

## A very quick summary of:

1. Open Space, Sport and Recreation Studies
2. Local Green Space designation
3. Key Urban Landscapes
4. The Local Plan
5. Corporate Plan 2015-2018
6. Other policies and strategies

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# 1. Open Space, Sport and Recreation Studies

- **Lancaster District PPG17 Study** (2007, refreshed 2010)
  - Analysed existing provision and identified need
  - Downloadable from the LGS website
  - Evidence base for other strategies so it has 'planning weight'.

Considers: **Cemeteries**, **Parks & Gardens**, **Outdoor Sports facilities**, **Allotments**, **Natural and Semi Natural Greenspace**, **Facilities for Children & Young People** and **Amenity Greenspace**.

- Helen Ryan maintains a database of some 700 greenspace sites using this classification. They are also mapped on the City Council's GIS (Geographical Information System)

- A small number of user and resident surveys have been done in the parks by greenspace groups and the City Council. Contact: [haveyoursay@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@lancaster.gov.uk)

- There are County and City Play Strategies in existence but do they have any weight now? There is a National Play Strategy – see [www.playengland.org.uk](http://www.playengland.org.uk)

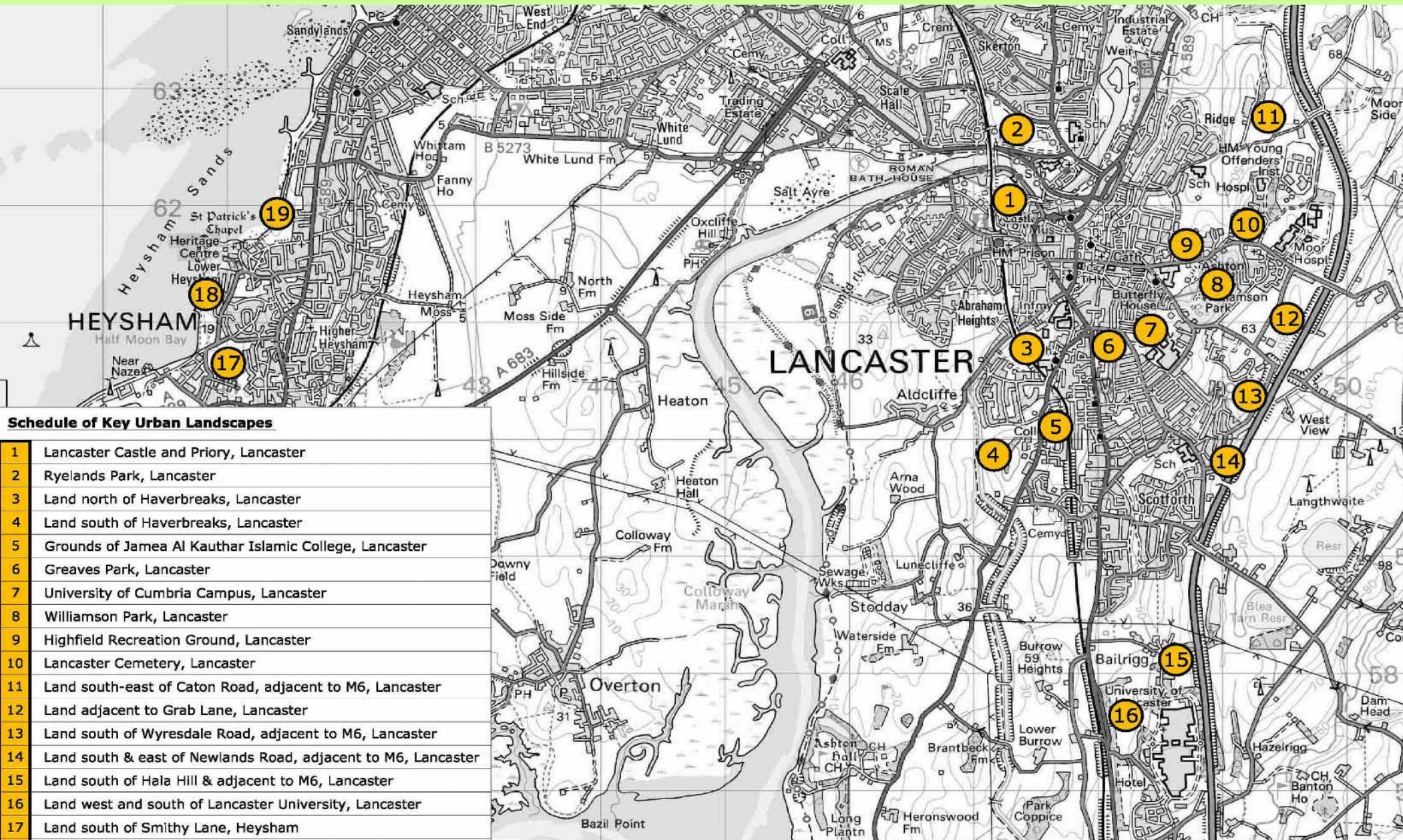
## 2. Local Green Space designation

A way to provide special protection for green areas of particular importance to communities.

- Must not be extensive
- Must not already have planning permission
- Must be close to the community it serves
- Must be demonstrably special
- Will be incorporated in our Local Plan
- Not too late to suggest areas!
- Can also be part of Neighbourhood Plans
- <http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/>
- Then follow links to Open Spaces

# 3. Key urban landscapes

Report commissioned 2012 in two parts – on LGS website



MAP 1: LOCATIONS OF LANCASTER DISTRICT'S KEY URBAN LANDSCAPES

# 4. The Local Plan

Made up of a bundle of documents:

- Core Strategy
- Development Management Plan = policies
- Land Allocations = map of what uses are allowed where
- Morecambe Area Action Plan = actions to support regeneration
- Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB Plan = extra landscape protection
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Plan
- Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)  
e.g. shopfront and advertising, Employment and skills plans

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## 5. City Council Corporate Plan 2015-2018

### Four Priority Areas

1. Clean, Green and Safe Places
2. Health and Wellbeing
3. Community Leadership
4. Sustainable Economic Growth

### Outcomes include:

1. Local neighbourhoods are clean and safe and residents have a sense of pride in the district.

#### Success measures include:

- Perception of people who live in, work in, or visit the district that streets and public spaces are safe and clean is increased
- Increased number of projects that directly involve local communities in improving local areas, parks and open spaces

2. Health and wellbeing of our citizens is improved

#### Success measures include:

- Improve the wellbeing of our residents through collaborative, preventative and reactive measures
- Increased number of people participating in sports and leisure activities

# 5. Other Policies and Strategies

## National

- Localism Act 2011 – includes designating Assets of Community Value
- National Planning Policy Framework 2012 + related guidance
- Other Acts of Parliament e.g. Equality Act 2010
- UK Biodiversity framework = Biodiversity 2020 (2013)
- UK Marine Strategy
- National Air Quality Strategy

## Regional

- **County County** policies – many and various, but including:
  - Landscape Strategy, Minerals & Waste, Transport Strategy
- River Basins Management Plans

## Local

- **City Council**: Parking Policy, Walking Policy, Housing Strategy, Contaminated land Strategy, Anti-social Behaviour policy...
- **Morecambe Bay Local Nature Partnership** – see website
- **Arnsdale-Silverdale AONB + Forest of Bowland AONB**
- Lune Catchment **Flood Management Plan**
  - let me know of any more exciting policies and strategies you find!