

ASSESSMENT OF OPEN SPACES IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Durham City Neighbourhood Planning Forum

This document contains an assessment of open spaces within Our Neighbourhood.

Note:

There have been slight amendments to the text published in 2018:

- checking against the NPPF Feb 2019 version
- addition to the Observatory Hill LGS as an outcome of the 2019 Pre-submission consultation. Note the final Local Green Spaces are slightly different to those in this document as a result of the Independent Examination.
- addition of the information as to whether a site is an area of darkness in response to the Independent Examiner's optional modification OM11

Definition of open spaces: Any open piece of land that is undeveloped (i.e. has no buildings or other built structures on it): it can be both public or private (with or without public access allowed). Open spaces can be green or hard, or a bit of both, as shown in the table below:

Green Open Spaces	Mix of Green and Open Spaces	Hard Open Spaces
Natural / semi- natural spaces (such as wildlife sites, woodland)	Civic spaces with soft landscaping (e.g. grass, trees, flowerbeds, water features)	Civic spaces (hard) (such as town squares, public seating areas)
Green corridors (including riverbanks, cycle paths and footpaths, road verges)		Play spaces (for children and young people)
Waterways (including rivers, streams)	Outdoor sports facilities (with grass surfaces)	Outdoor sports facilities (including playing fields, open air courts) (with hard surfaces)
Parks and gardens	Roundabouts (with soft landscaping)	Roundabouts (with hard surfaces)
Churchyards, cemeteries and burial grounds (open or closed to burials)	Amenity green spaces (most commonly, but not exclusively in housing areas - including informal recreation spaces, greenspaces in and around housing, domestic gardens and village greens)	
Allotments and community gardens	Road verges	
	Vacant lot (with vegetation)	Vacant lot (with hard surfaces)

The table below lists the open spaces currently identified by the Forum. Other open spaces may exist that need identification and prioritisation, see companion document 'Looking Forwards - Durham as a Creative and Sustainable City'.

The open spaces have been prioritised see the 'Priority Code Key' below. For codes used to describe other characteristics of the open spaces see the 'Other Key' below. This assessment was carried out by the Forum based on the priority survey results, feedback from residents' groups, and documentary evidence, e.g. the saved policies from the City of Durham Local Plan.

This prioritisation resulted in the small number of designated 'Local Green Spaces' in the 2017 Pre-submission draft Plan. 'Local Green Spaces' are a very special type of green open space. The NPPF (para 99 - 100) states that "The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is: a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land." These NPPF criteria are covered in the Table below.

Priority Code Key

1 = high priority for protection as a Local Green Space

- the highest level of the NPPF criteria is required; coverage of multiple criteria is required; consideration that individually, and in their entirety, the Local Green Spaces should not comprise an extensive tract of land

2 = priority for protection via other planning policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Policy number is given in brackets e.g. 2 (G3)

3 = low priority for protection as a Local Green Space

4 = not suitable for protection as a Local Green Space

5 = protection not required already covered

- As development proposals on Green Belt land have been approved within Our Neighbourhood, and nearby, Green Belt status is not considered sufficient protection for this priority level

6 = protection addressed by initiative in the companion document to the Neighbourhood Plan 'Looking Forwards - Durham as a Creative and Sustainable City' <http://npf.durhamcity.org.uk/the-plan/looking-forwards/>

Other Key:

ASNW = Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland

BH = Burn Hall Conservation Area

CA = Durham City Conservation Area

GB = Green Belt

LB = contains Listed building / structure

LNR = Local Nature Reserve

LWS = Local Wildlife Site

N/A = Not applicable, where location of site is too large, and/or area of site is too difficult to assess

NK = Not known to the Forum

OSNA = Open Space Needs Assessment (carried out by the DCC. See summary of current report at end of this document)

- The Forum has identified additional open spaces in Our Neighbourhood to those in the OSNA

PROW = Public rights of way

RB = Registered battlefield

RPG = Registered park and garden

SAM = contains Scheduled Ancient Monument

TBA = To be added

WHS = World Heritage Site

Cath = Cathedral

DCC = Durham County Council

DU = Durham University

The priority code and related policies are specified as the situation at the Plan stage, i.e.

14R = regulation 14 draft stage (2017 pre-submission consultation)

NxtR = amended draft

S14R = second regulation 14 draft stage (2019 pre-submission consultation)

Table of Open Spaces

Note: NPPF criteria 'a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves' and 'c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.' are 'Yes' for all the sites in the table.

Grid Ref	Description	Size (ha) (approx)	Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife	Land ownership	Priority code
N/A	Green Belt in the Aykley Heads, Sidegate and Frankland Lane areas Specific areas in the Green Belt are listed individually	N/A	See specific sections listed individually. The community places high value on the protection of the Green Belt: see Priority survey results, and existence of 'Friends of Durham Green Belt'. Dark areas. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: WC129 (Aykley Heads area); Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include the Frankland area), L9b (not necessary)	See specific sites	14R and NxtR 2 (G1, G4)
N/A	Riverbanks Specific areas of the riverbanks are listed else	29.4 ha	Of variable wildlife value, some sections are purely urban (e.g. pavements and seating areas in the City Centre), others comprise woodland, farmland etc. Important for walking and recreation and as a tourist attraction. Home of Durham Regatta. The community places high value on the protection of the riverbanks: see Priority survey results. Protected under saved policy E5 of the City of Durham Local Plan See also specific areas of the riverbanks: i.e. Peninsular Woodlands, The Sands, The Racecourse. Dark areas. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9b (not necessary as in GB, or restrict to particular areas not within GB that have strong local connection, particularly Peninsula Woodlands)	See specific sites	14R and NxtR 1 (G2), 2 (G1, G3)
NZ272442	Hopper's Wood (LWS, ASNW, GB) North of railway line OSNA450 'Natural	Total: 10.9 ha 6.4 ha	Wildlife value. Recreational value, though limited access. Dark area.	DCC	14R and 15 R 2 (G1, G3), 6 (for

