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Local Green Spaces

Purpose: To safeguard demonstrably special green spaces from inappropriate development.

Consider if there are any Local Green Spaces you wish to designate. For each proposed Local Green Space you will need:

- Description
- Ownership details (all owners must be written to)
- How the space meets the NPPF criteria (see below)
- Map of each space
- Photographs

Criteria:

106. The designation of land as **Local Green Space** through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.
107. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:
- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
 - c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
108. Policies and decisions for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with national policy for Green Belts set out in chapter 13 of this Framework⁴⁵.

Other sources of evidence:

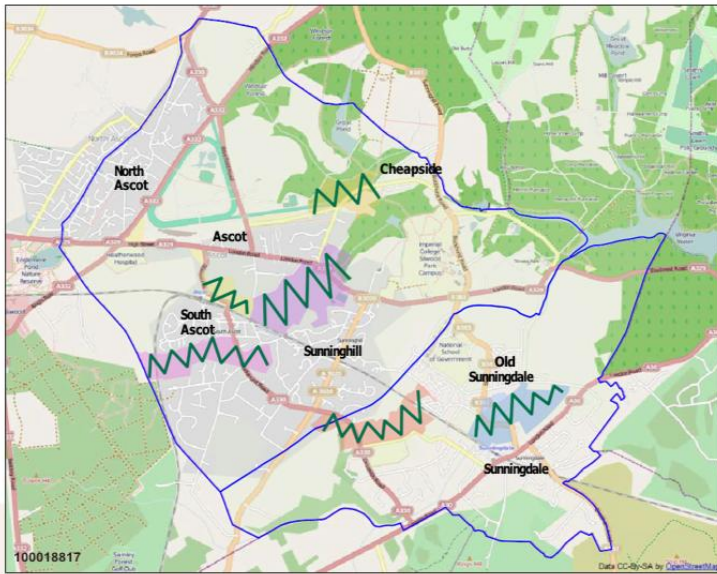
- [**Making local green space designations in your neighbourhood plan - Locality Neighbourhood Planning**](#)

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- [Information on Local Green Space Designation](#) | [Open Spaces Society Factsheet \(oss.org.uk\)](#)

Gaps between settlements

- *Can you identify gaps between our villages that haven't already been properly recorded? The map below shows the gaps identified in the existing plan. Are these still correct?*



Significant local views

Can we identify views that are particularly special in order to safeguard them from the impacts of development. Views might be of a streetscape, a heritage asset, or a natural feature/landscape.

For each view you will need:

- A name for the view
- A map showing the direction and breadth of the view.
- A photograph of the view
- A description setting out why that view is particularly special.
- You can also mention the views in the Conservation Area Appraisals, Townscape Assessment, your current heritage list (which seems to include some views)

Other sources of evidence:

- [KEYVIEWSFinalreport-lowreswebsite.pdf \(malvern-hills-nl.org.uk\) – advice sheet](#)
- [Conservation Areas](#)
- [Townscape Assessment Vol 3 Ascot Group \(2010\)](#)
- [Landscape Character Assessment Part 1 - Main Document \(2004\)](#)
- [Landscape Character Assessment Part 1 - Map of Borough \(2004\)](#)
- [Landscape Character Assessment Part 1 - Appendices Map \(2004\)](#)
- [Landscape Character Assessment Part 2 - Landscape Strategy and Guidelines \(2004\)](#)

Biodiversity / Green Corridors

Does the green corridors map (see below) need updating?

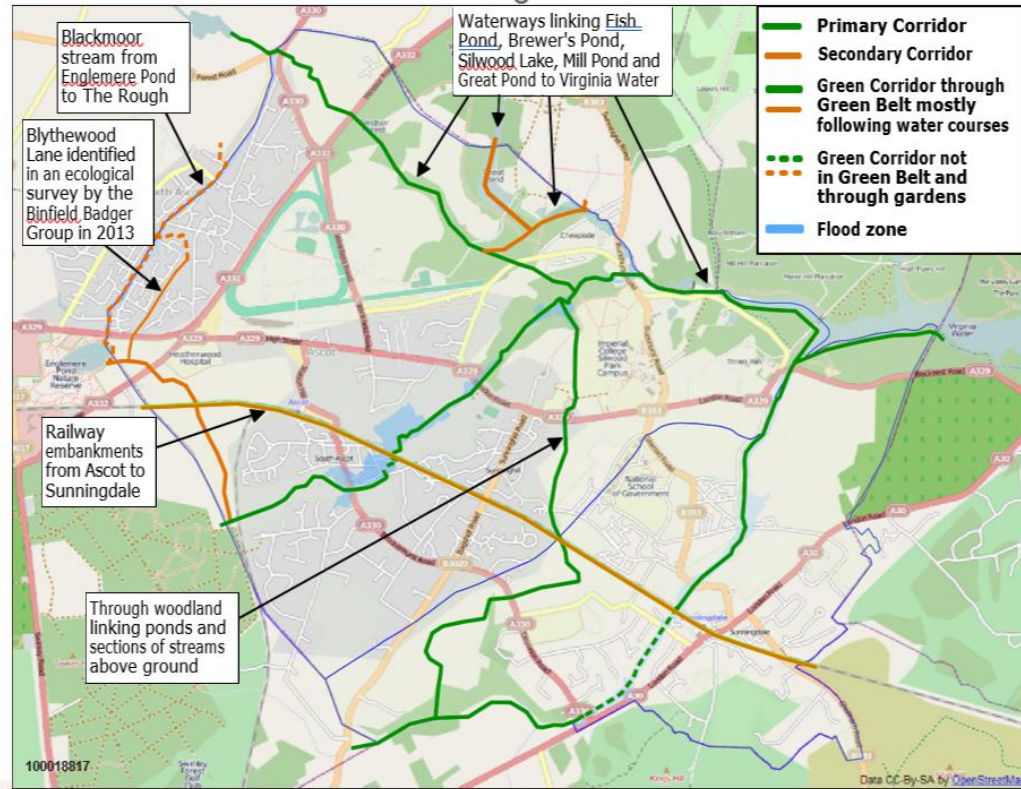
It would also be good to map out your 'green and blue infrastructure' – i.e. habitats – and add this as a layer.

