

**ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL  
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**LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT**  
To accompany the  
**Allithwaite and Cartmel**  
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# 1. Open space, sports and recreation facilities

## How should open space be taken into account in planning?

- 1.1 Open space should be taken into account in planning for new development and considering proposals that may affect existing open space (see National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 96). Open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors and country parks.
- 1.2 It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have an ecological value and contribute to green infrastructure (see National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 171, as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development (see National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 7-9).
- 1.3 It is for local planning authorities to assess the need for open space and opportunities for new provision in their areas. In carrying out this work, they should have regard to the duty to co-operate where open space serves a wider area.

## Introduction

- 1.4 This report forms part of the evidence base for the Allithwaite and Cartmel Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.5 The detailed assessment of Local Green Space was carried out in July to November 2018, following feedback from the 2016 informal consultation and also took account and was revised following the further consultation undertaken in 2019. All of the sites were originally put forward during the very early engagement with the community.
- 1.6 The Parish Council have consulted widely on the various drafts of the Neighbourhood Plan which have included the proposed designations of Local Green Spaces. However, there has been no specific direct consultation with any landowner.
- 1.7 The assessment explains how each of the proposed sites meets the criteria for designation as Local Green Space.

## What is Local Green Space?

- 1.8 Whilst areas of open space and land of environmental value have always been identified by South Lakeland District Council, designation as a local green space is something different.
- 1.9 Introduced by central government in 2012 the designation focusses on the importance of identified areas to their local community.

- 1.10 Importantly national planning policy makes it clear that this designation should be consistent with wider planning policy for an area and should look to complement investment in the provision of new homes and employment opportunities and other essential services. It should not be means to stop these wider development needs.

## 2. Policy Background

### National Planning Policy

- 2.1 In March 2012 the Coalition Government, through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) introduced a new Local Green Space designation. This has been retained within the revised NPPF issued in July 2021. This designation allows local communities, through the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan process, to identify areas of local green space which are important to them, and which should be provided special protection.
- 2.2 The NPPF makes clear that the designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or areas of open space.
- 2.3 Paragraphs 101 to 103 of the revised NPPF state as follows:

*101: 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.*

*102. 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.*

*103. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.*

### Local Planning Policy

- 2.4 Planning policy at a local level is established in the Local Plan for South Lakeland District. Through a series of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) the Local Plan sets out the planning policies that will be used to determine planning applications and identifies areas of the district to be allocated for development and areas that should be protected.

2.5 The South Lakeland Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) contains a set of planning policies that are used in the determination of planning applications, to ensure high standards of new development.

2.6 The South Lakeland Local Plan Land Allocations Development Plan Document allocates land for housing, employment, open space and other uses.

2.7 Within the Land Allocations DPD, Policy LA1.10 relates to existing Green Infrastructure and states as follows:

*Purpose: To ensure that new development safeguards and where possible enhances the District's green Infrastructure.*

*The public open spaces and amenity spaces identified on the policies map will be safeguarded from development and, where possible, managed to enhance their visual, cultural, historic, environmental, informal recreation and biodiversity significance both in themselves and as part of green infrastructure networks.*

*Development affecting public open spaces or amenity spaces will not be permitted unless their green infrastructure significance is safeguarded or enhanced.*

2.8 In addition, POLICY LA1.11 relates to existing outdoor formal sports facilities and states as follows:

*Purpose:*

*To ensure that outdoor sports facilities for which there is a need are maintained and enhanced.*

*The outdoor formal sports facilities identified on the policies map will be safeguarded from development unless a suitable replacement facility is provided in an accessible location within the same area of need or demand and where sites are also identified as greenspace or as a green gap, the requirements of Policy LA1.10 or LA1.9 (as applicable) are met.*

2.9 Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council consider it appropriate to assess a number of Green Spaces for designation as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan.

### 3. Site Appraisals

- 3.1 The following section includes the site appraisals for the sites for designation as Local Green Space in the Allithwaite and Cartmel Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.2 For further information relating to the individual sites, please visit the Parish Council website: <http://www.allithwaiteandcartmel-nplan.co.uk>.
- 3.3 The sites included in this appraisal document are as follows:

1	Allithwaite Community Playing Fields
2	King George V Playing Fields
3	Allithwaite Community Orchard
4	Allithwaite Quarry
5	Allithwaite Allotments
6	Cartmel Park / Cricket Ground
7	Cartmel Children's Play Area
8	Cartmel Allotments

- 3.4 Having obtained information on potential sites the Parish Council must then assess their suitability for designation as a Local Green Space in the Land Allocations document. The criteria for undertaking this assessment are described below. These have been informed by the principles established in the NPPF and the additional guidance provided in the NPPG.

#### 3.5 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?**

*The Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land already has planning permission for development or where it is allocated for development in the adopted Local Plan.*

The first stage in the assessment will be to assess the past planning history of each site submitted for designation. Sites with existing planning permission or an adopted allocation will not be considered appropriate, and no further assessment will be carried out.

The exception to this may be where it can be demonstrated that the approved development would be compatible with the Local Green Space designation or where it is demonstrated that the planning permission or adopted allocation is no longer capable of being implemented. In such instances the council would continue to assess the sites potential designation as a Local Green Space.

