

Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan - Local Green Space Consultation

Outcome January 2023

48 sites taken forward to Draft Plan following Consultation
(Longlist of 103 to shortlist of 54 sites pre-consultation)

See map for site plans - <https://www.audleyplan.org/greenspaces.php>

Consultation Period from 7th October 2022 to 4th November 2022

Consultation Event 1- Wood Lane 9th Oct - 3 people attended

Consultation event 2 Audley 9th Oct - 3 people attended

Consultation Event 3 - Alsagers Bank 23rd Oct - 4 people attended

Consultation Event 4 Halmer End 23rd Oct - No people attended

Consultation Event 5 Bignall End 28th October - 19 people attended

Events promoted through following methods

Face to face, adverts in shops (Rileys/Halmer End Post Office, Bignall End Post Office, Audley Post Office, Bignall End Londis shop, Wood Lane Community Centre, Wood Lane School, Ravensmead School, Alsagers Bank School, Ravensmead School, Thriftys, Tesco, Horsleys, Library, 8 x Noticeboards, Halmer End Institute, Audley Pensioners Hall, Churches x 3, Social media local pages, landowners written too, interested parties written too, Audley Scouts - Brownies and Guides, Audley Petrol Station

General Comments received and feedback at events in person

- Wood Lane Event 9th October - Support all sites (2 people)
- Audley Pensioners Hall event 9th October (3 people) - 1 person supports Alsager Road no concerns raised other than slow broadband, 2 people looking to move into Park Lane and interested

- Alsagers Bank event 23rd October (3 people) - All in support no concerns raised
- Bignall End event 28th October - 2 sets of Landowners attended to find out more information regarding Milldale pond inclusion site 58 (comments noted below). 1 person noted typo with Site 100 Brockwood Hill, also that the car park was included in Alsager Road site. 1 person requested that Audley Methodist Church Cemetery was included in the LGS. **Request to include Audley Methodist Church Cemetery (private land) - to be considered by Steering Group – Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - Not to include as sufficiently protected by NBC Open Spaces Strategy 2022**

19.10.22 - Aspire Graham Nolan - Dear Sirs, thank you for the opportunity to comment. We have no comments to make

15.10.22 - General comment - Good morning, Thank you for the chance to comment. The idea of designating green spaces around the parish is very good. I agree that all the spaces identified should be designated.

29.10.22 - **Request to add extra site by Hullocks Pool Road (Highways land) - site 102 - to be considered by Steering Group next meeting**
Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - Note this is Highway land and is likely to be objected by the Landowner based on other comments, it is covered by other legislation and may be required for junction improvements, therefore the Examiner is likely to reject this – the biodiversity of the trees will be covered under ANP9

03.11.22 - No comments from Planning Policy when asked, nothing concerns them but noted verges may cause an issue as with Chapel Hill Chorlton. No feedback from NBC landscapes or assets team - despite emails acknowledging

04.11.22 - Full response received from SCC objecting to a large number of sites - see below for more detail. SCC has no objections to sites 1, 4, 10, 20, 23, 26, 29, 36, 38, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 58, 59, 59a, 64, 66, 81, 82, 87, 89, 90, 91, 97, 100

Detailed Comments Received via email or letter during consultation

Additional Site to be included - Site 102 at Hullocks Pool Road

Respondent - 1 - Email received 29.11 and 02.11

Site 100 (Grid ref.: SJ 78256 352491) Listed as Site 100 Brookhill Wood in the shortlist I observe that Ordnance Survey mapping identifies this location as Brockwood Hill. "Hullockspool Wood" (Grid ref.: SJ 79872 52203)

This is the area Woodland immediately east of the intersection of A500, Alsager Road and north of Hullockspool Road. I proposed this area of woodland because of its location at the northern-most main road entry point into the Parish. I am disappointed to see it excluded from the shortlist as I consider it to be a prominent landmark feature and direction pointer. It serves to highlight the place where we leave the A500 to approach the village.

Please can its exclusion be reviewed?

- Close to the community it serves – gateway feature on entrance to parish – buffer between A500 and villages/Millend hamlet, landmark feature and direction pointer, serves to highlight the place where we leave the A500 to approach the village.

So whilst it's not demonstrably special under the terms "beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquility or wildlife" it has does have demonstrable merit within the term "other", whatever that means. In my personal opinion its landscape value is much more prominent than the mowed grass verge with ornamental tree and "Welcome to Audley" sign at the end of the next T junction on the left, Cross Lane. It better highlights the proximity of the northern-most settlements of the Parish.

