

Policy EN5 – Local Green Space



Option	Total	Percent of All
Support	<u>53</u>	11.65%
Object	<u>2</u>	0.4396%
Support with observations	<u>19</u>	4.176%
Other	<u>4</u>	0.8791%
Not Answered	377	82.86%

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Name	User ID	Issue or comment	Officer Response	Proposed Amendment
Robert Ian Lockey	ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2	Not all green spaces in Bottesford are currently protected.	<p>Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character.</p> <p>Policies EN5 and EN6 allow for Neighbourhood Plans to designate additional Local Green Space and identify features of a settlement, including open areas, which contribute towards settlement character.</p>	
John David Smith	ANON-BHRP-4H4X-M	Total agreement.	Noted.	
Mr John Brown	ANON-BHRP-4H4Z-P	This should not be an automatic given. Every case should be carefully considered on a case by case basis.	All applications are determined on a case by case basis.	
Mr Herbert Daybell	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	The policy should allow for the growth needs of the Borough, and acknowledge that some green spaces that are not allocated as such will be considered for development.	The purpose of this policy is to protect those green spaces which meet the criteria which are set out in Para 77 of the NPPF.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	The protection of character should be better defined. The simple approach to a village may be deemed part of its character.	This point is also dealt with by Policy EN6: Settlement Character.	
David Mell	ANON-BHRP-4HF8-6	I would propose that Toft's Hill in the Village of Stathern be designated a Local Green Space - see my comments in reply to the question on individual site that were rejected in the Sustainability Assessment. I appreciate this could be done through a neighbourhood plan but the National Policy - and the leaflet from Leicestershire County Council equally says that residents can get sites included via the Borough Local Plan.	Toft’s Hill was assessed for its suitability as a Local Green Space designation in The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study 2015. The Study concluded that it was unsuitable.	
Susan Love	ANON-BHRP-4HZP-J	More green spaces need to be identified in Bottesford and protected.	<p>Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character.</p> <p>Policies EN5 and EN6 allow for Neighbourhood Plans to</p>	

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			designate additional Local Green Space and identify features of a settlement, including open areas, which contribute towards settlement character.	
Mr & Mrs J. Rogan	ANON-BHRP-4HMH-W	We agree with this policy, but some housing allocations seem contrary to this aim.	Noted.	
sarah mant	ANON-BHRP-4HUE-2	Very important to keep the rural green spaces especially in conservation villages such as Croxton Kerrial, where they are an important part of the character of the village	Noted.	
Sarah Meadows	ANON-BHRP-4HE5-2	It is essential that green spaces are protected and preserved, this includes the local countryside.	Noted.	
Kenneth Bray	ANON-BHRP-4HBX-2	Local communities should be able to designate local green spaces without the need for a full Neighbourhood Plan. The smaller the community the less feasible it is to develop a NP.	The only statutory mechanism available to local communities to designate Local Green Space is Neighbourhood Planning.	
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	Unfortunately Melton Mowbray does not have a Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard its fringes. The Town is at the mercy of the Borough Council. I object because to date only lip service has been paid to the above in the Town.	The sensitivity of Melton Mowbray’s settlement fringe has been assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study 2015. This contains guidance for the design of the proposed extensions to the town such that this can be delivered as sensitively as possible.	
Clair Ingham	ANON-BHRP-4HMZ-F	It is important to include green areas etc in development proposals	Noted.	
Mr Peter Rogers	ANON-BHRP-4H62-G	Protect this in Frisby please.	Noted.	
Melanie Steadman	ANON-BHRP-4HFE-K	Not a specific enough statement to understand fully what you mean here. Can you define these "key features".	“Key features” can be explained by referring to the criteria necessary for LGS designation.	The full criteria for LGS designation in The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study 2015 will be set out in the justification to Policy EN5.
Valerie Lever	ANON-BHRP-4HZY-U	It is apparent that many green spaces are not designated. I know that the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan group is aware of this. Hopefully they will be able to designate these successfully.	Policy EN5 provides a hook for Neighbourhood Plans to designate more Local Green Space.	
HSSP Architects	ANON-BHRP-4HMY-B	Need to define characteristics of local green space as per NPPF. Existing local green spaces are out of date.	This is why Policy EN5: Local Green Space has been developed. It affords protection to open spaces which meet the criteria necessary for LGS designation.	
Sheryl Smart	ANON-BHRP-4H1G-Z	My village has areas of protected open space but if a planner wants to build then they are likely to get the go ahead so very little confidence in this.	Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character.	

