

Local Green Space: Methodology and Background Report Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan (March 2023)

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Open spaces provide significant benefits for our community: they provide a visual and recreational amenity and support better health and well-being. Many of the open spaces in our Parish also make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the built and natural environment.
- 1.2 This background paper sets out a methodology for the approach taken by the Parish Council to the designation of Local Green Space through policies in the draft Eglington Neighbourhood Plan.

2 Planning Policy Context

The National Planning Policy Framework

- 2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2021) sets out the government's planning policies for England. Paragraphs 101 to 103 of NPPF introduce national policy allowing the designation of 'Local Green Space' (LGS) through local plans and neighbourhood plans. The intention of this policy approach is to allow local communities to identify and protect green spaces that are of particular importance to them for a variety of reasons.
- 2.2 Designation of land as LGS is not appropriate for all green areas. Paragraph 102 of the NPPF describes the circumstance in which it may be appropriate to use this designation and is limited to where the green space is:
 - in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
 - local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
- 2.3 LGS must be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period. Once designated, any development proposed in LGS must be managed in a way that is consistent with national policy applying to the Green Belt. In effect, this creates a presumption that development should not take place on designated LGS except in very special circumstances.

National Planning Practice Guidance

2.4 The NPPF is supported by guidance set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG).

2.5 With regard to LGS, NPPG identifies the following matters that should be considered by any group wishing to designate LGS:

- *Sustainable Development*
Designating any LGS will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the LGS should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making. (Paragraph 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306)
- *Sites with planning permission*
LGS designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the designation would be compatible with the planning permission or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented. (Paragraph 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306)
- *Demonstrably special*
LGS may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or in a neighbourhood in a town or city. LGS may be special and / or hold particular significance for one or more reasons, for example, because of its beauty, its historic significance, its recreational value, its tranquillity, or its richness of wildlife. (Paragraph 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306)
- *Green Belt land*
If land is already protected by Green Belt policy, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as LGS. One potential benefit in areas where protection from development is the norm (e.g. villages included in the green belt) but where there could be exceptions is that the Local Green Space designation could help to identify areas that are of particular importance to the local community. (Paragraph 010 Reference ID: 37-010-20140306)
- *Other designations*
If land is already protected by designation, for example, as National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as LGS. (Paragraph 011 Reference ID: 37-011-20140306)

- *New residential areas*
These may include green areas that were planned as part of the development. Such green areas could be designated as LGS if they are demonstrably special and hold particular local significance. (Paragraph 012 Reference ID: 37-012-20140306)

- *Criteria for designation*
In order to be designated as LGS, the green area will need to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 102 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis. (Paragraph 013 Reference ID: 37-013-20140306)

- *Proximity to the community*
The proximity of a LGS to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served. (Paragraph 014 Reference ID: 37-014-20140306)

- *Size of LGS*
LGS designation should only be used where the green area is not an extensive tract of land. Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. (Paragraph 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306)

- *Public access*
Land can be designated as LGS even if there is no public access. Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access beyond any rights that existed prior to designation. (Paragraph 017 Reference ID: 37-017-20140306)

- *Public rights of way*
Areas that may be considered for designation as LGS may be crossed by public rights of way. There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation. (Paragraph 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306)

- *Public ownership*
A LGS does not need to be in public ownership. However, before any land is proposed for designation as LGS it is essential that landowners are made aware of that intention at an early stage of plan preparation. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan. (Paragraph 019 Reference ID: 37-019-20140306)

- *Restrictions or obligations on landowners*

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. (Paragraph 020 Reference ID: 37-020-20140306)

- *Managing the LGS*

Management of land designated as LGS will remain the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is likely to be an important consideration. Local communities can consider how, with the landowner's agreement, they might be able to get involved, perhaps in partnership with interested organisations that can provide advice or resources. (Paragraph 021 Reference ID: 37-021-20140306)

3. Methodology for Designating Local Green Space

Step 1: Identification of green open spaces, including early engagement

3.1 The first step was to identify a list of green areas assess as potential LGS. A range of information sources was used to inform this process:

- Protected open spaces designated the Northumberland Local Plan;
- Northumberland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision Assessment (2011)
- Northumberland Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011)
- Local studies including conservation area character appraisals and the historic environment record
- Feedback from early engagement on the neighbourhood plan

3.2 A full list of sources is provided in Appendix 1.

Step 2: Assessment of spaces, including further engagement

3.3 Once the list of green spaces was compiled, members of the steering group assessed their suitability for designation as LGS against the criteria in the NPPF and NPPG as outlined in section 2.