NZ276437	Green Space (Limited Access) South of railway line OSNA823 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	3.6 ha			upgrading all access to PROW)
NZ276434	Frankland Pond OSNA1251 'Natural Green Space (Limited Access)	0.9 ha			
NZ283432	Kepier Farm (LB) (CA, GB) OSNA1372 'Private space'	1.3 ha	Only part in Our Neighbourhood. Historic remains with restricted access. Private dwellings. Dark area.	Northern Electric Distribution Ltd private owners	14R 4, 2 (H5 for LB) NxtR 4, 2 (H4 for LB)
NZ281435	Frankland Farm (part in Our Neighbourhood) (GB) OSNA331 'Amenity Green Space'	3 ha	Working farm. Dark area.	Church Commissioners	14R and NxtR 4
NZ277432	Frankland Lane (GB, CA)	N/A	Comprises agricultural land, green open space, various commercial properties, sewage works. Dark area.	Various NK	14R and NxtR 2 (G4)
NZ274431	Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane (CA, GB, LB)	1.7 ha	Private house and gardens run as a tourist and commercial enterprise. Historic value. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q76: Policy G2 doesn't include Crook Hall and land beyond	The Bell family	14R 2 (G1, H5 for LB) NxtR

					2 (G1, H4 for LB)
NZ277430	The Sands (CA, GB) OSNA904 'Amenity Green Space'	2.7 ha riverbank strip 0.65 ha	Common land. Historic value. Grassed area. Recreational value and venue for events, e.g. annual Easter Fair. Rights held by 'The Trustees and Wardens of the Freemen of the City of Durham'. Dark area. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: EQ26 (concern over The Sands), Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include The Sands, Kepier site and land beyond), L9 (Riverside LGS: restrict to particular areas not within GB that have strong local connection)	Common land, DCC, Durham City Freeman	14R and NxtR 1 (G2 riverbank corridor only) 2 (G1, G3)
NZ272436	Aykley Heads, comprising a range of different types of space as shown below. (All GB)	DLI grounds 1.2 ha	Popular walking area. The DLI grounds have a high community value because of the association with the DLI (museum now closed) and as a resting place for ashes of soldiers. Dark area. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q16 (maintain as a green space), Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include trees and vegetation adjacent to Akyley Heads), EQ41 (The Local Green Spaces to the north of the city should be enlarged - all non-agricultural green areas), L9b (not necessary)	DCC	14R and NxtR Most of area 2 (G1, G3), DLI grounds 1 (G2), 6 (for upgrading access to PROW)
NZ267436	Durham Aykley Heads Estate Amenity Park Land (CA) (most of rest, i.e. DLI gardens, wood circling County Hall, land between rec ground and LNR) OSNA123 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	18.2 ha			

NZ270434	OSNA1115 'Park and Recreation Ground' (middle area)	5.2 ha			
NZ269432	Land surrounding St Leonards playing field (CA) OSNA2202 'Amenity Green Space'	0.9 ha			
NZ268432	St Leonards playing field (CA) OSNA2671 'Amenity Green Space'	0.4 ha	No longer used as playing field		
NZ268431	St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Cemetery, Framwellgate Peth (CA, LB) OSNA1517 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	1.4 ha	Cemetery, closed to further burials? Small dark area.	Diocese of Durham	14R 2 (H5 for LB), 6 NxtR 2 (H4 for LB), 6
NZ265430	St Leonards School (CA) OSNA919 'Education'	3.0 ha	Private playing fields	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	4
NZ267430	The Obelisk and surrounding land (CA, LB)	0.4 ha	Private land with no access. Obelisk is LB	St Leonards School (Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle)	14R Not included NxtR 2 (G1, H4)

					(for LB))
NZ268429	Wharton Park, park, various playgrounds, community garden (CA) OSNA3055 'Play Space (Children)'	0.1 ha	Urban park recently reopened after a £3M restoration programme. High value to the community as a recreational space. A formal park at the site since 1857. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include Wharton Park)	DCC	14R 5, 2 (G1, G3, C4) NxtR 5, 2 (G1, G3, C3)
NZ268428	OSNA3040 'Play Space (Youth)'	0.03 ha			
NZ268427	OSNA988 'Park and Recreation Ground'	4.7 ha			
NZ269429	Wharton Park Outdoor Gym OSNA988 'Outdoor Sport (Fixed)'	0.009 ha			
NZ268428	OSNA3047 'Play Space (Children)'	0.03 ha			
NZ269429	OSNA3025 'Assault course'	0.006 ha			
NZ267427	Flass Vale (LNR, CA, GB) OSNA1 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	17.1 ha	LNR. Recreational value. Contains ASM. High community value, e.g. successful campaign to prevent development in 1973. Site managed by the 'Friends of Flass Vale'. New adjacent developments put this area potentially at risk. Local Green space includes North End Allotments and leisure gardens. Dark area. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9b (not necessary)	NK	14R and NxtR 1 (G2), 2 (G3)
NZ264430	North End Allotments and	0.6 ha	Allotments adjacent to Flass Vale LNR and run in collaboration. Local Green space included with Flass Vale Nature Reserve.	NK	14R and NxtR