Do you have any areas that could be identified as 'biodiversity opportunity areas'? i.e. that could be improved from a biodiversity perspective?

What does your nature recovery strategy say about your area?

What are the predominant natural features of the area, that may not otherwise be safeguarded – e.g. trees/woodland, hedges, ponds etc.

What sort of wildlife is supported locally? Any protected species?



Self-build plots, biodiversity and CIL avoidance

- *Can you expand on these topics with your members and feed back to us on the specific issue?*

Housing Needs

Preparation of a Housing needs assessment for the neighbourhood area. We need to decide if we want to try and replicate the borough-wide HNA at the parishes level.

See toolkit here - [**https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/undertake-housing-needs-assessment-hna/**](https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/undertake-housing-needs-assessment-hna/)

Alison (consultant) has prepared these in other areas and it would be good to set up a zoom with her to go through the data that we need to collect and decide who is doing what.

Design Guidance

The purpose would be to update the Townscape Guide in relation to your parishes.

We need to review the existing guidance and associated map with a view to updating it and filling in any missing details.

Again an initial zoom meeting with Alison would be helpful but if you are able to make a start, this would be helpful.

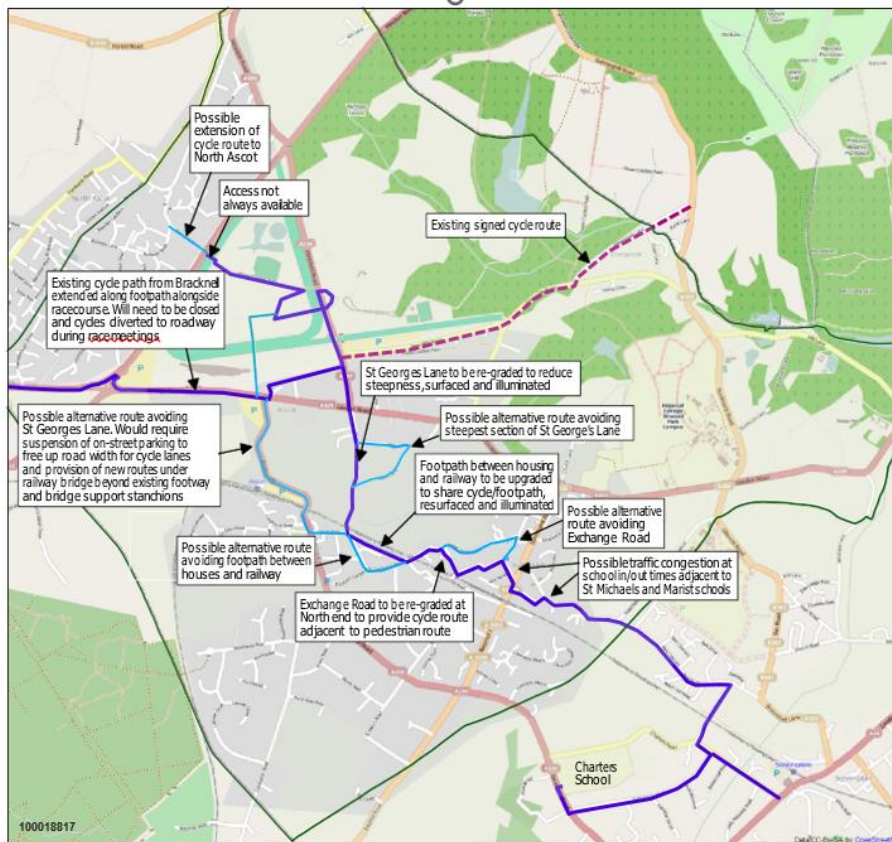
Getting Around

The policy would seek to ensure that any new development is well-connected to the active movement network (e.g. to encourage walking and cycling where possible.

Alongside, we would map out where improvements can be made for walking, cycling and horse riding e.g. where better connectivity is needed, better signage, more accessible routes, safer routes etc. to promote active travel. Improvements might be funded via developer contributions or other funds.

Identify, on the map:

- Where the main walking and cycling routes are in the area that people use to get from a to b – the primary movement routes
- Where could improvements to routes be made? What sort of improvements?
- Can you identify unsafe areas?
- Where could greater connectivity be achieved?
- Are there any 'leisure' routes that could be provided or enhanced?
- Is your proposed cycle routes map still valid (see below)?
- Can you identify traffic pinchpoints/ bottlenecks?



Other sources of evidence:

- Any rights of way improvement plan?
- Public rights of way projects
- Rights of way site: <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/rights-way>
- [The 20-Minute Neighbourhood Guide - Town and Country Planning Association \(tcpa.org.uk\)](https://www.tcpa.org.uk/)