3.4 The assessment then concluded whether all the nationally required criteria had been met, detailed relevant local criteria and determined whether the space is considered to be suitable as LGS. These assessment results are shown in Appendix 2. More detail is provided on each proposed LGS in Appendix 3.

3.5 As all the sites considered were regarded as meeting the required criteria, there was no need to consider whether any should be allocated, in the alternative, as *protected open space* (to reflect their value in terms of local amenity or informal recreation beyond consideration of those aspects in terms of designation as Local Green Space).

- 3.6 Prior to formal consultation on proposed areas for designation contact was made with the owners of the sites where ownership information was available.

Step 3: Feedback - Pre-submission neighbourhood plan

- 3.7 The pre-submission neighbourhood plan proposes to designate 21 sites as local green space. Through consultation on the plan, Eglington Parish Council is seeking further feedback on the proposed designations.

Step 4: Submission neighbourhood plan

- 3.8 Responses received to the consultation on the pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan will be considered and will inform the preparation of the submission plan, which will be subject to a further six-week public consultation organised by Northumberland County Council.

Step 5: Examination / Referendum / Making the neighbourhood plan

- 3.9 Following the submission of the neighbourhood plan, the County Council will arrange for it to be examined by an independent examiner. The examiner will review the evidence base for the plan – including whether there is evidence to justify the designation of LGS. Once the plan passes examination it will go to a local referendum and will be formally ‘made’ by Northumberland County Council.

4 Conclusion and Next Steps

- 4.1 This paper explains the process behind the proposed designation of areas of Local Green Space in Eglington Parish through the neighbourhood Plan. It has summarised the planning policy context and explained the methodology used in the assessments. This provides the evidence necessary to justify the proposed designations.

- 4.2 Consultation will now take place on the proposed designations. Any written representations received in response to that consultation will be carefully considered by the Steering Group and will be used to inform preparation of policies regarding LGS in the Eglington Neighbourhood Plan. Further consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan will then take place prior to it being submitted to the County Council for independent examination.

Appendix 1. Sources of Information

[Northumberland Local Plan interactive policies map](#)

[Northumberland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision Assessment](#)

[Northumberland Green Infrastructure Strategy](#)

[Eglington Conservation Area Appraisal](#)

[Historic Landscape Character](#)

[Heritage Gateway \(Historic Environment Record\)](#)

[DEFRA Magic Map](#)

[Northumberland Landscape Character Assessment, Part A: Landscape Classification](#)

[Northumberland Landscape Character Assessment Part B: The changing Landscape](#)

Appendix 2. All sites assessment

Site name	Space is not allocated for development / has planning permission	Space is not an extensive tract of land	Space is in close proximity to the community it serves	Space is demonstrably special for these reasons						Space should be designated as LGS	Comments
				Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife	Another reason		
LGS1 Village Hall Wood, South Charlton	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	<i>Wood - This small copse of trees attached to the tenancy of the Village Hall is a space used by the pre-school group Little Acorns to help children better understand the outdoors, nature and wildlife as they begin their education. The mature trees provide shelter for the village garden and form a western boundary to the village as the road swings south towards Shipley and further west.</i>
LGS2 Village Garden, South Charlton	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	<i>Cleaned up and planted up by the community in the last 20-25 years, this small corner of the village attached to the tenancy of the Village Hall is often used as an outside space to meet as well as for outside events. There is seating with views down the village and overlooking the field opposite (LGS2) along with trees planted with plaques referring to local occasions.</i>

