# Almeley Neighbourhood Plan

# Local Green Space Assessment

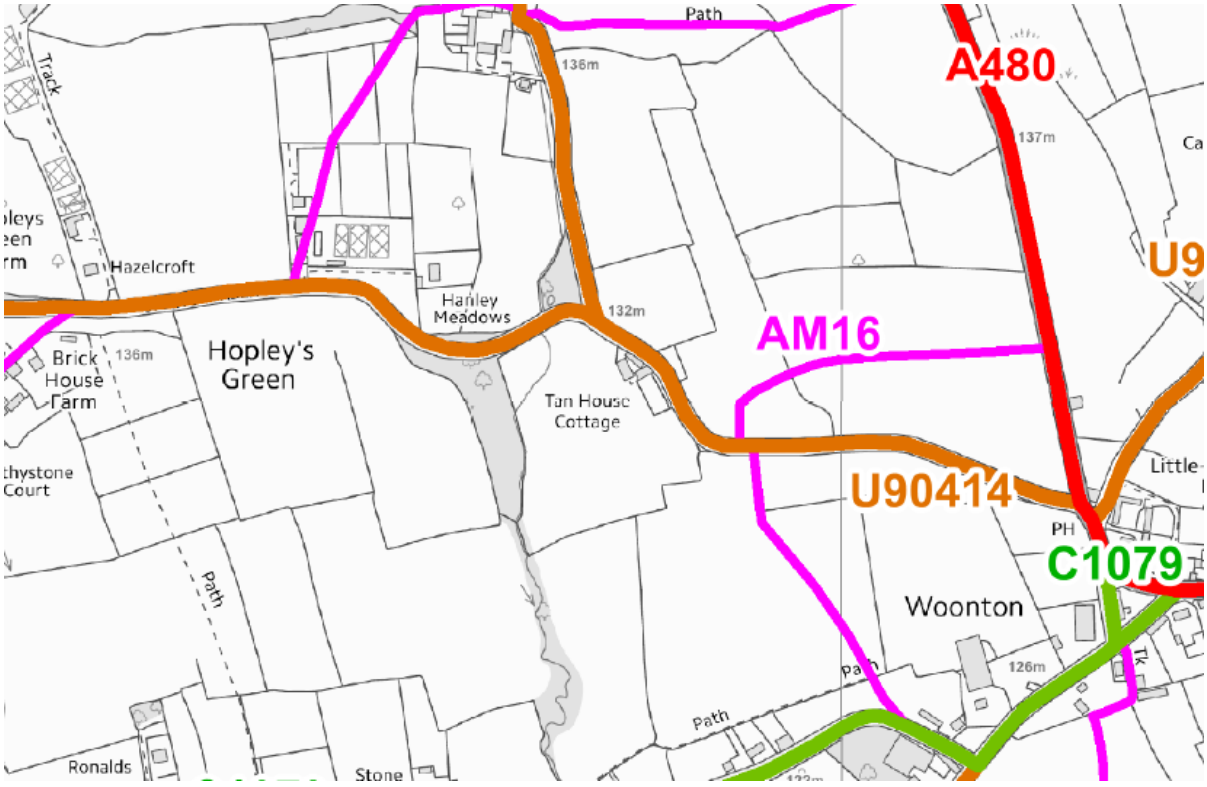
| Site Details | | |
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| **Site/Area** | **Grid Ref.** | **Description and Purpose** |
| Tan House Green | 3351 2522 | Tan House Green common is split in to two distinct areas, bisected by the road from Woonton to Hopsley's Green and a smaller road leading up to the main Woonton to Kington road. Both are also bordered by small streams.<br><br>Both areas are heavily wooded and overgrown.<br><br>The area is c2.75 acres and has grazing rights for cattle and sheep. |

| Checklist | | |
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| **Statutory designations (e.g. SSSI)** | **Site allocations (Give details)** | **Planning permissions (Give details)** |
| No statutory designations. Area is a registered common (Privately owned/vested in Herefordshire Council). It is not shown as semi-natural ancient woodland although may fall into the category of being an ancient woodland site. There is evidence of coppicing and would benefit from improved management. Tree removal on any notable scale may require a Felling Licence | No site allocation. Not within or adjacent to a named settlement. Space within open countryside. | No current planning permissions |

| NPPF Criteria | | |
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| **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 | There is an abundance of local wild flowers on both | The common is an important local facility. It |

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| area of one of the two named settlements. Within approx. 0.3 km of Woonton although noroadside footpath linking them. More than 1.25 km from Almeley village. | sections of the common.<br><br>Both areas are tranquil places for informal leisure including dog walking.Public access is evident. | is unlikely to offer opportunity for building due to the topography and size of the space available. |

| **Conclusion** |
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| The area meets a number of the criteria for designation as Local Green Space although is unlikely to come under pressure from development in that it is a site in the open countryside and policy ALM3 for the protection of nature conservation and woodland would apply. Its status as common land would also restrict development potential. Designation as Local Green Space is unnecessary to ensure its value as part of the Parish's green infrastructure is retained. |











**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.