	leisure gardens (GB, CA) OSNA3283 'Allotments'		Dark area.		1 (G2), 2 (G3)
NZ272424	Fowler's Yard (CA,)	N/A	Hard urban open space	DCC	14R 4, 2 (E2, C5) NxtR 4, 2 (G1, E2)
NZ275425	High Street (CA)	0.2 ha	Hard urban open space	NK	14R 4, 2 (C5) NxtR 4, 2 (G1)
NZ273425	Market Place (CA, LB)	0.2 ha	Hard urban open space	NK	14R 4, 2 (C5, H5 for LB) NxtR 4, 2 (G1, H4 for LB)
NZ274426	Millennium Place (CA) Millennium Square Walkergate Place Freeman's Place	0.5 ha total 0.2 ha 0.1 ha 0.2 ha	Hard urban open space	NK	14R 4, 2 (C5) NxtR 4, 2 (G1)
NZ260428	Durham Johnston School OSNA1422 'Education'	6.4 ha	Private playing fields	DCC	14R and NxtR 4

NZ262424	Redhills Roman Catholic Cemetery (St Bede's Cemetery), Redhills Lane (CA) OSNA890 Accessible 'Natural Green Space'	1.1 ha	Cemetery, closed to further burials. Small dark area	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	14R and NxtR 2 (G1), 6
N/A	Quarry House Farm (GB)	N/A	Agricultural land. (part of the Neville's Cross Battlefield site). Dark area.	NK	14R not included NxtR 1 (G2 as part of Nevilles Cross Battlefield LGS), 2 (G3)
NZ255428	Arbour House Farm, Crossgate Moor (GB)	N/A	Working farm. Dark area.	Martin Corney Ltd	14R and NxtR 4
NZ265424	Crossgate Community Garden, at the top of back lane between Laburnum Avenue and Lawson Terrace next to railway (CA)	0.1 ha	Community garden.	NK	14R 2 (G1, C4) NxtR 2 (G1, C3)
NZ264423	Peskies Park (CA) OSNA2801 'Play space (Children)'	0.1 ha	Community park.	TBA	14R 2 (G1, C4)

					NxtR 2 (G1, C3)
NZ268424	Allergate Children's Playground (CA) OSNA3170 'Play Space (Children)'	0.09 ha	Public playground	NK	14R 2 (C4) NxtR 2 (C3)
NZ265421	May Street Allotments (CA)	N/A	Allotments	http://www.durhamlocalfood.org.uk/?q=node/810	14R and NxtR 2 (G1), 6
NZ255421	Baxter Wood, Crossgate Moor (LWS, GB) OSNA564 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	10.3 ha	A green corridor. Recreational, educational and heritage value (part of the Neville's Cross Battlefield site). PROW runs through it.	Church Commissioners	14R and NxtR 1 (G2 as part of Nevilles Cross Battlefield LGS), 2 (G3)
NZ260419	Nevilles Cross Infants School OSNA0 'Education'	1.3 ha	Private playing fields	DCC	14R and NxtR 4
NZ262419	St Johns Church OSNA756 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	0.2 ha	Ground surrounding the church. Field behind church for community activities. No churchyard. Small dark area	Diocese of Durham	14R 2 (G1, C4) NxtR 2 (G1, C3)
NZ263417	Banks Playing field plus land falling to Archery Rise Playing field OSNA3309 'Outdoor	0.6 ha	Community playing field, associated with amenity green space. Dark area.	?Banks	14R Playing field: 2 (G1, C4) Amenity

	Sport (Private)				green space 2 (G1) 14R Playing field: 2 (G1, C3) Amenity green space 2 (G1)
N/A	Land adjacent to Cross Valley Court and railway embankment, W A167, N Neville's Cross traffic lights (GB)	N/A	Amenity green space. Not considered suitable for consideration as a NP housing site because of GB. Also part of the Neville's Cross Battlefield site. Dark area. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L23 (Re: Policy G1 identify green space including Cross Valley Court and the rail embankment)	NK	14R and NxtR 1 (G2) as part of Neville's Cross Battlefield site)
NZ264422	Land down into Crossgate backing Farnley Hey Rd, May St, Byland Close (CA)	1.3 ha	Amenity green space. Note parts very steep. A public footpath goes through the northern part of this land, running from Laburnum Avenue to Farnley Ridge. Dark area.	NK	2 (G1)
N/A	Nevilles Cross Battlefield (part in Our Neighbourhood) (GB)	34 ha	Historic value of national importance, recreational value. PROW and roads provide views of the battlefield. High community value. Lengthy and eventually successful campaigns (2) against residential development fought some 30 years ago by the Crossgate Moor Action Group formed to oppose residential development on what was known as the Toll House Road site. Dark area. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9b (not necessary)	Various NK	14R and NxtR 1 (G2)

NZ274428	Durham Sixth Form Centre, includes all weather pitches (CA) OSNA865 'Education'	1.4 ha	Private playing fields	DCC	14R and NxtR 4
NZ276428	St Nicholas Cemetery, Providence Row (CA) OSNA2929 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	10 ha	Cemetery, closed to further burials. Small dark area	?Diocese of Durham	14R 2 (G1, H6 for built structures), 6 NxtR 2 (G1, H4 for built structures), 6
NZ273422	Palace Green (CA, WHS)	0.3 ha	Open grassed space between Cathedral and Castle. Venue of DU events and many other events. Key component of the WHS. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include Palace Green)	DU	14R and NxtR 2 (H1), 5
NZ273420	The College (CA, WHS)	0.6 ha	The open green space in the Cathedral Precinct, with grass, trees and flowerbeds. Key component of the WHS. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include The College)	Cath	14R and NxtR 2 (H1), 5
NZ271418	Peninsular Riverbanks (CA, WHS) West: OSNA2657 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	12.6 ha	Woodland of wildlife value. Historic value. Historic riverbank gardens and walks, forming part of an 18th century designed landscape. High community value as a walking area and a location for events, e.g. Lumiere. Key tourist attraction. Iconic views to and from the Cathedral and Castle. Dark area (full details given in Appendix D. Table D1) 2017 Pre-submission consultation:	Council, University, Cathedral	14R and NxtR 1 (G2 section as part of riverbanks LGS), 2 (H1, G3)

