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Greenspace Groups Forum

Green Spaces and the Local Plan

Thursday 8 February 2018

Morecambe Town Hall



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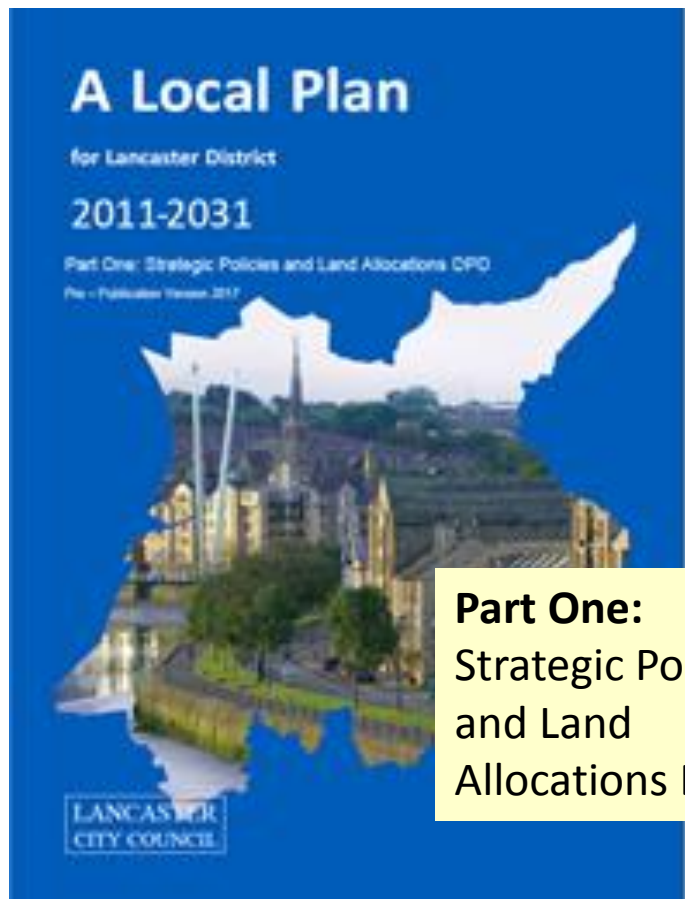
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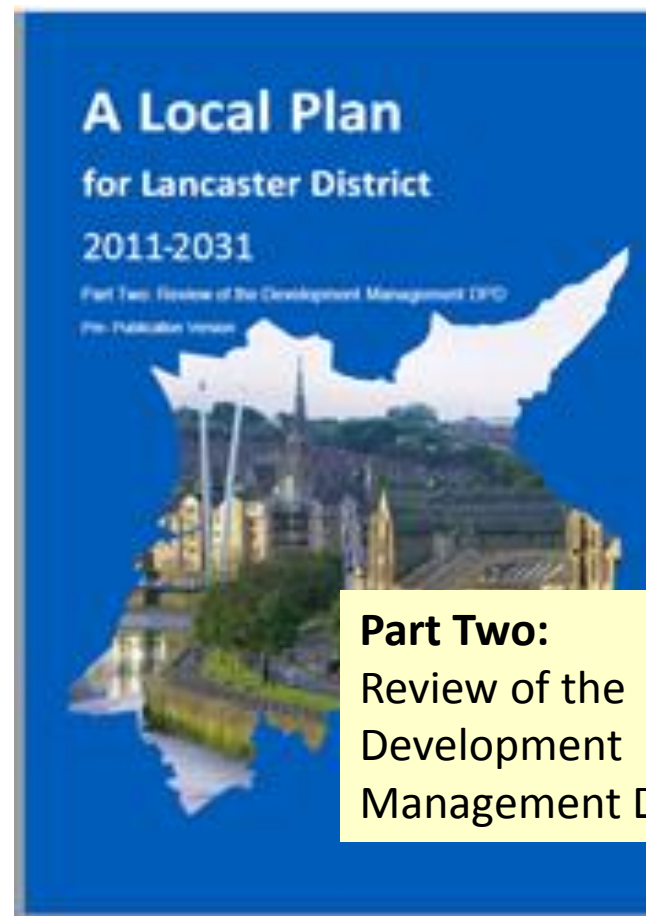
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Part One:
Strategic Policies
and Land
Allocations DPD



Part Two:
Review of the
Development
Management DPD



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Part One: Strategic Policies and Land Allocations DPD

- Sets out the spatial vision and plan for the future of the district and how it will be delivered.
- Identifies land to meet future development needs and land that should be protected for its environmental, social and economic importance.