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LGS3 Old Village Site, South Charlton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	<p>Until the 1860s South Charlton was a village of 2 rows of housing with a road passing the southern row to the south. The road was abandoned, the houses cleared and the remaining field has defined the layout and course of the village ever since with the subsequent building of the Church and vicarage at the eastern end. The postal numbering system through the main village is only 'even' numbers, referencing the missing corresponding 'odd' numbers.</p> <p>The field is grazed year-round and provides the village with a soft, green, rural southern boundary.</p>
LGS4 Churchyard, South Charlton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	<p>The Church was built in the 1860s on the eastern end of the row of cleared cottages. It is surrounded by a well-maintained churchyard, itself bounded by stone walls. Both church and yard are still in use.</p> <p>To the immediate south is the former Vicarage. Mature Lime</p>

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											<i>trees surround the site on three sides.</i>
<i>LGS5 Allotments, South Charlton</i>	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	<i>Seven allotment plots lie adjacent to the north east of the settlement. In years gone by each house would be designated small parcels of land around the village for use as small holdings. They are surrounded on all sides and divided by mainly mature hawthorn hedging.</i>
<i>LGS6 Old Quarry</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>This quarry closed in the early 20th century and its associated workings removed. While most of the bank is overgrown with gorse, its lower edge is used as a path to circuit around onto the top of "Rocket Hill". To its south is a public footpath/bridleway and overlooks the site of historical Limeworks and the old road to Eglingham from South</i>


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											<i>Charlton, this area is now grazing land. Leading to and from the quarry the old track lines can still be seen in the landscape. The area is part of the single field that stretches north and under tenancy on Brockley Hall farm from Doxford Estate. The unclassified road leading to East Ditchburn cuts through its eastern side, this road was realigned sometime in the 20th century from the original position to its immediate east and remains "hollowed out".</i>
<i>LGS7 Woodland adjacent Eglington Hall</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	<i>A small area of mixed woodland forming part of the immediate curtilage of Eglington Hall</i>
<i>LGS8 Eglington NSN3</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	<i>An area of mixed woodland bounding the Eglington Burn</i>

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LGS9 Eglingham NSN3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mixed deciduous woodland on the eastern side of Tarry Lane
LGS10 Eglingham NSN3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mixed deciduous woodland on the western edge of Tarry Lane
LGS 11 Eglingham NSN	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	Mixed woodland split by the Eglingham Burn and bounding the Eastern entrance to the village
LGS12 Eglingham NSN4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mixed woodland on the southern edge of the B6346 at the western entrance to the village
LGS 13 Eglingham NSN4	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	Mixed woodland on the northern edge of the B6346 at the western entrance to the village
LGS 14 Secret Garden	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	An area of 7.5 acres originally a pleasure garden attached to Eglingham Hall, created initially in 1792 and refreshed in 1859.

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LGS 15 Bluebell Woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	An area of 6.3 acres of mature beech and other broadleaf woodland carpeted by extensive bluebells in the spring. The area forms a natural southward extension to the secret garden separated from it by the B6346.
LGS16 Glebe Field	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	An area lying immediately adjacent to the western margin of the village and immediately adjacent to the church, the old vicarage of 1842 and the first village school.
LGS17 Land adjacent to village farm and to the bridge on the B6346	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	A small area of land which is part of the village and encompasses both sides of the Eglingham Burn.
LGS18 Community Field	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	A former school playing field and tennis court now used as a community field.

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LGS19 <i>Churchyard</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>Churchyard attached to St Maurice's church Eglington village.</i>
LGS20 <i>Eglington</i>	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	<i>A small area of mixed woodland on the south eastern boundary of the village.</i>
LGS21 <i>Eglington cricket field</i>	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	<i>The village cricket field</i>

Appendix 3. Detailed site assessment


Site Ref	LGS1	
Site Name	Village Hall Wood, South Charlton	
Ownership	Northumberland Estates	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Small discrete woodland, adjacent to the Village hall forming a backdrop to the entrance to the village from the southwest
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	It physically forms a boundary to the village on its western entrance and is an open space resource used by the community
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Woodland floor is cultivated for the learning of pre-school groups as well as covered in snowdrops and daffodils in spring.

