

Local Green Space Site assessment

Code	Local Important Green Space 1
Site	Church Meadow
Address/location	Land off Brewery Lane
Size	
Ownership Public Access	Privately owned
Map	
Photos	

Site Description 1) Church Meadow:	Enhances the setting of Bridge Parish Church and graveyard. Start of green corridor along the Elham Valley. Essential to maintain this water meadow which contains numerous underground streams and acts as a natural flood relief area so preventing further flooding on Bridge High Street and Brewery Lane.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Not designated as housing/business/etc.
If site allocated as local green space can it endure beyond plan? Why?	Yes: large area on edge of built up part of the Village, with boundary to open fields, and the River.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? Ie within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, given setting for Church, and value as a flood area and/or run-off area for the River.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it well used by wide range of community? • Is it flexible space? • Is it currently publicly available for use? 	Has been used to host Village events. Currently used for grazing animals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it beautiful? <i>(Is the area attractive with high visual amenity)</i> 	It enhances the setting of the Church: yes, it contributes to the scene.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it have historic significance? 	ditto
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it have recreation value? <i>including playing fields, is it used formally or informally for sports</i> 	Not currently used as such, but has been used to stage Guy Fawkes event for the Village in the past.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it tranquil? <i>Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle</i> 	Yes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the site have wildlife value? <i>Biodiversity</i> 	Yes.
Is the site local in character? (ie able to service the local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Should it be designated as local Green Space or not? Why?	Yes. Important local visual amenity: recreational amenity too is possible.