### 3.6 **Test 2**

#### **Is the site reasonably close to the community they serve?**

The NPPF states at Paragraph 102 (a) that to be designated as a Local Green Space the area should be reasonably close to the community they serve.

*The proposed Local Green Space should normally be within easy walking distance of the community it serves. Sites which are entirely isolated from the community will not be considered appropriate. As a guide the council propose to define 'reasonably close' as within 5 minutes and 10 minutes walking time.*

It is recognised that some discretion may be needed depending on the topography of the area, mobility and size of the community the green space serves, the size and function of the green space itself, why the area is seen as special, and the value placed upon it by the community.

### 3.7 **Test 3**

#### **Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?**

Whilst there is no size threshold proposed for the identification of Local Green Spaces the council would expect the size of the area to reasonably relate to the community that it serves.

The NPPF is clear at paragraph 102 (c) that the Local Green Space designation should only be used where the land is not an extensive tract of land.

### 3.8 **Test 4**

#### **Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?**

The NPPF is clear at paragraph 102 (b) that the proposed designation of spaces must be based on evidence to demonstrate why the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance. To meet this requirement an area must fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

##### ***Beauty:***

This relates to the visual attractiveness and aesthetic value of the site, and its contribution to townscape, landscape, character and/or setting of the settlement. To be identified as a Local Green Space the council would normally expect an area to contribute significantly to the local identity and character of the area, playing an important role in defining the sense of place



of an area and where relevant in defining the physical form and layout of the settlement.

***Historic significance:***

The site is viewed to be of local significance because of its historic importance to the local community. This could be because of the location of a historic asset within it, the areas role in providing the setting for heritage assets or other locally valued landmarks or because of the areas cultural associations and importance to local history. The areas status as common land may be a further example of the historic value of a site to the local community.

***Recreational value***

The site holds a local significance for recreation providing an important asset for the community for a particular recreation activity or for a range of activities. This could be for formal or informal activity.

***Tranquillity***

The site submitted is viewed to be of importance to the local community because of the tranquillity it provides, offering a place for reflection and peaceful enjoyment. This is a subjective assessment, and the council will require clear justification why an area is of particular value in relation to this criteria.

***Richness of wildlife:***

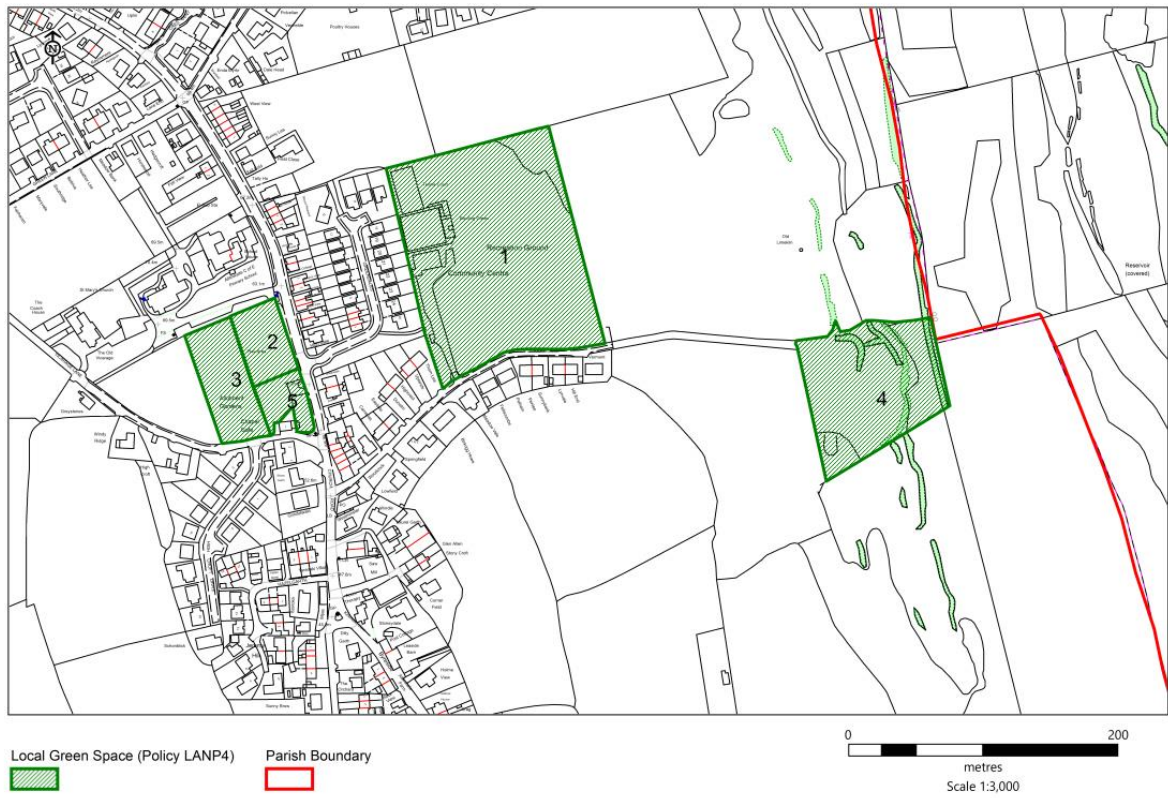
The site is viewed to be of local significance because of the wildlife it is home to. It should be noted that in considering this criterion the council will require justification as to why existing levels of protection e.g. Biological Heritage Sites, SSSIs are insufficient and why the area warrants additional protection beyond that currently provided.