			L28 Riverbank gardens, L9b (specify peninsula woodlands as part of the riverbank LGS)		
NZ271422	St Margaret's Cemetery, Margery Lane (CA, LB) OSNA2946 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	2.8 ha	Cemetery, closed to further burials. Wildlife refuge, walking, historic value. Protected, in combination with St Margaret's allotments, under saved policy E5 of the City of Durham Plan. Dark area	Diocese of Durham	14R 1 (G2) NxtR 1 (G2), 2 (G3)
NZ268420	St Margaret's Allotments (CA) OSNA238 'Allotments'	2.4 ha	Gardening, leisure, historic value. Successful public campaign to stop development over 25 years ago. Protected, in combination with St Margaret's cemetery, under saved policy E5 of the City of Durham Plan. Dark area	NK	14R 1 (G2) NxtR 1 (G2), 2 (G3)
NZ265420	St Margaret's School, Crossgate Peth (CA) OSNA3032 'Education'	2.8 ha	Private playing fields	Cath, Diocese of Durham (3858)	14R and NxtR 4
NZ266418	Durham Archery Lawn Tennis Club	1.1 ha	Private sports club	DU	14R and NxtR 4
NZ268416	Durham School (CA) OSNA2492 'Education'	11.6 ha	Private playing fields. Dark area. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include Durham School)	Durham School	14R and NxtR 4
NZ276426	Quaker Burial Ground, off Claypath (CA)	NK	Historic burial ground in garden of private house.	Owner of house	14R not included NxtR 6
NZ278427	Bakehouse Lane	0.02 ha	Play ground within a grassed area of amenity green space	NK	14R

NZ277427	Children's playground (CA) OSNA542 'Play Space (Children)' Land surrounding playground Claypath (CA) OSNA804 'Amenity Green Space,	0.07 ha			2 (C4 for playground), 2 (G1 for grassed area) NxtR 2 (C3 for playground), 2 (G1 for grassed area)
NZ285427	Gilesgate Green (CA, LB)	0.4 ha	Historic communal green space with grass, trees, flower beds and seating. Value to local residents, and providing an attractive entry to the City centre	DCC south side Private north side	14R 2 (G1, H5 (for LB)) NxtR 2 (G1, H2, H4 (for LB))
NZ282428	Land N, NW of Travelodge Durham, A690 (CA) OSNA2009 'Amenity Green Space'	1.2 ha	Amenity green space	?DCC	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)
NZ280427	Gilesgate roundabout (CA) OSNA3125 'Amenity Green Space'	0.2 ha	Amenity green space	?DCC	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)
NZ279427	West of Gilesgate roundabout, north of	0.3 ha			

	A690 (CA) OSNA2143 'Amenity Green Space'				
NZ284426	St Giles churchyard (CA, LB) Original churchyard of St Giles and the green areas near the church: OSNA2779 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	1.0 ha	Cemetery, closed to further burials? Dark area.	Diocese of Durham	14R 2 (G1, H5 for LB), 6 NxtR 2 (G1, H4 for LB), 6
NZ285426	Churchyard extension behind Vane Tempest Hall: OSNA1943 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	0.8 ha			
NZ277425	Woodland between Leazes Road (A690) and the River (CA)	0.6 ha	Amenity green space. Small dark area	?DCC	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)
NZ286421	Pelaw Wood (GB, CA, ASNW) (part in Our Neighbourhood) OSNA1795 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	8.9 ha (whole)	Only part in Our Neighbourhood. Dark area	DCC	14R and NxtR 2 (G1, G3)
	Racecourse (GB, CA) comprising a number of different sections	riverbank strip 2.1 ha	Narrow portion of Riverbank in this location designated as a Local Green Space. Racecourse is of high community value. Site of events, particularly the Durham Gala. Iconic views to WHS. Dark area. 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't	River path DCC, rest of racecourse DU	14R 1 (G2 riverbanks , 2 (C4) (bowling

NZ279422	West: DU cricket ground and pitches OSNA3090 'Education'	5.7 ha	include the cricket field and surrounding areas), L8a (cricket ground, a Local Green Space worthy of protection), L9b (Riverside LGS restrict to particular areas not within GB that have strong local connection), Q13 (bowling green as park), Q38 (bowling green as park), Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include the cricket field and surrounding areas; include in Policy G3 [is included as a public right of way along the riverbanks])		green), 2 (G1) (rest of racecourse)
NZ279424	Far West: Children's play ground (now disused) OSNA1587 Play Space (Children)	0.01 ha			
NZ278424	Far West: Bowling Green, Elvet Waterside (now disused)	0.1 ha			
NZ285422	East: Durham City Bowls Club, DCCC, DU Rugby Field OSNA423 'Outdoor Sport (Private)'	3.7 ha			
NZ284420	Green Lane allotments (GB, CA)	0.2 ha	Private allotments. Small dark area	NK	14R and NxtR 2 (G1), 6
NZ283418	Durham City Rugby Football Club GB, CA	5.5 ha	Private sports facilities	Rugby Club	14R and NxtR 4
	Hollow Drift, field adjacent to Durham City Rugby Club ground (CA)	0.27 ha	Amber site in SHLAA so not suitable for consideration as a NP housing site. Assessed by AECOM as a PBSA site: not suitable	DU	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)
	All the flat land at				