I have no knowledge of its wildlife value. Has that aspect been assessed?

Response - Reviewed in line with criteria - the site is 1.25km from edge of the village. Could be rejected as a LGS as there is no close access to it, ie pavement or public footpath. Land belongs to Highways (National and SCC) - given SCC have objected to other Highways verges its likely they would do the same.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - This is Highway land and is likely to be objected by the Landowner based on other comments, it is covered by other legislation and may be required for junction improvements, therefore the Examiner is likely to reject this – the biodiversity of the trees will be covered under ANP9 Natural Environment and Landscape policy

Site 8 - Audley Cricket Club

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site is adjacent Holding 13 Audley Estate a Tenanted Smallholding under a private agreement for occupation which is not public or deemed green space. Highway Verge adjacent Site 8 is subject to a Planting Licence. No Objection.

Response - No impact on the proposed site.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - Ensure buildings removed from plan and amend

Site 12 - Alsager Road Allotment

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site is adjacent Holding 15 Audley Estate (Pear Tree Farm) a Tenanted Smallholding under a private agreement for occupation which is not public or deemed green space. No Objection.

Response - No impact on the proposed site.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 To note

Site 14 - Audley Football Club

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site is adjacent Holding 15 Audley Estate (Pear Tree Farm) and also adjacent Ravensmead Primary School. Ravensmead Primary School is an Education Asset held specifically for the use of the School and as such maybe required for school expansion. The land is also protected by S77 which controls its change of use and land disposal. School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (legislation.gov.uk)

SCC Object to this inclusion.

Response - Query over comments - the site is not part of the school playing fields and belongs to Newcastle Borough Council who have no comments or objections.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - Continue with the site which is accessible and used regularly by the public for dog walking, fireworks events, football matches, car park is used for parents to park for the school therefore remove

car park and buildings from the plan. Agreed to remove site 71 (which would allow the school to expand to a comparable size) but no other reasons have been given to remove Site 14. School has responded since consultation to confirm they do not have plans to expand into this site and only use the car park currently

Site 26 - Miles Green Play area

Respondent 3 - Resident email received 04.11

Thank you for your prompt response, I do mean the area immediately adjacent to the car park. In relation enlarging the car park, this would not alleviate any nearby parking issues, I am assuming you mean on Heathcote Road. There are currently 3-4 spaces available every night and the car park is almost empty during the day, If residents of Heathcote Road wanted to park on the car park they could -but don't - as people like to park their car near their home. If the council is looking to move pub traffic to this area that clearly would be unacceptable. In relation to impacting the football pitch. Any potential car park extension would be adjacent to the goals -this has the potential of young children chasing footballs onto any proposed car park with also potential damage to cars. The current existing area behind the goals provides a safe area for children to collect balls (and of course play). Further, extending this Car Park would make it more attractive to Travellers or commercial vehicle parking. The current car park is too narrow for such and is only suitable for cars. I would bring these points to the Council if any scheme if progressed. I would be therefore grateful if you could note my objection to the proposed changed boundaries of Miles Green Play Area in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Response - Parish Council are actively considering an extension of the existing car park to alleviate local parking problems. This will not impact on the football playing area or basketball net tarmaced area.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To note and retain as currently drawn, and that all concerns raised will be addressed in the event that the scheme is a live planning application.

Site 30 - Halmer End Institute

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 30 Audley & Halmer End Youth Centre is within SCC Title which is currently leased out with access under Highway Title. No objection provided all building and car parking areas are removed from the greenspace designation.

Response - Car park and buildings are included in the maps.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To amend the boundary.

Site 31 - Halmer End Allotments

Respondent 4 - Tenant email received 15.10

Thank you for the chance to comment. The idea of designating green spaces around the parish is very good. I agree that all the spaces identified should be designated.

Response - To note.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To note, no further action

Site 32 - Halmer End Bowling Club

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 32 Audley & Halmer End Youth Centre is within SCC Title which is currently leased out with access under Highway Title. No objection provided all building and car parking areas are removed from the greenspace designation.

Response - Car park and buildings are included in the maps.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To amend the boundary.

Site 33 - Halmer End Play area and Play space

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 33 adjacent Audley & Halmer End Youth Centre is within SCC Title which is currently leased out with access under Highway Title. No Objection.