***Other Reason:***

The proposed site has a particular local significance for the community for reasons other than those identified above. This could be for a range of reasons including for example the areas role in providing community cohesion and/or its status as an asset of community value.

4.9 A flow chart detailing the process is contained in appendix 1.

# Map 1 Allithwaite Local Green Spaces



**1. Allithwaite Community Centre and Playing Fields**



Site Reference	1
Site Name	Allithwaite Community Centre and Playing Fields
Site Address	Quarry Lane, Allithwaite
Settlement	Allithwaite
Put forward through	Community Consultation

Planning Permission for alternative use	No
Allocated for alternative use	No
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	The site is located within the village of Allithwaite.
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

Extensive tract of land	The site is not considered to be an extensive tract of land, in area roughly 2 Ha
Local in character	The site lies within the heart of the village of Allithwaite and provides walking, bowling, cycling (pump track) and football for both senior and junior teams, designated in the Neighbourhood Plan.
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	<p>Parish Council installed donated bench at the centre, which is well used. It creates a visually pleasurable 'village green' feel to this area of Allithwaite.</p> <p>The range of trees planted at the site, ensure a show of colour across the seasons. There is a profusion of late summer berries, and maples with a show of colours in autumn contrasting with the rowans and silver birch</p>
Historic Significance	The area was developed in the 1950's when the houses on Quarry Lane were developed, as part of the national post-war policy for integrating green space into estates. The

	<p>green area sets the houses back from the main road and ensures a sense of space.</p> <p>The trees gifted to the village by a villager, and the bench is sited to enable the less mobile villagers to enjoy the trees and birds.</p>
Recreational value	The green space is used for sitting, resting, informal play, Bowling, football, cycling (pump track) and taking time to enjoy the peace the space offers. The annual Allithwaite carnival and dance takes place in July each year.
Tranquillity	<p>Residents specifically go to enjoy the tranquillity of this island of green space which is sufficiently apart from Church Road to enjoy the birds song when sitting on the bench(s).</p> <p>This area is important for elderly people who cannot walk far from the surrounding houses or wish to rest walking to and from the centre of Allithwaite.</p>
Richness of Wildlife	The trees planted at the site provide a haven for birds and other wildlife.
Assessment	<p>This peaceful and tranquil piece of land is important in allowing villagers with limited mobility to rest as they walk between Allithwaite and Cartmel. It is enjoyed by those who stop to sit and those who walk past between the two centres.</p> <p>It is also well-used for recreation and provides a valuable green asset to the immediate area.</p>
<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>The Steering Group believes that this quiet and tranquil area of grass and trees should be designated a Green Space in order that the residents of the area can continue to enjoy the peace and tranquillity, as well as the villagers walking. It sits between a set of houses and could become a possible development target and we wish to protect it for future generations.</p> <p>The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

## 2. King George V Play Ground



Site Reference	2
Site Name	King George V Play Ground
Site Address	Church Road, Allithwaite
Settlement	Allithwaite
Put forward through	Community Consultation



Planning Permission for alternative use	No
Allocated for alternative use	No
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	The site is located within the heart of the village of Allithwaite, surrounded by the Orchard and Allotments.
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

Extensive tract of land	The site is 0.198 ha. It is not considered to be an extensive tract of land.
Local in character	The site lies within the heart of the village of Allithwaite
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	The KGV is a superb example of a village playground for young children. It abuts the community Orchard and Allotments.
Historic Significance	KGV was set up in 1937 ...
Recreational value	<p>The park is popular with local people. The park offers a good mix of activities, family fun and recreational use, as well as a pleasant place to relax and enjoy the setting.</p> <p>The play area is stimulating, challenging and adventurous and caters for the younger children and abilities. There is something for the whole family and it is a very popular site.</p>

	Overall, this is a great play area offering hours of enjoyment and fun.
Tranquillity	The site is noted to be located off the main road, at the side of St Mary's Church and the Orchard.  The surroundings are noted to be very peaceful with a peaceful sport taken at a relaxing pace.
Richness of Wildlife	N/A
Assessment	The site provides a valuable recreation resource for local Residents and their children. The consultation confirms the value of this site to the local community providing an important resource for a range of ages. The area has a historical significance within Allithwaite, and is an area known for its tranquillity.
<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.



### 3. Allithwaite Community Orchard



Site Reference	3
Site Name	Allithwaite Community Orchard
Site Address	Vicarage Lane, Allithwaite
Settlement	Allithwaite
Put forward through	Community Consultation