5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	N/A
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	Woodland used year-round by pre-school.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Peaceful woodland setting
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Bird life and small mammals
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		
The site meets the criteria for designation		

Site Ref	LGS2
Site Name	Village Garden
Ownership	Northumberland Estates
	
All the following criteria must be met	Comment

1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Small discrete managed are of land
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Part of the community spaces within the village
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Shrubs, flowers and small trees planted, and now maintained throughout the year by the community.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	N/A
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	It is used for outdoor events and is used year-round by the Little Acorns pre-school group.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	As a managed garden
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Bird life and small mammals
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		

An important managed space used by the community which meets the criteria for designation

Site Ref	LGS3	
Site Name	Old Village Site, South Charlton	
Ownership	Owner – Northumberland Estates Tenant – South Charlton Farm – Time Bell	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Open field to the south of the road leading into the village from the west, formerly the site of the village in the medieval period
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Immediately adjacent to current village settlement
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment

5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Forms an important context to the present village with views to the Church
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	Site of the old village cleared in the 1860s. Ridges and dips can be seen relating to the last cottages, enclosures and other features.
5c. Site has recreational value	No	N/A
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Open grazing adjacent to the village
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Bird life and small mammals, rabbit / hare.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		
An important context-site with historical connections to the history of the current village.		

Site Ref	LGS4
Site Name	Churchyard
Ownership	Church of England c/o Mrs. G. Turner



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Churchyard in the centre of the village
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	As above
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Well maintained, with spring flowers and wildflowers around the periphery during summer.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	It houses the village war memorial as well as a Commonwealth war grave.

5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	Limited recreational value, but important as a space for reflection and an area where the congregation gathers before and after service.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	see above.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Bird life and small mammals.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		
As the village churchyard, it has local amenity value and meets the criteria for designation.		


Site Ref	LGS5
Site Name	Allotments, South Charlton
Ownership	Northumberland Estates



All the following criteria must be met	Comment
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1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Small allotment gardens on the edge of the village
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	The site is adjacent to the village
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	No	N/A
5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	N/A
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	Used by residents for growing produce, fruit, veg flowers etc. Privately rented from Northumberland Estates, they are the last tracts of land in the village available to be used by villagers for growing produce outside of their own property boundaries.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	For those who use and benefit from its productivity and for those who, subject to availability, would like to do so.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Bird life and small mammals.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		

An important facility within the village which meets the criteria for designation and which remains in strong demand.

Site Ref	LGS6	
Site Name	Old Quarry	
Ownership	Owner – Doxford Estates Tenant – Brockley Farm – Mr. M. Stafford	
	The area is part of the single field that stretches north and under tenancy on Brockley Hall farm from Doxford Estate	
		
All the following criteria must be met	Comment	
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	A site reflecting historical activity associated with the village which has been incorporated into a modern usage by its public accessibility.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Used daily by people using the public R.O.W.

5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Gorse when in full flower, also numerous hawthorn when flowering.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	Former quarry and workings.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	It is often used as a pathway around the hill using the natural routes made by the cattle, and the section of road that passes through is a public right of way and is walked many times daily.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Formerly a mining site it has re-vegetated to provide divers local wildlife habitats.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Bird life, small and larger mammals.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	The area provides a backdrop to the village's main view from the south (south east) and combining with the rising land to the south provides a natural "through view" in the direction of the old way to Eglingham.
Conclusion		
The site meets the criteria for designation		

Site Ref	LGS7
Site Name	Woodland adjacent Eglingham Hall
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	A screen of very mature mainly beech trees giving limited but intriguing glimpses to Eglington Hall main entrance. Significantly damaged by Storm Arwen. An area to see Red squirrels
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Central to the village and forms a boundary to one of the main routes to and from it.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Mixed woodland with specimen trees.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	Forms part of the historic landscaping surrounding Eglington Hall and contributing to its setting.

5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	Negligible
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	A pleasant entrance to the village from the south.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	No	N/A
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	Part of the woodland which gives Eglingham village its character.
Conclusion		
Part of a dramatic entrance to the village which meets the criteria for designation		

Site Ref	LGS8
Site Name	Eglingham NSN3
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts, Mr. & Mrs. A. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. I. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. D Biesterfield, Mr. J. Dodd, Eglingham PC.