Response - Noted

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To note, no further action

Site 36 - Margarets Garden

Respondent 6 - Resident email received 31.10

The only comment I would like to make regarding the proposed locations is regarding Margaret's Garden and I don't really know the history behind it but, it occurs to me that this land could be better utilised for additional short time parking in the village along with the possibility of

parking in front of the old Co-op & dentist. Perhaps the wall between the current car park and the garden could be dismantled. This would benefit the whole of the village.

The only time I have seen the garden being utilised is when the young folk of the village are congregating, usually in the evenings.

Response - Covenants and levels of the site would not make it suitable for car park. It is a small site, too small for any other purpose (originally was a drive). Land helps with the drainage of the car park, due to the drop in levels. Memorial bench has been sited in there December 2022

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To note, no further action

Site 37 - Vernon Avenue Pocket Park

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 37 includes Highway Title on verge. SCC Object to this inclusion due to Highway Title.

Response - Site has received Newcastle in Bloom awards due to efforts from local resident. There is pleasant planting and it is in the middle of housing. It provides accessible routes across the site and is well maintained.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To remove the area of Highway verge and progress as landowner of the majority of the site is in agreement

Site 56 - Barthomley Road pond

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 56 is within SCC Title -Audley Estate Holding No. 13 a Tenanted Smallholding under a private agreement for occupation which is not public or deemed green space. SCC Object to this inclusion.

Response - The site is a fenced off pond which is totally separate from the field and accessible by a gate from the green space adjacent. It provides a home for wildlife such as coots, ducks and moorhens, amongst others and people regularly visit the site to see the wildlife. The site was a public informal nature reserve for many years being leased by the Parish Council. Signs exist on the site. The County Council do not maintain the site and neither does the farmer/tenant.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 – Noted the site does not need public access to meet the requirements of LGS however there is a gate to access the site and people have been accessing this site for number of years, since the Parish

Council – not maintained was leased by the Parish Council no rational to provide evidence why not green space has high biodiversity net gain Ponds to be picked up in ANP9 policy.

Site 57 - Kent Hills Quarry land

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 57 is within SCC Title - Audley Estate Holding No. 13 a Tenanted Smallholding under a private agreement for occupation which is not public or deemed green space. SCC Object to this inclusion.

Response - A footpath runs through the site, connecting the main road to the top of the hill. The site is farmed with cattle and sheep by the tenant farmer. Access only to the footpath, however people do tend to visit in the winter with sledges etc on the hill.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To remove this as the ROW is protected and the whole site is unlikely to meet the LGS criteria upon examination due to size and because it is a farmed field which is in regular use, noted it is in Green Belt

Site 58 - Mill Dale

Respondent 7 - Landowner email received 04.11

Site 58 relates to the stream at milldale. I attended one of the open evenings which was useful to understand the purpose of the plan.

I am the landowner for some or part of the highlighted area. (milldale farm.) We have lived at this address for 26 years and have remained responsible guardians during this time, with a history of keeping the area as natural as possible. There is, or never has been any intention of building at/ on near the stream or on the banks, which in itself is inhospitable land and not suitable for development . Besides the fact that the land mass is at 45 degrees upbank, any development near the stream would be discounted due to flood plain issues.

The premises and grounds are in green belt and are already subject to stringent planning regulations which would prevent such development.

On this basis I feel that listing this site in the plan as therefore duplicitous and unnecessary as it is already suitably protected within existing planning arrangements.

Respondent 8 - Landowner email received 04.11

I refer to your correspondence dated 5 October 2022 concerning the Audley Rural Neighbourhood plan - Site 58 Milldale stream off Barthomley Road.

My wife X and I appreciate being consulted on the proposed Local Green Space sites and set out our representations in OBJECTION to the proposed designation of Site 58, as it fails to meet the required policy tests.

We reside within Milldale and have done so for just over 25 years. We own part of the proposed allocation Site 58 Milldale stream off Barthomley Road, associated with Kingfisher Farm (the furthest western extent of the designation).

We attended the meeting on 28 October in the Audley Methodist Church to learn more. We found this process very helpful and were reassured that the proposed Local Green Space designation (should it be adopted for site 58) will not in any way alter of the current access opportunities in place, i.e our community members are able to walk along the dedicated footpath. And that it will remain the case that there is no car parking or access for motorised vehicles, no cycles, no bridleway.