Planning Permission for alternative use	No
Allocated for alternative use	No
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	<p>The site is located adjacent to Vicarage Lane and KGV and provides the school with access to wildlife.</p> <p>It clearly serves the whole village and as such can be viewed to meet the requirements of this test.</p>
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
Extensive tract of land	The site is 0.321ha. It is not considered to be an extensive tract of land.
Local in character	The site lies adjacent to Vicarage Lane and St Mary's Church.
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries defined by its function and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	<p>The orchard design has grass footpath areas amongst the mixture of more than 50 apple varieties some local, some very old and some modern mixed with local Lyth Valley damsons' this is a traditional mixture in the local area.</p> <p>Protection cages were constructed, apple varieties chosen and soil test and remedial lime added to the ground. One meter planting squares were dug to a one meter depth and natural fertiliser and manure added to the areas as planting proceeded.</p>
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	<p>Three entrances have been constructed to enter and exit the area with a small number of benches to sit in various locations within the east facing sloping site.</p> <p>A bee apiary has been established by local bee keepers, it will be surrounded by a restricted fence to avoid interference with the bee hives.</p>
Historic Significance	<p>The Allithwaite Community Orchard is an area of open green space within the village of Allithwaite in the Parish of Lower Allithwaite. It has the potential to be a haven for wild life, wild fauna and low key public recreation.</p> <p>The aim is to maximise wild life and landscape value of the site and to encourage quiet recreational use of the area within a controlled but flexible maintenance regime.</p> <p>Allithwaite Community Orchard came into fruition from ideas from the local Parish Plan, an open day was held at the local primary school in order to gauge ideas and support.</p>
Recreational value	<p>The site offers a green contrast to town life and allows for leisure activities including picnics and a quiet place to sit, as well as providing a variety of old varieties of English apples and local damsons which will be available for visitors to eat and locals to harvest.</p>
Tranquillity	
Richness of Wildlife	<p>Orchards can be potentially support a very high biodiversity, including small plants, mosses, fungi, lichens, invertebrates and birds as well as preserving uncommon and local varieties fruit. Management is required to maintain the health of the fruit trees and ensure a satisfactory crop of fruit each year including control of competing ground vegetation, pruning of the fruit trees and cutting back of any trees which are casting shade on the orchard.</p> <p>The grass area of the site may contain and support a moderate range of vascular plant species and these habitats are often excellent for invertebrates. Nettles are particularly renowned for being the larval food-plant of several large butterflies. Rank grassland is also likely to provide good cover for small mammals which may attract owls and hunting kestrels.</p> <p>Annual cutting of the grass area in late summer/autumn will help increase the botanical diversity of the sward which in turn will enhance the value of the site for a greater diversity of invertebrate and other animal species. Cutting opens up</p>

	<p>the sward which increases opportunities for herbs and fine leaved grasses rather than the rank and courser grasses which could dominate, it also prevents encroachment of trees and scrub.</p> <p>The fringes of the field are noted to be left wild and unmown providing a haven for wildlife. Lapwings, hedgehogs, bees, rabbits and all manner of garden birds are noted to have been seen in the field.</p> <p>Badgers and foxes have also been sighted.</p>
Assessment	<p>The site performs an important function for the village for both informal and formal recreation. It is a wildlife haven and a safe area for children to travel to and play.</p> <p>This area provides a valued green space at the heart of the community. Many residents expressed how much they enjoyed watching children play, watching wildlife and walking along the footpath.</p>
<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

#### 4. Allithwaite Quarry



Site Reference	4
Site Name	Allithwaite Quarry
Site Address	Quarry Lane, Allithwaite
Settlement	Allithwaite
Put forward through	Community consultation
Planning Permission for alternative use	No



Allocated for alternative use	Part of site is designated as part of Wart Barrow SSSI
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	The site is located at the end of Quarry Lane.
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
Extensive tract of land	The site is 0.895 ha. It is not considered to be an extensive tract of land
Local in character	The site lies at the termination of Quarry Lane, adjacent to the Playing Fields and several houses located on the lane. The site is 280 metres from the community centre and is accessible to the local community and is a valued asset to the area.
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves. The designated section is within the parish boundary.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	Allithwaite Quarry provides a unique combination of natural and industrial heritage. The Quarry lies within a Site of Special Scientific Interest and near an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
Historic Significance	<p>Wartbarrow is an outcrop of Urswick limestone located between Grange over Sands and Allithwaite. In 1987, 25.9ha were designated as a SSSI. Primarily because of the limestone grassland on shallow soils.</p> <p>At this time it was ranked, in terms of rareness and variety of plant species, only just behind the premier sites of Arnside Knott SSSI and Scout and Cunswick Scar.</p>

	<p>The grassy ledges above the quarry face scrubbed up with gorse and blackthorn, ash trees thrived along the base of the cliff face and around the dilapidated boundary walls. Several large sycamores dominated the quarry floor and the access lane became a narrow tunnel through the Thorns.</p>
Recreational value	<p>A chalk grassland reserve rich in wild flowers.</p> <p>Rich in flowers such as horseshoe vetch (a plant needed for the chalk hill blue butterfly) and several types of orchids, this chalk grassland reserve is best visited during the summer months.</p> <p>A yew and broad-leaved woodland can also be found around the edge of this former chalk quarry.</p>
Tranquillity	<p>The quarry is easily accessed and well worth a visit especially in sunny weather when the temperature at the cliff face can be several degrees higher than elsewhere and conditions for butterfly activity very favourable.</p>
Richness of Wildlife	<p>Principal habitats of importance include chalk grassland, with many orchid and butterfly species, yew and mixed woodland and bat hibernation sites. The site contain standing remains of lime works that are designated Scheduled Ancient Monuments, being of national significance for their archaeology.</p> <p>There was a wonderful mosaic of habitats and plant species. Small areas of scrub, woodland on pavement, bracken and limestone grassland which created ideal conditions for a variety of butterflies. Duke of Burgundy, High Browns, Dark Greens, Small Pearl Bordered Fritillaries and Northern Brown Argus were all present.</p>
Assessment	<p>The Allithwaite site has good public access with nearby train station, Kents Bank, and potential for public parking in the Community Centre which is linked by a private road to the Quarry.</p> <p>Plans to create a self-guided trail linking the Quarry lime works with a variety of routes that will provide the public with an enjoyable journey through the old industrial and wildlife rich landscape are ongoing.</p> <p>Footpath repairs and improvements will make the route more accessible and provide wildlife enhancements.</p>

<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space. Whilst part of the site is included in the Wartbarrow SSSI, the parish council consider that the site as a whole should be included as a Local Green Space.



