

Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan

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Green Infrastructure Assessment

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1 Introduction

1.1 The NPPF defines Green Infrastructure as "a network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities." The definition of Green Infrastructure is comprehensive and includes, among other features:

- Footpaths, cycleways, bridleways, and any other PROW (Public Right of Way) within the green setting
- Rivers, streams, canals and lakes in the urban area, and any other blue infrastructure within a green setting.
- Playgrounds and sport fields.
- Urban verges, groups of trees, lines of trees, and pocket greens.
- Large woodlands, paddocks, and natural habitats on the outskirts of the urban environment.


1.2 Such a network provides several ecological services, for the benefit of both people and wildlife. The protection, as well as the enhancement and improvement, of such infrastructure is a key priority of the NPPF and for the social and environmental wellbeing of settlements.



1.3 The Oakham and Barleythorpe Steering Group have identified many Green Infrastructure elements in the Town and Parish that are important for the local community, and that should be protected through the Neighbourhood Plan.


1.4 This assessment presents information on the location of such infrastructure, a narrative description of why they are important, and photographs of the Green Infrastructure.

1.5 Policy Maps 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4 shows the location of green infrastructure. For completeness, the maps show also Important Open Spaces, areas protected under Policy RLP43 of the RCC Local Plan Review. These areas already enjoy adequate protection under the Local Plan Review and therefore they have not been included in the Green Infrastructure Assessment.


2 Description of Green Infrastructure



Ref	Type of Green Inf.	Location	Description	Photograph
1	Play area and surrounding grassed space	Kilburn End 52.677860, - 0.730623	Fenced play area, within a grassed space, containing eight items of equipment and two benches.	



				
2	Old open-air swimming pool site now grassed	Schofield Road 52.677942, - 0.727792	Old Open-Air Pool site now green space west of Schofield Road and south of Barleythorpe Brook stream. Green space used as water drainage	



3	Old canal	Ashfield Close 52.679674, - 0.725977	<p>Historic Oakham canal. Runs north to south under Burley Park Way.</p> <p>A footpath runs along the canal from Burley Park Way south to the corner of Ashfield. The canal also goes north towards Burley Road.</p> <p>Canal supports water birds and habitat for other animals.</p> <p>The Melton & Oakham Waterways Society is responsible for the preservation of the Oakham Canal. https://meltonwaterways.org.uk</p>	 <p>Canal S of Burley Park Way</p>
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				 <p>Canal footpath S of Burley Park Way</p>
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				 <p>Canal N of Burley Park Way</p>
4	Grassed area	Junction Ashwell Road & Burley Park Way 52.679446, - 0.722358	Grassed area adjacent to a roundabout.	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google United Kingdom</p> <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>

				
5	Footpath along tree lined avenue	Ashwell Road 52.677432, - 0.723411	Tree-lined footpath (made up of protected trees) from Ashwell Road to the junction of Springfield Way and Greenfield. Note - Luminous chips rolled into tarmac surface to illuminate path at night	

				
6	Grassed area	Barmstedt Drive 52.676542, -0.725168	Grassed area with flower border and mature trees.	



				
7	Grassed area	Small grassed area between Jay Close and Robin Close 52.678264, -0.721046	The grassed area is used by local children to play ball games. Footpaths cross the area connecting Martin Close, Jay Close and Robin Close.	


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8	Footpath along tree lined avenue	Horn Close to Burley Park Way		 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google United Kingdom Terms S</p> <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>
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Looking north from the end of Horn Close.

				
				<p>Looking south from the end of Horn Close.</p>
9	Play area	Normanton Drive 52.673344, - 0.716648	Fenced play area, within a grassed space, containing four items of equipment.	



<p>10</p>	<p>Public Footpath and adjacent Green space</p>	<p>Hereward Way (E203) public footpath runs from the end of Woodland View east towards Burley Park Way (A606) and on to Rutland Water. Footpath slopes gently towards Burley Park Way (A606). 52.672464, -0.716129</p>	<p>Tarmacked public footpath lit and lined with shrubs, small bushes and trees. Green spaces to the south of the footpath, under which runs the main sewer down towards Burley Park Way and the sewage farm on the other side of the road.</p>	  <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>
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11	Footpath along tree lined avenue	Tolethorpe Close to Wensum Close 52.671517, -0.717523	Tarmacked public footpath with grassed area and mature tree. Grassed area from Wensum Close backing on to allotments, with mature oak tree behind.	
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12	Grassed area with mature trees	Edmonton Way 52.669395, - 0.718817	Grassed area with trees	

