultural field with no public access. Was previously the site of allotment gardens for Aveley.
- **5 Land East of Ship Lane, Aveley:** Mostly an agricultural field; no public access other than footpath along one side. North of the field, the site boundary contains a Scheduled Monument and potentially forms part of its setting. The field is not demonstrably special but the area with the Scheduled Monument may be (could not access to assess), although this is already protected by a designation.
- **17 High Road, Baker Street (east):** Inaccessible to the public. Contains a Scheduled Monument and potentially forms part of its setting; may have archaeological potential.

- **18 'Orsett Cricket Ground' (Mill Lane Field):** Site incorrectly labelled: there were no visible signs of sports use, when visited; site is an agricultural field.
- **30 Pegasus Sports and Social Club:** Used for sports but is private property with limited access.
- **41 Rainbow Wood:** Local Wildlife Site and iron age site. A privately owned site that could not be accessed to complete survey, but it is considered that this site can demonstrate at least 'weak' special characteristics (could be moderate, e.g. if also tranquil).
- **46 Severn, East Tilbury:** Small site, mainly amenity grassland.
- **47 Colne Field, East Tilbury:** Small site, mainly amenity grassland.
- **48 Strathmore, East Tilbury:** Small area of unused amenity grassland.
- **49 Frome Field, East Tilbury:** Area of amenity grassland with some play equipment.
- **51 East Tilbury Village Park:** Small park with play equipment.
- **53 West Tilbury Green:** Small area of grass with bench and bus stop. Has heritage value and is within a Conservation Area, but does not have additional features that warrant LGS designation.
- **58 Old House Wood, Chadwell St Mary:** Access to the site could not be located, although there is a footpath through the site. Site has some historic and recreation value e.g. to experience nature locally.
- **84 Gunning Road Play and Green Space, Grays:** Small residents-only playground.
- **87 Malvern Road:** Field grazed by horses; no public access.



Figure 3.2: Examples of sites meeting LGS criteria weakly





## Moderate demonstration of special characteristics

**3.29** Sites moderately demonstrating special characteristics, for example sites clearly used for recreation but scoring less well in other categories. **Figure 3.3** provides examples of some of the sites in this category, with photographs taken during site visits.

**3.30** If the Council wishes just to designate the sites most strongly meeting the LGS criteria, then these could be excluded; but otherwise these meet the criteria for LGS:

- **16 High Road, Baker Street (west):** Contains a Scheduled Monument and potentially forms part of its setting. Traditional orchard priority habitat..
- **22 Old Orsett Village Green:** Historic site within Conservation Area and associated with former 'pound', but site is now a small area of grass and trees within a road junction.
- **23 Orsett War Memorial:** Very small site within Conservation Area, but attractive area incorporating war memorial.
- **29 Corringham Recreation Ground:** Sports pitches and playing fields.
- **32 Crooked Billet:** Open field used for football.
- **33 Land West of Crooked Billet:** Open field used for football.
- **37 Ruskin Road Recreation Ground, Stanford Le Hope:** Small play area with mature trees.
- **38 Maple Park, Stanford Le Hope:** New park and play area adjacent to golf course.
- **39 West Quarry, Southfields:** Historic site of Orsett Home Defence Landing and Orsett Army Camp. Large semi-natural site with no formal public access, although informal paths are visible.

- **42 Land at Waltons Hall Road, Linford:** part of Linford Wood nature reserve (as indicated by signs) and has previously been managed by Essex Wildlife Trust, but is not within the designated LNR boundary.
- **44 Linford Recreation Ground:** Park with playground and sports pitches, adjacent to historic buildings.
- **50 East Tilbury Memorial Park:** Grassed area around war memorial. Within Conservation Area, so may not require additional LGS designation.
- **54 West Tilbury Park:** Small grassed area with swings and view of open countryside. Already within Conservation Area but has additional heritage value as it is adjacent to (and was formerly used by) historic school.
- **57 Wickham Fields, Recreation Ground, Chadwell St Mary:** Open park area with sports and a playground.
- **61 Chadwell Recreation Ground:** Open playing fields with sports facilities and playground.
- **62 Terrells Heath, Grays:** Access to the site could not be located; however there is sufficient information online to demonstrate that the site is likely to have special characteristics in relation to heritage, recreation and, to a lesser extent, richness in wildlife.
- **68 Aluric Park, Chadwell St Mary:** Series of connected grassed areas and playground serving adjacent housing estate.
- **70 Bull Meadows allotment, Grays:** Tranquil greenspace incorporating Delafield Open Space, Bull Meadows allotments and surrounding woodland. LGS could be cropped to include just Delafield Open Space and Bull Meadows allotments.
- **71 Churchill Road Gardens, Grays (Jubilee Garden):** Attractive garden with planting, basketball and playground; but fenced and secured so access is limited (presumed residents only).
- **76 Hathaway Recreation Ground:** Park with good play equipment. Also used by dog walkers.
- **85 The Dipping:** Small park with playground.
- **86 Village Green:** Small but attractive grassed area with seating.

- **89 King George's Field:** Park and playing fields. A 'Fields in Trust' greenspace.
- **90 Fielding Avenue, Tilbury:** Open playing fields and playground, with trees bordering.

Figure 3.3: Examples of sites meeting LGS criteria moderately



## Strong demonstration of special characteristics

**3.31** Sites scoring well across more than one category of specialness and therefore appropriate for LGS designation are listed below. **Figure 3.4** provides examples of some of the sites in this category, with photographs taken during site visits.

- **1 Park at Purfleet Heritage Centre/Beacon Hill:** Described in the Landscape Character Appraisal as “a valuable recreation resource for the local community, providing a strong sense of place adjacent to the River Thames”. Also scores well on heritage (within a Conservation Area).
- **10 Birch Crescent, South Ockendon:** Sports pitches and playground; within the setting of listed buildings and potentially other historic assets.
- **13 Harrington Crescent , North Stifford:** Rough open fields with sports pitches; used by dog walkers. Contains Local Wildlife Site ‘Land north of Birchfield’. Consideration of this site for LGS designation is subject to determination of the planning application at this site (see paragraph 3.6). If permission is granted, then the nominated LGS site would not be eligible for designation as LGS, but the proposed open space within the site could be assessed in its own right, once established.
- **14 North Stifford Green (Belhus Cricket Club):** Attractive grassed area with cricket pitches and playground.
- **20 Orsett Recreation Ground:** Playing fields with playground; used for sports (football, cricket), and used by schools. Used for recreation since 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- **21 Orsett Bowling Green:** Members only bowling club; green has been in use since mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. Prior to this, it was part of the ground of the rectory.
- **28 Horndon on the Hill Recreation Ground (Horndon Park):** Park with sports pitches and playground. Potential historic connection to Horndon on the Hill Feast and Fayre (dating from 13<sup>th</sup> century).

- **31 Hardie Park:** Good quality park with café, playground and skate park.
- **34 Stanford Rugby Club:** Recreation ground, potentially within the setting of a Conservation Area and listed buildings. A 'Fields in Trust' green space ('Stanford le Hope Recreation Ground').
- **40 East Quarry, Southfields:** Historic site of Orsett Home Defence Landing and Orsett Army Camp; now Orsett Camp Quarry Local Wildlife Site. Large semi-natural site with no formal public access, although informal paths are visible.
- **45 Gobions Park, East Tilbury:** Established and attractive park with facilities for sports and play.
- **72 Elm Road Open Spaces, Grays:** An established park with play spaces and used for informal recreation and events, including those associated with 'Grays Mens Shed'.
- **73 Sanctuary Play Area and Landscaping, Grays:** Attractive play area adjacent to historic church.
- **74 Kilverts Fields, Grays:** Grassed area with football pitch and views to River Thames. The location of a bench commemorating D-Day landings.
- **75 Grays Park:** Victorian era established park, with play area, tennis courts, benches, memorial garden and landscaping.
- **77 Hogg Lane, Grays:** Area of deciduous woodland and lowland calcareous grassland priority habitat next to a SSSI.
- **78 Parker Road Recreation Ground, Grays:** Park with playground, sports pitches and trees.
- **88 Anchor Fields Park:** Park and play area used by adjacent children's centre. A 'Fields in Trust' greenspace.