## 5. Allithwaite Allotments



Site Reference	5
Site Name	Allithwaite Community Allotments
Site Address	Church Road, Allithwaite
Settlement	Allithwaite
Put forward through	Community Consultation
Planning Permission for alternative use	No
Allocated for alternative use	No
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

## Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	The allotments are located adjacent to Church Road and the corner of Vicarage Lane.. They provide a valuable resource for local residents.
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
Extensive tract of land	The site is 0.129 ha. It is not considered to be an extensive tract of land.
Local in character	The site lies within the heart of the village of Allithwaite
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

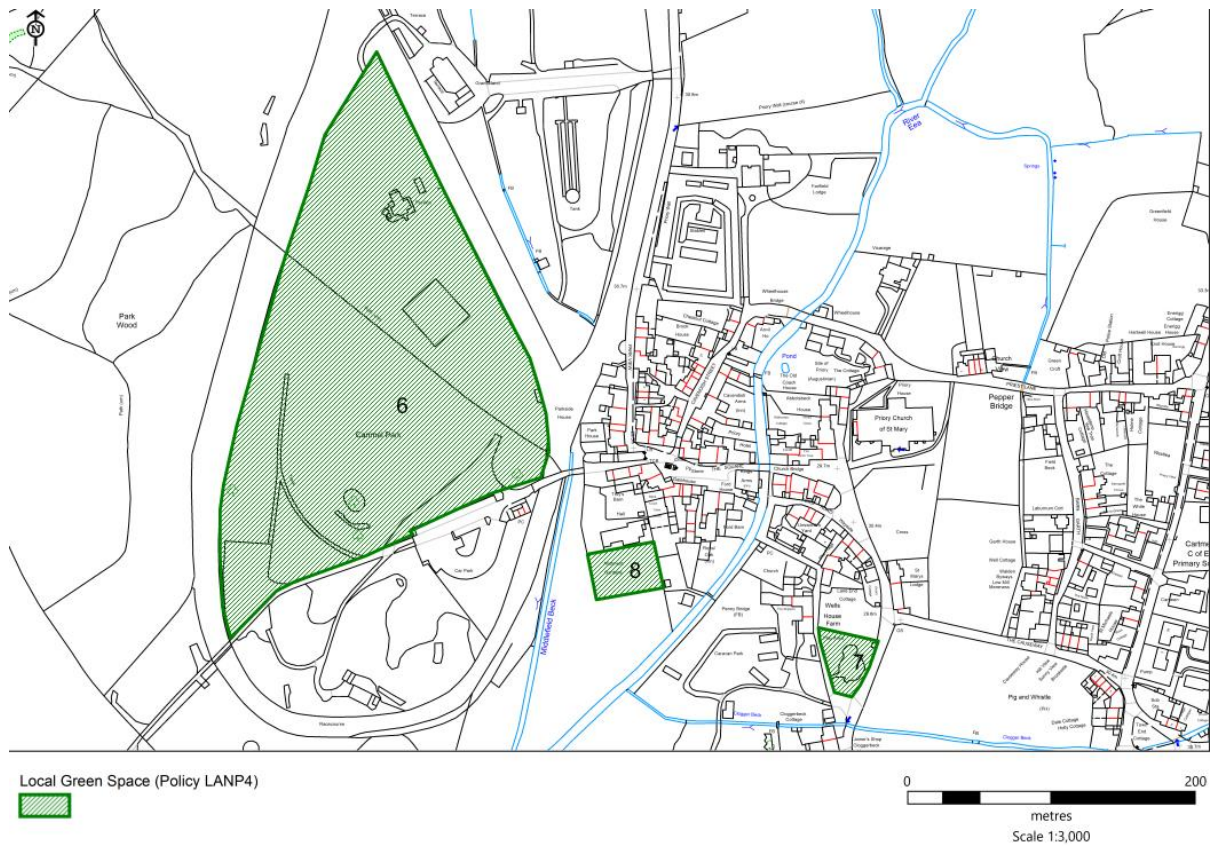
## TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	<p>The site is locally significant because it is well used and valued by the local community as an allotment garden. Allotments are particularly popular among the residents.</p> <p>This well-tended allotment garden provides recreational value for residents with the opportunity to exercise and socialise while gardening. The produce grown also contributes to sustainability.</p> <p>The allotments date to WWI when the community was growing vegetables to compensate food shortages and played significant contribution to feeding the community during WW2.</p> <p>The special qualities of the site include its strong contribution to local character and distinctiveness due to its natural beauty. It is also highly appreciated and prized by the local community as an undeveloped area of open land which contributes to its green setting and infrastructure.</p>
Historic Significance	This site is well related to and appreciated and valued by the local community and makes a positive contribution to the local distinctiveness of the village.