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Part Two: Review of the Development Management DPD

- Sets out a planning policies that are used to determine planning applications.
- Applicable to development anywhere in the district outside of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- Was first adopted by the Council in December 2014; this DPD remains valid but is being reviewed to ensure it takes account of changing circumstances and updates to national planning policy.



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Part One: Strategic Policies and Land Allocations DPD

- The Spatial Vision for Lancaster District 2031
- Strategic Objectives
- Policies
- Policy SP2: Lancaster District Settlement Hierarchy
 - provides the basis for the growth strategy in Lancaster district. The strategic policies of this DPD look in more detail at the spatial distribution of housing, employment and retail development in Lancaster district.
- Policy SP3: Development Strategy for Lancaster District
 - urban-focused approach to development that is supplemented with additional large strategic development sites in greenfield locations



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Strategic Sites in the Emerging Local Plan



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South Lancaster: Bailrigg Garden Village



Extract from Policies Map published 9 February 2018





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South Lancaster: Bailrigg Garden Village

- In the region of 3,500 new homes.
- New employment, circa 2,000 jobs, at the Health Innovation Campus, Business Park, and, the provision of other local services.
- Creation of new local centre(s) which will provide service provision, including a new foodstore.
- Creation of other key infrastructure, including the re-configuration of the highway network, improvements to the public transport network, new schools and community facilities.
- Delivery of high quality development which is well related to an extensive network of open spaces.





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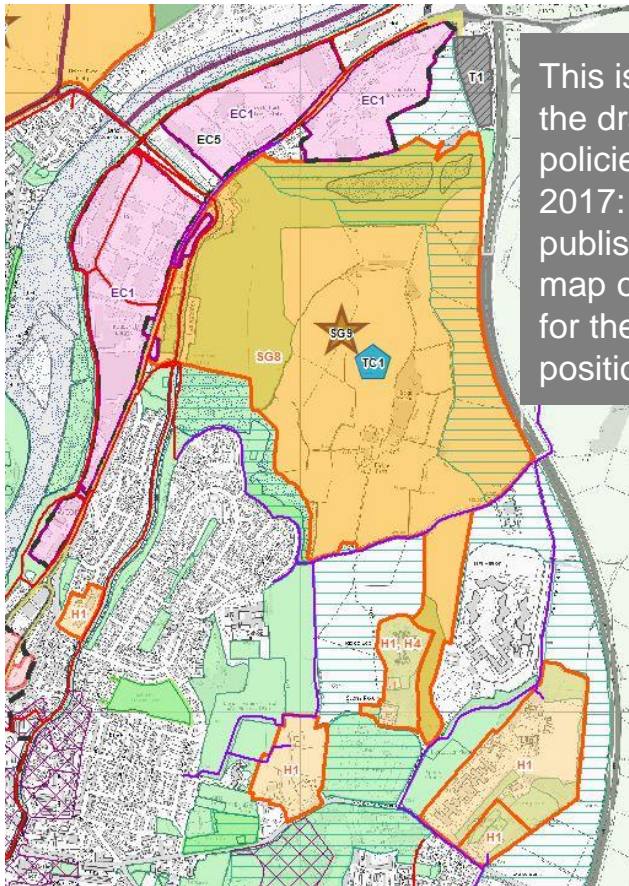


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North East Lancaster: Land at Cuckoo Farm / Ridge Farm



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North East Lancaster: Land at Cuckoo Farm / Ridge Farm

- Development for in the region of 900 new homes.
- Proposals will involve the re-modelling of Lansil Golf Course to secure access into Caton Road and links towards the former Ridge Lea Hospital to secure access into Quernmore Road.
- Creation of new local centre(s) which will provide basic service provision.
- Creation of new primary school provision and new community facilities.
- Provision of strong cycling and walking linkages, potentially along Lancaster Canal to strengthen links between the site and the City Centre.
- The provision of high quality open spaces, including the potential for a country park within the site.