Figure 3.4: Examples of sites meeting the LGS criteria strongly



## Summary of results against all criteria

**3.32** 42 sites meet the criteria for designation as LGS; 26 demonstrating specialness moderately and 16 strongly.

**3.33** 15 sites have some of the features that can be indicators of specialness, but on balance do not meet the criteria (those assessed as weakly meeting the criteria for specialness, above).

**3.34** Specialist site surveys, for example protected species surveys, surveys of archaeology or non-designated heritage assets, or the setting of heritage features could identify further sites meeting the criteria. It is likely that there are also other green spaces within Thurrock that were not nominated by the public, but which would meet LGS designation criteria.

**3.35** The sites identified as suitable for designation within this study are therefore considered a first round of assessment, which could be supplemented at a later date; for example alongside subsequent updates to the Local Plan.

**3.36** The sections below summarise the types of site that meet LGS criteria in different areas of the borough.

### Sites in Aveley, South Ockendon, North Stifford & Purfleet

**3.37** The sites meeting LGS criteria within this area (**Figure 1.1**) are:

- 1 Park at Purfleet Heritage Centre/Beacon Hill (strong);
- 10 Birch Crescent, South Ockendon (strong);
- 13 Harrington Crescent , North Stifford (strong); and
- 14 North Stifford Green (Belhus Cricket Club) (strong).



**3.38** These sites provide for recreation, sports and play in a variety of settings, from formal cricket grounds (14) to rough open fields (13) and the historic riverside (1).

**3.39** Many of the sites that did not meet the criteria in this area had poor public access and did not meet other criteria for specialness (2, 4, & 5 in Aveley; and 82 in North Stifford) or were of low quality (8 & 12 in South Ockendon).

## Sites in South Stifford, Grays & Little Thurrock

**3.40** The sites meeting LGS criteria within this area (**Figure 1.1** and **Figure 1.2**) are:

- 70 Bull Meadows Allotment, Grays (moderate);
- 71 Churchill road Gardens, Grays (Jubilee Garden) (moderate);
- 72 Elm Road Open Spaces, Grays (strong);
- 73 Sanctuary Play Area and Landscaping, Grays (strong);
- 74 Kilverts Fields, Grays (strong);
- 75 Grays Park (strong);
- 76 Hathaway Recreation Ground (moderate);
- 77 Hogg Lane Grays (strong);
- 78 Parker Road Recreation Ground, Grays (strong);
- 85 The Dipping (moderate);
- 86 Village Green (moderate);

**3.41** Elm Road Open Spaces (72) and Grays Park (75) are established urban parks with a range of facilities. Several of the sites are smaller parks providing for sports and/or play (73, 74, 76, 78 & 85).

**3.42** The site boundary proposed for Bull Meadows (70) incorporates Delafield Open Space, Bull Meadows allotments and adjacent woodland. The LGS could be drawn to include all of these features, or just the open space and allotments, i.e. west of Rookery Lane.

**3.43** This area also includes a very small area: the Village Green (86) on Dock Road, which is an attractive greenspace despite its size.

**3.44** One has an existing designation (80) and one has planning permission (78) that would not be compatible with LGS designation. Two did not meet the criteria for 'specialness' (81 & 84).

## Sites in Tilbury, West Tilbury & Chadwell St Mary

**3.45** The sites meeting LGS criteria within this area (**Figure 1.2**) are:

- 54 West Tilbury Park (moderate);
- 57 Wickham Fields, Recreation Ground, Chadwell St Mary (moderate);
- 61 Chadwell Recreation Ground (moderate);
- 68 Aluric Park, Chadwell St Mary (moderate);
- 88 Anchor Fields Park (strong);
- 89 King George's Field (moderate); and
- 90 Fielding Avenue, Tilbury (moderate).

**3.46** The majority of these sites are parks or playing fields that are open in character, and have play equipment. Aluric Park (68) comprises the amenity grassland within a housing estate, but is more varied and interesting than some of the other small areas of amenity grasslands proposed in residential areas, and therefore scores more highly than those. West Tilbury Park (54) is small and has few facilities but is in an attractive and historic location.

**3.47** A number of sites in this area (53, 55, 56, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69 & 91) did not meet the criteria for specialness.

## Sites in Corringham, Stanford le Hope, Linford & East Tilbury

**3.48** The sites meeting LGS criteria within this area (**Figure 1.3** and **Figure 1.4**) are:

- 42 Land at Waltons Hall Road, Linford (moderate);
- 44 Linford Recreation Ground (moderate);
- 50 East Tilbury Memorial Park (moderate);
- 29 Corringham Recreation Ground (moderate);
- 31 Hardie Park (strong);
- 33 Land West of Crooked Billet (moderate);
- 34 Stanford Rugby Club (strong);
- 37 Ruskin Road Recreation Ground, Stanford Le Hope (moderate);
- 38 Maple Park, Stanford Le Hope (moderate); and
- 45 Gobions Park, East Tilbury (strong).

**3.49** The majority of these sites are either established parks with a range of facilities (31 & 45) or sites primarily for sports or play in a variety of settings (29, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38 & 44).

**3.50** Two sites are in areas close to or within existing designations, but which may not be incompatible with LGS designation: Land at Waltons Hall (42) has signs indicating that it is part of Linford Wood nature reserve, although it is not within the adjacent LNR boundary. This could therefore have an additional LGS designation outside the LNR. East Tilbury Memorial Park is a grassed area

around a war memorial that is already within a Conservation Area but could have an additional LGS designation to recognise its use as a green space.

## Sites in Orsett, Bulphan & Horndon

**3.51** The sites meeting LGS criteria within this area (**Figure 1.4**) are:

- 16 High Road, Baker Street (west) (moderate);
- 20 Orsett Recreation Ground (strong);
- 22 Old Orsett Village Green (moderate);
- 23 Orsett War Memorial (moderate);
- 28 Horndon on the Hill Recreation Ground (Horndon Park) (strong);
- 39 West Quarry, Southfields (moderate); and
- 40 East Quarry, Southfields (strong).

**3.52** Two of these sites are large park or playing fields (20 & 28). Two are adjacent sites comprising semi-natural vegetation on former Army sites with no formal public access, although informal use has been observed (39 & 40). The other two are small areas of greenspace associated with historic assets (22 & 23).

**3.53** Of the sites that did not meet LGS criteria in this area, three did not meet the criteria for specialness (15, 17, 18, 24, 25 & 27), and two were large sites that could be considered 'extensive tracts' (19 & 26).

## Chapter 4

# Recommendations

**4.1** It is recommended that the council designates those greenspaces strongly meeting the criteria as LGS; and, if they wish to have a broader geographical spread of LGS sites, then also those sites moderately meeting the criteria. Recommended LGS sites, ie sites meeting the LGS criteria strongly or moderately are shown on **Figures 4.1-4.4**.

**4.2** As the assessment used core strategy policy areas to assess the sites against criteria 2 ('Local Plan allocation'), it is recommended that the sites are considered against emerging Local Plan policies to check, for example, whether any of the sites fall within areas that the council intends to allocate for development. This study has not included a review of land ownership; this is recommended prior to LGS designation if any of the sites are in private ownership, because LGS designation will inhibit development of the site.

**4.3** Where sites will be allocated for development or have planning permission, this is not necessarily incompatible with LGS designation if the site is large enough to retain greenspace within the masterplan for the site. For example, site 26 Bulphan Airfield was screened out as an 'extensive tract', but if planning permission for the proposed development at the site is granted, a smaller area of green space within the site could be assessed against LGS criteria in its own right.

**4.4** Where sites that may be allocated in the Local Plan are likely to undergo significant change in character, the assessment of part of the site as potential LGS could occur once the site is developed, although the NPPF says that LGSs should be designated when plans are prepared or updated. This may be possible where it is clear that sufficient of the green space would be retained alongside development, such that it still meets LGS criteria.

**4.5** Some of the sites that do not currently meet LGS designation criteria could be improved so that they do, for example by enhancing the quality of recreation or play facilities and/or by increasing biodiversity and habitat connectivity. If the Local Plan allocates development within Green Belt, there may be an opportunity to enhance potential LGS sites, as part of the required compensation. Sites could also be enhanced to support the borough's Green and Blue Infrastructure priorities.