Recreational value	<p>The allotments are used by local people for gardening as a recreational activity and also to allow them to grow their own vegetables with benefits to health and to sustainability.</p> <p>The allotments provide healthy activities that lead in turn to healthy eating habits. The setting, adjacent to the Orchard and KGV with mature trees encircling and sheltering part of the site, together with the activities on the site and the presence of compost and manure, provides a specific environment for a wide range of wildlife which in turn provides opportunities for discovery and enjoyment for young children.</p>
Tranquillity	<p>Despite the adjacent road the site is bounded by a fence wall and falls away from the road creating a sheltered environment which is enriched by the activities of the allotment holders. Gardening on the site also provides a valued sense of tranquillity to allotment holders.</p>
Richness of Wildlife	<p>The allotment gardens contain a variety of food and ornamental planting. Within the site and along its boundaries are mixed species hedgerows, shrubs and trees.</p> <p>All of which are important for a number of birds and mammals as they provide food, shelter and nesting sites. They increase the diversity of insect species (including butterflies and bees which are currently in decline), which are a food source for bird and mammal species and can also play an important role in the pollination of plants and crops in the surrounding area.</p> <p>The diversity and population numbers of insects directly impacts the food chain for other fauna in the area and has a wider impact on the cultivation of crops. These are all vital for the wider food web and species diversity within the village's ecosystem. In the village, there have been sightings of larger fauna species such as bats, birds of prey (e.g. buzzards and owls), rabbits and hedgehogs.</p> <p>The site plays an important contributory role in the wider ecological significance of the village.</p>
Assessment	<p>This oblong shaped, well-maintained and well-used allotment is located on Church Road on the Northern end of the village. Within the site are numerous well-tended horticultural beds, water butts, sheds, compost bins and poly tunnels.</p>

	<p>Residential dwellings surround the site on Church Road with the exception of the southeast boundary where it borders the Orchard and KGV,</p> <p>A dense assortment of trees and shrubs line the site's periphery including hawthorn, birch and holly. A fence with a gates upper and lower on Vicarage Lane line the east boundary through which access to the site, and car parking, can be gained.</p>
<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>This site is well related to and appreciated and valued by the local community and makes a positive contribution to the local distinctiveness of the village.</p> <p>The LGS as outlined on the above plan is considered to be suitable for Local Green Space designation in accordance with paragraph 99-101 of the National Planning Policy Framework in that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;</li> <li>• demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance because of its recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity and richness of its habitats and wildlife potential; and</li> <li>• local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.</li> </ul> <p>The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

## Map 2: Cartmel Local Green Spaces





**6. Cartmel Park / Cartmel Cricket Ground**



Site Reference	6
Site Name	Cartmel Park / Cricket Ground
Site Address	Cartmel Racecourse
Settlement	Cartmel
Put forward through	Community consultation

Planning Permission for alternative use	No
Allocated for alternative use	No
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	<p>The site is in the heart of the village of Cartmel and is equivalent to a “village green” visually as well as being the main location for holding events.</p> <p>It is at the junction of several walking routes into Cartmel and the surrounding area.</p>
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
Extensive tract of land	The site is 4.96 ha. It is not considered to be an extensive tract of land
Local in character	<p>The site lies within the heart of the village of Cartmel and has a natural boundary with the woodland and racecourse.</p> <p>This site serves every age group in the community; football, cricket, walking and strolling for residents and visitors in the Ancient Woodland sites within the parish.</p>
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	Surrounding roads do not greatly impinge on the tranquillity of the site, so unless football matches or cricket are being played, the site is quite tranquil.
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Historic Significance	<p>Cartmel was historically situated in the historic county of Lancashire within the Furness peninsular that was popularly known as 'Lancashire beyond the sands'. It is now located within the modern county of Cumbria and the local government district of South Lakeland and is a medium sized village, the civil parish of which had a resident population of 1,783 in 2003. Located 21km south west of Kendal, over 100 km from the county town of Carlisle, the nearest small town is Grange over Sands, a secondary retail centre some 5km to the south east.</p> <p>The current conservation area includes not only the two separate built up areas that form the settlement but also the immediate landscape setting around the village to the north, south, and west, as well as a narrow corridor of meadow land which separates the two discrete areas.</p>
Recreational value	<p>The village has three places of worship with Methodist and Quaker chapels in addition to the Church of England Priory church. The latter is, itself, an important visitor destination.</p> <p>There is a Primary school, Montessori Nursery and secondary school as well as doctor's surgery and village hall and allotments.</p> <p>A large range of shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants, one of which is Michelin 2 star, all support local and visitor needs and add to its attraction as a visitor destination.</p> <p>The racecourse – once used 5 times a year for popular horse races is now developing into a venue regularly used throughout the summer for a number of large events. It also provides the home for the football club, cricket club and scouts.</p>
Tranquillity	<p>The wide open views of the racecourse and woodland, the sunsets, the trees and shrubs on the boundaries, dark skies to see stars at night, birdsong; wildlife; contributing to the tranquillity of the site.</p>
Richness of Wildlife	<p>Although the football pitches and other play areas are cut regularly, the boundaries of the site are managed to increase the wildlife interest of Cartmel Park.</p> <p>There are large mature trees, which have been underplanted with native flowering shrubs and the grass allowed to grow long with an annual cut with and added attraction with wild flowers e.g. cow parsley in early summer and yellow toadflax in late summer.</p>
Assessment	<p>The consultation process has highlighted that one of the key features that contribute to the distinctive character of</p>