	the bottom of Whinney Hill, up to the river, including an extremely narrow strip following the footpath up to Green Lane, but not the rest of the woodland between that and the other path that leads to Green Lane alongside the allotments OSNA2968 'Outdoor Sport (Private)'				
NZ275419	St Oswald's Church, Church Street (CA, LB) OSNA2674 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	1.0 ha	Cemetery, closed to further burials. Small dark area	Diocese of Durham	14R 2 (G1, H5 for LB), 6 NxtR 2 (G1, H4 for LB), 6
NZ276417	St Oswald's School playground (CA) OSNA301 'Education'	0.2 ha	Private playground	NK	private playground 14R and NxtR 4
NZ277418	Oswald Church old churchyard E of Church St adjacent to school (CA) OSNA2095 'Amenity Green Space' playground	0.4 ha	Public access park containing children's playground		Public park and playground 14R

NZ276418	OSNA3187 'Play Space (Children)	0.04 ha			2 (G1, C4) NxtR 2 (G1, C3)
NZ277416	Stockton Road Cemetery (CA) OSNA2731 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	0.9	Cemetery, closed to further burials. Small dark area	?Diocese of Durham	14R and NxtR 2 (G1), 6
NZ270414	Bow Cemetery, Potters Bank OSNA2395 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	0.6 ha	Cemetery, closed to further burials, except in exceptional circumstances. Wildlife value. Adjacent LB. Included as part of the E5.2 open space (Mount Oswald-Elvet Hill Parkland Landscape Area) in the City of Durham Local Plan (saved policy E5). Small dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9 (include in Observatory Hill LGS)	?Diocese of Durham	14R 3, 2 (G1, H5 for LB), 6 NxtR 3, 2 (G1, H4 for LB), 6 or NxtR 1 (G2), 2 (G1, H4 for LB)
NZ271414	Fields off Potters Bank (i) bottom of Potters Bank NW of St Mary's College (CA)	1.3 ha	Agricultural land. Not suitable for consideration as NP housing sites: (i) CA considerations would need considerable mitigation, access; (ii) WHS views, access, topography. Included as part of the E5.2 open space (Mount Oswald-Elvet Hill Parkland Landscape Area) in the City of Durham Local Plan (saved policy E5). Dark areas 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9 (include in Observatory Hill LGS) Assessed by AECOM in the sustainability assessment: include	DU	14R 2 (G1) NxtR 1 (G2)
NZ268412	(ii) falling down from Elvet Hill / St Aidan's College, S of Potters	1.6 ha			

	Bank				
NZ271416	Chorister's School Playing Field, W Potter's Bank roundabout	0.7 ha	Private playing field. Included within Observatory Hill LGS. Small dark area	NK	14R and NxtR 1 (G2)
NZ268416	Observatory Hill (CA)	12 ha	Wildlife value. Recreational value. Highly valued by local community. Identified as a key green open space by the Nevilles Cross Community Association. Preservation of WHS views. Protected under saved policy E5 of the City of Durham Local Plan. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9b (add Bow Cemetery, field behind Aidan's College S of Potters Bank, field NW of St Mary's college, L12 (remove field to West), L23 (include in G3) Assessed by AECOM in the sustainability assessment: include the additional areas (L9), keep the field to the West (L12)	Cath, DU	14R 1 (G2) NxtR 1 (G2), 2 (G3)
	Land in Durham School grounds plus Clay Lane (PROW) (CA)		Wildlife value. Biodiversity, views to and from WHA. Historic value. Dark area 2019 Pre-submission consultation L10,L14,L13: Add to Observatory Hill LGS Assessed by AECOM in the sustainability assessment: include		S14R
N/A	Green belt at Maiden Castle, land south/south east of the A177 and east of the A167, land west of the A167	N/A	Specific sections listed individually. The community places high value on the protection of the Green Belt: see Priority survey results, and existence of 'Friends of Durham Green Belt'. Dark areas 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9b (not necessary)	See specific sites	14R 2 (G1, G4) NxtR 2 (G1, G4 (for land west of the A167 only))
NZ262408	Fields bordering W of A167 in Merryoaks (GB)	N/A	Agricultural land. Not suitable for consideration as a NP housing site as GB. Dark area	?Persimmon	14R and NxtR 4

	Long woodland strip (GB) Maiden Castle Wood (CA, LWS, ASNW), Houghall Wood (CA, LWS), Great High Wood (ASNW), Hollingside Wood (ASNW), Blaid's Wood (LWS, ASNW) Little High Wood (LWS)	Maiden Castle Wood: 8.1 ha. Great High Wood: 19 ha. Hollingside Wood: 11 ha. Blaid's Wood: 5.3 ha	Near continuous block of woodland with public access. Wildlife value (see designations). Leisure, recreation, high community value, e.g. the bluebells in Great High Wood. Historic value. Note: Little High Wood not in the LGS. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9b (not necessary, if included add extra i.e. dene south of Blaid's Wood and connecting with Hollingside Wood and Low Burnhall Wood)	TBA	14R and NxtR 1 (G2), 2 (G3)
NZ282416 NZ279413 NZ276409 NZ275405 NZ273405	Maiden Castle Wood Houghall Wood Great High Wood Hollinside Wood and 'Native Trees and Woodland' area of the Botanic Gardens (Houghall, Maiden Castle & Little Woods) OSNA3141 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	36.7 ha 6.3 ha 3.5 ha			
NZ274412	Little High Wood (Houghall, Maiden Castle & Little Woods - [only part of Little High Wood]) OSNA1064 'Accessible Natural	5.1 ha			