<p>13</p>	<p>Grassed area with flower beds and raised sensory garden</p>	<p>Stamford Road, Bull Lane & B641 52.669102, -0.725451</p>	<p>These areas are adjacent to the Oakham library and Visions Children's Centre. Oakham In Bloom volunteers maintain them. To the front of the library is a sensory garden, either side of the path to the Library entrance and seating.</p>	
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<p>14</p>	<p>Play area and grassed area</p>	<p>The Sidings 52.667382, - 0.732058</p>	<p>Fenced play area, within a grassed space, containing four items of equipment.</p>	
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15	Grassed area with trees	Junction of Welland Way with Brooke Road	This grassed verge with trees sits alongside the public footpath and is crossed by driveways to private houses.	
16	Two interlinked grassed areas	Welland Way to Glen Drive 52.665107, - 0.735523	Two grassed areas used for recreation	

				 
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<p>17</p>	<p>Interlinked grassed areas with some trees</p>	<p>Trent Road, Forth Close, Chater Road & Avon Close 52.663438, -0.736609</p>	<p>This open grassed area with trees has footpaths linking adjacent roads. It is used for recreation and dog walking.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p> 
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18	Grassed and tree lined footpath	Forth Close to Welland Way 52.663686, -0.738970	This is a grassed and tree lined space with a footpath linking Forth Close to Welland Way.	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>
19	Wreake Walk	Wreake Walk is between Welland Way and Dove Close 52.663779, -0.741063	This is a small grassed area with cherry trees surrounded on all sides by houses. The footpaths provide access to the houses and link Welland Way and Dove Close.	  <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>


<p>20</p>	<p>Grassed space and play area</p>	<p>Harrington Way & Irwell Close 52.665435, -0.740581</p>	<p>Fenced play area, within a grassed space, containing four items of equipment.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p> 
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<p>21</p>	<p>Grassed space with several small trees</p>	<p>Hanbury Close 52.665681, - 0.746190</p>	<p>Grassed space with several small trees</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p> 
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<p>22</p>	<p>Grassed space and play area</p>	<p>Area bounded by Grampian Way, Glebe Way and Lonsdale Way. 52.669359, -0.747356</p>	<p>Fenced play area, within a grassed space, containing items of play equipment.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p> 
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<p>23</p>	<p>Green space with trees</p>	<p>Grampian Way and Cheviot Close 52.669502, -0.742544</p>	<p>Grassed areas with mature trees with footpath to reach Royce Recreation Ground</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google, Map data ©2019 Google, United Kingdom Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>

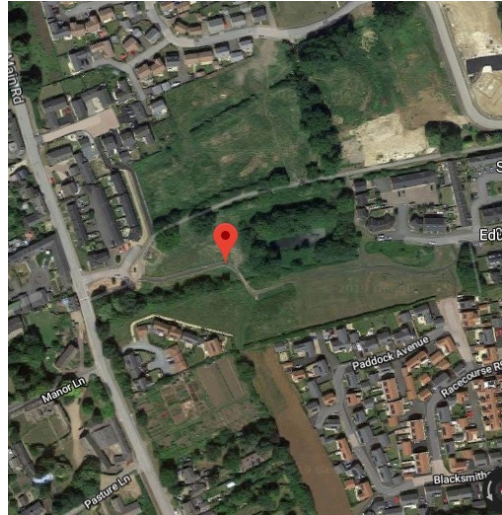

				
24	Buffer zone with trees	South of and parallel to Blacksmiths Avenue 52.677216, -0.742082	Lines of mature trees creating a buffer between two estates	 Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google
25	Pocket Green	Off Aintree Avenue 52.682740, -0.744929	Green pocket park crossed by a winding footpath	 Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google



26	Landscaped buffer area	Farriers Reach, land beyond Voluntary Action Rutland off Lands' End Way 5 2.674438, - 0.735944	Currently under development, it will be a landscaped buffer area	
27	Line of mature hedgerow and footpath	Off Maresfield Road 52.683433, - 0.742120	A line of mature hedgerow acting as a buffer between the settlement and the Burley Park Way, and footpath and cycleway connecting Oakham Heights with the walkway along Burley Park Way	 <p data-bbox="1361 1185 2002 1217">Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>


