



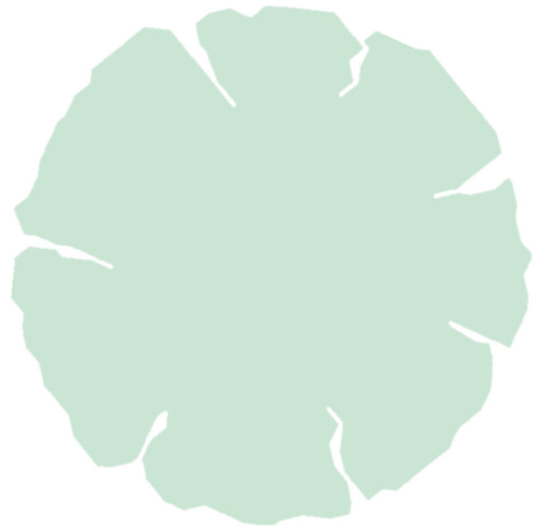
LITTLE **Waldingfield**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
2018 - 2036**

Local Green Space Assessment

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Little Waldingfield Parish Council



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LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The parish of Little Waldingfield has several 'green spaces' that are important to the character of the village and provide an amenity for its residents. Paragraph 99 and 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2019) identifies the possibility of identifying green spaces that meet certain characteristics as "Local Green Spaces". The paragraphs state:

99. 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.

100. 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.

This report provides an assessment of the green spaces in the village against the criteria in paragraph 100 in order to support the designation of local green spaces in the emerging Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan.

The Identified Green Spaces

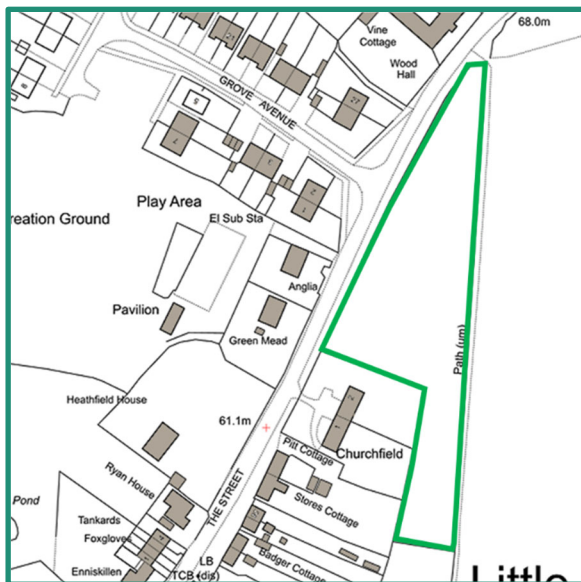
A list of the green spaces is detailed below. Some of the spaces are grouped together.

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| 1. Church Field | 4. Amenity space at the entrance to Croft Lea |
| 2. Green Space at Grove Avenue | |
| 3. Amenity space at Wade Crescent | 5. Village Sign green space, The Street |
| | 6. The Churchyard and Cemetery |

Appraisal

The following pages provide a detailed assessment of the identified spaces to ascertain whether they conform with the Local Green Space definition of the NPPF.

1. Church Field



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Grass open space within Conservation Area facilitating important view to Parish Church and identified in the Babergh Conservation Area Appraisal as an important open area with views out to the open countryside.
Checklist	
Statutory designations	Within Conservation Area Trees on frontage protected by TPO
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consents
Area	0.63 hectares
Ownership	Abrey Farms
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	In village centre
Public access	Public Right of Way forms eastern boundary
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	Within Conservation Area affording views to Grade I Listed Church Public footpath along eastern boundary is historical route between what was Waldingfield Hall (The Manor, now Wood Hall) and the Church.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Significant support for retention of space expressed by residents during preparation of Neighbourhood Plan
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The site does not form an extensive tract of land
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

2. Green Space at Grove Avenue



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Adopted Babergh Local Plan – Area of Visual and/or Recreational Amenity Emerging Joint Local Plan Preferred Options – Designated Open Space
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.14 Ha
Ownership	Babergh District Council ???
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Located with the Grove Avenue housing area and adjacent to village playing field.
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historic significance
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Provides an important amenity area for residents
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site does not form an extensive tract of land
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

3. Amenity Space at Wade Crescent



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	Adopted Babergh Local Plan – Area of Visual and/or Recreational Amenity
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.04 Ha
Ownership	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it serves	Within the Village centre providing a setting for the dwellings in Wade Crescent
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historic significance
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	A rare area of public open space within the built-up area of the village
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site does not form an extensive tract of land
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

4. Amenity space at the entrance to Croft Lea



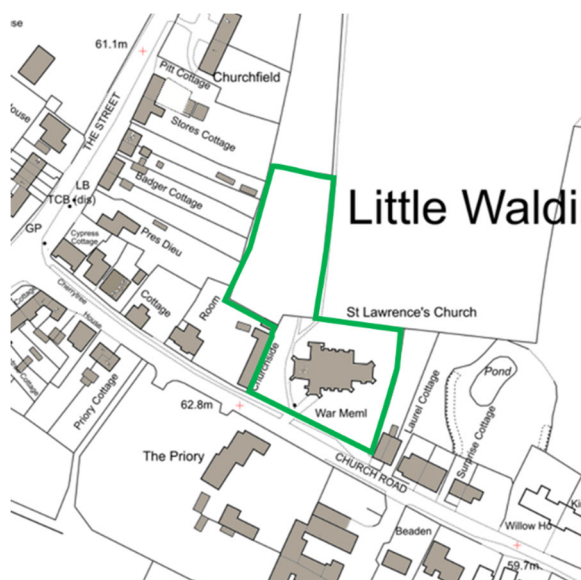
Site Details	
Description and purpose	Amenity open space
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.04 Ha
Ownership	Babergh District Council
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it serves	Located in the centre of the village at entrance to Croft Lea
Public access	Publicly accessible at all times
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historic significance
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	A split area of open space, one of which contains a bench and each contains an important tree
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site does not form an extensive tract of land
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

5. Village sign green space, The Street



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Small triangular area of land that hosts village sign
Checklist	
Statutory designations	None
Site allocations	None
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	Minimal
Ownership	Mr Bernard Hood
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	At entrance to the Village
Public access	Publicly accessible
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	No historical significance.
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Signifies entrance to the built-up area of the Village from the west. Area heavily planted with daffodils
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site does not form an extensive tract of land
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation

5. Churchyard and Cemetery



Site Details	
Description and purpose	Parish Church churchyard and adjoining cemetery
Checklist	
Statutory designations	Church is Listed Grade I Public Right of Way passes through area from Church Road north to The Street
Site allocations	Adopted Babergh Local Plan – Churchyard is an Area of Visual and/or Recreational Amenity
Planning permissions	No outstanding planning consent
Area	0.44 Ha
Ownership	Little Waldingfield Parochial Church Council (The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich)
NPPF Criteria Assessment	
Close to the community it services	Central to the whole Village
Public access	Publicly accessible
Ecologically significant	No records of significance
Historically significant	Church is Listed Grade I Whole area in Conservation Area
Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	The Church is a focal point within the village and holds particular local significance
Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land	The site does not form an extensive tract of land
Conclusion	Qualifies for Local Green Space designation