**4.6** 'Urban Greening & Access to Nature' was also identified within the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy for Thurrock as a priority project. The strategy identifies the following priority areas for improving access to greenspace:

- Parks and gardens in areas currently deficient (and near growth areas) e.g. South Aveley, Purfleet, north of Grays/Chafford Hundred & North Stifford; central area north of A13; west Tilbury / south of Chadwell St Mary etc
- Natural and semi-natural greenspace; especially around Grays, East Tilbury, Corringham, West Thurrock and Bulphan
- Amenity grassland e.g. at West Grays, south/east of Purfleet, Grays, West Tilbury, Southfields, central Corringham, North Orsett.

**4.7** Where there are sites that have been put forward for consideration at LGS in these areas, it is recommended that those identified as meeting LGS criteria moderately *are* designated, to provide protection to a limited but valued resource. Those not currently meeting the LGS designation criteria could also be priorities for enhancement.

**4.8** In addition to enhancing existing sites, there may be opportunities to designate further LGSs in the future, for example by:

- Identifying heritage or biodiversity features at sites, where those could not be identified through desk study;
- Inviting the public to submit further nominations for LGS designation, at a later date; or
- Creating new green spaces.

**4.9** There are other designations that may be applicable to the LGS sites. Three of the sites meeting LGS criteria (89 King George's Field, 34 Stanford Rugby Club and 88 Anchor Fields Park) are protected by Fields in Trust deeds; and there are a further three within the borough: King George's Field in Little Thurrock, Bulphan Recreation Ground, Dilkes Park in South Ockendon. The Council may wish to consider designating the other 'Fields in Trust' [See reference 5] sites in the borough, to give them the same status in policy as other LGSs.

**4.10** Other designations that may be applicable are: Assets of Community Value or Village Green.

**4.11** As stated in paragraph 1.6, the scope of this study does not include an assessment of the sites against the criterion within Paragraph 101 of the NPPF (relevant text in bold):

101: 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.**

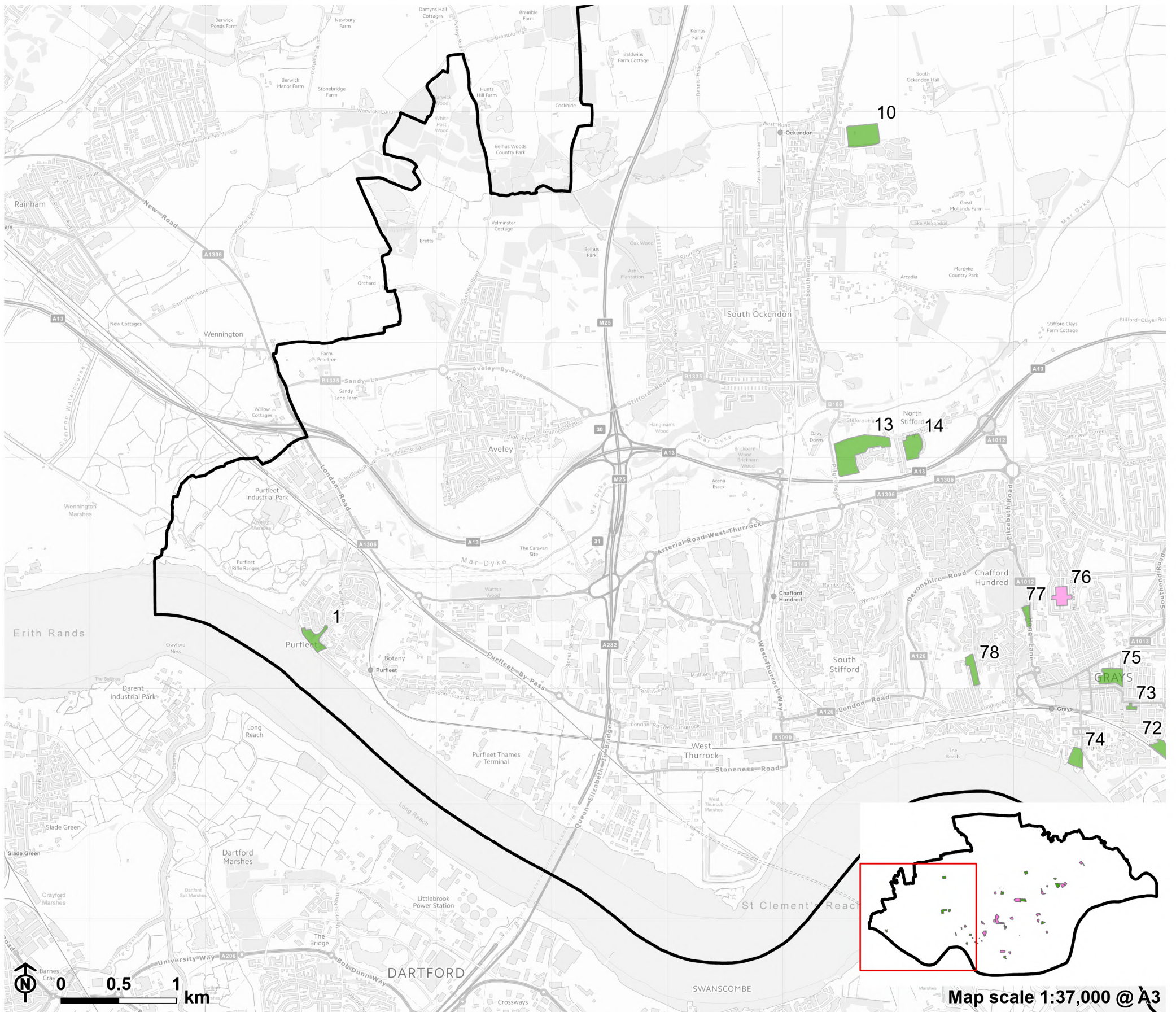
**4.12** The Council will be required to make further judgement on these matters in each case.

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**Figure 4.1: Recommended Local Green Spaces: Aveley, South Ockendon, West Thurrock & Grays**



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Thurrock District boundary

**Site recommended for LGS designation (strong demonstration of criteria)**

- 1: Beacon Hill, Land at Chieftan Drive
- 10: Birch Crescent, South Ockendon
- 13: Harrington Crescent, North Stifford
- 14: North Stifford Green
- 20: Orsett Recreation Ground
- 21: Orsett Bowling Green
- 28: Horndon on the Hill Recreation Ground
- 31: Hardie Park
- 34: Stanford Rugby Club
- 40: East Quarry, Southfields

- 45: Gobions Park, East Tilbury
- 72: Elm Road Open Space, Grays
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- 74: Kilverts Field, Grays
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**Additional site that could be designated (moderate demonstration of criteria)**