	Green Space'				
NZ268402	Blaid's Wood OSNA3111				
NZ280416 NZ279415	Whinney Hill and Mount Joy Hill Both (CA, GB)	4.1 ha 3.4 or 4.4 ha	Fields, agricultural land, PROW along part of edge of these areas. Dark areas 2017 Pre-submission consultation: WC158 (add both to LGS), WC175 (add Whinney Hill to LGS)	Whinney Hill DCC Mount Joy Hill NK	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)
N/A NZ271404	Durham University, including college grounds (some in CA, LB) Durham Hill colleges, various sports facilities and open green spaces Very large area of DU open space OSNA708 'Education'	 59 ha	Private. Many colleges limited public access by invite only, e.g. Heritage Open Days. Some colleges have public footpath through access. Dark areas 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include the University colleges)	DU most colleges, some colleges independent, e.g. Grey College = Church Commissioners	14R 4, 2 (G1, H5 for LB), 6 (for upgrading access to PROW) NxtR 4, 2 (G1, H4 for LB), 6 (for upgrading access to PROW)
NZ284414	Durham University, Graham Sports Centre (GB) OSNA731 'Education'	13.8 ha	Private inside and outside sports facilities, some community access	DU	14R and NxtR 4
NZ281410	East Durham College, Houghall Campus, sports	31.5 ha	Private, some public footpath access, e.g. to Arboretum and Pinetum. Dark area	East Durham College	14R and NxtR 4, 2(G1),

	pitches, working farm, equine centre, arboretum and pinetum (GB) OSNA3103 'Education'				6 (for upgrading access to PROW)
NZ273407	Botanic Gardens, Durham University, South Road (GB)	9.4 ha	Private garden, with public paid access as a tourist, leisure and University outreach activity 2017 Pre-submission consultation: Q24 (add to local green spaces), Q76 (Policy G2 doesn't include the Botanic Gardens and surrounding areas), WC133 (add as LGS), WC209 (add as LGS)	DU	14R and NxtR 2 (G1, G3)
NZ269402	Durham Cemetery and Crematorium, South Road (GB) OSNA1293 'Churchyards and Cemeteries'	5.5 ha	Operational. Dark area.	DCC	14R and NxtR 5, 6
NZ265401	Durham High School for Girls (GB) OSNA1914 'Education'	5.2 ha	Private playing fields. Dark area	D High School	14R and NxtR 4
NZ263406	Elvet Moor Farm (GB)	N/A	Working farm. Dark area	?DCC	14R and NxtR 4
NZ264398	Farewellhall West Farm (GB)	N/A	Working farm. Dark area	DCC	14R and NxtR 4
NZ261417	Former orchard (apparently) surrounded by developed land.	0.6 ha	Amenity green space. Not considered suitable for consideration as a NP housing site because of lack of access. Small dark area	NK	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)

	(North from The Downs, roughly across the road from Enterprise Car hire)				
NZ261414	Private undeveloped land surrounding Lowes Barn housing (going north from Lowes Barn Bank road)	1.8 ha	Amenity green space. Not suitable for consideration as a NP housing site because of access and topography problems. Dark area	NK	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)
NZ260410	St Cuthbert's Hospice	1 ha	Private garden 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L23 (Re Policy G1 green space be identified including land at St Cuths Hospice)	?Hospice	14R and NxtR 2 (G1)
	Parkhouse Road, various sections (GB)		Community facilities	NK	14R 2 (C4)
NZ261410	Playground OSNA2238 'Play Space (Children)'	0.04 ha	Public playground		NxtR 2 (C3)
NZ261410	Multi-purpose court OSNA33 'Play space (Youth)'	0.02 ha			
NZ262410	Bowls club OSNA1720 'Outdoor Sport (Fixed)'	0.1 ha			
NZ262409	Land encircling football pitch OSNA749 'Park and Recreation Ground'	1.1 ha			

NZ262408	Football pitch OSNA2719 'Outdoor Sport (Pitches)'	0.5 ha			
NZ260412	Lowesbarn, land falling down from Merryoaks towards the River Browney (GB) including North Wood (LWS, ASNW, GB) OSNA2617 'Natural Green Space (Limited Access)'	13 ha	Wildlife value North Wood (part in Our Neighbourhood) not accessible by public footpath in Our Neighbourhood. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: WC154: Lowesbarn - Not accessible by public footpath.	NK	14R Lowesbarn - 2 (G1, G3) North Wood - 2 (G1) NxtR Lowesbarn and North Wood 2 (G1, G4), 6 (for upgrading access to PROW and future inclusion in G3)
NZ260402	Moorhouse Wood (LWS, ASNW, GB)	2.3 ha	Wildlife value. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: WC154: Moorhouse Wood - Not accessible by public footpath.	NK	14R 2 (G1, G3) NxtR 2 (G1, G4), 6 (for upgrading access to PROW)

