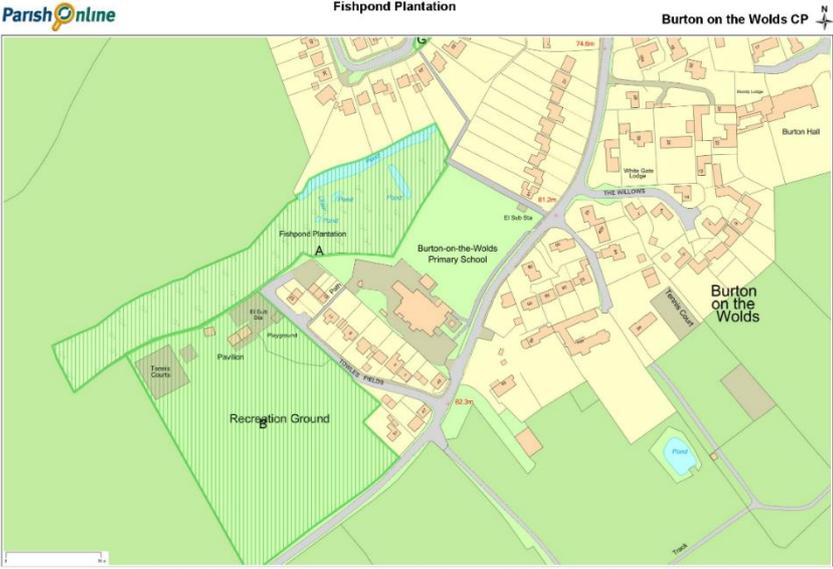


## Step 2: Complete checklist

If it seems that the candidate site may meet the designation criteria, complete the designation checklist below (and provide all the relevant evidence). The checklist should be completed for each candidate site.

1	General Information
1.1	Name and address of site
	<b>Fishpond Plantation or Burton Plantation Towles Fields, Burton-on-the-Wolds marked A on the map.</b>
1.2	Site location plan <b>Scale 1:2233</b>
	 <p><small>Date Created: 7-1-2019   Map Centre (Easting/Northing: 489741 / 320822)   Scale: 1:2233   © Crown copyright and database right. All rights reserved (0100053274) 2019 © Contains Ordnance Survey Data © Crown copyright and database right 2019</small></p>
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation
	<b>Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes, Hoton and Prestwold Parish Councils</b>
1.4	Ownership of site
	<b>Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council</b>
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation?
	<b>Yes</b>

1.6 Does the owner support the designation?

**Yes**

1.7 Photographs of site



1.8	Community served by the potential Local Green Space
	<b>This woodland is used by residents from across the village and surrounding villages, as shown in responses to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation questionnaire.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Planning History</b>
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site?
	<b>No</b>
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan?
	<b>No</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space</b>
3.1	Area of proposed site
	<b>1.433 HA adjoining the village and bordering housing, school and a playing field.</b>
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?
	<b>No</b>
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”?
	<b>The woodland was purchased for local community use by villagers’ donations and grants from outside organisations, and is managed by a sub-committee of the Parish Council and maintained by local residents.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Need for Local Green Space</b>
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?
	<b>This area is fully open to the public. Most other open areas are footpaths only.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”</b>
5.1	Is the site within 2km of the local community?
	<b>Yes. See map – housing, school and the playing field share boundaries with the Plantation.</b>
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?
	<b>Some residents will need to cross B676 to access the site (see map)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”</b>
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council <i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i>
	<b>Inclusion in Neighbourhood Plan and maintenance of the woodland as a community asset. It also provides a pleasant footpath to the school, Pavilion and playing field away from roads.</b>
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.
	<b>Responses to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation questionnaire show that 77% of respondents use the Plantation, including occasional use by residents of surrounding villages.</b>

6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders
	<b>See Parish Councils</b>
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups <i>e.g. letters of support from organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i>
	<b>Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust supported the designation of the woodland site as a Local Wildlife Site.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty,” (if applicable)</b>
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	<b>Yes</b>
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.
	<b>The annual displays of snowdrops, bluebells and autumn colour are valued, alongside extensive views across to the Charnwood hills from the west end of the site.</b>
7.3	Site visibility
	<b>Visible from the B676 and Barrow Road as they enter the village and from footpath H98, which joins these two roads west of the village.</b>
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?
	<b>Yes</b>
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?
	<b>Charnwood Borough wide habitat survey stage 1</b>
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?
	<b>Formerly part of the pleasure grounds of Burton Hall</b>
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art?
	<b>No</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its historic significance” (if applicable)</b>
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	<b>Yes</b>
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?
	<b>No</b>
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?
	<b>Ponds may be medieval fishponds and some are thought to be historic gypsum pits.</b>

8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?
	<b>Formerly part of the pleasure gardens of Burton Hall</b>
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?
	<b>Not that we know of.</b>
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site? e.g. well-dressing; maypole dancing etc.
	<b>No</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its recreational value (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable)</b>
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	<b>Yes</b>
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport?
	<b>No</b>
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?
	<b>Yes – full access to the public.</b>
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?
	<b>Walking, running and as part of longer walks. Observing wildlife, flora and fauna for many years, including before it came into village ownership in 2004.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its tranquillity” (if applicable)</b>
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	<b>Yes</b>
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil?
	<b>It lies midway between the two roads which enter the village from a westerley direction and the benches provide places for peace and quiet.</b>
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?
	<b>No</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the richness of its wildlife”; (if applicable)</b>
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?
	<b>Yes</b>
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?
	<b>Designated as a Local Wildlife Site</b>

11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site?
	<b>Great crested newts in the ponds. Remnants of an ancient woodland as demonstrated by the presence of a colony of native bluebells. It is also a bat feeding corridor and has occasional sightings or evidence of other mammals such as weasels, muntjac deer, badgers and foxes.</b>
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Further information - Natural England; National Biodiversity Network</i>
	<b>A recent survey found a wide range of insect life including stag beetles.</b>
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?
	<b>Ongoing surveys as part of the Management plan of the Plantation.</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for any other reason”; (if applicable)</b>
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	<b>Yes</b>
12.2	What are the other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?
	<b>The area is used by the school for curriculum-linked activities.</b>

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