	<p>Cartmel is the number of open green spaces with 94% of respondents citing publicly accessible green spaces as a contributing factor to their enjoyment of the Cartmel.</p> <p>Protecting these spaces is therefore important to conserve the character of Cartmel.</p> <p>There are also other reasons why particular green spaces may be of value to the community of Cartmel: for example, for aesthetic reasons, recreational value, tranquillity, or as a tourist attraction</p>
<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>The Steering Group believes that this area of green open space with recreation facilities, boarded by woodland should be designated a Green Space in order that the residents of the area can continue to enjoy the peace and tranquillity.</p> <p>The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

## 7. Cartmel – Children’s Play Area



Site Reference	7
Site Name	Children’s Play Area
Site Address	
Settlement	Cartmel
Put forward through	Community consultation also it is under the stewardship of the Cartmel Village Society.

Planning Permission for alternative use	No
Allocated for alternative use	No
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	The site is located on the left entering the village from Headless Cross and it provides the local community with a valuable resource for local residents and visitors.
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
Extensive tract of land	The site is 0.123 ha. It is not considered to be an extensive tract of land
Local in character	The site lies within the village of Cartmel.
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	<p>The field is noted to be a green oasis on the edge of Cartmel with various play equipment, in an otherwise built up area.</p> <p>Although a recreational area it is noted that the fringes of the field are left wild to attract a variety of flora and fauna.</p>
Historic Significance	<p>The area was developed when the houses on Headless Cross were developed, as part of the national post-war policy for integrating green space into estates.</p> <p>From this point in time it has been an informal play space at the heart of the Cartmel residents and visitors.</p>

Recreational value	<p>The site is noted to be the only recreational field within the Village for children. It is in a good location and is versatile to be used for a variety of recreational and village-based activities.</p> <p>Such areas are noted to be of significant importance in rural areas when access to other sites often relies on access to transport. It would not be possible to replace these facilities in such a location within the village.</p>
Tranquillity	<p>The field is readily accessed and used by the surrounding local community for walking, informal games and play and is shielded from the busy local roads by sturdy stone build walls.</p> <p>Individuals say they value it for its tranquillity and peace with the sound of bird song being mentioned.</p>
Richness of Wildlife	<p>The fringes of the field are noted to be left wild and unmown providing a haven for wildlife.</p> <p>Lapwings, hedgehogs, bees, rabbits and all manner of garden birds are noted to have been seen in the field.</p> <p>Badgers and foxes have also been sighted.</p>
Assessment	<p>The site clearly provides an important and valuable function for the local community. Located at the fringe of the village it is noted to have a long history of use for recreational purposes and other community activities.</p> <p>This site is demonstrably special to the local community sufficient to warrant its designation as a Local Green Space.</p>
<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

## 8. Cartmel Allotments



Site Reference	8
Site Name	Cartmel Allotments
Site Address	Cartmel adjacent to Racecourse and River Eea.
Settlement	Cartmel
Put forward through	Community consultation

Planning Permission for alternative use	No
Allocated for alternative use	No
Designation compatible with planning permission or allocation	N/A
<b>TEST 1 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Proximity to Community

Test 2 Comments	The allotments are available to the whole community, although they are allocated upon application. Friends will pass by and stop to talk and admire what is being produced. The low stone wall allows extensive views over the allotments and beyond to the adjacent woodland and River Eea.
<b>TEST 2 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
Extensive tract of land	The site is 0.152 ha. It is not considered to be an extensive tract of land
Local in character	The site lies within the village of Cartmel.
Test 3 Comments	The site does not form an extensive tract of land. It has very clear boundaries and is considered to relate well to the community which it serves.
<b>TEST 3 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>

### TEST 4 Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community

Beauty	The allotments are a good example of a village allotments, with a corresponding beauty. It abuts the River Eea and Community Hall.  Views of the racecourse and surrounding woodland form a continuous vista from various points accessible to the public and visitors.
Historic Significance	



Recreational value	The allotments are used by local people for gardening as a recreational activity and also to allow them to grow their own vegetables with benefits to health and to sustainability.
Tranquillity	Gardening on the site also provides a valued sense of tranquillity to allotment holders.  The CPRE maps indicate the area as tranquil and the site has many characteristics recognised by CPRE as contributing to tranquillity: natural landscape; trees; seeing stars at night; birdsong; wildlife.
Richness of Wildlife	The site in conjunction with the field behind is part of a valuable wildlife habitat. The site supports slow worms, abundant Roman snails (Helix), common lizards, common toads, grass snakes and the occasional adder. The allotments, grassland and surrounding spinneys have diverse and plentiful bird life.
Assessment	The allotments provide healthy activities that lead in turn to healthy eating habits. The setting, adjacent to open fields leading to a river with mature trees encircling and sheltering part of the site, together with the activities on the site and the presence of compost and manure, provides a specific environment for a wide range of wildlife which in turn provides opportunities for discovery and enjoyment for young children.
<b>TEST 4 PASSED</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	The above assessment clearly shows the site is demonstrably special to the local community and satisfies the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

