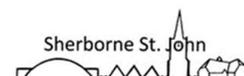
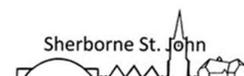


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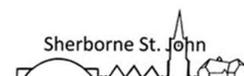
Location	<b>1. Allotments – Moss Hill, Cranes Road &amp; Sunnyside</b>		
Site size:	~ 1ha		
Location Plan:	Three locations within the Village of Sherborne St John		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		The 3 sites are all within the Parish and Village of SSJ and are cultivated by local residents. They provide residents with the ability to grow food while exercising and provide a large open space for wildlife and insect life to flourish and enhance the area.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		The sites add to the natural beauty of the Village
Historic significance?			
Recreational value?	YES		The areas provide an opportunity for people to grow their own vegetables in the open air at the same time providing them with a reason to exercise to maintain fitness.
Tranquillity?	YES		Quiet open space
Richness of wildlife?	YES		The allotments attract insect life and form part of the green corridors through the Village.
Overall conclusion: These spaces are extremely important to the health and well being of the residents of the Parish. Many tenants are elderly - the benefits of the spaces are extremely important in ensuring their health and giving them day-to-day opportunities to meet and talk to other people, thereby stopping them from becoming isolated.			

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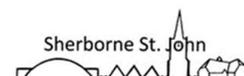
Location	<b>2. Basing Wood Forest - Spier's Copse</b>		
Site size:	Part of 107ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		This area of woodland is within easy walking distance from Sherborne St John Village via well-used public footpaths. It is also accessible from (and closer to) Popley
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		The woods are attractive at all seasons. From the footpaths at the edge of the wood, there are views across adjoining farmland.
Historic significance?	YES		Natural wet woodland.
Recreational value?	YES		The extensive network of public and permissive footpaths within the woodland is well-used for a variety of recreational purposes, including cycling, running, walking and free-running, by local residents and nature lovers from both Sherborne St John and Popley. It is used by local schools, nursery and other groups for educational outings and natural play.
Tranquillity?	YES		The woodland, while popular and often busy, is extensive enough to provide peace and tranquillity, other than at peak times.
Richness of wildlife?	YES		The woodland includes semi-natural and plantation areas. It has an extensive and well-documented flora and fauna, including a number of plant species which are ancient woodland indicators. It also supports a population of Great Crested Newts.
Overall conclusion: this is an important area of woodland and provides a valuable resource much used and appreciated by local residents from Sherborne St John, Popley and elsewhere. It is owned by the National Trust and leased to/managed by the Forestry Commission, which allows open access for reasonable activities, in line with its Byelaws.			

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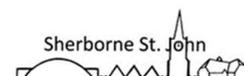
Location	<b>3. Chute Recreation Ground</b>		
Site size:	~ 1.5ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		The Chute is located at the edge of the Village but within walking distance for all residents.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		The Chute is set on the top of a rise and is surrounded by mature trees. It has lovely views over the surrounding wood and farmland.
Historic significance?			
Recreational value?	YES		This is a very important, well-used site. There is a children's playground, tennis courts and well-maintained football fields for the use of all residents.
Tranquillity?	YES		Large quiet open space to walk, with benches provided to walk dogs or for families to picnic in safety with their children
Richness of wildlife?	YES		The site is surrounded by trees and hedges in a Conservation area which attracts birds and other wildlife.
<p>Overall conclusion: This space is extremely important to the health and well being of the residents of the Parish. It provides many opportunities for exercise by residents, either tennis, football or just by walking around the area. It allows families to walk &amp; play with their families in total safety and for the children to run around at will.</p> <p>It is also used by the local Primary School for games and athletics which the position of the School in the centre of the Village does not allow.</p>			

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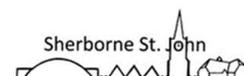
Location	<b>4. National Trust – Morgaston Wood</b>		
Site size:	63 ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		The wood is within easy walking distance from Sherborne St John Village via well-used public footpaths.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		The wood is beautiful at all seasons, especially in spring, when the woodland wildflowers are at their peak. From the footpaths at the edge of the wood, there are attractive views across adjoining farmland, water meadows and parkland.
Historic significance?	YES		The woods are part of The Vyne Estate
Recreational value?	YES		The extensive network of public and permissive footpaths within the wood are well-used by local walkers and nature lovers.
Tranquillity?	YES		The woodland is extensive enough to provide peace and tranquillity, other than at peak times.
Richness of wildlife?	YES		The wood has areas of semi-natural ancient woodland and an extensive and well-documented flora and fauna, including Red Data List beetle and fungus species.
Overall conclusion: This is an important area of woodland owned and managed by the National Trust and provides a valuable resource, much used and appreciated by local residents.			

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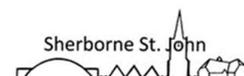
Location	<b>5. National Trust Permissive Access Land</b>		
Site size:	30 ha (approximately)		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		This land is adjacent to and accessible from Morgaston Wood. It is within easy walking distance from Sherborne St John Village via well-used public footpaths and permissive paths.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		This varied area consists of water meadow, open water, wetland and parkland with mature trees. The permissive footpath passing through the site provides attractive views across adjoining farmland, water meadows and parkland.
Historic significance?		NO	
Recreational value?	YES		There is a circular permissive path through the area, for walkers, starting and finishing in Morgaston Wood. There is also a bird hide for public use, providing views of the extensive range of water birds using the wetland, which it overlooks.
Tranquillity?	YES		The permissive path is peaceful and quiet.
Richness of wildlife?	YES		This area, which includes 2 biosites, has a representative and well-documented flora and fauna, with an impressive list of birds, including large numbers of overwintering wildfowl, together with breeding Little Ringed Plover.
Overall conclusion: this is an important area for wildlife and provides a valuable resource, much appreciated by local residents.			