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Anthony Edward Maher	ANON-BHRP-4HUS-G	Maintain open access to the countryside where possible.	Noted.	
Elizabeth Ann Johnson	ANON-BHRP-4HGR-1	I do not support the criteria for selection of Local Green Spaces. Many valuable spaces within settlements have been excluded because they do not meet the criteria.	The criteria are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework with which the Local Plan must be in conformity.	
Waltham on the Wolds & Thorpe Arnold Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning Group	ANON-BHRP-4HBZ-4	Villages such as Waltham and Thorpe Arnold lack the parks and quiet spaces of Melton Town - our green space is all around. If villages expand without a distinct envelope, we need to provide more green spaces within the villages.	Policy EN5: Local Green Space affords protection to open spaces which meet the criteria necessary for LGS designation. In addition Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character. Policies EN5 and EN6 allow for Neighbourhood Plans to designate additional Local Green Space and identify features of a settlement, including open areas, which contribute towards settlement character.	
Christopher John Noakes	ANON-BHRP-4HBK-N	There is scope and a desirability for a significantly greater identity of local open areas within the rural settlements (or is it intended that EN6 provides for consideration of these areas when individual proposals are submitted?)	Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character.	
Margaret Jean Bowen	ANON-BHRP-4HHV-6	What happens if the settlement is too small to have a neighbourhood plan?	All settlements are capable of being covered by a Neighbourhood Plan as part of a Parish or Neighbourhood Area.	
Gladman Developments	BHLF-BHRP-4H8J-A	Gladman note Policy EN5 and take this opportunity to remind the Council of the tests which need to be met when seeking to designate Local Green Space (LGS). Paragraph 77 of the Framework sets out the following in terms of when it is appropriate or not to designate land as a Local Green Space. “The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space”. The designation should only be used: • Where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; • Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds 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 • Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.” The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) provides further guidance on LGS designations including paragraph ID. 37-015-20140306, “There are no	Noted.	

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		hard and fast rules about how big a Local Green Space can be because places are different and a degree of judgement will inevitably be needed. However, paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework is clear that Local Green Space designations should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently, blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a ‘back door’ way to try to achieve what would amount to a new are of Green Belt by another name.		
Natural England	BHLF-BHRP-4HA7-Z	We welcome Policy EN5 – Local Green Space.	Noted.	
Somerby Parish Council	BHLF-BHRP-4HKH-U	The criteria for Local Green Spaces seem to be applied very unevenly with areas excluded for no apparent reason. There is little to suggest that areas not covered by this category e.g. old parkland, village infill, will have any protection from development other than a vague hope to safeguard landscape and heritage. Potentially such protection could be part of a Neighbourhood Plan but some measure need to be put in place until such arrangements are in place.	Policy EN5: Local Green Space affords protection to open spaces which meet the criteria necessary for LGS designation. In addition Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character. Policies EN5 and EN6 allow for Neighbourhood Plans to designate additional Local Green Space and identify features of a settlement, including open areas, which contribute towards settlement character.	
Policy EN5: What changes would you like to see made to this policy?				
Robert Ian Lockey	ANON-BHRP-4H3G-2	The Borough Council will formally endorse additional Local Green Space designated in Neighbourhood Plans, including the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study.	Any additional Local Green Space designated in Neighbourhood Plans will have the same statutory weight as LGS designated in the Local Plan.	
Alan Webster	ANON-BHRP-4H4Y-N	Land between Asfordby Hill and Valley MBC 185/15, MBC005/13 MBC 184/15 and MBC183/15 should be designated Green Area. Part of this land is the Valley Play Area/Park.	This area will be assessed for its suitability as LGS in the Pre-Submission Plan. It is identified as an Area of Separation in the Pre-Submission Asfordby Neighbourhood Plan.	
Mr Herbert Daybell	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	An allowance that some green space can be built upon.	All planning application affecting LGS will be determined in accordance with Policy EN5.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	Definitive terms for Character.	‘Character’ referred to in Policy EN5 has the meaning of ‘character’ in the NPPF.	Supporting text to Policy EN5 to refer to usage as per the NPPF.
Mr & Mrs J. Rogan	ANON-BHRP-4HMH-W	Emphasise the need to ensure green space, whether public or private, within communities.	Private space has not been designated in the Local Plan because Para 77 of the NPPF requires that LGS serves a local community.	