## 4. Conclusion

4.1 In summary the results of the assessment are set out below (Table 1).

**Table 1. Allithwaite and Cartmel Local Green Space Assessment Summary**

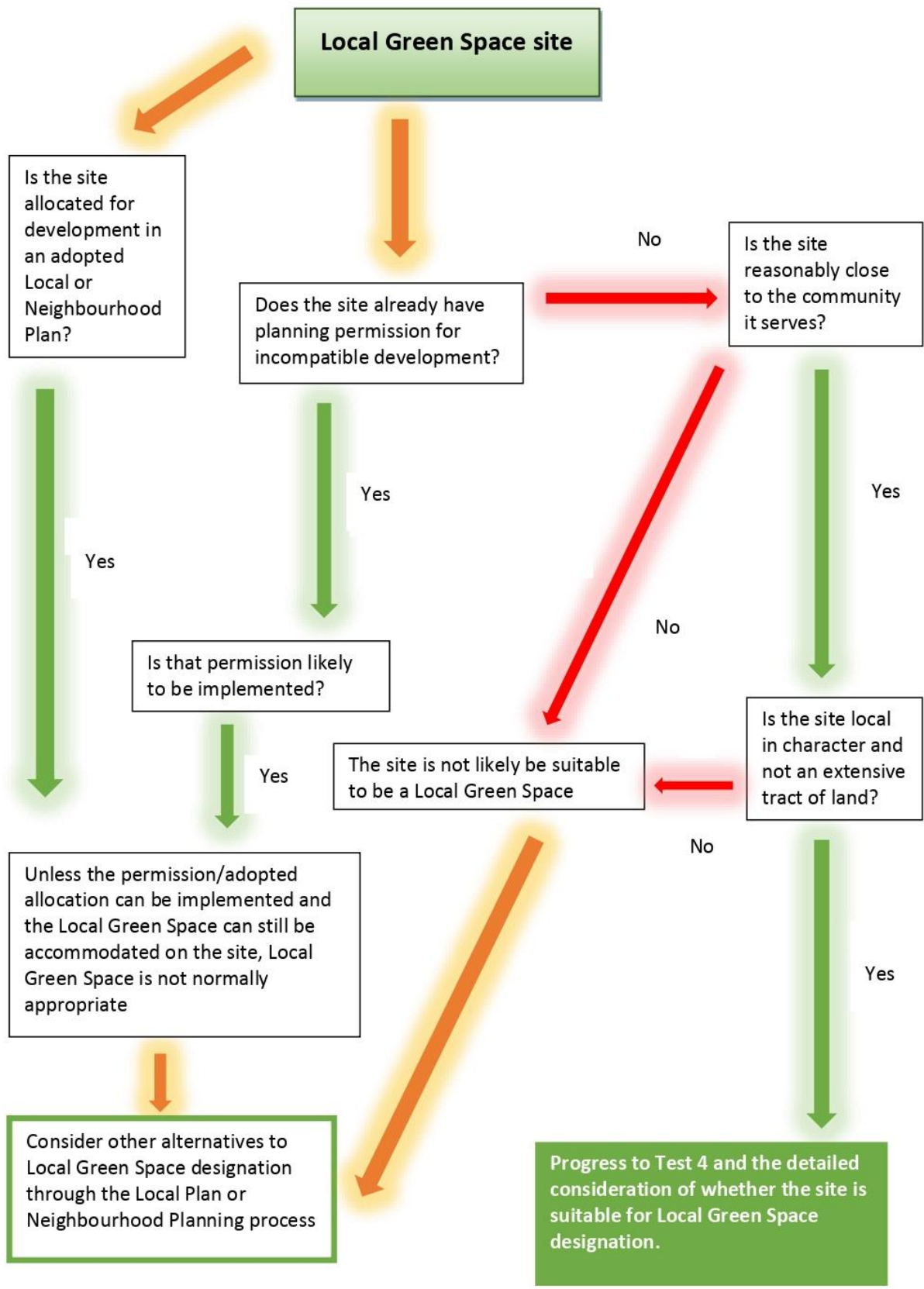
Site	Demonstrably special	Close proximity to Community	Not extensive tract of land
1. Allithwaite Community Centre and Playing Fields	√	√	√
2. King George V Play Ground	√	√	√
3. Allithwaite Community Orchard	√	√	√
4. Allithwaite Quarry	√	√	√
5. Allithwaite Allotments	√	√	√
6. Cartmel Park/ Cricket Ground	√	√	√
7. Cartmel Children's Play Area	√	√	√
8. Cartmel Allotments	√	√	√

4.2 During the various consultations, all of the sites have been included in the Local Green Space Policy. No consultation has been done requiring residents to comment on each of the individual sites. At the Regulation 14 consultation, 97% of respondents supported the inclusion of the Local Green Spaces.

4.3 Based on the assessment, all of the spaces assessed are considered to meet the criteria necessary to warrant designation as Local Green Spaces.



# Appendix 1- Assessment Flow Chart



**ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
2022 – 2032**



**LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT**  
To accompany the  
**Allithwaite and Cartmel**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**  
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