

East Challow Neighbourhood Plan Appendix 10

Local Green Space Evidence Base

Local Green Space 1 – Part of L18

(see LGS Map 1 below – area shaded blue)

NPPF criteria 1 This field comprises of 8.36 hectares agricultural land and is privately owned. It is in close proximity to the village.

NPPF criteria 2 There are archaeological constraints in the fields either side and there is evidence of historic ridge and furrow farming, which is typical of village life in medieval times. The site has listed buildings nearby. There is possible evidence of Pipistrelle bats.

The area is traversed by Public Right of Way 196/6, and other footpaths, and is used by villagers for walking/dog-walking

NPPF criteria 3 This field shows example of medieval farming in East Challow.

Villagers enjoy extensive views over this land across Oxfordshire from the recreation ground and adjoining allotments.

Planning History/ Policy Context

As part of the VWHDC Local Plan 2031 Part 1, Strategic Sites & Policies, a Housing Delivery Update Supporting Paper was published in February 2014 and included “Site 23, North West of East Challow” - this site coincides with L18.

A Landscape Capacity Study was carried out which found that “only part of the site is considered suitable on landscape and visual impact grounds”.

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Local Green Space 2 - Parcel of land between Hedgehill Road and A417 Challow road (see LGS Map 2 below)

NPPF criteria 1 This piece of land is in close proximity to the village. There are residential properties along one side. The land is owned by Oxfordshire County Council and is maintained by the Parish Council. There are several established trees and a footway runs across part of the parcel.

NPPF criteria 2 It is used by villagers for walking and also has a village bench. It enhances the character of the village as a rural village.

NPPF criteria 3 This parcel of land acts as a green buffer and also is a vital open area giving expression of space and welcome to the entrance of the village from the East.

Planning History/ Policy Context

None

Local Green Space 3 - Wide grassed verges alongside Goodlake House and A417 Challow Road (see LGS Map 2 below).

NPPF criteria 1 The wide strips of land run either side of the A417 Challow road on the east side of the village. They also comprise of hedgerows and there are many daffodils planted along the hedgerow. The land is owned by Oxfordshire County Council and is maintained by Parish Council.

NPPF criteria 2 The wide grass verges are evident as you enter the main part of the village from the east. They definitely give East Challow its character and give the village a pleasant appearance and passive enjoyment for villagers.

NPPF criteria 3 The wide grass verges on the south side of A417 Challow road have footpaths running through them which are regularly used by the villagers. They also give an open area giving expression of space and welcome to the village from the East. The hedgerows along the verges contribute towards the green corridors for wildlife.

Planning History/ Policy Context

None

