Almeley Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space Assessment

Site Details		
Site/Area	**Grid Ref.**	**Description and Purpose**
Coke Yeld Dingle/Upcott Pool	3230 5131	Council owned land of c20 acres comprising of a long and narrow dingle with a large lake at each end. There does not appear to be any public access allowed through a footpath network. The dingle is bisected by a single-track road.

Checklist		
Statutory designations (e.g. SSSI)	**Site allocations (Give details)**	**Planning permissions (Give details)**
Local Wildlife Site (Special Wildlife Site).	None	None known

NPPF Criteria		
Close to the community it serves	**Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other)**	**Local in character and not extensive tract**
The space is not within or adjacent to the built-up area of one of the two named settlements. It is however, within walking distance of Almeley (approx. 0.7 miles) at the southern end.	The dingle is a long, steep-sided and narrow ravine. It is a tranquil area which is home to many species of plant life, birds and mammals.	The area is potentially an important local facility. It does not fall within a central village location or habitation.

Conclusion

Unlikely to be any pressure to change its use. It would however benefit from improved management and should continue to play a role as part of the Parish's Green Infrastructure. It is unlikely to qualify as Local Green Space and its protection should be afforded through policy ALM3.









Notes:

To be eligible for designation as Local Green Space, the space in question would need to meet the NPPF criteria.

Site details section
Include the name of the space (if there is one) and the address (roads flanking the site). Estimate the size if possible.

The ‘description and purpose’ box should include any primary purpose (for example informal grassed area, park or football pitch) and any other occasional or secondary uses.

Checklist Section

The ‘statutory designations’ box should list all designations, e.g. conservation area, register of historic parks and gardens, SSSIs (Refer to SEA Scoping document if necessary).

Existing or proposed site allocations (e.g. in a local plan) or valid planning permissions for a site should be identified. Either of these is likely to exclude that site from consideration for designation as Local Green Space.

NPPF Criteria Section

In ‘close to the community it serves’ box describe the proximity of the green space to the local community. The space should be within easy walking distance to meet this criterion satisfactorily (1.25 miles or less).

The ‘demonstrably special to local community’ should describe the ways in which the space is used or enjoyed by the community. Community engagement may be used to demonstrate this. This includes consideration of beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other values.

The ‘Local in character and not extensive tract’ box should be used to demonstrate that the space in question is a local facility and not, for example, green space in the countryside. The purpose of Local Green Space designation is to protect local spaces. Containing urban sprawl or protecting open countryside would not be proper uses of the designation.