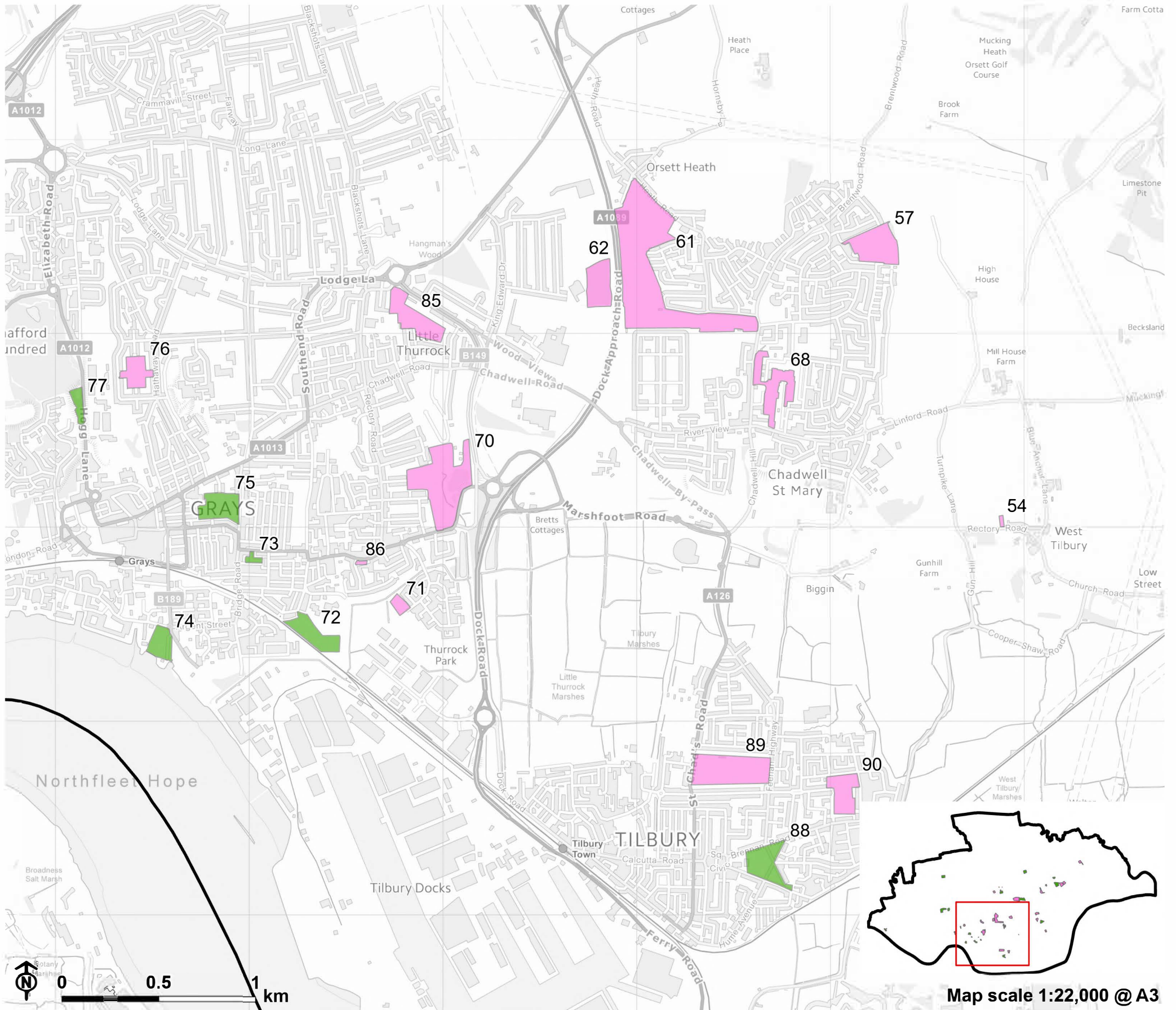
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- 50: East Tilbury Memorial Park
- 54: West Tilbury Park

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- 61: Chadwell Recreation Ground
- 62: Terrels Heath, Grays
- 68: Aluric Park, Chadwell St Mary
- 70: Bull Meadow Allotments, Rookery Hill Recreation Ground and Community Gardens, Grays
- 71: Churchill Road Gardens, Gray
- 76: Hathaway Recreation Ground
- 85: The Dipping
- 86: Village Green
- 89: King George's Field
- 90: Unknown Playing Field



**Figure 4.2: Recommended Local Green Spaces: Grays, Tilbury & Chadwell St Mary**



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Thurrock District boundary  
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- 10: Birch Crescent, South Ockendon
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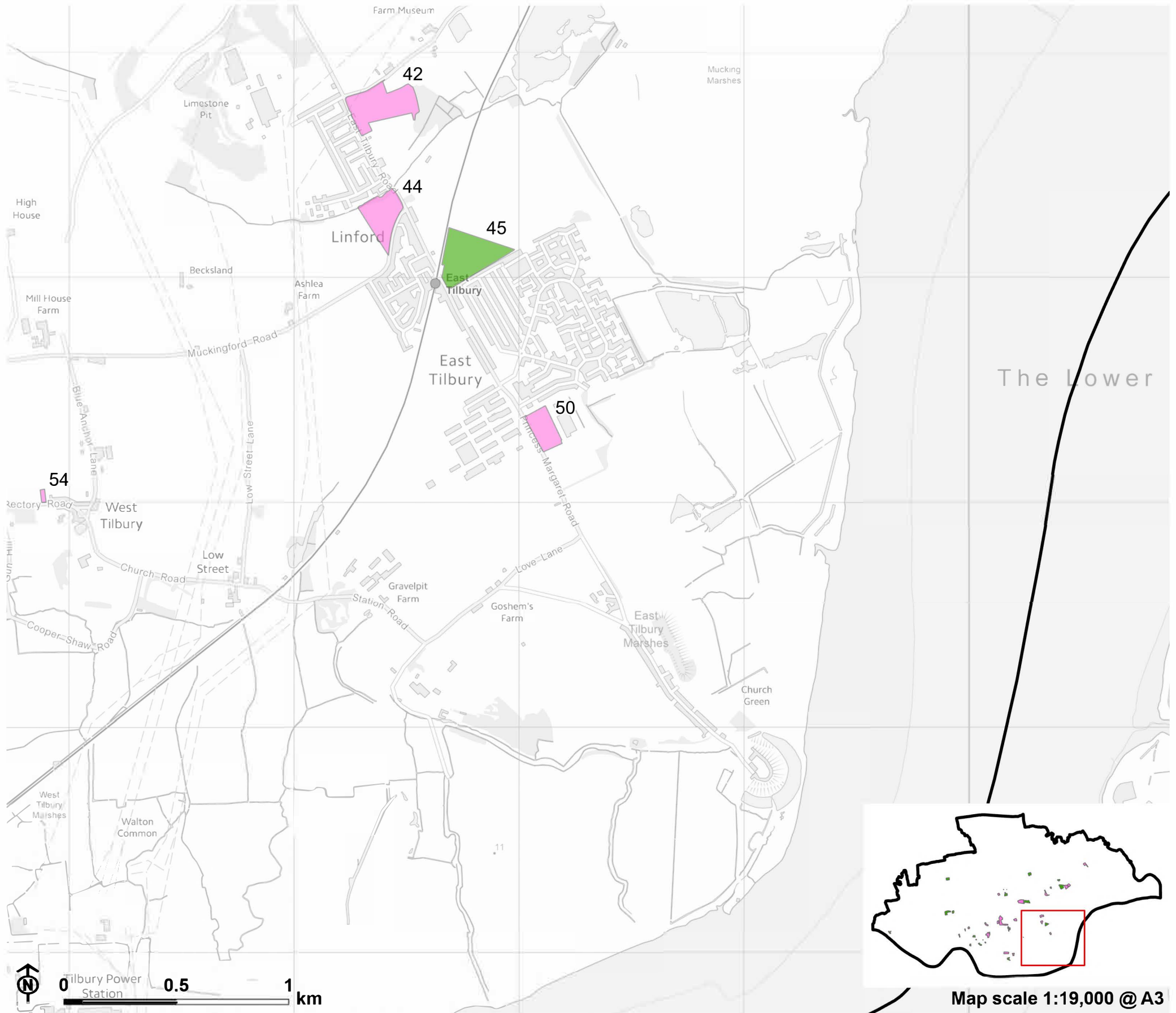
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**Figure 4.3: Recommended Local Green Spaces:  
East Tilbury & Linford**



