

**APPENDIX 8 – LOCAL GREEN SPACES TABLE, BACKGROUND & CONTEXT
AND LETTER TO LANDOWNERS**

**Table 1
Table of Local Green Spaces identified during consultation**

Ref:	Green Space	Reason for protection
1	Holy Well, Wards Lane	Medieval holy well and stream in small ravine. ACV. Beauty spot. Located alongside ancient packhorse trail/byway. Views in and out. Wildlife. In Conservation area
2	Intake	Area of great beauty and tranquillity close to western edge of town. Visitor attraction.
3	The cemeteries (Baptist, Castle St and Packhorse Rd)	Rare small areas of tranquillity close to Town Centre (especially the first two).
4	The Bowling Green, Church Street	Recreation, concert space when used during the Melbourne Festival on Church Street
5	Bowling Green, Packhorse Road	Recreation space
6	Recreation area off Grange Close	Children's playground

**Table 2
List of spaces identified by SDDC**

Map Reference	Green Space	Proposed designation
A	Spinney Hill	Recreation area on modern housing estate.
B	Woodlands/Packhorse Road	Recreation area/border to modern housing estate.
C	The Crescent	Recreation area; trees planted by Melbourne Civic Society.
D	Washpit	Historical location of well and washpit for market gardeners. Sense of place. Well = Grade 2 listed.
E	Hilly Fields	Allotments (private).
F	Lothian Gardens	Recreation area for children.
G	Poolside	Gardens and water meadow. Tranquility, beauty, historic setting.

LOCAL OPEN AND GREEN SPACES

Background and Context

Local Green Space Designation

The National Planning Framework (NPPF), published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in March 2012, sets out the government's planning policies for England. Paragraphs 76 to 78 introduce a new Local Green Space designation (LGS) to protect local green areas of particular importance to local communities. This will enable communities, in certain circumstances, to identify and protect areas that are of value to them through local and Neighbourhood Plans. Once designated, the LGS is subject to the same strong development restrictions as Green Belt, and new development here is ruled out other than in special circumstances. The LGS is designated by the planning authority (borough, district, metropolitan or other unitary authority). Some areas may already be available for public access, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access. Designation does not confer any rights of access over what currently exists.

Local Green Space criteria

1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves. There is no definition of this in the NPPF and it will be up to individual planning authorities to define. This may vary depending on the size of the community to which the green space relates, the size of the green space or the value placed on it by the community. The land must not be isolated from the community and would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served.

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

(a) Beauty. This relates to the visual attractiveness of the site, and its contribution to landscape, character and or setting of the settlement. LGS would need to contribute to local identity, character of the area and a sense of place, and make an important contribution to the physical form and layout of the settlement. It may link up with other open spaces and allow views through or beyond the settlement which are valued locally.

(b) Historic significance. The land should provide a setting for, and allow views of, heritage assets or other locally valued landmarks. It may be necessary to research historic records from the County Archaeologist or National or Local Records Office.

(c) Recreational value. It must have local significance for recreation; perhaps through the variety of activities it supports, and be of value to the community.

(d) Tranquility. Some authorities have an existing 'tranquility map' showing areas that provide an oasis of calm and a space for quiet reflection.

(e) Richness of wildlife. This might include the value of its habitat, and priority areas may have been identified by the council. It may require some objective evidence, such as a designation, like a wildlife site or Local Nature Reserve.

3. Local in character, not an extensive tract of land. The criteria may differ between settlements depending on their physical size and population. The areas would normally be fairly self-contained with clearly defined edges. Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. There is a no minimum size limit for LGS.

Greenways

"Greenways" do not have a legal definition unlike public rights of way such as footpaths and bridleways which do. The best definition is from Natural England:

"A Greenway is a network of largely off-road routes connecting people to facilities and open spaces in and around towns, cities and the countryside. They are for use by people of all abilities on foot, bike or horseback, for commuting, play or leisure"

Jawbone Lane is classified as a "Greenway" by SDDC and DCC as it links Melbourne to the National Cycle Network which runs along the Sustrans track.

We believe that these green routes should not be urbanised by building housing along them on either side.

Biodiversity

The NPPF states that a core principle for planning is that it should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution.

LETTER TO LANDOWNERS



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Dear NAME

Proposed Allocation of Local Green Spaces

Melbourne Parish Council is currently consulting on its Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Draft Plan includes proposing areas of land to be designated as Local Green Space.

I am writing to notify you that land within your ownership or responsibility is currently proposed to be designated as Local Green Space in the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities. Once designated as Local Green Space, the land would have a similar level of protection to that of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners. Furthermore the designation would not give any Right of Way or any other access over or onto the land that does not exist at present. If you prefer, you as the owner or person with responsibility, have the right to refuse to allow the land to be designated as an area of Local Green Space.