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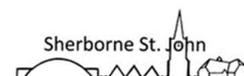
Location	<b>6. St Andrew's Church Yard</b>		
Site size:	~1ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		The church yard surrounds the Parish Church, in the centre of Sherborne St John Village.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		The building and surrounding grounds are very attractive.
Historic significance?	YES		St Andrew's is a Grade 1 listed, 11 <sup>th</sup> century church with later additions. The churchyard contains some interesting headstones and old yew trees.
Recreational value?			
Tranquillity?	YES		Very peaceful – away from the road.
Richness of wildlife?	YES		Another part of the green corridor.
Overall conclusion: Surrounding the Parish Church, and located next to the Village Pond, this is another beautiful, peaceful corner of Sherborne St John – which helps to maintain the rural nature of the Parish.			

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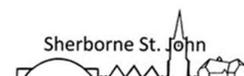
Location	<b>7. SSJ Village Green</b>		
Site size:	~0.5ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		It is next to the Village Hall, opposite the Swan public house and in the centre of the Village.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		Attractive green space with mature oak trees
Historic significance?	YES		It is at the heart of the older part of the Village.
Recreational value?	YES		Used for Parish fetes, parties and gatherings. Available for ad hoc games
Tranquillity?	YES		A lovely place to sit in the numerous benches as well as a pleasant picnic spot.
Richness of wildlife?			Another part of the green corridor
Overall conclusion: The Village Green is a fundamental part of the Village; it is next to the Village Hall and is used for many Parish events. It is one of the settings that defines Sherborne St John.			

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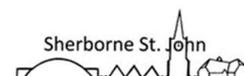
Location	<b>8. Kiln Rd Watercress Beds</b>		
Site size:	~0.5 ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	Working (commercial) watercress beds
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		Located close to the Village Green
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		A small green oasis.
Historic significance?	YES		Watercress growing is a traditional Hampshire industry
Recreational value?			
Tranquillity?	YES		A peaceful corner of the Village
Richness of wildlife?	YES		Home to Lesser Egrets and other wildlife.
Overall conclusion: A quiet corner of the Parish that continues much as it has done for a 100 years			

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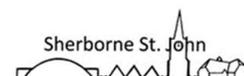
Location	<b>9. West End Pond</b>		
Site size:	~0.25Ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		In the middle of West End – adjacent to the A340.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		Very beautiful
Historic significance?	YES		It has been there for a very long time
Recreational value?		NO	
Tranquillity?	YES		It benefits from limited access.
Richness of wildlife?	YES		The setting lends itself to wildlife.
Overall conclusion: A very attractive pond which benefits from its relative seclusion from the surrounding area (A340 – West End). It is not well known, partly overgrown and a haven for wildlife.			

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Location	<b>10. Wetlands SINC &amp; Village Pond</b>		
Site size:	~ 5 ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		It is crossed by footpaths that provide glimpses of the wetlands environment and a clear view of the Village Pond.
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		The Village Pond is of special beauty
Historic significance?	YES		Centre of the SSJ spring-line, source of fresh water and the reason for the location of Sherborne St John.
Recreational value?	YES		Popular with younger residents – feeding the ducks
Tranquillity?	YES		A great feeling of space
Richness of wildlife?	YES		Varied wetland with opportunity for wildlife to flourish. Essential green corridor.
Overall conclusion: This wetland system that ends in the Village Pond, forms a significant green corridor through the middle of the Village. It has limited access and hence this provides protection for fauna and flora.			

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Location	<b>11. A340 Tree Belt – Rooksdown Lane to BNHH Hospital</b>		
Site size:	~2ha		
Location Plan:	See Map: SSJ Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Report Page 15		
Date of consultation with landowner:	N/A		
The answer to the following must be NO to qualify as Local Green Space			
	YES	NO	Commentary
Does the space have any outstanding planning consents?		NO	
Does the space have any conflicting existing designations?		NO	
Does the space comprise an extensive tract of land?		NO	
The answer to the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space			
Is the space in close proximity to the community it serves?	YES		The tree belt which is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) provides a vital green barrier, reinforcing the proposed Strategic Gap, hiding the development to the south
The answer to one or more of the following must be YES to qualify as Local Green Space. Is the space demonstrably special to its local community and hold local significance because of its:			
Beauty?	YES		A stunning belt of mature trees
Historic significance?	YES		Planted by a remarkable inmate at Rooksdown (Mental) Hospital
Recreational value?	YES		Excellent pathway / cycleway
Tranquillity?			
Richness of wildlife?	YES		Effective green corridor between A340 and Rooksdown development(s).
Overall conclusion: This is an impressive belt of mature trees which helps to provide Basingstoke with a 'soft edge' and reinforces the proposed Basingstoke- Sherborne St John Strategic Gap.			