All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	That part which is adjacent to Tarry comprises a much used walk and the conduit to and from the high ground to the north of the village.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Forms part of the northern woodland boundary to Eglington village in conjunction with LGS 10,11,12 & 22.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		

At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Mixed deciduous woodland with a good age structure. Consisting largely of ash, alder, beech, oak and some pine
5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	Towards its eastern end, the old quarry is of considerable historical interest as much of the stone from which the village was built was quarried there.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	At the Tarry end, it forms an important part of the area extensively used by the community for walking.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Life affirming woodland and, along the Eglington Burn, the series of waterfalls create a unique and typically north Northumbrian water-side setting.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Roe deer, red squirrels, small mammals, heron, pheasant, duck, dippers and waders and fresh-water crayfish.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	The stretch of the Eglington Burn running through it fed the old mill race, still evident as a path along and above the southern bank towards its eastern end.
Conclusion		
At the Tarry end, part of the setting for a very well used walk by locals and visiting walkers. Downstream, rich in wildlife, tranquil and with features of historic significance, it meets the criteria for designation.		

Site Ref	LGS9
Site Name	Eglingham NSN3
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Frames and forms part of the setting for a route much used for walks.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Lies in the central part of the village.

5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Mixed deciduous woodland with a number of mature beech.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	Tarry Lane is the access lane to the Eglingham Colliery and lime kiln which lie at the top of the lane, as well as to the stunning open-access land and high moorland to the north of the village.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	Used extensively by the local community for walking and playing.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Very much so.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	The site contributes to supporting the local population of red squirrels, roe deer, and a wide variety of bird life.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	Tarry lane has been used extensively by the local community for recreation for a great number of years. Before or alongside that function, it also gave access to historical mining operations.
Conclusion		
Part of a peaceful & therapeutic walk up to Tarry which meets the criteria for designation.		

Site Ref	LGS10
Site Name	Eglingham NSN3
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	It conjoins LGS14 and LGS9 and effectively conjoins LGS8 and is part of the setting of Tarry's lower stretch.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Lies in the central part of the village.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Mixed deciduous woodland with a number of Beech trees.

5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	Tarry Lane was the access lane to the Eglingham Colliery and lime kiln which lie at the top of the lane. It also abuts the site of the sadly now dilapidated but still visible Mill Dam, which served both to part-flood the Secret Garden but also to feed the mill run upon which the old Mill relied.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	Abuts Tarry which is used extensively by the local community for walking.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Adjacent to the road, but a peaceful environment.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	The site contributes to supporting the local population of red squirrels, roe deer and a wide variety of bird life.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	Tarry lane has been used extensively by the local community for, historically, industrial and, now, recreational purposes.
Conclusion		
In conjoining LGS14 and LGS9 and effectively conjoining LGS8, it is part of the setting of Tarry's lower stretch and, with its, albeit depleted, stock of ancient beech trees, forms an important part of the village's envelope and setting and a haven for wildlife. Tarry's own function is as the main conduit to Ticket Plantation, Hagdon and the wider moorland to the north of the village.		

Site Ref	LGS11
Site Name	Eglingham NSN
Ownership	If known



The wood to west of the B6346

All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	It dominates the south entrance to the village, its woodland separating the gardens of the residential Terrace from open fields to the south.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Defines the entrance to the village, adjacent to the Eglington Burn.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Mixed woodland of sycamore and alder with recently planted pine.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	N/A
5c. Site has recreational value	No	N/A
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Very tranquil as dense, mature and difficult to enter.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Wildlife includes Badgers, Roe deer, Red squirrels, pheasant and several species of Owl, as well as a variety of other birdlife.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	The woodland forms part of the perimeter woodland which gives Eglington village its character.
Conclusion		

A strong landscape element framing the entry to the village which meets designation criteria – on entering the village from the direction of Alnwick, it serves as a screen from which, when one emerges, the village’s linearity becomes apparent. It meets the criteria.