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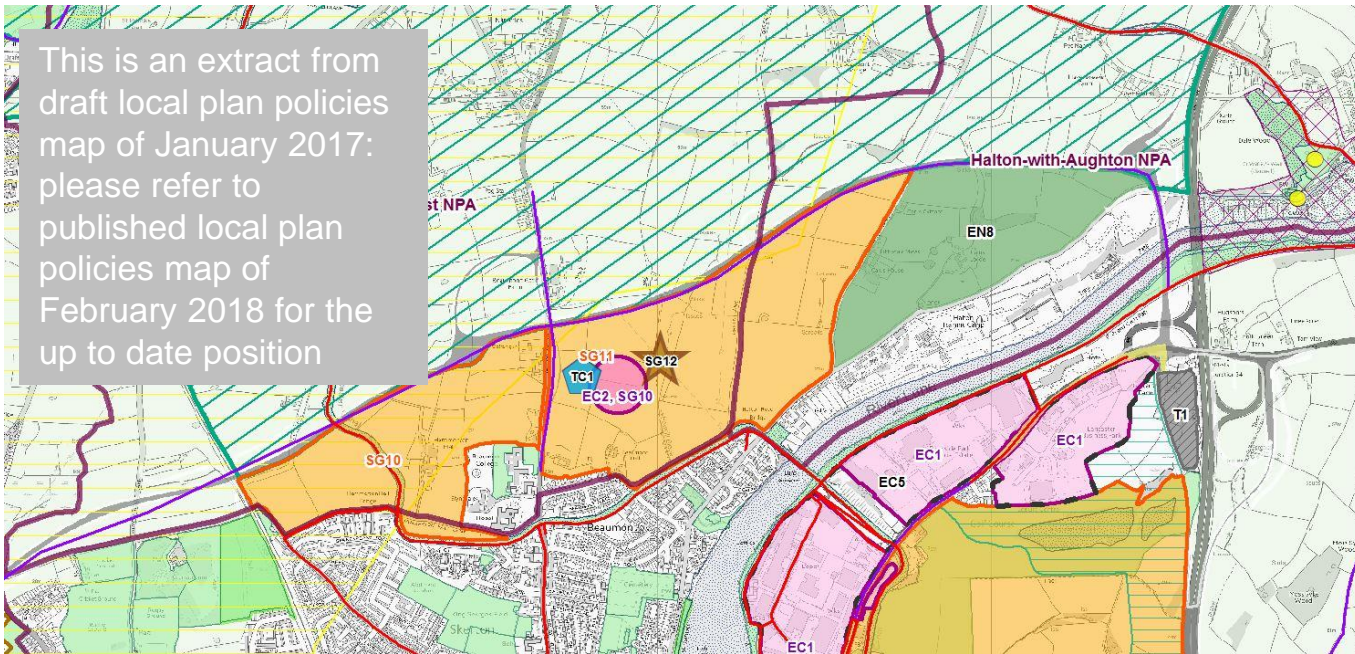
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North Lancaster: Land at Hammerton Hall / Beaumont Hall

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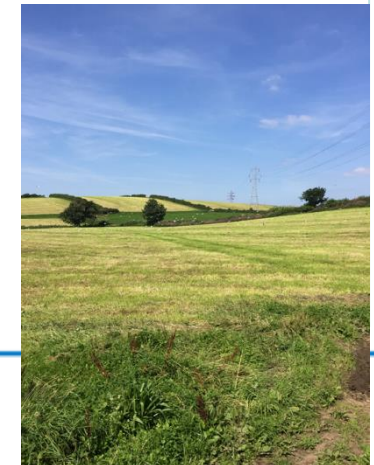
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North Lancaster: Land at Hammerton Hall / Beaumont Hall

- Development for in the region of 700 new homes.
- Development of new employment via the creation of a new Business Park and provision of other local services.
- Creation of new local centre(s) which will provide basic service provision.
- Creation of new primary school provision and new community facilities.
- The provision of improved transport linkages through the site to increase the role of public transport, cycling and walking.
- The provision of high quality open spaces which reflects the setting of the area.





