

Wheathampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan
Responses to Independent Examiner's Supplementary Question
Prepared by Wheathampstead Parish Council

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We can confirm that the following proposed Local Green Spaces are located in the Green Belt and outside (although adjacent to) the settlement boundary:

- **LGS 6:** Marford Playing Fields
- **LGS10:** The Meads
- **LGS12:** Glebe and Hitchins Allotments

It is our understanding that planning guidance (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-010-20140306) suggests that for land that is already protected by Green Belt policy, consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

For these three spaces, it is considered that they should be recognised as area of particular importance to the community. Each plays a significant role in the community in terms of recreational provision, with LGS10 also having wildlife significance. Their locations, close to the community, are significant in enabling community participation and it is considered that safeguarding them as Local Green Spaces will enable this provision to be perpetuated.

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