Almeley Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space Assessment

Site Details		
Site/Area	**Grid Ref.**	**Description and Purpose**
The Batch		The Batch is the site of a Motte and Bailey and the Oldcastle Twt, a scheduled monument protected by law. It is a narrow-sided ravine of c18 acres with houses at each end.

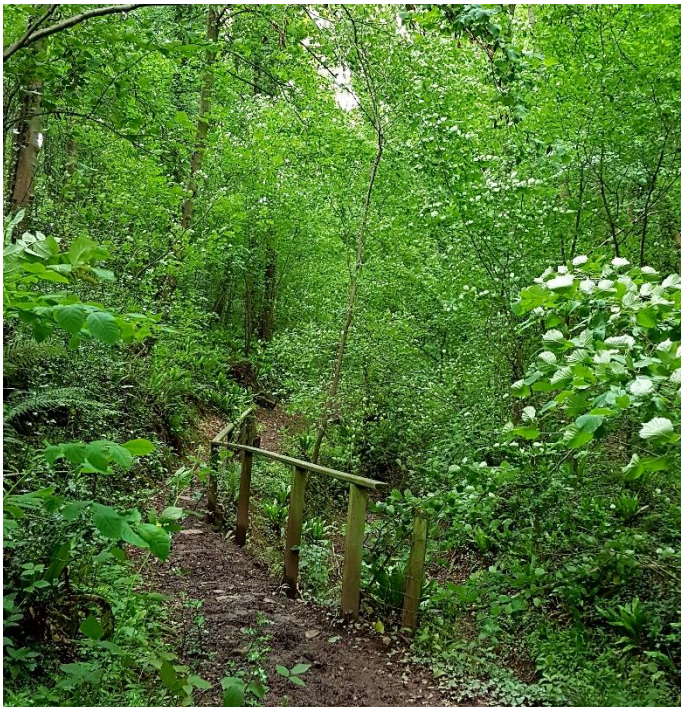
Checklist		
Statutory designations (e.g. SSSI)	**Site allocations (Give details)**	**Planning permissions (Give details)**
Land falls within Almeley Conservation Area and has a strong identity forming a specific character area. The Oldcastle Twt, a scheduled monument, falls within it.	No site allocation.	No current planning permissions

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 adjacent to the built-up area of Almeley. The Batch is traversed by a public right of way.	The Batch is a long, steep-sided and narrow ravine. It is a tranquil area for informal leisure including	The area is potentially an important local facility. It does not fall directly adjacent to within a central village location but it dwellings lie

	dog walking which is also home to many species of plant life, birds and mammals.	immediately adjacent to it. It is however very close to the village of Almeley.

Conclusion
The site is special to the community, and lies immediately adjacent to Almeley village. Even though it forms part of a Conservation area, which would protect its character and appearance to some degree, it is considered to qualify for designation as Local Green Space.





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.