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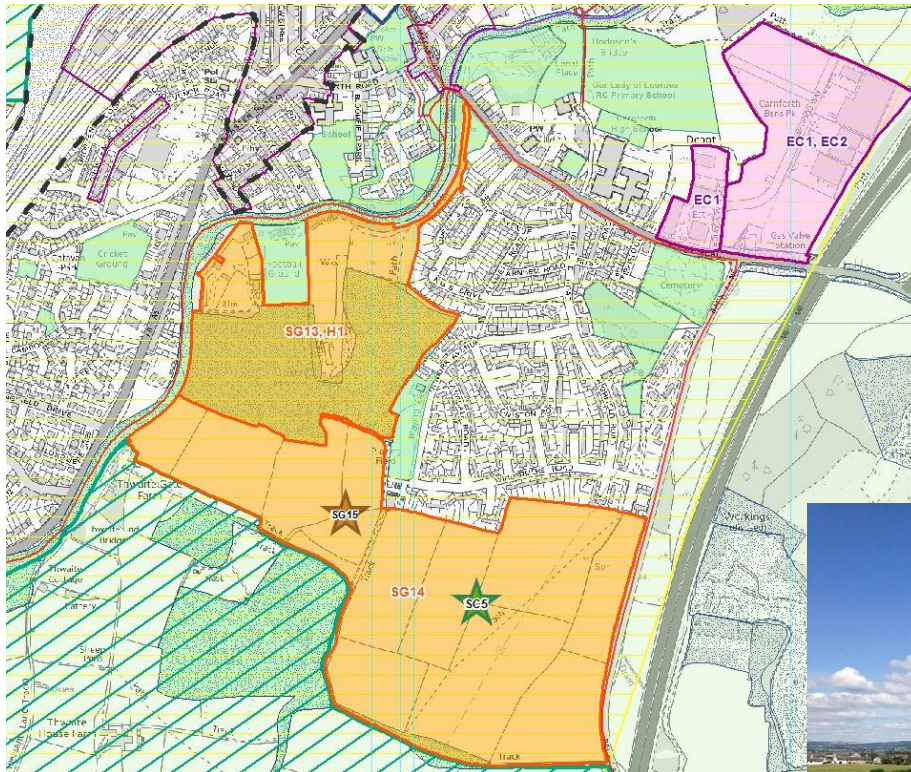


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Carnforth South: Lundsfield Quarry & Land to South of Windermere Road



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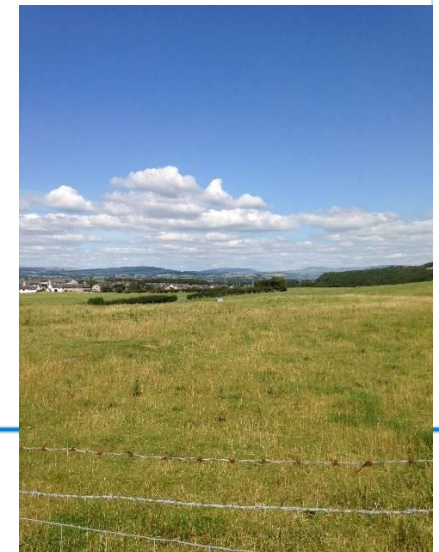
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Carnforth South: Lundsfield Quarry & Land to South of Windermere Road

- Development for in the region of 700 new homes across the two sites.
- Improving accessibility into the site and connections to Carnforth Town Centre via the creation of a new footbridge over the Lancaster Canal.
- Significant improvement to the recreational open space provision in the town with the creation of a sporting hub for a range of local users.
- Improvements to accessibility into the site with new connections between Kellet Road and Back Lane via the two sites.
- The creation of new primary school provision and new community facilities.





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Progress on Evidence Base

- All allocations and policies in the plan need to be underpinned with robust and up-to-date evidence.
- Good progress made in collecting just-in-time evidence and updates to support the preparation of the plan.
- The collation of evidence will be an ongoing process to ensure that the Council's understanding of key issues (such as housing or economic growth) is kept up-to-date.
- All evidence will be made available on the Council's website.