We have reviewed the supporting evidence base and assessment made to support the proposed designation and are objecting, as we find it insufficiently robust and/or justified.

National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance (NPPG/F) sets out the criteria on which local greenspaces (LGSs) must be considered and also the rigour on which Neighbourhood Plans should be prepared, if they are to form part of the Development Plan.

Green Belt and other existing protections to the site

Firstly, it is important to note that the Site is within Green Belt, in these circumstances the NPPG (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-010-20140306) states:

If land is already protected by Green Belt policy, or in London, policy on Metropolitan Open Land, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space. One potential benefit in areas where protection from development is the norm (eg villages included in the green belt) but where there could be exceptions is that the Local Green Space designation could help to identify areas that are of particular importance to the local community.

In this respect, the proposed designation would double up with the Green Belt protection and there is no additional local benefit put forward to justify the LGS designation in the evidence base provided. Therefore the evidence base is inconsistent with national guidance and can't be relied upon to create a sound Neighbourhood Plan.

Further, the site is also designated within the Core Strategy as a "natural asset" under Policy CSP4 which aims to protect and promote biodiversity, so any future post-rationalisation for the LGS designation on the basis of biodiversity grounds would also be unfounded and unnecessary given the Development Plan policy protections already in place.

Local Greenspace Designation Criteria

Secondly, and in any event, if we are to consider the particular circumstances' that qualify a piece of land for LGS protection, the Site does not meet the requirements either:

1. The land has to be 'reasonably close to the community it serves'.

There is no definition of this in the NPPF. However, national policy is clear that the land must not be isolated from the community. In this case, the evidence base is silent on the proximity to community. The site is in excess of 2 miles from Audley (assuming a straight car journey with the latter part along a private drive) - the journey is significantly longer if you consider the route members of the public would need to take via road and public rights of way.

The Open Space Society state that some councils have policies relating to LGS and have introduced a maximum distance between the space and the community (for instance, one has stated it must be within 400 metres, another 600 metres), clearly the Site is located a lot further than this.

We have no intention to, but if we were to put forward an application for a new house on our land, it no doubt would be refused, and one of the main grounds of the council's defensive (after Green Belt designation) would be the "isolated" in nature of the site and wouldn't be deemed close enough to an established settlement, so it goes that similar logic/consideration should be applied here. The site is remote and only adjacent to sporadic rural housing on the Staffordshire/Cheshire border and it is not clear how this is 'reasonably close to the community it serves' – the evidence base is lacking sufficient rigour to justify the proposed designation on this criterion.

2 The land has to be 'demonstrably special to a local community'.

Evidence must be provided of the land's value to and use by the local community to show that it holds a particular local significance. The land must fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) Beauty
- (b) Historic significance
- (c) Recreational value
- (d) Tranquillity
- (e) Richness of wildlife

No full or proper justification has been provided to explain which of the criteria is met and why, noting in particular the emphasis on "local significance".

3. The land needs to be 'local in character, not an extensive tract of land'.

Normally LGS would be fairly self-contained with clearly-defined edges. Site 58 is neither. It is a large isolated and extensive swath of valley/dale and at the public meeting when we requested a more detailed map showing the precise boundaries of the proposed designation this was not available. Again, it is not the purpose of the LGS to double up on protection where Green Belt already exists.

In summary, the LGS will not provide any protections, over and above what is already in place, and is therefore unnecessary. In any event, the site isn't close enough to the local community and is an extensive tract of land, so fails to meet the criteria of assessment.

I hope this email is both helpful and clear,

Response - Noted the site 2.2km from the village centre. Noted that the site is recognised as a Staffordshire Wildlife Biodiversity assets - which the Local Plan will take account of. Therefore it has sufficient protection already.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - Noted public ROW will not be altered and the site is covered under ANP9 plus it is a Staffordshire Wildlife Biodiversity Site and within Green Belt – agreed to remove

Site 59 and 59a - Memorial Garden by Church and Pensioners Hall

Respondent 9 - Landowner Email received 06.10.22

On behalf of St James church, I support the designation of site 59, the memorial garden, as a Local Green Space.

Respondent 10 - Landowner representative Telephone call (Secretary)

Supporting the inclusion of the site.

Response - To note.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To note, no further action

Site 60 - Greenspace by old police house, Nantwich Road opp Wilbrahams Walk / Chester Road

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 60 is adjacent Audley Estate Holding No. 15 (Pear Tree Farm). No objection provided not on land within SCC title.