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Thurrock District boundary  
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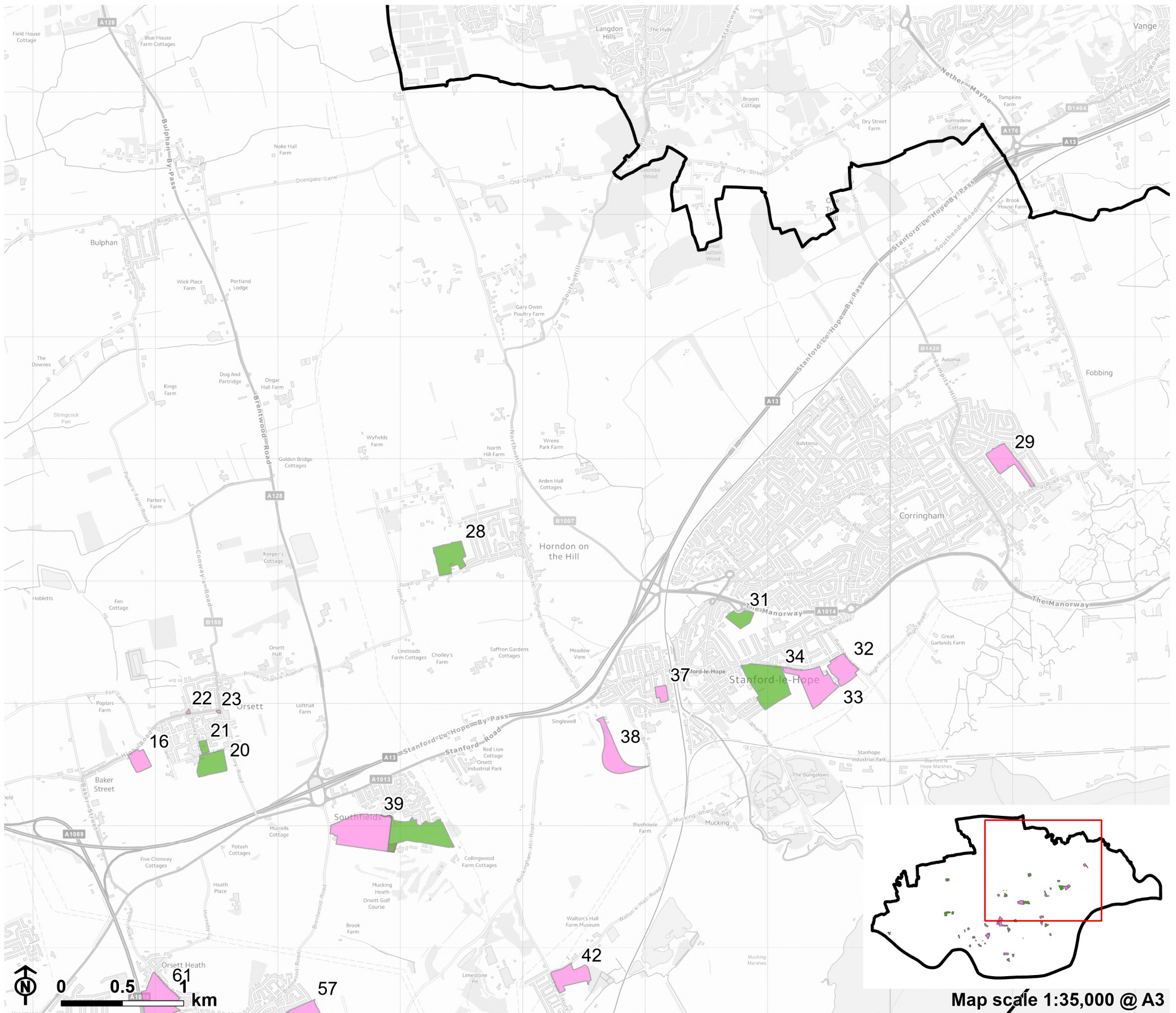
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- 50: East Tilbury Memorial Park
- 54: West Tilbury Park

- 57: Wickham Fields Recreation Ground, Chadwell St Mary
- 61: Chadwell Recreation Ground
- 62: Terrels Heath, Grays
- 68: Aluric Park, Chadwell St Mary
- 70: Bull Meadow Allotments, Rookery Hill Recreation Ground and Community Gardens, Grays
- 71: Churchill Road Gardens, Gray
- 76: Hathaway Recreation Ground
- 85: The Dipping
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- 89: King George's Field
- 90: Unknown Playing Field



**Figure 4.4: Recommended Local Green Spaces:  
Stanford le Hope, Corringham & Orsett**



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Thurrock District boundary

**Site recommended for LGS designation (strong demonstration of criteria)**

- 1: Beacon Hill, Land at Chieftan Drive
- 10: Birch Crescent, South Ockendon
- 13: Harrington Crescent, North Stifford
- 14: North Stifford Green
- 20: Orsett Recreation Ground
- 21: Orsett Bowling Green
- 28: Horndon on the Hill Recreation Ground
- 31: Hardie Park
- 34: Stanford Rugby Club
- 40: East Quarry, Southfields

**Additional site that could be designated (moderate demonstration of criteria)**

- 45: Gobions Park, East Tilbury
- 72: Elm Road Open Space, Grays
- 73: Sanctuary Play Area and Landscaping, Grays
- 74: Kilverts Field, Grays
- 75: Grays Park
- 77: Hogg Lane, Grays
- 78: Parker Road Recreation Ground, Grays
- 88: Anchor Fields Park
- 16: High Road, Baker Street (west)
- 22: Old Orsett Village Green

- 23: Orsett War Memorial
- 29: Corringham Recreation Ground
- 32: Crooked Billet
- 33: Land West of Crooked Billet
- 37: Ruskin Road Recreation Ground, Stanford le Hope
- 38: Maple Park, Stanford le Hope
- 39: West Quarry, Southfields
- 42: Linford
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# Appendix A

## Assessment results table

**A.1 Table A.1** below summarises the results of the assessment based on GIS analysis, desk study and site visits.

**A.2** For Criteria 1-4, the table indicates whether the site meets the criteria (✓) or not (✗); or where there is some uncertainty (further explanation is given) (?). Where further explanation is needed, for example, there is a recent planning permission but it may be compatible with LGS designation, notes are provided in **Table A.2** and explained further in Chapter 3.

**A.3** For Criteria 5, the table indicates how many of the special characteristic indicators are present at that site. In order to achieve an overall indication that the site has that characteristic, on balance there needs to be a greater number of 'Yes' answers recorded than 'No'. Therefore, cells in the table with a '2' or '3' have that special characteristic; cells with a '0' or '1' do not. An overall judgement is then made as to whether the site can demonstrate specialness strongly, moderately or weakly.

**A.4 Table A.2** provides additional notes relevant to the assessment, for example to explain whether planning permission may be compatible or type of Core Strategy policy area that the site falls within. The notes also include a summary of characteristics that contribute to a site's specialness and notes from site visits.

Table A.1: Summary of results

Site ref.	Site name	Crit. 0	Crit. 1	Crit. 2	Crit. 3	Criterion 4		Criterion 5					Meets LGS criteria?
		Not designated site	No plan. permission	Not in Local Plan	Not extensive tract	Close proximity...	...to (Local Area)	Beauty	Heritage significance	Recreational value	Tranquility	Richness in wildlife	
1	Park at Purfleet Heritage Centre/Beacon Hill	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Purfleet	2	3	2	2	2	Yes – strongly demonstrates specialness
2	Land West of Aveley	✓	✓	?	×	✓	Aveley	n/a					No (Criterion 3)
3	Land Southwest of Aveley	✓	×	?	✓	✓	Aveley	n/a					No (Criterion 1)
4	Land South of Aveley	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Aveley	1	2	0	0	0	No - weakly demonstrates specialness

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5	Land East of Ship Lane, Aveley	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Aveley	1	2	0	1	0	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
6	Riverwalk west of Purfleet	✓	✓	?	×	✓	Purfleet	n/a					No (Criterion 3)
7	Fyfield Drive, South Ockendon	×	✓	?	✓	✓	South Ockendon	n/a					No (Criterion 0)
8	Humber Avenue, South Ockendon	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	South Ockendon	1	1	1	1	1	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
9	Little Belhus Country Park	✓	✓	?	×	✓	South Ockendon	n/a					No (Criterion 3)



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10	Birch Crescent, South Ockendon	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	South Ockendon	1	2	2	2	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
11	Land North of Buckles Lane, South Ockendon	✓	✓	?	×	✓	South Ockendon	n/a					No (Criterion 3)
12	Callan Grove, South Ockendon	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	South Ockendon	1	0	1	0	1	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
13	Harrington Crescent , North Stifford	✓	?	?	✓	✓	North Stifford	2	2	1	1	2	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
14	North Stifford Green (Belhus Cricket Club)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	North Stifford	2	2	2	0	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness

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15	Land at Baker Street	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	1	1	0	0	1	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
16	High Road, Baker Street (west)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	1	2	0	0	2	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
17	High Road, Baker Street (east)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	2	2	0	0	1	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
18	'Orsett Cricket Ground' (Mill Lane field)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	2	1	0	0	1	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
19	'Footpath South of Orsett' (Rectory Road field)	✓	✓	?	×	✓	Orsett	n/a					No (Criterion 3)

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20	Orsett Recreation Ground	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	2	2	3	2	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
21	Orsett Bowling Green	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	2	2	2	2	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
22	Old Orsett Village Green	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	1	2	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
23	Orsett War Memorial	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Orsett	2	3	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
24	Pen Close Orsett	✓	✓	?	×	✓	Orsett	n/a					No (Criterion 3)

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25	St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Bulphan	1	1	0	0	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
26	Bulphan Airfield	✓	✓	?	×	✓	Bulphan	n/a					No (Criterion 3)
27	Kirkham Avenue, Lower Dunton Road	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Horndon on the Hill	1	1	0	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
28	Horndon on the Hill Recreation Ground (Horndon Park)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Horndon on the Hill	2	3	1	1	1	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
29	Corringham Recreation Ground	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Corringham	2	1	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness

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30	Pegasus Sports and Social Club	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Corringham	1	1	2	1	1	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
31	Hardie Park	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford-le-Hope	2	1	2	1	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
32	Crooked Billet	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford le Hope	1	1	2	1	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
33	Land West of Crooked Billet	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford le Hope	1	1	2	1	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
34	Stanford Rugby Club	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford Le Hope	1	2	2	1	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness

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35	St Margarets Church, Stanford Le Hope	×	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford Le Hope	n/a					No (Criterion 0)
36	Fairview Close, Stanford Le Hope	×	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford Le Hope	n/a					No (Criterion 0)
37	Ruskin Road Recreation Ground, Stanford Le Hope	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford Le Hope	2	1	1	1	1	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
38	Maple Park, Stanford Le Hope	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Stanford Le Hope	2	1	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
39	West Quarry, Southfields	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Southfields	2	2	0	2	1	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness

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40	East Quarry, Southfields	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Southfields	3	2	0	2	2	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
41	Rainbow Wood	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Linford (although no public access)	?	1	0	?	2	Uncertain but at least weak demonstration of specialness
42	Land at Waltons Hall Road, Linford	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Linford	1	1	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
43	Linford Wood	×	✓	?	✓	✓	Linford	n/a					No (Criterion 0)



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44	Linford Recreation Ground	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Linford	2	2	1	1	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
45	Gobions Park, East Tilbury	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	East Tilbury	2	1	2	2	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
46	Severn, East Tilbury	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	East Tilbury	1	1	1	2	0	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
47	Colne Field, East Tilbury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	East Tilbury	2	1	0	2	1	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
48	Strathmore, East Tilbury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	East Tilbury	2	1	0	1	0	No – weakly demonstrates specialness

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49	Frome Field, East Tilbury	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	East Tilbury	2	1	1	2	0	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
50	East Tilbury Memorial Park	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	East Tilbury	1	3	1	2	1	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
51	East Tilbury Village Park	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	East Tilbury	1	2	1	1	1	No - weakly demonstrates specialness
52	Coalhouse Fort	✓	✓	?	×	✓	East Tilbury	n/a					No (Criterion 3)
53	West Tilbury Green	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	West Tilbury	1	2	0	1	0	No - weakly demonstrates specialness

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54	West Tilbury Park	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	West Tilbury	2	2	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
55	Land at Biggin	✓	✓	?	×	✓	West Tilbury	n/a					No (Criterion 3)
56	Land Northeast of Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	?	×	✓	Chadwell St Mary	n/a					No (Criterion 3)
57	Wickham Fields, Recreation Ground, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	2	1	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
58	Old House Wood, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	?	1-2	1	?	1	Uncertain but potential for weak demonstration of specialness

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59	Land North of Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	1	1	1	0	1	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
60	Land at Whittaker's Nursery, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary (although no public access)	?	0	0	?	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
61	Chadwell Recreation Ground	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	2	1	2	1	1	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
62	Terrels Heath, Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	?	1-2	2	?	1	Uncertain but potential for moderate demonstration of specialness

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63	Land West of Chadwell	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	1	0	1	1	1	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
64	Kingsley Walk Allotments, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	1	1	1	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
65	Newham Place, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	1	1	0	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
66	Cambridge Gardens, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	1	1	1	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
67	Merton Place Allotments, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	1	1	1	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness

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68	Aluric Park, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	2	1	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
69	Flat Iron Field, Chadwell St Mary	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Chadwell St Mary	1	1	0	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
70	Bull Meadows allotment, Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	1	1	2	1	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
71	Churchill road Gardens, Grays (Jubilee Garden)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	1	1	2	2	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
72	Elm Road Open Spaces, Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	1	1	2	2	1	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness

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73	Sanctuary Play Area and Landscaping, Grays	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Grays	2	2	1	1	1	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
74	Kilverts Fields, Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	2	3	2	1	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
75	Grays Park	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	2	2	1	1	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
76	Hathaway Recreation Ground	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	1	1	1	1	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
77	Hogg Lane Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	1	0	2	2	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness



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78	Parker Road Recreation Ground, Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	1	2	2	1	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
79	Meesons Lane, Grays	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	Grays	n/a					No (Criterion 1)
80	Palmerstons Garden Play Area, Grays	×	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	n/a					No (Criterion 0)
81	Frobisher Gardens, Grays	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Grays	1	1	1	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
82	Land North of Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	0	0	0	0	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness
83	Watson Close, Grays	✓	✓	?	×	✓	Grays	n/a					No (Criterion 3)

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84	Gunning Road Play and Green Space, Grays	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	1	1	2	0	No – weakly demonstrates specialness	
85	The Dipping	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Little Thurrock	2	1	1	1	1	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness	
86	Village Green	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Grays	2	2	1	0	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness	
87	Malvern Road	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Grays	2	1	1	0	0	No - weakly demonstrates specialness	

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88	Anchor Fields Park	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Tilbury	2	0	2	1	0	Yes - strongly demonstrates specialness
89	King George's Field	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Tilbury	2	1	1	1	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
90	Fielding Avenue, Tilbury	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Tilbury	2	0	1	2	0	Yes - moderately demonstrates specialness
91	Kipling Avenue, Tilbury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Tilbury	1	0	0	1	0	No – cannot demonstrate specialness

**Table A.2: Additional notes for each site**

Site ref.	Site name	Notes
1	Park at Purfleet Heritage Centre/Beacon Hill	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments</p> <p>Mentioned in LCA: ""The Riverside Park area in Purfleet Core that is a valuable recreation resource for the local community, providing a strong sense of place adjacent to the River Thames."</p> <p>Scores highly in relation to heritage: site is within a Conservation Area and contains a listed building. Likely to also contribute to the setting of other heritage assets.</p>
2	Land West of Aveley	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>Agricultural fields that are difficult to access.</p>
3	Land Southwest of Aveley	<p>Whole of site has planning permission for a new primary school (22/00077/FULPS).</p> <p>Within Green Belt.</p>
4	Land South of Aveley	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>Agricultural field with no public access. Was previously the site of allotment gardens for Aveley. May be within the setting of heritage assets.</p>
5	Land East of Ship Lane, Aveley	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt</p> <p>Mostly an agricultural field; no public access other than footpath along one side. North of the field, the site boundary contains a Scheduled Monument: the site of moated manor house east of St Michael's Church, and potentially forms part of its setting. The field is not demonstrably special but the area with the Scheduled Monument may be (could not access to assess), although this is already protected by a designation.</p>
6	Riverwalk west of Purfleet	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Green Belt.</p>

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		Site is >19ha.
7	Fyfield Drive, South Ockendon	Wholly within a Belhus Park Registered Park & Garden. Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.
8	Humber Avenue, South Ockendon	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space. May be within the setting of Belhus Park Registered Park & Garden. This is a small site within a residential area, with some evidence of informal recreation use.
9	Little Belhus Country Park	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Site is >19ha.
10	Birch Crescent, South Ockendon	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Site within the setting of listed buildings and potentially in the settings of two Scheduled Monuments. Shown on historic maps (1960) as being a recreation ground. May have archaeological potential. Contains sports pitch used by South Ockendon Recreation Club, playground a setting. Site is tranquil, low noise.
11	Land North of Buckles Lane, South Ockendon	Within Green Belt. Site is >19ha.
12	Callan Grove, South Ockendon	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space Used as recreational football pitch and has good access for local residents.
13	Harrington Crescent, North Stifford	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation - Thames Chase, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Part of the site has been identified as Local Wildlife Site 'Land North of Birchfield'. A planning application (23/00853/FUL) has been submitted at the site which includes proposals for 97 dwellings, a care home and public open space.