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Evidence: Published

- **Lancaster District Economic Prospects - Update Report** (Turley, 2017)
- **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (Part II)** (Arc4, 2017)
- **Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment** (Arc4, 2017)
- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** (JBA, 2017)
- **Landscape Assessments** (Arcadis, 2017)
- **Ecological Assessments** (Greater Manchester Ecology Unit, 2017)
- **Archaeological Assessments** (Lancashire Archaeological Advisory Service, 2017)
- **Heritage Assessments** (Lancaster City Council, 2017)



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Evidence currently being prepared

- **Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability **Site** Assessments (SHELAA)** (Lancaster City Council)
- **Economic Strategy** (Lancaster City Council)
- **OAN/Housing Need Sensitivity Testing** (Turley)
- **Viability Assessment** (Lambert Smith Hampton)
- **Transport Modelling** (Whyte Young Green)
- **Open Space Study** (Knight, Kavanagh & Page Ltd)
- **Playing Pitch Assessment** (Knight, Kavanagh & Page Ltd)
- **Review of Key Urban Landscape Policy** (Arcadis)
- **Landscape Assessment – Strategic Sites** (Arcadis)
- **Landscape Assessment – Cumulative Impacts** (Arcadis)
- **Sustainable Settlement Review** (Lancaster City Council)
- **Inclusive Growth Study** (Participation in Benefits of Growing Economy) (Hall Aitken)



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Lancaster Green Spaces



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Local Green Spaces

In March 2012 the Government, through the NPPF, introduced a new Local Green Space designation. Allowing local communities, through the Local or Neighbourhood Plan process, to identify areas of local green space which are important to them and which should be provided special protection.



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Local Green Spaces

In paragraph 77 of the NPPF it clearly states that ‘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 a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land’



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Local Green Spaces

1. January 2015 – Officers prepared and consulted on a Local Green Space Methodology
2. April 2015 – First Call for Sites exercise (56 applications received)
3. June 2016 – Second Call for Sites exercise (13 applications received)



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Local Green Spaces

Test 1: Does the site already have planning permission for an incompatible alternative use or is it allocated for an incompatible alternative use in the adopted Local Plan?

Test 2: Is the site reasonably close to the community they serve?

Test 3: Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?

Test 4: Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community? (Test undertaken by Local Green Spaces Working Group if passed previous 3 Tests)



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Local Green Spaces

Following the assessment of the sites the following **21 sites** have been put forward for allocation as a Local Green Space in the Publication and Submission version of the Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Land Allocations DPD)



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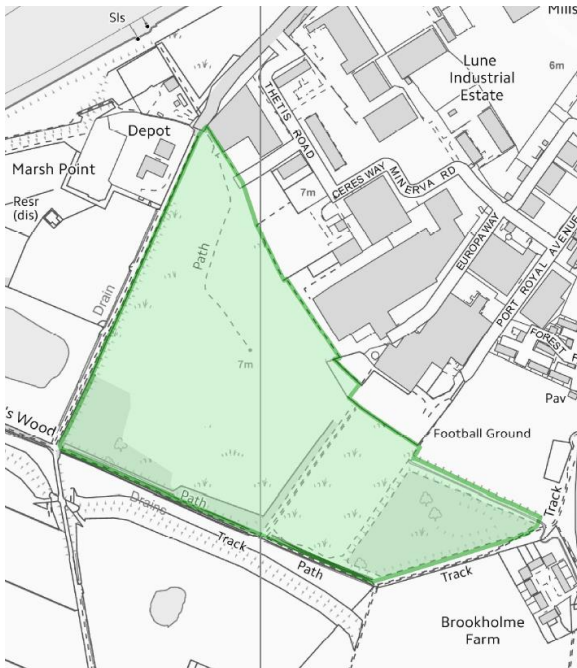
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Local Green Spaces