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Kenneth Bray	ANON-BHRP-4HBX-2	Local communities should be able to designate local green spaces without the need for a full Neighbourhood Plan. The smaller the community the less feasible it is to develop a NP.	The only statutory mechanism available to local communities to designate Local Green Space is Neighbourhood Planning.	
Susan Herlihy	ANON-BHRP-4HE3-Z	Green spaces MUST be protected especially no additional entrances to the country park or extra maintained paths. It is a country park NOT a town park	Noted. Policy EN3: The Melton Green Infrastructure Network requires that Melton Country Park is enhanced as a primary green infrastructure asset. It is a public asset for everyone to access and enjoy.	
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	A compulsory condition for a LARGE area of separation between the edge of Melton Mowbray north and south, and the new proposed large scale developments in the north and south. The two SUEs are so big that it is essential that there is a suitable gap between them and the established residential areas.	Policy SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood requires a protection zone between Melton Country Park and any future development. Areas of Separation are identified between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars, Thorpe Arnold, Asfordby Hill and Eye Kettleby as per Policy EN4.	
Melanie Steadman	ANON-BHRP-4HFE-K	Greater clarification.	The policy should be read alongside the supporting text in order to provide more clarity.	
HSSP Architects	ANON-BHRP-4HMV-B	list requirements for assessment of local green space in policy	The criteria for designating LGS in the NPPF are set out in the justification to this Policy. These are developed further in The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study 2015.	The full criteria for LGS designation in The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study 2015 will be set out in the justification to Policy EN5.
Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	ANON-BHRP-4HUB-Y	7.5.3(p119). A substantial amount of public and private green space is not shown on the included map. Green spaces under private ownership are important to the rural atmosphere of the village and there are green spaces both existing and planned which could be used as used as a form of park which the Plan has identified as a need for Bottesford. This will be taken forward by the Parish Council/Neighbourhood Plan A survey carried out by the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group found that - 97% of respondents agreed that the close links between the village centres and the countryside should be maintained. 98% of respondents agreed that areas of conservation and Protected Open Spaces should remain protected and new open spaces should be designated where appropriate.	Private space has not been designated in the Local Plan because Para 77 of the NPPF requires that LGS serves a local community. Other green spaces can be protected through other policy mechanisms: Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character. Policy EN13: Heritage Assets requires that new developments in Conservation Areas are consistent with the identified special character of those areas. This can include open spaces where these contribute to the character of the Conservation Area.	
Richard Simon	ANON-BHRP-4HZC-5	A substantial amount of public and private green space is not shown on the included map. Green spaces under private ownership are important to the rural atmosphere of the village and there are green spaces both existing and planned which could be used as used as a form of park which the Plan has identified as a need for Bottesford. This will be taken forward by the Parish Council and Neighbourhood	Private space has not been designated in the Local Plan because Para 77 of the NPPF requires that LGS serves a local community. Other green spaces can be protected through other policy mechanisms: Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but	

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Asfordby Parish Council	ANON-BHRP-4HGY-8	The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity Study and Local Green Space Study has served to undermine the designation of Local Green Space. The study had no regard to the process of identifying Local green Space through the Asfordby Parish Neighbourhood Plan and should be disregarded in this respect.	The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity Study and Local Green Space Study identifies green spaces which have the potential for designation in future, subject to enhancement. This evidence therefore provides an opportunity for Neighbourhood Plans to identify spaces which could be improved such that they meet the necessary criteria for designation. Policy EN5 encourages Neighbourhood Plans to designate additional Local Green Space.	
Waltham on the Wolds & Thorpe Arnold Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning Group	ANON-BHRP-4HBZ-4	Villages such as Waltham and Thorpe Arnold lack the parks and quiet spaces of Melton Town - our green space is all around. If villages expand without a distinct envelope, we need to provide more green spaces within the villages.	Policy EN5: Local Green Space affords protection to open spaces which meet the criteria necessary for LGS designation. In addition Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character. Policies EN5 and EN6 allow for Neighbourhood Plans to designate additional Local Green Space and identify features of a settlement, including open areas, which contribute towards settlement character.	

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<p>Mary Anne Donovan</p>	<p>ANON-BHRP- 4HUR-F</p>	<p>Recommendations for Local Green spaces should have been solicited during the Consultation. The Fringe Sensitivity Study, which concluded for my Parish that there were no Local Green spaces which met NPPF criteria was incorrect. There was no consultation on this which has put Local Green spaces at risk. This should be corrected for the final Plan.</p>	<p>This consultation provides the opportunity to make comments on the Local Green Space designations and to identify any further spaces which have not been assessed.</p> <p>No evidence is provided by the respondent as to why the criteria in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity Study and Local Green Space Study is incorrect.</p>	
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