**Supporting Document 12 - Local Green Spaces Assessment**

This Table provides the rationale for inclusion of Green Spaces in Policy Eye 20 (to be read with Figure 15 of the Pre Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan)

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| Map no. | Place |  | Ownership | Biodiversity values | Landscape values | Existing VIOS | Important as green network | Historic values | Important as eco corridor | Recreation value |
| 1 | Town Moors woodland | Planted woodland with ditches; ponds and sculptures; former town dump | Charity | x | x | x | x | ? |  |  |
| 2 | Town Moors playing field | Open grass field with football pitches; skate park | Charity |  | x | x | x |  |  | x |
| 3 | The Rettery (by the fire station) | Riverside green path with woodland, wet in places; boardwalk and former railway line | Private | x | x | x | x | ? | x |  |
| 4 | Rettery allotments | Private allotments not fully used at present | Private |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| 5 | Oak Crescent Green | Open grassland with some shrubs and trees; children’s play equipment and 5-a-side goal and basketball net | Public |  | x | x | + route |  |  | x |
| 6 | Primary School Playing Field | Open field with tree surrounds and pond | Public/Church | x | ? |  |  |  | x |  |
| 7 | St Peter & St Paul Churchyard | Open grassland with mature trees;  | Church/Public | x | x | x | route | x |  |  |
| 8 | Eye Castle and Meadow | Mound with shrubs; open grass area with seats and interpretation | Public | [x] | x |  |  | x |  |  |
| 9 | The Pennings Local Nature Reserve | 2 former arable fields with some interesting flora; edge trees, beside river | Public | x LNR | x |  |  |  | x |  |
| 10 | Eye Cricket Pitch | Open cricket pitch and nets with club house | Semi-public |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |
| 11 | Eye Cemetery | Active cemetery with older area dating back over 100 years; mature trees; 2 chapels | Public | [x] | x |  |  |  | Linked |  |
| 12 | Hartismere School Playing Fields | Formal playing field with pitches and artificial turf beside school | Academy |  |  |  |  |  | Linked | x |
| 13 | Victoria Windmill | Mill ruined base surrounding by grassland with some interesting plants and hedges | Public | [x] | x |  |  | x |  |  |
| 14 | Victoria Mill Allotments  | Active allotments | Public |  |  |  | x |  | Linked | x |
| 15 | 490th Memorial | Small formal area of reinforced grass and hedge set in grassland with some interesting plants | Public | x | ? |  |  | ?is now |  |  |
| 16 | Abbey Bridge meadow | Small riverside grassland used to access river | ? | ? | x |  |  |  | x | x |
| 17 | Eye Scout Hut | Small grass field bedside scout hut | Third sector |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |
| 18 | Hartismere Hospital Roadside Meadow | Grass strip between road and hospital with some trees including fruit trees | Public |  | x?setting |  |  | ? |  |  |
| 19 | Paddock House Roadside Meadow | Former garden with significant exotic trees | Public | X bee orchids | x |  |  |  |  | ? |
| 20 | Langton House orchard | Former orchard former extended garden |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  21 | Town Stream field (Brightwell) | Former orchard now with brambles and rampant growth  | Private |  | x |  |  |  | x |  |
| 22 | Town Stream fields (East) | Mix of fields and outbuildings | Private |  | x |  |  |  | x |  |
| 23 | Baldwin/airfield Country Park - proposed | To be designated country park with new development | Private? |  | ? |  | ? |  | ? | ? |
| 24 | Century Rd /Victoria Hill junction patch | Small area of grass with shrubs and path | Public | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | Eye Bowls club | Formal bowls green with club house and adjoining rough grass | Third sector |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |
|  |  | Important access routes /links in green network that may not be PROW |
| 26 | Access Buckshorn Lane car park to Castle Hill | Path and steps between car park and housing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |
|  |  | Important PROW with corridor impact |
| 27 | Rapsy Tapsy Lane | Byway with restriction crossing stream | PROW | x | x |  |  |  | x | x |

Policy implications

These green spaces have been identified because of their contribution to the quality of the life in Eye. Between them these special assets contribute important values that need to be recognised, protected and where appropriate added to. They have been assessed around particular values:

* Important for biodiversity
* Important for landscape and views to retain character of town
* Important for linking green spaces together to meet human and wildlife needs
* Important for access and recreation values – health and wellbeing as well as sustainable movement