Freeman's Wood



Ridge Hill Green



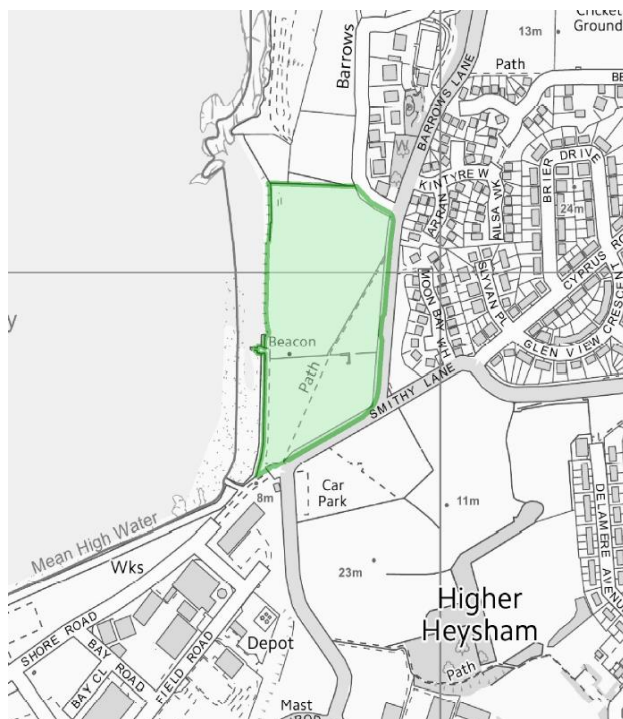
Barley Cop Community Wood



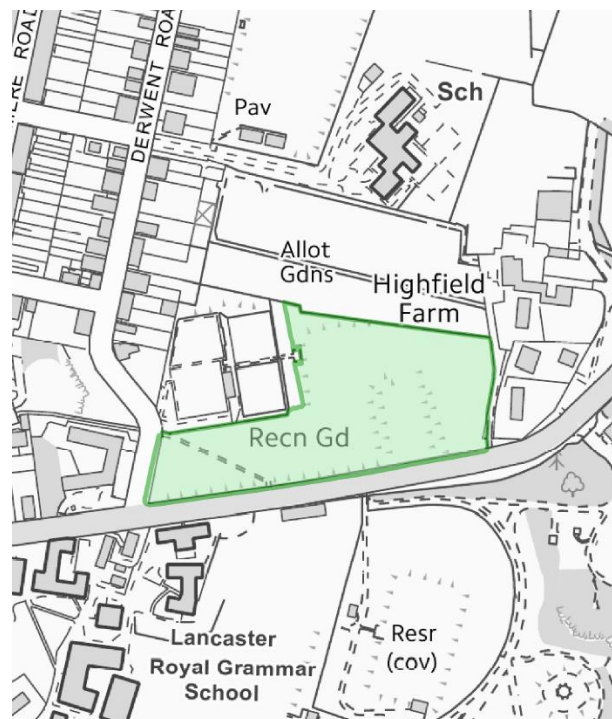


Local Green Spaces

Land at Heysham Coast



Low Moor



Greaves Park





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Local Green Spaces

Giant Axe Playing Field



Furness Street Green Space



Dorrington Road Woods





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Local Green Spaces