Response - Site is planted out with shrubs and benches, being part of the Britain in Bloom campaign in the 2000's . The site belongs to SCC.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To amend the boundary to remove the mature hedgerow and embankment – noted that the hedgerow is protected under other policies. General point of interest is on several sites benches have been added by the Parish Council at the request of former Parish Councillor who walked circular routes around the Parish, and as the person grew older requested benches to be put on the walk to rest. Currently there are 65 benches in the parish.

Site 65 - Scot Hay village gateways

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Both areas of Site 65 are within Highways Title. SCC Object to inclusion.

Response - Area is highways verge - planters

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 -To remove due to Highways considerations

Site 66 - Halmer End Memorial Site

Respondent 11 - Resident Email received 03.11

I am responding to the letter which you sent to XXX, High Street, Halmer End about Site 66 - the Halmer End Memorial Site. XX has passed your letter to me for a reply on behalf of Halmer End Methodist Church. Following my conversation yesterday (Wednesday 2nd November) with XX we would like to make the following observations about use of the Memorial Site:

- The site is well used by local people who just relax there using the Memorial Seat in the garden and other seats there;
- The site is also supported by villagers who look after much of the planting in the garden and do some of the weeding to keep it tidy;
- The site is used by visitors to Bateswood who often use it as a gathering point for groups of walkers;
- The site is used by visitors who come to look at historical family connections with the Minnie Pit Disaster;
- It is also visited by folk who are researching or generally interested in the history of the North Staffs Coalfield;
- The Methodist Church use it for children's events and activities with the Brownies and Rainbows;
- The Methodist Church also use it for Open Air Songs of Praise each year and for other occasional outdoor events;
- Other children's groups within the Parish of Audley have also used it as a gathering place for outdoor nature activities in Podmore Pool.

These are the uses which immediately come to mind but there may well be others which we are not aware of. If you have any queries please contact me.

Response - To include within the Proforma.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 -To amend the proforma to include comments.

Site 69 - Alsagers Bank Primary Academy Playing Fields

Respondent 12 - Landowner Rep - Email received 13.10

As discussed, please find attached site map clearly marking the area which we DO NOT want included on the neighbourhood plan.

Response - To amend the map to take out the part as requested.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 To amend the map as requested

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 69 is within SCC Title - The Richard Heathcote Community Primary School. The Richard Heathcote Community Primary School is an Education Asset held specifically for the use of the School and as such maybe required for school expansion. The land is also protected by S77 which controls its change of use and land disposal. School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (legislation.gov.uk) SCC Object to this inclusion.

Response - School fields are not accessible to the public as they are fenced off. Potential to harm future expansion by designation.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 School has engaged and asked for boundary to be amended to account for small scale development. To leave on the LGS list as the school/Trust have responded to support the inclusion. Copy of amended plan to be sent to confirm the correct boundary and to inform them of the County comments. Also to confirm if there is any known planned expansion.

Site 70 - Sir Thomas Boughy Academy Playing Fields

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 70 is within SCC Title - Sir Thomas Boughy High School Sir Thomas Boughy High School is an Education Asset held specifically for the use of the School and as such maybe required for school expansion. The land is also protected by S77 which controls its change of use and land disposal. School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (legislation.gov.uk) - SCC Object to this inclusion.

Response - School fields are not accessible to the public as they are fenced off. Potential to harm future expansion by designation.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 REMOVE as no response from school to support

Site 71 Ravensmead Primary School Playing fields

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 71 is within SCC Title - Ravensmead Primary School with access off Highway Title Ravensmead Primary School is an Education Asset held specifically for the use of the school and as such may be required for school expansion. The land is also protected by S77 which controls its change of use and land disposal. School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (legislation.gov.uk) SCC Object to this inclusion.

Response - School fields are generally not accessible to the public as they are fenced off. Potential to harm future expansion by designation.

School has since confirmed the site is used for PE sessions only and public events. No planned expansion.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 REMOVE as no response received from school to support during consultation and the site may provide suitable expansion space.

Site 72 Wood Lane Primary School Playing Fields

Respondent 10 - Landowner Email received 05.10.22

Good Afternoon I own the school playing field , which the school lease off me, and have done off my family since 1952/53. The lease is renewed Every 5 years, I have no intention of selling the land for building on, unless the school closes.

