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Name: Old Cow Field **Location on map**: LGS 1. **Description: 6 Ha sloped field.** **Landowner**: Church Commissioners, leased to local farmers.	Yes, bordering the north of the village.	The School Lane Field, referred to locally as the Old Cow Field, is located at the northern edge of the main village and has been. During periods of snow, children have often sledged down the slopes, which are the only potential opportunity to do so in the local area. The field is a source of biodiversity, due to its uncultivated nature and use as sheep and cow pasture for many years. It supports many bird species, horse pasture and an annual crop of hay. The elevation and sloped nature of the land ensures it is dominant over the rest of the village, contributing to the rural setting to the village, Alconbury Conservation Area and grade I listed Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. field is a site of archaeological interest due to presence of ridge and furrow (a pattern of ridges and troughs created by a system of ploughing 1066 to 1539). See Cambridgeshire Heritage Environmental Records 10503, MCB31535	While being a large, open space, the elevation and sloped nature of the land ensures that it is dominant over the rest of the village, viewable from the Manor Pub.	The site potentially meets the criteria for LGS designation as set out in paragraph 107 of the NPPF 2024. The NPPF also requires that LGS designations are consistent with 'the local planning of sustainable development…'. This will need to be considered given housing requirement figures and that the site has been put forward for consideration in HDC's call for sites criteria and that LGS designation will rule out development potential. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community

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				Landowner engagement outcome: "The Commissioners do not support the proposal to designate their land north of School Lane, Alconbury as a Local Green Space (LGS 1 – The Cow Field) as it is inconsistent with the National Planning Policy Framework"
Name: Village Green **Location on map**: LGS 2 **Description: Green, bisected by Alconbury Brook in the heart of the village.** **Landowner**: **Alconbury Parish Council.**	Yes.	The Village Green, which extends along the length of the village from the shop to the A1, is a vital green space with many mature trees and wide green spaces. It is used by the residents of the village for socialising, dog walking and the Village Show. It is in the heart of the conservation area of the village and provides a delightful, peaceful aspect to the village. The Heritage Bridge is of medieval vintage and sits to the north of the Green.	While large compared to many village greens, it is a vital part of the village and provides the essential character to a significant portion of the village along Brookside and the High St.	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space designation. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community
Name: Churchyard **Location on map**: LGS 3	Yes.	This is an essential space for the village, both in terms of the location and nature of use, but for the solace it provides people who spend time there next to the Brook.	Yes.	The site potentially meets the criteria for LGS designation as set

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Description: Graves, along the brook bank. **Landowner**: Diocese of Ely				out in paragraph 107 of the NPPF 2024. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community
Name: Manor Lane Green **Location on map**: LGS 4 **Description: A small grass triangle, with 4 mature trees.** **Landowner**: Parish Council.	Yes.	The residents of Manor Lane have the A1 to contend with in one direction, so the presence of the Manor Lane Green affords them a green space to spend time in and enjoy as a view. The trees offer nesting for local birds and shade for children to play in relative safety.	Yes.	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space designation. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community
Name: Bramble End and Spinney Lane Green Area **Location on map**: LGS 5 **Description: Play area and small green** **Landowner**: Parish Council / HDC?	Yes.	This is a small green area with an associated play park that extends to the Spinney Lane area. This is a space, well used by children and adults for recreation and exercising.	Yes	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space designation. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community
Name: Birds Estate Green **Location on map**: LGS 6	Yes	It provides a focus for children to play on and protection of it is a contentious issue for residents. It has some trees to provide shade.	Yes.	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space designation. Recommended next step: engage

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Description: Small green amidst the estate **Landowner**: HDC		Mature trees surround the green and provide bird and insect life with a habitat and shade, while the green is large enough for children to play away from local traffic.		landowner and community Landowner engagement outcome: "Whilst HDC wish to support the aspirations of the Alconbury Neighbourhood Plan and recognise the importance locally of the site LGS 6 to the community, it is considered that designation of LGS 6, having an equivalent status of green belt, cannot be supported due to the long term nature of the designation and the constraints it imposes upon the Council as landowner of the site. We therefore request that the site is not proposed as LGS in the draft plan consultation. There are other policy mechanisms such as 'areas of other

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				important green space' which other neighbourhood plan groups (Grafham and Ellington, Godmanchester) have undertaken to identify sites like this one providing some policy protection but without the restriction of LGS."
Name: Community Orchard, Sports and Social Club **Location on map:** LGS 7 **Description:** community orchard **Landowner Alconbury Parish Council**	Yes	The Village has held many Apple Days in the Orchard since its planting The area borders the Brook and provides a border for the Playing field at the Alconbury Sports and Social Club.	Yes	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space designation. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community
Name: Alconbury Sports and Social Club **Location on map:** LGS 8 **Description:** Recreation fields **Landowner:** Alconbury Sports and Recreation Field Charity, leasing	Yes	The ASSC is a local sports venue that is used by various sporting teams for Cricket and Football, with an outdoor gym and children's play area. The field is used throughout the year for special events, such as children's holiday activities and the annual Fireworks display. It has views across the Brook to the Church and is surrounded by mature trees, with concomitant birdlife.	yes	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space designation. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community

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their main field from the Parish Council				
Name: Alconbury Memorial Hall Green **Location on map:** LGS 9 **Description:** area of outdoor amenity land next to Memorial Hall, School Lane **Landowner:** Parish Council (leased from Church Commissioners), operated by the Alconbury and District Community Hall Charity	Yes	The Hall was opened after the Millennium, with a large area for the benefit of patrons and community members to use. It is surrounded by hedges and birdlife and abuts the biodiverse School Lane Ridge and Furrow field. The Hall Green is used by children at Scouting and Youth Clubs, as well as by the attached Preschool.	Yes	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space designation. Recommended next step: engage landowner and community