



Dear Fellow Resident
September 2021,



LOCAL PLAN

On Wednesday 1st September, Rutland County Councillors voted to withdraw the draft local plan and agreed to start the process again. The officers report recommended greater community liaison and a cross party working group, which we hope will enable greater community input and protection of our villages. This process will take 2 to 4 years and of course SGB maybe included as a potential site once again. In pre-empting this situation EWPC has been working hard behind the scenes with the background work to prepare a new Neighbourhood Plan. We are now at the stage where we request your support in consulting on the work we have done on our Local Green Spaces. We will keep you up to date on progress and thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes
Julie Gray
EDWP Chair

EDITH WESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Local Green Spaces (LGS) and Local Heritage Assets (LHA) Consultation



1. Why green space is important

Planning for green spaces can help to achieve social, economic and environmental benefits in a neighbourhood. Some of the community and environmental benefits of green spaces are:

- Being part of the public realm, where informal social interaction can take place
- Providing pitches and facilities for sports and supporting physical activity
- Forming part of a network of paths and spaces, enabling movement through an area
- Providing habitats for wildlife and a natural corridors and spaces through urban areas
- Providing flexible space for recreation, local cultural events and performance
- Adding to local amenity, providing an attractive setting and outlook for surrounding residential and commercial properties
- Forming part of the character or setting of historic areas, buildings and townscape
- Forming part of flood mitigation, such as SUDS
- Providing areas and opportunities for growing local food.

Green spaces contribute to quality of place, together with buildings, urban spaces and the wider public realm. Quality of place is a key factor in attracting investment, jobs and growth to an area. It is also important in making an area an attractive place to live, work and spend leisure time. So green spaces have real economic value to the surrounding area, in addition to creating community-wellbeing.

Achieving sustainable development

One of the basic conditions for neighbourhood plans is achieving sustainable development. The social, community, economic and environmental benefits of green spaces help to make local places sustainable.

The impact of new development on green spaces, and the provision of new green spaces as part of new development will often be significant factors in considering whether development is sustainable. Planning for green spaces needs to be considered as an integral part of the wider planning for the area.

Useful Definitions

Green Belt

A designated band of land around urban areas, designed to contain urban sprawl.

Green Field

Land where there has been no previous development.

Local Green Space

This is a formal designation that may be made by neighbourhood plans, to provide protection for green spaces valued by the local community.



What are the Criteria?

All the sites proposed have been testing against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Criteria set out in Paragraph 102, which says that 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'.

What can I do?

Review the proposed Local Green Spaces and tell us your positive or negative comments. You could give us further examples of how the space is used by the community or its value and importance, alternatively you may suggest why it should not be designated, for example it has limited community value and say why or how.

We will be holding two pop up sessions in the Village Hall on ?????????? so everyone can come along and look at what we have proposed so far. There will also be hard copies of the proposals in the shop.

We would also like your comments and suggestions in the selection of our Local Heritage Assets

We have produced a helpful guide to help understand the way Heritage Assets are selected. This can be found by following the link <https://www.edithweston.com/uploads/final-uve-draft-selection-for-local-heritage-assets-in-nps-june-20214.pdf> Again a hard copy can be found at the shop to look thorough during your morning coffee.

For example:

For inclusion heritage assets must be of architectural or historical interest, or both of these criteria.

Architectural Interest - Heritage assets which are locally important for the interest of their architectural design, decoration, materials or craftsmanship. These include locally important examples of particular asset types, which demonstrate good design qualities, including form, proportions, attention to detail, innovation and articulation. The building or structure should be a well-executed example of a particular architectural style and contributes to local character.

Historical Interest - Heritage assets which illustrate important aspects of the parish's social, economic, cultural, industrial, religious or military history. These include buildings and other structures, which have a close historical association with locally important people, families or events. These assets may be representative of a particular phase of the parish's history, including those with communal, spiritual, cultural or artistic importance.

General Principles of Selection:

- Aesthetic merits • Age and rarity
- Group value • Intactness (state of originality)
- Landmark qualities • Social and communal value

What Happens Next?

Edith Weston Parish Council will consider all the responses after the consultation closes in **12 Noon Friday 1st October 2021** and then make a final list of those to be designated as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan. For further information visit: <https://www.edithweston.com/edith-weston-lgs-audit.html>

Should you require a hard copy of any documents please contact: Cathie Gwilliam, ewpcclerk@mail.com or call 01780 460128.

If you wish to comment either positively or negatively to any of the sites in the LGS Audit or the LHA please do so via:

- Email to: ewpcclerk@gmail.com
- Post to: Mrs C Gwilliam, Edith Weston Parish Council, 4 Normanton Cottages, Empingham Road, Normanton, Rutland, LE15 8RW
- Via the website contact form <https://www.edithweston.com/fault-reporting-form.html>