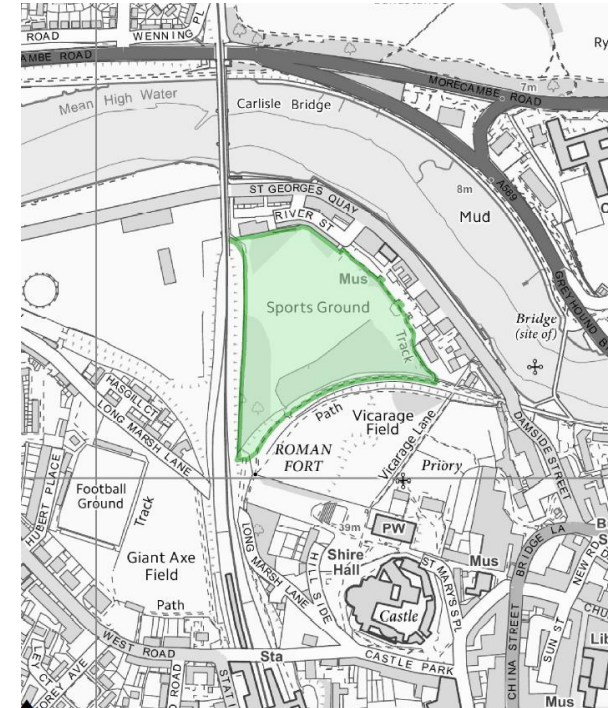
Lune Bank Gardens



Scotch Quarry Urban Park



Quay Meadow



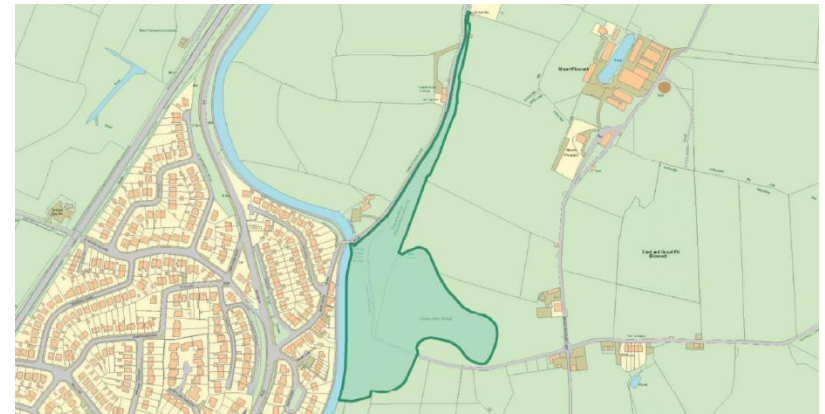


Local Green Spaces

Woods at Highfield Road/Fairfield Close, Carnforth



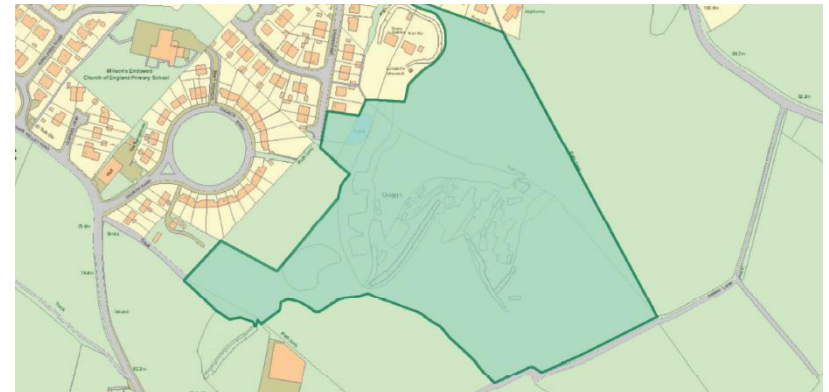
Thwaite Woods (Bolton-le-Sands Community Wood)



St Michael's Lane, Bolton-le-Sands



Over Kellet Craggs





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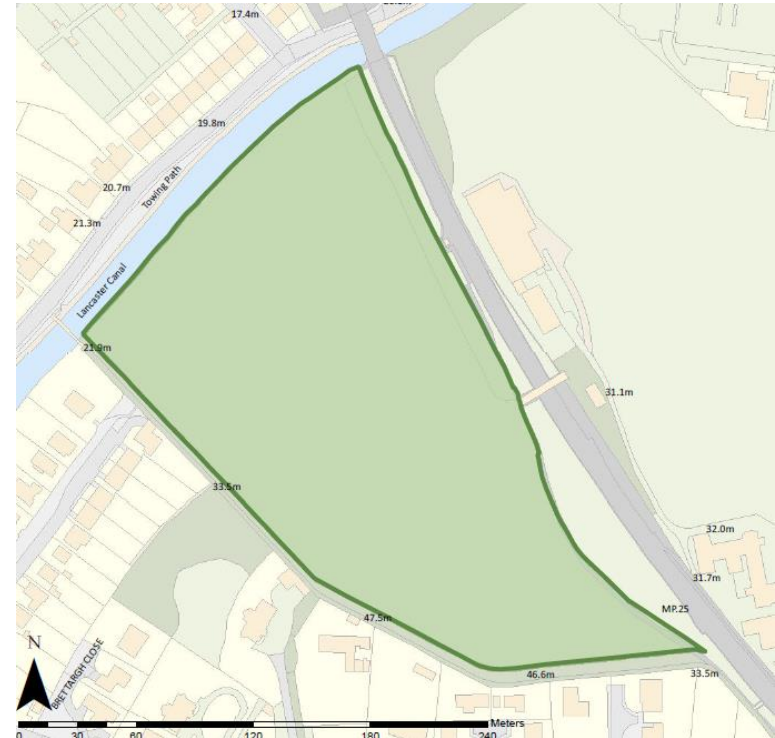