					and future inclusion in G3)
NZ259400	Borehole Wood (ASNW, GB)	1.1 ha	Wildlife value. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: WC154: Borehole Wood - Not accessible by public footpath.	NK	14R 2 (G1, G3) NxtR 2 (G1, G4), 6 (for upgrading access to PROW and future inclusion in G3)
NZ260396	Farewellhall Wood (ASNW, GB)	3.6 ha	Wildlife value. Dark area	NK	14R and NxtR 2 (G1, G3)
NZ269388	Low Burnhall Wood, Woodland Trust (GB) OSNA1840 'Accessible Natural Green Space'	67.3 ha	Recently developed woodland on previously agricultural land. Becoming a popular walking space. The Forum has received a written guarantee from the Woodland Trust that the wood will be maintained in perpetuity so its protection and enhancement is assured. Dark area	Woodland Trust	14R and NxtR 5, 2 (G3)
NZ274397	Saltwell Gill Wood (woodland south of footpath 31 and west of footpath 29) (LWS, ASNW, GB)	6.7 ha	Not accessible by a public footpath in Our Neighbourhood. Dark area 2017 Pre-submission consultation: L9b (add to woodland LGS - dene south of Blaid's Wood and connecting with Hollingside Wood and Low Burnhall Wood)	?Woodland Trust ?DU	14R and NxtR Saltwell Gill Wood - 2 (G1), 6 (for upgrading

					<p>access to PROW and future inclusion in G3)</p> <p>14R dene not included</p> <p>NxtR dene 2 (G1, G3)</p>
NZ257382	Burnhall West of A167 (GB, BH, LPG, LB) OSNA2970 'Private Space'	70.6 ha	Private house and gardens. Dark area	Burn Hall Estates	<p>14R 2 (G1, H5 for LPG, LB)</p> <p>NxtR 2 (G1, H2, H4 (for LPG, LB)</p>
N/A	Footpaths	N/A	The DCC's definitive map shows the PROW in Our Neighbourhood https://www.durham.gov.uk/definitivemap Additional footpaths, many long standing and traditional, include: Flass Vale Redhills Cemetery Wharton Park Aykley Heads Part of Hoppers Wood Frankland Lane area Sidegate area The Sands	Various	14R and NxtR 2 (G1), 6

		<p>St Nicholas cemetery Hilds and Bede College St Oswald Churchyard St Oswald's park and children's playground Whinney Hill Durham University Science Site Little High Wood and Upper Mountjoy Grey College Collingwood College Durham University Botanic gardens Hollinside Wood Josephine Butler and old Ustinov Colleges Crematorium Woods connecting Blaid's Wood and Saltwell Gill Low Burnhall Wood Burn Hall area Borehole and Moorhouse Woods Durham Business School Van Mildert College St Aidans College Oriental Museum Trevelyan College Lovesbarn St Mary's College Observatory Hill Durham School St Margaret's School</p> <p>2017 Pre-submission consultation WC154 (improve footpaths within Emerald Network (G3); upgrade permissive paths to PROW; make all new paths PROW), L3 (improve footpath links within and leading out of Our Neighbourhood), Q07 (footpaths need improving; PROW need improving and better signage), Q18 (restore river and rampart walkways), WC165 and WC191 (reopen closed footpath to railway station from North Rd public toilets), WC191</p>		
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			(path improvements), Q68 (make riverside footpaths accessible to people with disabilities), EQ31 (improve accessibility of footpaths in Emerald Network (Policy G3) for people with disabilities)		
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Note: on 4th May 2017 the DCC provided the Forum with parts of the latest OSNA that were relevant to Our Neighbourhood. These were provided with the proviso: "This version of the OSNA and SHLAA have not yet had any formal signoff and are not yet published. I will inform you as soon as the full documents are available on the council's website. Be aware however that given the time since they were prepared they may require some updating, therefore the published versions could differ from what I have provided you. The documents provided are extracts from a web based geo database that are related to the DCNP area. However given the way in which the databases can be interrogated there are some sites that fall beyond the NP area." In the list of green spaces above the OSNA codes and typology are given if they were available from the above data. There has been some slight updating of OSNA sites with map information provided by the DCC on 23rd May 2018.

Open Space Needs Assessment (OSNA) - Summary

Durham County Council (2018c). Open Space Needs Assessment 2018. Part 1 of 2: Main Report.
<http://durhamcc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/file/4957343>

Definitions:

5.1.1 Allotments: "an allotment not exceeding 40 poles in extent which is wholly or mainly cultivated by the occupier for the production of vegetable or fruit crops for consumption by himself or his family"

5.1.2. Amenity green space; "The category is considered to include those spaces (minimum 0.20 ha in size) open to free and spontaneous use by the public, but neither laid out nor managed for a specific function such as a park, public playing field or recreation ground; nor managed as a natural or seminatural habitat. These areas of open space will be of varied size, but are likely to share the following characteristics:

- Unlikely to be physically demarcated by walls or fences.
- Predominantly lain down to (mown) grass.
- Unlikely to have identifiable entrance points (unlike parks).
- They may have shrub and tree planting, and occasionally formal planted flower beds.
- They may occasionally have other recreational facilities and fixtures (such as play equipment or ball courts)."

5.1.3 Park and Recreation Grounds: "This comprises the general open space surrounding play areas, sports facilities etc. used for general recreation.

- Outdoor Sports Space (Pitches). This comprises publicly accessible sports pitches (including football and rugby).
- Outdoor Sports Space (Fixed). This comprises all other non-pitch based provision including publicly accessible tennis courts and bowling greens."

5.1.4 Play Space (Children and Youth):

- "Children's Play Space – Areas of play that cater for the needs of children up to and around 12 years.
- Youth Play Space - informal recreation opportunities for, broadly, the 13 to 16/17 age group, and which might include facilities like skateboard parks, basketball courts and 'free access' Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs)."

5.1.5 Natural Green Space: "For the purpose of this assessment, natural and semi-natural green space covers a variety of partly or wholly accessible spaces including meadows, woodland and copses all of which share a trait of having natural characteristics and wildlife value, but which are also open to public use and enjoyment."

