



TADCASTER LOCAL GREEN SPACES ASSESSMENT

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MERITS OF GREEN SPACES IN THE
TADCASTER NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA CONSIDERED AS
CANDIDATES FOR FORMAL LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION.

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Name: Parklands Park		Reference: 1
Location	Parklands Drive	
Size	1.0 hectare	
Proximity to community served	Central	
Local in character?	Yes, parkland	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Functional park, recently upgraded play equipment	
Historic significance?	None	
Recreational value?	Seating, swings for younger and older children. Timber climbing frame. All recently upgraded – excellent facility well used.	
Tranquility?	No	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important recreational greenspace to local community, especially children	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Woodlands play area		Reference: 2
Location	Woodlands Avenue	
Size	0.6ha	
Proximity to community served	Surrounded by residential properties	
Local in character?	Yes. Central parkland	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Open green space with enclosed play area, recently upgraded equipment	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Swings, climbing frames, roundabout and other play equipment	
Tranquility?	No	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important recreational space for young children	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Grange Play Area		Reference: 3
Location	Grange Avenue	
Size	0.1 ha	
Proximity to community served	Central to high density residential properties	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Central green space	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Swings, climbing frames, benches, suitable for all children	
Tranquility?	No	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important green space for local children	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Manor Fields		Reference: 4
Location	Station Road	
Size	1.3 ha	
Proximity to community served	Central location	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Central green space	
Historic significance?	Yes. Former grounds of Manor Farm.	
Recreational value?	Football and cricket fields. Very well used by Tadcaster Community Sports Trust	
Tranquility?	No	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important sports fields adjacent to leisure centre	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Rosemary Row		Reference: 5
Location	Tadcaster East – Rosemary Row	
Size	0.1 ha	
Proximity to community served	Central to residential properties	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Central green space with views of the river and St Mary's church	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Important space for children's play	
Tranquility?	No	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important local green area	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Wharfeside West Bank		Reference: 6
Location	West side of the River Wharfe, north and south of the road bridge	
Size	1.8 ha	
Proximity to community served	Heart of the town	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Owned and managed by the town council. Attractive open space with significant vistas, particularly towards the viaduct	
Historic significance?	Important crossing point of the river, site of battles, adjacent to SAM	
Recreational value?	Walking, fishing, beaches accessing river	
Tranquility?	Peaceful area in the heart of the town	
Wildlife richness?	Yes, herons, ducks, river wildlife	
Summary Assessment	Important for the town for both recreation and river management	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Quaker Burial ground		Reference: 7
Location	Oxton Lane	
Size	0.1ha	
Proximity to community served	Central to local estates	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Stone wall, orchards	
Historic significance?	Used since 1654. No gravestones but plaque indicating use.	
Recreational value?	Upkeep by local group Tadcrafters. Quiet green space	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important local green area	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Riverside School Playing Fields		Reference: 8
Location	Wetherby Road	
Size	3 ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Views of river valley and viaduct	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Used by children daily term time for play and sports	
Tranquility?	No	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Vital for the future of the school	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Tadcaster Primary Academy Playing Fields		Reference: 9
Location	Grange Avenue	
Size	0.9 ha	
Proximity to community served	Central	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	No	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Used daily by children for play and sports	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Essential facility for local primary school	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: St Mary's Churchyard		Reference: 10
Location	Kirkgate	
Size	0.3 ha	
Proximity to community served	Centre of the town	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Historic churchyard, peaceful and well kept	
Historic significance?	Site of church burials since c17. Church is Grade 1 listed	
Recreational value?	Well kept with footpath across leading to riverside	
Tranquility?	Peaceful area	
Wildlife richness?	Mature trees	
Summary Assessment	A tranquil part of the town centre	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Tadcaster Cemetery		Reference: 11
Location	Leeds Road	
Size	2.6ha	
Proximity to community served	Central	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Municipal cemetery, well kept, trees, green spaces	
Historic significance?	Records date back to 1876. A number of Commonwealth War Graves	
Recreational value?	No	
Tranquility?	Peaceful space	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important local space for the town.	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Tadcaster Bowling Club greens		Reference: 12
Location	St Joseph's Street	
Size	0.3ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Flat, well-kept greens	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Well used by Bowling Club and visitors	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Well used sports/recreational facility	
Recommendation	Designate (greens only)	

Name: Stutton Road allotments		Reference: 13
Location	Stutton Road	
Size	0.3ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Well-kept allotments	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Well used for local food production	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Popular and well used allotments – important to the community	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Westfield allotments (Middlemiss Allotments)		Reference: 14
Location	Wharfedale Crescent	
Size	0.6ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Well kept, adjacent to viaduct walk and riverside	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Well used for local food growing	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important local growing area for the Westfield community	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Viaduct Walk		Reference: 15
Location	Wetherby Road	
Size	0.4ha	
Proximity to community served	Bounds the town centre	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Tree lined avenue leading to viaduct with access to riverside	
Historic significance?	Viaduct historic significance built in 1842	
Recreational value?	Walking route and link for the 2 sides of the town	
Tranquility?	Peaceful	
Wildlife richness?	Yes	
Summary Assessment	A beautiful and cherished link across the river wharfe	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Sandfield Terrace allotments		Reference: 16
Location	Sandfield Terrace	
Size	0.7ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Tidy well-kept allotments	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Important for local food production	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important for local residents for local food growing	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Ouston Lane allotments		Reference: 17
Location	Ouston lane	
Size	1.0ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Well-kept allotments	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Local food growing	
Tranquility?	Yes – peaceful green space in the heart of housing estates	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important for local food growing	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Field Drive allotments		Reference: 18
Location	Field Drive	
Size	0.8ha	
Proximity to community served	Central	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Well kept	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Used for local food growing	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Well used allotments	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Field Drive copse		Reference: 19
Location	Field Drive	
Size	0.1ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Yes, tree filled corner	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	No	
Tranquility?	Yes. Tranquil corner of main thoroughfare	
Wildlife richness?	Trees providing for nesting birds	
Summary Assessment	Established chestnut trees	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Disused railway and field, Kelcbar		Reference: 20
Location	Kelcbar Close	
Size	0.4ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Open field bounded by trees with views across Tadcaster	
Historic significance?	Bounded by former railway line to Wetherby	
Recreational value?	Play area for local children and used for informal recreation	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	Mature trees bound the site for nesting birds	
Summary Assessment	Important for local residents	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Tower Crescent open space		Reference: 21
Location	Tower Crescent	
Size	0.1ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Small green amenity area in housing estate	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Seating, space for children to play	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Green area in an estate otherwise lacking in such	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: St Joseph's School Playing Field		Reference: 22
Location	Station Road	
Size	0.2ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Green playing field	
Historic significance?	No	
Recreational value?	Used daily by school children for play and sports	
Tranquility?	Yes	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Vital for school/children	
Recommendation	Designate	

Name: Glenn Goodman Corner		Reference: 23
Location	Station Road/Wetherby Road	
Size	0.1ha	
Proximity to community served	Yes	
Local in character?	Yes	
Demonstrably special / local significance to the community		
Beauty?	Well kept green area with monument, used for Christmas tree. Surrounded by mature trees	
Historic significance?	PC Glenn Goodman killed by the Irish Republican Army nearby June 1992.	
Recreational value?	Used for annual Christmas Tree	
Tranquility?	No	
Wildlife richness?	No	
Summary Assessment	Important historic green area for the town	
Recommendation	Designate	