Enclosed is a plan(s) of proposed Local Green Space, reference number(s) **NN**, which either in whole or in part falls within your ownership or responsibility. Should you wish to comment on the proposed designation, please do so by email to melbourneclerk@aol.com or by post to Melbourne Parish Council care of the address above. I would be grateful to receive your response no later than **31st March 2017**.

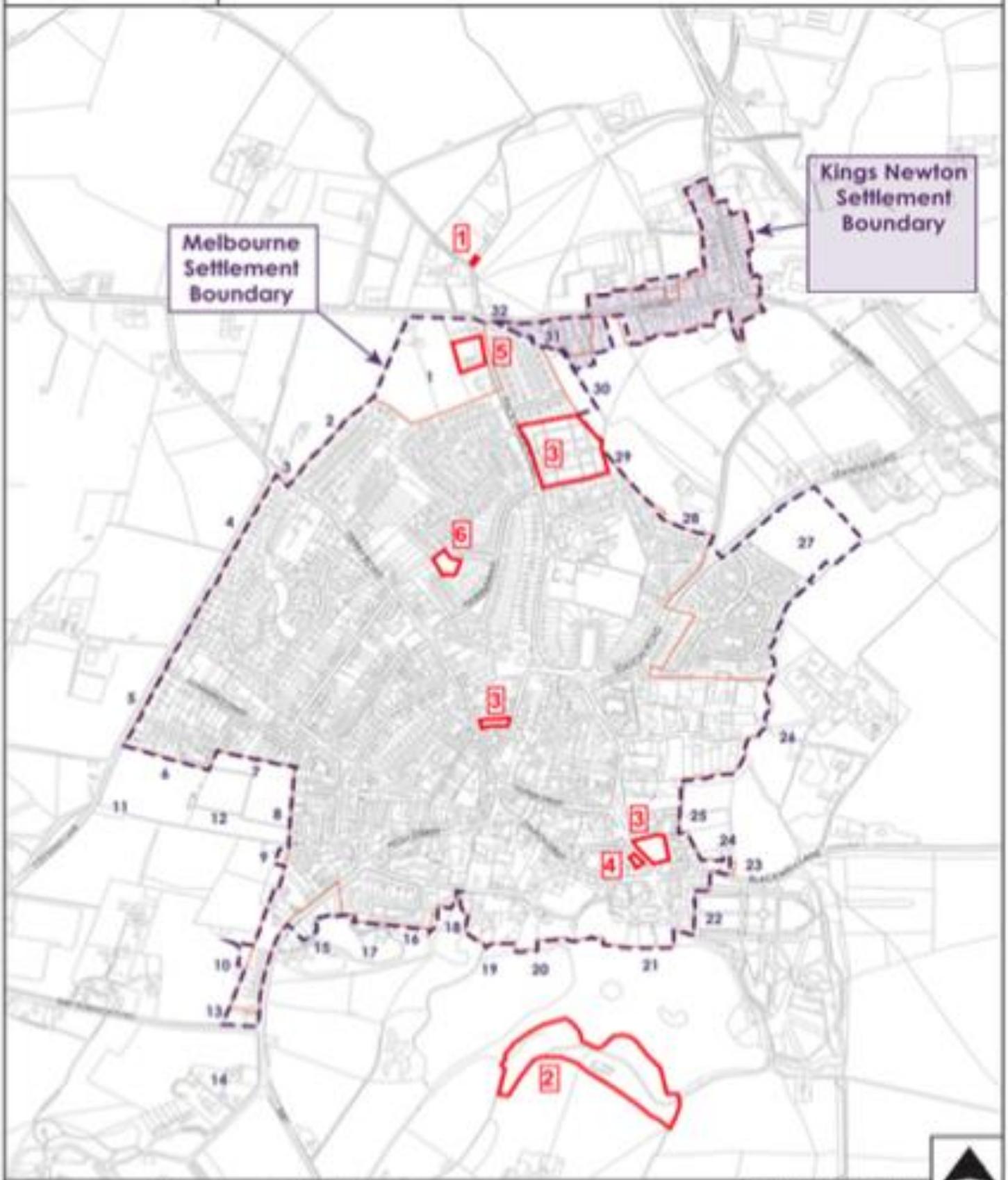
If you would like to be kept informed of issues regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan you can find details on the Parish Council's website.

Yours sincerely,

J Storer

Clerk to Melbourne Parish Council

Melbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan
Local Green Spaces



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Scale: 1:10000 at A4



Existing Village Settlement boundary
(1998 Adopted Local Plan)

Proposed Settlement boundary

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