Site Ref	LGS12
Site Name	Eglingham NSN4
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A

3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Forms part of the western entrance to the village.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Mixed deciduous woodland carpeted by bluebells and other wildflowers in the spring/summer.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	Lies immediately adjacent to Eglington Hall, contains second world war pill box.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	It is en route to the Secret Garden and the public footpath through Cock Hall Farm. It's display of bluebells in the Spring is a recreational delight.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	For areas set back from the highway.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	The site contributes to supporting the local population of red squirrels and other species.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	Site is an eastern extension of LGS21 and forms part of the woodland perimeter to Eglington village. It represents an important element of the setting of both the village, Eglington Hall and the Conservation Area.
Conclusion		
An attractive entry to and exit from the village, particularly striking in the spring. Its contribution to the setting of the village, Eglington Hall and the Conservation Area is important. It meets the criteria for designation.		

Site Ref	LGS13
Site Name	Eglington NSN4

Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.
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All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Frames the entrance to the village
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Forms part of the western entrance to the village.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment

5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Mixed deciduous woodland.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	N/A
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	It frames the conduit from the heart of the village to the access to the Secret Garden and the public footpath through Cock Hall Farm.
5d. Site has tranquillity	No	N/A
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	The site contributes to supporting the local population of red squirrels, Roe deer and other species.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	Forms part of the woodland perimeter to Eglingham village. It represents an important element of the setting of both the village and the Conservation Area.
Conclusion		
Integral to the character of the village and meets the criteria for designation.		

Site Ref	LGS14
Site Name	Secret Garden
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	A wildlife haven.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	The garden lies close to the western edge of Eglington Village and forms part of the woodland edge to the community. It is regarded as being very much a part of the local community.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	The area is visually, highly attractive both in detail and from a distance, the specimen trees producing a striking tree-scape visible from the Eglington / Wooler road. It contains an exceptional display of Azalea and Rhododendrum, a beautiful waterfall and, though overgrown, one can still appreciate the merits of the original planting scheme.

5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	The area contains historic aspects of the development of the garden with the suspension bridge, waterfalls and other areas having carved dates for when the works were carried out. The garden is integral to the setting of the Hall and its development is part of local legend.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	The land has extensive walks taking in woodland, caves, rock outcrops, waterfalls, swimming ponds, a suspension bridge and various specimen trees and shrubs.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	It is an area of very great peace and tranquillity
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	The site contributes to supporting the local population of roe deer, red squirrels and many other species.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		
This wood has changing, bio-diverse characteristics throughout every month of the year. It is regarded as local 'treasure' and well-meets the designation criteria.		

Site Ref	LGS15
Site Name	Bluebell Woods
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	The area forms part of the woodland edge to the community and is very much 'local in character'.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	The area lies close to the western edge of the village.

5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.


At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	An extensive area of old mature beech trees and other species carpeted with bluebells in the spring.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	The land contains a bronze age burial cairn, still visible, along with its original stone cist.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	The land is used by the community for walking and enjoying the superb views of the Cheviots.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	It is an area of peace and tranquillity
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	The area supports a wide range of local wildlife including roe deer, hares, red squirrels and hedgehogs.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	Several species of Owl present in surrounding trees
Conclusion		
One of the iconic walks of the village on land which meets the criteria for designation.		

Site Ref	LGS16
Site Name	Glebe Field
Ownership	The Church of England



All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A

3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Part of a pleasing vista to north east, facilitating views of St. Maurice's Church.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	The site lies immediately adjacent to the south western margin of the village.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	The views of the church and adjacent buildings from and across the field are outstanding and the field provides part of the setting for the church and its adjacent buildings, a view much loved by the local community.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	The land has long historical connections to the 13c church of St Maurice.
5c. Site has recreational value	No	N/A
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	A tranquil and open area adjacent to the village.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	No	N/A
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		
The field facilitates an important view of the Church and contributes to the setting of both the Church and the village, itself. It also affords views across the SSSI at Beanley Moor. It meets designation criteria.		

Site Ref	LGS17	
Site Name	Land adjacent to village farm and to the bridge on the B6346	
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts, Mr. & Mrs. J Logan and Mr. S Wilson.	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	The small area lies centrally within the village.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	See above
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5 Site is a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	The bank to the west side has been landscaped and is maintained by local resident volunteers who planted a large variety of plants to add colour and attract birds, insects and other wildlife. It frames views towards the SSSI of Beanley Moor.


