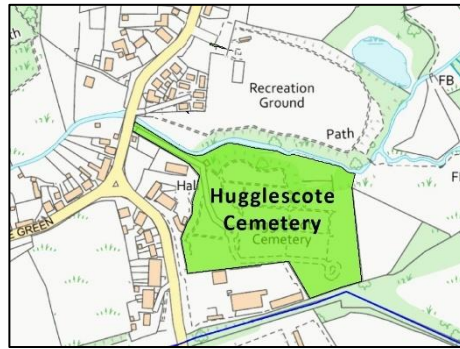


APPENDIX X: Evidence base for Local Green Spaces

EVIDENCE	NPPF (2019) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA									
	Access /4	Proximity /4	Bounded /4	Special /4	Rec/Ed /4	Beauty/ Views /2	Tranquility /2	History /4	Wildlife /4	TOTAL
Donington Fields	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	3	3	30
<p>11.7 ha</p> <p>Comprises Ashburton Road Recreation Ground and children’s play area (NWLDC OSSRs), Donington le Heath Country Park (southern part), together with the arable and grazing fields to the west and north of them, including an area of surviving ridge and furrow earthworks, all constituting the <i>setting</i> of Donington le Heath Manor House, and Leicestershire and Rutland HER sites MLE 4573 (medieval fishponds) and MLE8333 (ditch and bank surrounding Donington le Heath Manor House).</p> <p>Under two ownerships etc., comprising Harley Trust (part let to tenant, part to NWLDC and sublet to H&D Parish Council), Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Site crossed by Public Footpaths as marked on the Definitive Map (extract below). Used regularly by the community; particularly by families with children at the adjacent school, and dog walkers, also by visitors to the Manor House, of whose car park is shared by this site.</p> <p>The northeast part is used by the school as an extension to their playground, the rest for outdoor activities including Forest Schools initiatives.</p> <p>Site has one of the few remaining areas of ridge & furrow in the area – this is related to the land around the Manor House.</p> <p>Open fields are part of The Parks, the grounds of the later medieval Manor House. Visible earthworks (bank and ditch; fishponds) are part of this historically important complex.</p> <p>Compartments of woodland, wetland and rough grass in the southern part (Country Park) have been planted with native trees (Woodland Trust scheme and part of the National Forest): high local wildlife value with wildflowers, small mammals, bats, birds including 5 BAP species.</p>										
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Recreation ground and play park. Ridge and furrow on right</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>New tree planting (Woodland Trust; part of National Forest) and wildflowers</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Footpath access on the site</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Location map</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Manor House and associated features, including The Parks</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>High local biodiversity value</p> </div> </div>										
Hugglescote cemetery	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	3	3	30
<p>2.2 ha</p> <p>Important for Cultural & Religious reasons</p> <p>Historically important because it contains Commonwealth War Graves</p> <p>Cemetery has direct links with the War Memorial in the Recreation Ground to the North on the other bank of the River Sence. Also culturally important as it has a section for the Romany / Traveller community.</p> <p>Site is important environmentally (as with most cemeteries) for wildlife – including birdlife and small mammals + insects (various varieties of bees and dragonflies. Known for owls, various birds of prey, and waterfowl along the sheltered river bank forming the cemetery’s North boundary (including e.g. kingfishers)</p>										

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Millfield Recreation Ground and Playpark	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	2	2	26
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2.8 ha

Survey site reference 130 / 130a

Pariah Council Recreation Ground with Playing Fields (football pitch) + Changing Rooms, children’s playground and car park area.

Definitive Map Footpath N50 runs through the Recreation Ground to the South, where it borders the River Sence. There is an additional footpath – a ‘Circular Walk’ – around the grounds.

There is a War Memorial for those local people from the Parish area killed in the World Wars. also: 50 trees planted along the Circular Walk to represent the first 50 local volunteers in WW1.

The Recreation Grounds are used daily by local dog walkers and joggers. The playground is used regularly by local children and families. Grounds also used by local people in relation to its role as a War Memorial, also by people visiting the cemetery across the River.

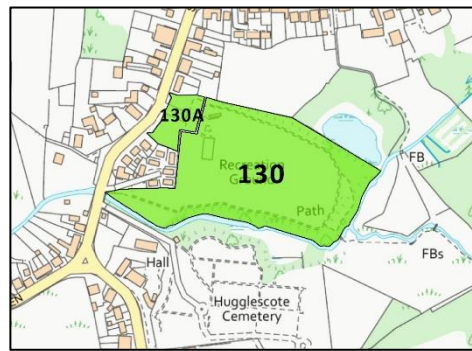
Views across the River Sence and the Hugglescote Cemetery

Was the site of the Parish Water-mill after which the grounds are named. Some houses on Station Road were built in the C17th by the miller for his workers.

Waterfowl (coots / moorhens) known to nest / use banks of the River Sence, and other birds nest in woodland area which forms the South border of the grounds. This includes owls noted by local residents.



Millfield recreation ground, 2018 ©Kyle Williams



Kelham Bridge Nature Reserve	3	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	4	25
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8.5 ha


Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust reserve. Wetland, grazing meadows, scrub, hedges, open water and riparian habitats.

Access via public footpath and from Melbourne Road. Frequent use by residents and visitors as part of recreational walking network.

Area of mining subsidence etc., previously used for disposal of treated sewage waste.

Outstanding local biodiversity significance, with common and locally rare/threatened species in all taxa, including BAP species.

Key part of wildlife corridor along Sence valley / southern edge of the parish.

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