Respondent 2 - Landowner/SCC email received 04.11

Site 72 is within SCC Title - Wood Lane Primary School. Wood Lane Primary School is an Education Asset held specifically for the use of the School and as such maybe required for school expansion. The land is also protected by S77 which controls its change of use and land disposal. School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (legislation.gov.uk) SCC Object to this inclusion.

Response - School fields are not accessible to the public as they are fenced off. Potential to harm future expansion by designation.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 Landowner happy for the land to remain as it currently is – there seems to be some disparity between land ownership in the representations, landowner checked and as the site is privately owned but leased it is to be retained.

Site 91 - Wall Farm Green Space

Respondent 13 - Landowner - Letter received 03.11

Regarding our piece of land that you refer to as site No 91, which is privately owned has no public access and no public right of way. Looking at the list of sites that you have included in your Local Green Space designation consultation, I have to agree that most of the sites do serve an important purpose to the local community, playing fields, play areas etc but there are a small number of sites that serve no purpose to the community. It is blatantly obvious that these sites have been included to try to stop any development in Audley. We are all aware that there is a housing shortage, what is important to understand is that the right sort of development can bring many benefits to any area. Wouldn't it be more beneficial to Audley if some sites were used to build some contemporary, super efficient houses? Some of which should be low cost and possibly self build. This type of development would send out that message that Audley was a forward thinking area wanting to attract investment and would hopefully remove the stigma of a poor ex mining community that is stuck in the past. I understand that not everyone likes change but you can not get away from the fact that every house in Audley is built on what was once a green field.

Response - Site is a example of a Staffordshire Farmstead and the walled green space is an important aspect of that. Although there is no public access to the site, it is adjacent to the highway and pavement - which is an important part of the village entrance.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 Leave in it as its part of an intact historic farmstead. All other comments noted

Site 100 Brockwood Hill

Respondent 14 - Email received 17.10 and 04.11

We would like to submit the following comments in respect of the above site.

“Description and purpose” There is only one footpath and no cycle way.

“There is no need to designate linear corridors as LGS simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation.”
Brockwood Hill does have existing Green Belt status.

“NPPF Criteria” The hamlet, which Site 100 would serve, is not specified. It is approximately 1,100 metres from Site 100 to Park End and 2,700 metres to the start of Park Lane; both distances are considerably more than those cited in Open Spaces Society information sheet C 20: Leicestershire has stated that it must be within 400 metres and Central Bedfordshire 600 metres. Brockwood Hill is adjacent to the A500 and and also in close proximity to the M6. The associated benefits of tranquility are perhaps a bit optimistic.

Site 100 is incorrectly named in the consultation document and the area delineated as Brockwood Hill includes woodland not belonging to us.

Brockwood Hill is maintained and farmed as grazing pasture, within which is a small area of deciduous trees. We would not like this to be compromised in any way by green space designation.

Response - Site is located 2.2km from Centre (Audley mini roundabout). Site is unlikely to be accepted as a Local Green Space. Site to be included in the policy ANP9: Natural Environment and Landscape

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 Re-evaluated the site against the criteria. Comments noted about open space association and agreed to remove due to distance from village, trees to be covered under ANP9 policy.

Sites 29, 37, 42, 50, 81 (Aspire owned sites)

Respondent 5 - Landowner/Aspire email received 04.11

Dear Sirs, thank you for the opportunity to comment. We have no comments to make.

Response - Noted.

Action - Steering Group Response 17.01.23 - To note, no further action

Nr. 48 Sites taken forward for inclusion as LGS in Draft Plan following consultation:

Site Ref	Function	Site Name	Street
1	Playing Field, Play area and BMX track	Queen Street Fields of Trust play area	Wereton Road
4	Playing Field	Wood Lane Cricket Club	Megacre
5	Playing Field	Bignall End Cricket Club	Boon Hill
8	Playing Field	Audley Cricket Club	Nantwich Road
10	Playing Field and play area	Bignall End Road Play Area	Bignall End Road
12	Allotments Or Community Growing Spaces	Alsager Road	Alsager Road
14	Playing Field	Audley Football Club	Old Road
15	Playing Field and play area	Alsager Road Play Area	Alsager Road
18	Playing Field and play area	Albert Street Play Area	Albert Street
20	Playing Field and play area	Scot Hay Play area / Playing Field	Leycett Road
23	Playing Field and play area	Alsagers Bank Cricket Club	High Street
26	Playing Field and play area inc MUGA	Miles Green Play area	Station Road
29	Play Space	Wood Lane Play area (Aspire)	Wood Croft
30	Playing Field	Halmer End Institute	Wesley Place
31	Allotments Or Community Growing Spaces	Halmer End Allotments	Harrison Close
32	Bowling Green	Halmer End Bowling Club	Wesley Place
33	Playing Field and play area	Halmer End play area	Harrison Close
36	Pocket Park	Margaret Garden (green space, bench, planted, maintained)	Church Street
37	Pocket Park	Greenspace (landscaped, benches, planted and Cherry trees) Top of Vernon Ave/Wereton Road junction	Vernon Avenue/Wereton Road
38	Planted area	Church Bank (planted area with mining monument)	Church Street

