

Site Name	Assessment against NPPF 2023 criteria (paragraph 106)			Conclusions and recommendations for designations
	Is it reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Is it demonstrably special to a local community and does it hold 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?	Is it local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	
<p>1. Heathfield recreation area</p> <p>Landowner: Thriplow and Heathfield Parish Council</p>	<p>Yes. Located on the northern edge of Heathfield. Directly accessible from Pepperslade and Kingsway.</p>	<p>Yes. This is a popular recreation area used by local residents, especially those living in the estate at Heathfield and in Pepperslade. Facilities include a play and outdoor gym equipment. It is the largest area of green space within the settlement. It comprises predominantly short amenity grass with a well-established native tree and shrub boundary. The space provides green connectivity to the wider rural landscape for both people and wildlife.</p> <p>There is a public right of way (bridleway) that runs along its western extent, providing an off-road route from Heathfield into Thriplow village.</p> <p>The space is demonstrably special to local residents and holds a particular significance because of its recreational value.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>This site meets criteria for designation as a Local Green Space through the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
<p>2. Kingsway play space.</p>	<p>Yes. Centrally located within Heathfield.</p>	<p>Yes. This is a publicly accessible and popular play space with play equipment serving the residents of Heathfield and surrounding areas. The space is managed by Heathfield Area Recreation Trust (HeART).</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>This site meets criteria for designation as a Local Green Space through the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

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3. Whitehall Gardens amenity area Landowner: Heathfield Residents Association	Yes. Within the Heathfield estate	Yes. This is an area of informal open space, located centrally with residential properties positioned around it. The edges of the space provide off-street parking for residents. The space itself is slightly elevated and comprises short amenity grass as well as a few trees. The space provides visual amenity for residents as well as an area to meet. The space is demonstrably special to local residents and holds a particular significance because of its recreational value	Yes.	This site meets criteria for designation as a Local Green Space through the Neighbourhood Plan.
4. Ringstone play space Landowner: Thriplow and Heathfield Parish Council	Yes. Located on the western edge of Heathfield.	Yes. This is an area of open space, predominantly amenity grass, with an equipped play area in the northwest corner. There is also a public right of way (footpath) running through the site providing an off-road route from Ringstone to Thriplow village, via the footpath and then bridleway that is located to the north. The area is open and is overlooked by properties along Ringstone.	Yes.	This site meets criteria for designation as a Local Green Space through the Neighbourhood Plan.

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<p>5. Hurdles Way Woodland</p> <p>Landowner: Thriplow and Heathfield Parish Council.</p>	Yes. An area of woodland, located on the western edge of Heathfield directly north of the Ringstone play area.	<p>This is an area of deciduous woodland (a priority habitat) providing important habitat for local biodiversity.</p> <p>The space is demonstrably special to local residents and holds a particular significance because of its wildlife value.</p>	Yes.	This site meets criteria for designation as a Local Green Space through the Neighbourhood Plan.

- Neighbourhood Plan Boundary
- Local Green Spaces