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Local Green Spaces



Ryelands Park



**Aldcliffe: Springfield Bridge &
Standing Stone, (near Ripley School)**



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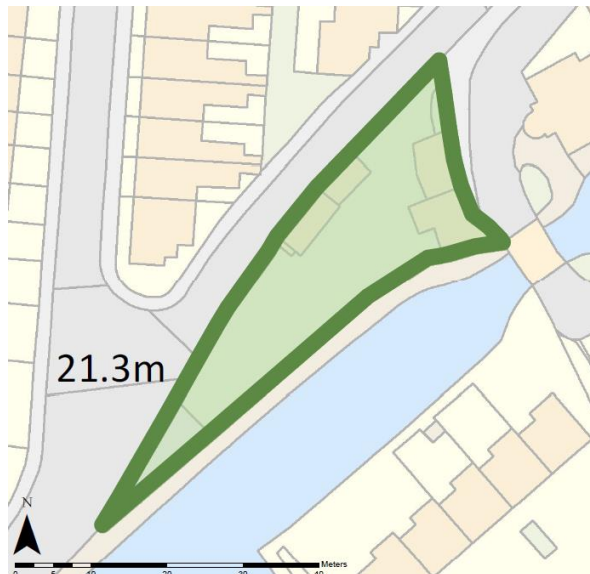


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Local Green Spaces



Aldcliffe Road Triangle



Fenham Carr Woods



Barton Road Allotments

(please note as if Town Green Status is removed from Moorside Fields this will also be designated a Local Green Space)



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Open Space

The last Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities Study was refreshed in 2010.

In October 2017 Lancaster City Council commissioned Knight, Kavanagh and Page Ltd (KKP) to undertake the Lancaster District Open Space Study.

This examines the quality, distribution and role of green spaces, and identifies specific need, deficits and/or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities.



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Open Space

The following typologies were used and assessed within the study:

- Parks and Gardens;
- Natural and Semi Natural Greenspace;
- Amenity Green Space;
- Provision for Young Children;
- Provision for Young People;
- Outdoor Facilities;
- Allotments and Community Gardens;
- Cemeteries and Churchyards;
- Green Corridors;
- Civic Spaces;
- Indoor Sports Facilities;
- Coastal Spaces; and
- Significant Land within the Urban Area.



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Open Space

To conduct this district wide assessment, three analysis areas have been used:

- Lancaster
- Heysham and Morecambe
- Carnforth/Rural

A total of **422** sites have been identified and **included within the study**

Sample of **143** sites visited



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Playing Pitch Strategy

The primary purpose of the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy is to provide a strategic framework which ensures that the provision of outdoor playing pitches meet local and community needs of existing and future residents and visitors to the Lancaster District.

To be produced in accordance with national guidance and provide robust and objective justification for future playing pitch and outdoor sports provision throughout the District.



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Playing Pitch Strategy

Key Stages:

Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach

Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision

Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views

Stage D: Develop the strategy

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date

Lancaster City Council has completed Stages A and B. KKP have been commissioned to complete the strategy.



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Relevant Planning Policy

Strategic Policies and Land Allocations DPD

Strategic Sites Policies (Bailrigg Garden Village SG1, East Lancaster SG7 and SG8, North Lancaster SG9 and SG10, South Carnforth SG11, SG12 and SG13)

Policy SC2: Local Green Spaces

Policy SC3: Open Space, Recreation and Leisure

Policy SC4: Green Space Networks

Policy SC5: Recreation Opportunity Areas



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Relevant Planning Policy

Development Management DPD

Policy DM27: Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities

Policy DM42: Green Infrastructure

Policy DM43: The Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity

Policy DM44: Protection of Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland



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Next Steps in the Plan-Making Process



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- **December 20th**, Council approved Local Plan for formal Publication and then Submission to Government
- **9th February 2018** Formal Publication. Eight week period for Representations (ending Friday 6th April)
- **May 2018** Submission to Government
- **Late summer/autumn 2018** Likely date for Local Hearing Session of the independent Examination
- **2019** Plan Adoption



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www.lancaster.gov.uk/planningpolicy

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Thank you!