Site Ref	Function	Site Name	Street
41	Monument and surrounding land	Wedgwood Monument and immediate surrounding space	Land off Audley Road
42	Greenspace area	Westfield Ave	Westfield Avenue
45	Landscaped greenspace	Pit tub areas in parish - Boon Hill/Ravens Lane entrance to Marians Way	Ravens Lane
46	Landscaped greenspace	Pit tub and planted area - Bignall End Road/Ravens Lane	Audley Road roundabout
47	Landscaped greenspace	Bignall Hill/Land off Megacre Highway Verge, planted	Bignall Hill/Megacre junction
48	Landscaped greenspace	Bignall Hill - CAGOO Pit Wheel and Planted areas	Bignall Hill/Audley Road
49	Greenspace trees	Bignall Hill - planted area trees on the left on the hill next to 3 Butters Green	Bignall Hill/Audley Road
50	Greenspace corridor	Station Walks - green space by houses/planters avenue of trees opposite school STBH, pit tub and memorial	Station Road
51	Tree gateway feature	Highway Verge/Gateway to parish Nantwich Road - avenue of Cherry trees	Nantwich Road
52	Greenspace/landscaped	Verge on corners of Barthomley Road/Nantwich Road junction - trees and seating	Nantwich Road
53	Greenspace/landscaped	Grass area by Barthomley Road/Nantwich Road post box - trees and seating	Nantwich Road
54	Tree memorial	Highway Verge on Nantwich Road Golden Jubilee trees plantation	Nantwich Road
55	Greenspace Millenium Green	Audley Millenium Green	Land off New Road/Alsager Road
56	Pond	Barthomley Road pond	Nantwich Road/Barthomley Road junction
59 and 59a	Memorial garden	St James Church and Audley Pensioners Hall memorial garden	Church Street
60	Greenspace/seating	Greenspace by old police house, Nantwich Road opp Wilbrahams Walk / Chester Road	Nantwich Road
64	Woodland	Burgess Woods	Off The Drive

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66	Halmer End Memorial site	Entrance to Podmore Lane/Bateswood	High Street
69	Alsagers Bank Primary Academy playing fields	Next to school	The Drive
72	Wood Lane Primary School playing fields	Next to school	Apedale Road
81	Informal football area by Wood Lane Play area	Wood Street green space	Wood Street
82	Diglake Mine shaft entrance	Diglake	Off Bignall End Road
87	Church Fields (informal) Sledging area	Church Fields (up from Church Farm)	High Street
89	Land between Aarons Drive/Stephens Way/Greenways	Green space Aarons Drive	Aarons Drive
90	Land off Stephens Way/Brindleys Way	Green Space Stephens Way	Stephens Way
91	Land by Wall Farm Model Farm	Wall Farm	Nantwich Road
94	Land along by Grassy Green Lane (Four Winds Field verge) Hougherwall Road	Hougher Wall Road	Hougher Wall Road
97	Former Bignall Hill Colliery Site Part A and Part B	Bignall Hill Colliery Site part A and part B	Audley Road

Nr. 6 Sites removed from LGS list for Draft Plan:

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57	Greenspace	Kent Hills Quarry and land in front	Land off Nantwich Road
58	Greenspace/watercourse/ancient wood	Mill Dale/King Fisher farm stream off Barthomley Road	Land off Barthomley Road
65	Scot Hay village gateways	Approach to Scot Hay	Leycett Road
70	Sir Thomas Boughey School playing fields	Next to school	High Street
71	Ravensmead Primary School playing fields	Next to school	Chapel Street
100	Woods	Brockwood Hill	Land off Park Lane