5.1.6 Outdoor Sport (Private): "Outdoor sports space with limited public access (e.g. private sports grounds and golf courses)"

5.1.8 Education: "Many schools and colleges have open space and sports facilities within their grounds. This may range from a small playground to large playing fields with several sports pitches."

"5.2.2.1 Quantity Statistics: The following tables shows the average existing provision of open space in hectares (table 5) and ha/1000 population (table 6) for each of the LPMAs in the County."

"6.7 Summary of open space standards"

"Area Profile: Durham City Part 2 of 2"

"Figure 2 Durham City Assessment Area" Map (poor resolution)

"Figure 3 Overview of open space provision in the Durham City Assessment Area" Map (poor resolution)

"Table 2 Existing supply of green space across Durham City assessment area"

Typology	Existing Provision (ha)	Existing Provision (ha/1000)	Required Provision (ha)	Required Provision (ha/1000)	Supply (ha)	Supply (ha/1000)	Provision
Allotments	6.16	0.13	42.32	0.9	-36.16	-0.77	Under Supply
Amenity Green Space	29.96	0.64	70.54	1.5	-40.58	-0.86	Under Supply
Park and Recreation Ground (Combined)	27.44	0.58	65.84	1.4	-38.40	-0.82	Under Supply
Play Space (Children)	2.09	0.04	2.35	0.05	-0.26	-0.01	Under Supply
Play Space (Youth)	0.81	0.02	1.88	0.04	-1.07	-0.02	Under Supply

Note: The figures of 'Park and Recreation Grounds (Public Combined)' includes a combination of the following typologies: Park and Recreation Ground; Outdoor Sport (Pitches); Outdoor Sport (Fixed).

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"Although meeting this shortfall is unlikely to be achievable, it highlights that there are significant shortfalls in open space provision, and demonstrates the need for on-site provision of open space with new development. It also highlights the importance of improving the access to and quality of existing open spaces to improve capacity."

"Table 3 Provision of open space for typologies with no standards"

Typology	Existing provision (Ha)	Existing provision (Ha/1000)
Outdoor Sport (Private)	11.12	0.24
Accessible Natural Green Space	356.11	7.57
Education	242.79	5.16
Churchyards and Cemeteries	17.53	0.37

"Table 4 Durham City access standards"

"Table 5 Summary of existing access issues for Durham City Assessment Area"

Typology	Current Access
Allotments	Very sporadic access with large gaps in access
Amenity Green Space	Relatively good access within the centre of the assessment area, although some gaps in access.
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Sporadic access with large gaps in access.
Play Space (Children)	Relatively good access, although gaps in access in the central part of the assessment area where there is high population density.
Play Space (Youth)	Sporadic provision with large gaps in access.
Natural Green Space	Good access to 20ha sites with a small gap in access in the north west of the assessment area.

	Also relatively good access to 100ha sites, with a gap in access in the east of the assessment area. There are no 500 Ha sites within 10km.
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"Figure 11 Existing quality rank of open space" map (poor resolution)

"Figure 12 Sites with potential for improvement" map (poor resolution)

"6.0 Summary of priorities for the area

This section brings together the analysis of the existing quality, access and quantity of open space and considers future requirements for open space from population growth, and considers the following priorities:

- Existing provision to be enhanced;
- Opportunities for re-location/re-designation of open space;
- Identification of areas for new provision;
- Facilities that may be surplus to requirement.

6.1 Existing provision to be enhanced

Section 5.3 provides a summary of the existing quality ranks drawn from the quality audit (figure 11). Figure 12 then highlights those sites which have 'potential for improvement' i.e. are ranked A, B or C. Those sites ranked D, generally have very little potential for improvement. The audit has identified a total of 7 open spaces and 7 play spaces which are ranked B-C (none were ranked A), with sites ranked B the highest potential/priority for improvement. It is expected that when allocated sites are brought forward, consideration would be given to the potential to improve the priority sites.

6.2 Opportunities for re-location/re-designation of open space

Opportunities to relocate or re-designate open spaces draws on both the quantity and access analysis. In the case of Durham City, there is little opportunity in terms of quantity, as there is an existing shortfall across all typologies. In terms of access, there is limited opportunity due to the quantitative issues, however, there is generally good access to natural green space which could provide potential for meeting shortfalls in allotments and children's play space e.g. through the provision of community food growing areas or natural children's play items if appropriate.

Although meeting the large shortfalls identified (table 2) is unlikely to be achievable, it demonstrates the need the for on-site provision of open space with new development. It also highlights the importance of improving the access to and quality of existing open spaces to improve capacity.

The level of required open space resulting from the relatively high levels of proposed development (table 6) [doesn't appear to provided this information] is considered to be deliverable and achievable through development.

6.3 Identification of areas for new provision

The assessment has identified that there is already an existing quantitative shortfall in the provision of all types of open space in the Durham City assessment area. The impact of any future housing growth is also likely to exacerbate this situation. Therefore, the need to protect existing open space and provide open space on site in new development is a key priority for the area.

Consideration could also be given to allowing public access to facilities within school grounds, in order to reduce gaps in access.

6.4 Facilities that may be surplus to requirement

Due to the existing quantitative shortfall in the provision of open space across all types of open space, it is recommended that there are no open space facilities that are surplus to requirement. Consideration could be given to the potential for natural green spaces to be surplus, however, the assessment has identified the value of these spaces in terms of green infrastructure, biodiversity and access. These factors are considered to provide over riding benefit to any other potential uses or demands."