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		<p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site has been used since the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century for recreation and is potentially within the setting of listed buildings.</p> <p>Currently used for sports (football) and dog walking, and a footpath runs through the site.</p>
14	North Stifford Green (Belhus Cricket Club)	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt - Residential Frontages, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is potentially within the setting of listed buildings and is shown on historic maps as a recreation ground and allotment gardens in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>Currently used for sports (cricket, football), playground and community events.</p>
15	Land at Baker Street	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>Field inaccessible to the public.</p>
16	High Road, Baker Street (west)	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt.</p> <p>Inaccessible to the public. Contains a Scheduled Monument and potentially forms part of its setting. Adjacent to building identified as 'old workhouse' on OS maps; may have archaeological potential. Contains traditional orchard priority habitat and is within an area for network enhancement on Natural England mapping.</p>
17	High Road, Baker Street (east)	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt.</p> <p>Inaccessible to the public. Contains part of a Scheduled Monument and potentially forms part of its setting; may have archaeological potential.</p>
18	'Orsett Cricket Ground' (Mill Lane field)	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is within the vicinity of Schedule Monuments and may therefore have archaeological potential.</p> <p>Site incorrectly labelled: there were no visible signs of sports use, when visited; site is an agricultural field.</p>



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19	'Footpath South of Orsett' (Rectory Road field)	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Site is >19ha.
20	Orsett Recreation Ground	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. Site noted on 1892-1814 OS map as 'recreation ground' with a small pavilion to southern boundary; previously fields. Is within the vicinity of several Scheduled Monuments and may therefore have archaeological potential. Currently used for sports (football, cricket), playgrounds and seating area. Evidence of use by local schools. Tranquil site with low noise.
21	Orsett Bowling Green	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The defined site first appears on 1959 OS map as bowling green. Prior to this, it was part of the ground of the rectory (apparently demolished, and the remainder of the grounds built over). Currently used for sports (bowling, football) and community events.
22	Old Orsett Village Green	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas & Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site is within Orsett Conservation Area and contains a listed structure, and may contribute to the setting of listed buildings and/or non designated heritage assets. Although called the village green, it was identified on the first edition OS 1869-73 as 'pound', but thereafter not, so may have been associated with historic events related to crime and punishment. The 'village green' name appears to have developed since the space was enclosed with later development. The site is at a small (quiet) residential junction. It has orchard trees and a small enclosed space (allotment?).
23	Orsett War Memorial	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas & Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is within Orsett Conservation Area and there is the potential that it

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		<p>contributes to the setting of listed buildings and non-designated heritage assets such as the war memorial. The site appears on historic maps from at least the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century as a central thoroughfare for the village, and it is likely that there have been historic events related to the war memorial.</p> <p>The site is small and sits on a relatively quiet residential junction</p>
24	Penn Close Orsett	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt.</p> <p>Agricultural field.</p>
25	St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>Site in an area with heritage assets nearby so may have archaeological potential.</p>
26	Bulphan Airfield	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has a planning application (not yet determined) for mixed use development including 750 homes, medical facility, retail and commercial (19/01556/OUT).</p> <p>Site is &gt;19ha.</p>
27	Kirkham Avenue, Lower Dunton Road	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>Field naccessible to the public.</p>
28	Horndon on the Hill Recreation Ground (Horndon Park)	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is potentially within the setting of a Conservation Area and listed buildings. Formerly a farm and agricultural fields, there is a potential historic connection to Horndon on the Hill Feast and Fayre, annual event dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and revived in 1974. Used for sports and recreation from the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century (previously bowling green and tennis court).</p> <p>Currently used for sports (cricket, football) and playground.</p>
29	Corringham Recreation Ground	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is potentially within the setting of a Conservation Area and listed</p>

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		<p>buildings. Formerly a farm and agricultural fields, it has been used for sports and recreation from the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>The site is a quiet open field used by dog walkers and for sports (cricket).</p>
30	Pegasus Sports and Social Club	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>The site is potentially within the setting of a Conservation Area and listed buildings. It has been used as a recreation ground since the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>The site is used by Wyldcrest Sports Country Club and is private property with limited access.</p>
31	Hardie Park	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is currently a community park with café, playground and skate park.</p>
32	Crooked Billet	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>The site has been used for recreation since the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century and is currently used for sports (football).</p>
33	Land West of Crooked Billet	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>The site has been used for recreation since the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century and is currently used for sports (football).</p>
34	Stanford Rugby Club	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is potentially within the setting of a Conservation Area and listed buildings. It has been used for sports and recreation from the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>It is currently used for sports and a playground.</p>
35	St Margarets Church, Stanford Le Hope	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Shopping Centres and Parades. Part of the site was also identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site ('St Margaret's Church') in the Thurrock Biodiversity Study (2007).</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It contains a listed church, buildings and churchyard, and potentially contributes to the setting of other listed buildings. Despite a period of</p>

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		disrepair in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century, the church has been in used for 800 years and will have been a significant religious and social focus for the community; however the building and churchyard (its greenspace) are already listed.
36	Fairview Close, Stanford Le Hope	<p>The majority of the site is within Grove House Wood LNR, which was created from former gravel pits and is mentioned in the LCA: “The valley of Mucking Creek and its naturalistic land cover including deciduous woodland, swamp and wet woodland (some of which forms Grove House Wood and Marsh Local Nature Reserve”).</p> <p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Green Belt.</p>
37	Ruskin Road Recreation Ground, Stanford Le Hope	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is currently used for sports and a playground.</p>
38	Maple Park, Stanford Le Hope	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Housing Broad Location - Urban Extension, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is a tranquil new park and play area adjacent to golf course.</p>
39	West Quarry, Southfields	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>The LCA states that “This is an area in which there is a concentration of past and current mineral extraction which gives it a distinctive and identifiable character.” The site was the location for the first Orsett Home Defence landing in 1916, and later Orsett Army Camp until the 1960s. Given the Scheduled Monuments in the area, the site may have archaeological potential.</p> <p>The site is tranquil and semi-natural (deciduous woodland). No formal access, although informal footpaths are visible.</p>
40	East Quarry, Southfields	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Identified as Local Wildlife Site ‘Orsett Camp Quarry’.</p> <p>As with the nearby West Quarry, the site was the location for the first Orsett Home Defence landing in 1916, and later Orsett Army Camp until the 1960s. Given the Scheduled Monuments in the area, the site may have archaeological potential.</p>

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		The site is tranquil and semi-natural (deciduous woodland). No formal access, although informal footpaths are visible.
41	Rainbow Wood	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Green Belt; and is a Local Wildlife Site 'Rainbow Shaw'.</p> <p>Not surveyed as inaccessible to the public, although site is visible from the adjacent cycle route (Hoford Road).</p> <p>Research shows that the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is an iron age site (pits) <b>[See reference 6]</b>; and</li> <li>■ Is a small ancient woodland fragment with glow worms <b>[See reference 7]</b>.</li> </ul>
42	Land at Waltons Hall Road, Linford	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Green Belt.</p> <p>The site is tranquil and part of Linford Wood Nature Reserve (see below).</p>
43	Linford Wood	<p>Designated as a Local Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Green Belt.</p> <p>The site is mentioned in the LCA: "Linford Wood (to the east of Linford), comprising a mix of Hawthorn scrub, Elm scrub woodland, an old willow plantation and a small area of maturing Pedunculate Oak, represents one of the few woods and is part of a Local Nature Reserve."</p>
44	Linford Recreation Ground	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is adjacent to historic buildings (e.g. pumping station, village smithy) and has been used for recreation since the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>It is currently used for sports (basketball etc), park and playground.</p>
45	Gobions Park, East Tilbury	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is a tranquil site currently used for sports (basketball, skating, BMX), park and playground.</p>

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46	Severn, East Tilbury	Within Green Belt. Site is tranquil and currently used for dog walking.
47	Colne Field, East Tilbury	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas. Tranquil site with good visibility and an absence of detracting features.
48	Strathmore, East Tilbury	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas. Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features but is currently unused.
49	Frome Field, East Tilbury	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas & Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is a tranquil site and currently a maintained area.
50	East Tilbury Memorial Park	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas & Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt. Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site is within East Tilbury Conservation Area and is the setting for a war memorial. It is likely that there have been historic events related to the war memorial, at the site. The site is tranquil and currently an open green space used recreationally by walkers.
51	East Tilbury Village Park	Within Green Belt. The site is adjacent to a Schedule Monument (East Tilbury battery, built to support Coalhouse Fort), so there is the potential for historic events related to the battery/fort. The site is a small park with a playground.
52	Coalhouse Fort	Partially within SSSI, SPA and Ramsar site. Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas & Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt. Site is >19ha.