5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	The land provides a setting for the listed late 18th c bridge crossing the Eglington Burn and for the listed Village Farm. The land contains a listed pillbox from the second world war. There is an very old and interesting photograph of the area, towards the Village Farm, in the Village Hall, providing a sense of the Village's historical form and function.
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	The land is crossed by a public footpath leadin up to and across Beanley Moor and down to Kimmer Lough..
5d. Site has tranquillity	No	The area beside the bridge is particularly tranquil.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	No	The bank between the Eglington Burn and the Village Farm harbours a variety of wildlife.
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	The land is special to the local community, forms a green heart to the centre of the village and contributes to the landscape quality of the area. The green space is important in establishing the character of the area and helps to define a sense of place defining in part the layout and form of the settlement. The green space provides views from the linear main street to the open moorland and SSSI which provides the setting of the village, to the south.
Conclusion		
A critical point in the village where the burn divides the village with views over the flood plain to the moor land beyond. It meets the designation criteria.		

Site Ref	LGS18
Site Name	Community Field
Ownership	Eglington Parish Council




All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	A small area of land used extensively by residents of the village as a garden and a Tennis club
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	The field lies centrally within the village adjacent to the former village school.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	No	N/A
5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	N/A
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	The Village Tennis club and regular Festival site


5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	It is tranquil when visited individually or as a couple, but can be very lively when used communally.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	No	N/A
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	The community field is the green area owned by the Parish Council.
Conclusion		
An important and well used community asset maintained by Volunteer residents.		

Site Ref	LGS19	
Site Name	Church yard	
Ownership	The Church of England	
		
All the following criteria must be met	Comment	
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A

2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	A small area of tranquil land used by visitors and residents of the local community.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	The site lies immediately adjacent to the village church.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment
5a. Site is particularly beautiful	Yes	Comprising the setting to a quintessential ancient church, much visited, the entries in the visitor book testify to its beauty.
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	The churchyard has been in use by the community for at least 700 years and probably longer.
5c. Site has recreational value	No	As a place of repose and contemplation, the often ancient headstones tell a silent history of some of the area's best known names.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Extraordinarily peaceful, calming and revitalising.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	Yes	Red squirrels, hedgehogs and a large and varied bird population
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	Burial ground of many of the past community residents
Conclusion		
A site which meets the criteria for designation.		

Site Ref	LGS20	
Site Name	Eglingham	
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Site area approximately 0.4 of an acre. The site is the remnant of a former larger plantation which bounded the south eastern boundary of the village
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	The site forms part of the south eastern boundary of the village.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment

5a. Site is particularly beautiful	No	N/A
5b. Site has particular historic significance	Yes	Remnants of more extensive woodland.
5c. Site has recreational value	No	N/A
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	Quite exposed.
5e. Site has rich wildlife	No	N/A
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	Yes	The area forms a part of the woodland which bounds Eglington village and contributes to its character.
Conclusion		
The site meets the criteria for designation.		

Site Ref	LGS21	
Site Name	Eglingham Cricket Field	
Ownership	Mrs. A. Potts.	
		
All the following criteria must be met		Comment
1. Site is not subject to a planning permission	Yes	N/A
2. Site is not allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Yes	N/A
3. Site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Yes	Small area of land forming the village cricket field.
4. Site is within close proximity of the community it serves	Yes	Immediately adjacent to the village.
5. Site is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.		
At least one criterion must be met		Comment

5a. Site is particularly beautiful	No	N/A
5b. Site has particular historic significance	No	The site has a cultural significance for the village
5c. Site has recreational value	Yes	Used by the local community during the summer months for cricket.
5d. Site has tranquillity	Yes	The site forms part of a tranquil boundary to the village and its sporting usage is quintessentially part of English rural life
5e. Site has rich wildlife	No	N/A
5f. Site has significance because of another reason	No	N/A
Conclusion		
Part of the vital fabric of the village. A site which meets the criteria for designation		