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53	West Tilbury Green	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is within West Tilbury Conservation Area and may potentially contribute to the setting of nearby Scheduled Monument or listed buildings. The site appears on historic maps from at least the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>The site is a small maintained green in a village centre, with a bench and bus stop.</p>
54	West Tilbury Park	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Heritage Assets and Historic Environment - Conservation Areas &amp; Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Green Belt.</p> <p>Site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is within West Tilbury Conservation Area and may potentially contribute to the setting of nearby Scheduled Monument or listed buildings. The site has been used for recreation from mid/late 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>The site is tranquil and currently a grassy area with swings.</p>
55	Land at Biggin	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Green Belt. Partially within Local Wildlife Site 'Broom Hill'.</p> <p>Agricultural field; not visibly in public use.</p>
56	Land Northeast of Chadwell St Mary	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>Large agricultural field not visibly in public use.</p>
57	Wickham Fields, Recreation Ground, Chadwell St Mary	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site is a tranquil open field currently used for sports (basketball) and playground.</p>
58	Old House Wood, Chadwell St Mary	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt</p> <p>Not surveyed as site appeared to be inaccessible to the public, although there is a footpath into the site, not signed from the street.</p> <p>Research shows that the site:</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is a wooded site that forms part of the historic parish boundary <b>[See reference 8]</b>.</li> <li>■ Was identified as an 'Area of Local Nature Conservation Significance', a category previously used in the former Thurrock Unitary Development Plan for sites that do not warrant local nature reserve status but that do provide opportunities for local people to experience nature <b>[See reference 9]</b>.</li> <li>■ Provides some screening / sense of enclosure between the residential towers and open fields beyond <b>[See reference 10]</b>.</li> </ul>
59	Land North of Chadwell St Mary	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Agricultural field.
60	Land at Whittaker's Nursery, Chadwell St Mary	<p>Within Green Belt.</p> <p>Not surveyed as inaccessible to the public; not visible from adjacent road due to hedge.</p> <p>Research shows that the site is unlikely to have special characteristics as no information could be found about it.</p>
61	Chadwell Recreation Ground	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt.</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is has a playground and sports facilities.</p>
62	Terrels Heath, Grays	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Site is a Local Wildlife Site 'Terrels Heath'.</p> <p>Not surveyed as site appeared to be inaccessible to the public, although there is a footpath into the site, not signed from the street.</p> <p>Research shows that the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is an ancient woodland used for recreation (which has damaged its biodiversity) <b>[see reference 7]</b>.</li> <li>■ Likely provides a buffer between the adjacent school and A1089 road, so although it may not be tranquil within the site, it may contribute to tranquillity elsewhere.</li> <li>■ May contain historic features (bank and ditch forming historic parish boundary <b>[See reference 11]</b>) and palaeolithic finds <b>[See reference 12]</b>.</li> </ul>

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63	Land West of Chadwell	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Inaccessible to the public.
64	Kingsley Walk Allotments, Chadwell St Mary	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas. The site is a large, securely gated allotment site.
65	Newham Place, Chadwell St Mary	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas. The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site consists of two small areas of amenity grassland, parking and a residential road.
66	Cambridge Gardens, Chadwell St Mary	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas. Small area of amenity grassland at the centre of a residential estate.
67	Merton Place Allotments, Chadwell St Mary	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas. The site is a large, securely gated allotment site.
68	Aluric Park, Chadwell St Mary	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space. The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site is a series of connected grassed areas serving the surrounding estate, and is currently used for sports (basketball, skateboarding) and playground.
69	Flat Iron Field, Chadwell St Mary	Within Green Belt. The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. Site is scrub/meadow no public access to most of it, although a footpath crosses; some littering.
70	Bull Meadows allotment, Grays	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Green Infrastructure - Green Chains, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is a tranquil open green space incorporating Delafield Open Space, Bull Meadow allotments, and surrounding woodland.

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71	Churchill Road Gardens, Grays (Jubilee Garden)	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Green Belt. Part of the site was also identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site ('Little Thurrock Marshes') in the Thurrock Biodiversity Study (2007).</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is a tranquil site with deciduous woodland and coastal/floodplain grazing marsh priority habitats; and is within Natural England's mapped network expansion zone.</p> <p>The site is an attractive green space with flowerbeds and trees, but is secured and gated (presumed residents-only). It is also used for sports (basketball) and playground.</p>
72	Elm Road Open Spaces, Grays	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Primary Industrial and Commercial Areas, Employment - Land For New Development in Primary Areas - Thurrock Park, Little Thurrock.</p> <p>The site is an established park with play spaces and landscaped footpaths, and is used for informal recreation and events.</p>
73	Sanctuary Play Area and Landscaping, Grays	<p>Not within any Core Strategy policy areas.</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The church on St Thomas Place appears on historic OS maps and is potentially a non designated heritage asset. Maps from 1889 show part of the site was residential developed in Grays. Building expanded into the site in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, and was later cleared and part redeveloped.</p> <p>The site is currently a playground.</p>
74	Kilverts Fields, Grays	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Shopping Centres and Parades.</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. OS maps from 1889 show the site was adjacent to an industrial area, potentially associated with Grays Engineering Works, and later with the shipbuilding/coastal management industry. The site may be within the setting of a listed building and non designated heritage assets associated with shipbuilding / coastal management; and is now the location of the 'Mulberry Bench' commemorating D Day landings.</p> <p>The site has a football pitch and is used for community events e.g. funfair.</p>

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75	Grays Park	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space, Shopping Centres and Parades.</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site was developed into a park from redundant quarry as part of the Victorian development of Hayes and was popular location for entertainment during summer months, in the Victorian era. It retains some of its original landscaping and features.</p> <p>The established park has a play area, tennis courts and benches.</p>
76	Hathaway Recreation Ground	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space.</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It has a good playground and is used by dog walkers.</p>
77	Hogg Lane Grays	<p>Partially within a SSSI (small area at north of site).</p> <p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation.</p> <p>The site is tranquil despite being close to an A road, and has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It contains deciduous woodland, lowland calcareous grassland priority habitat and is within a network enhancement zone (as mapped by Natural England).</p>
78	Parker Road Recreation Ground, Grays	<p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space.</p> <p>The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site is tranquil and currently a large open space with playgrounds and some landscaping.</p>
79	Meesons Lane, Grays	<p>Site has planning permission for eight two-bed dwellings; and additional application for eight dwellings is currently being considered (20/00985/FUL and 22/01635/FUL).</p> <p>Not within any Core Strategy policy areas.</p>
80	Palmerstons Garden Play Area, Grays	<p>The majority of the site is within Lion Pit SSSI.</p> <p>Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Leisure Recreation- Open Space.</p>
81	Frobisher Gardens, Grays	<p>Not within any Core Strategy policy areas.</p> <p>Grassed area within residential estate.</p>

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82	Land North of Grays	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Green Belt.  Inaccessible to the public (surrounded by motorway on all sides).
83	Watson Close, Grays	Partially within a SSSI and a Local Wildlife Site ('West Thurrock Lagoon').  Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Primary Industrial and Commercial Areas, Employment.  Site is >19ha.
84	Gunning Road Play and Green Space, Grays	Partially within a SSSI.  Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Landscape and Nature Conservation, Employment - Secondary Industrial and Commercial Areas - Globe Works, Little Thurrock  The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. Site was part of the a chalk quarry and Globe brick works (OS 1889) which would have provided employment and economic input into the area, and later allotment gardens (OS 1959).  It is currently a private residents' greenspace with small playground and picnic bench.
85	The Dipping	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy areas: Leisure Recreation- Open Space  The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. Small park with playground.
86	Village Green	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas.  The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site appears on historic OS maps as an open green at the centre of Little Thurrock. Site has retained its boundary and relationship to (listed) St Mary the Virgin church during 20 <sup>th</sup> century redevelopment of the area, and is potentially in its setting.  Small grassed area with benches, with trees to rear and road in front.
87	Malvern Road	Within Green Belt.  The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site was used as allotments in the mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century. Currently a field grazed by horses; no public access.

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88	Anchor Fields Park	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space. The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is currently a large green space with playground and football pitch.
89	King George's Field	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space. The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. It is currently used for sports, dog walking and playground.
90	Fielding Avenue, Tilbury	Falls within the following Core Strategy policy area: Leisure Recreation- Open Space. The site has good visibility and an absence of detracting features. The site is tranquil and is used for sports (basketball), informal recreation and playground.
91	Kipling Avenue, Tilbury	Not within any Core Strategy policy areas. The site is a small area of grass in a residential area.

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