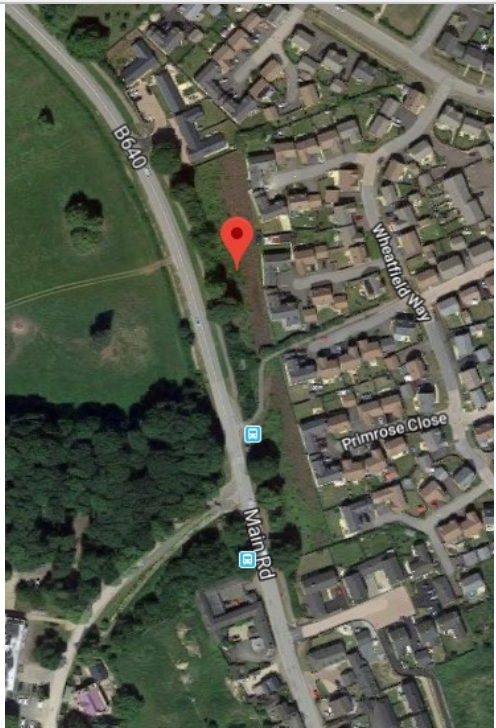
<p>28</p>	<p>Open green park space</p>	<p>Alsthorpe Road Park (Open Space is adjacent to the existing Arboretum and the south of Alsthorpe Road.) 52.669773, -0.714549</p>	<p>The green space is close to housing on Alsthorpe Road and Tolethorpe Close. The site on its northern perimeter is open on to Alsthorpe Road; to the east, it provides access to Tolethorpe Close via a footpath. The southern boundary is marked by a tree line and bushes behind which is a stream. To the east is a wooden fence which runs the length of the site next to Burley Park Way (Oakham bypass) and adjacent cycleway and footpath.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p> 
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<p>29</p>	<p>Open green park space</p>	<p>Stamford Road Park (Green Space is north of the Stamford Road, west of Burley Park Way and east of Tolethorpe Close, Sculthorpe Close.) 52.668497, -0.714978</p>	<p>Dotted with clumps of trees. From the end of Sculthorpe Road and the play area, there is a beautiful open view to Burley and Rutland Water beyond. The trees, hedges and stream provide a rich habitat for many forms of wildlife. The space is used by dog walkers, and children use the play area.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p> 
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30	Community allotment	Kilburn Road Allotments 52.676535, -0.729565	<p>The allotments back onto housing on Barmstedt Drive to the east and Gilmore Close and Suthern Close to the north. The western side faces Kilburn Road and is lined by a hedge. The southern perimeter has a track down its length and is separated from Oakham School playing fields by hedges and trees. The boundary hedges and trees support a diversity of wildlife.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p> 
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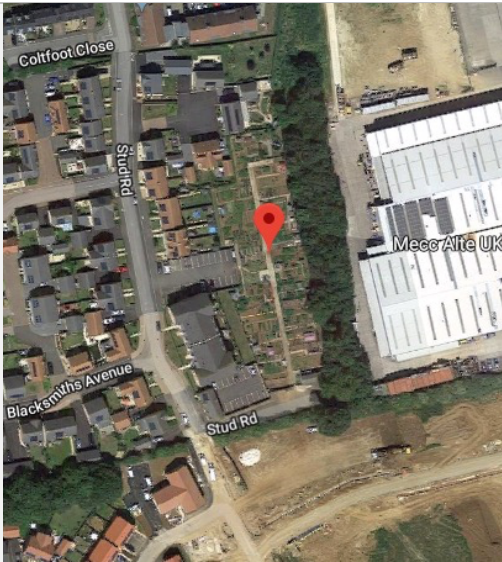
<p>31</p>	<p>Open green park space</p>	<p>Linear Park (Between Main Road, Barleythorpe and Maresfield Road) 52.679041, - 0.743841</p>	<p>The trees and hedges provide a rich habitat for many forms of wildlife.</p> <p>The area is used for informal recreation, including dog walking, and residents can often be seen stopping for conversations. The main feature of this area is its current and future potential for contribution to wildlife habitat and community involvement. Barleythorpe Brook runs adjacent to a significant wooded area surrounding a pond.</p> <p>It was identified as an essential community asset as part of the Neighbourhood Plan survey and in the walkabout.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019</p> 
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32	Open green park space	<p>Buttercross Park (bounded by Barleythorpe Main Road, Stud Road and parts of Brocklebank Road/Gretton Street) 52.675657, -0.741178</p>	<p>The site serves local people and residents living around the park and represents at the same time a sustainable green corridor and buffer between the Main Road and Oakham Heights. The site provides a green corridor for residents to continue to use and enjoy the natural wildlife and open spaces in Barleythorpe</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>


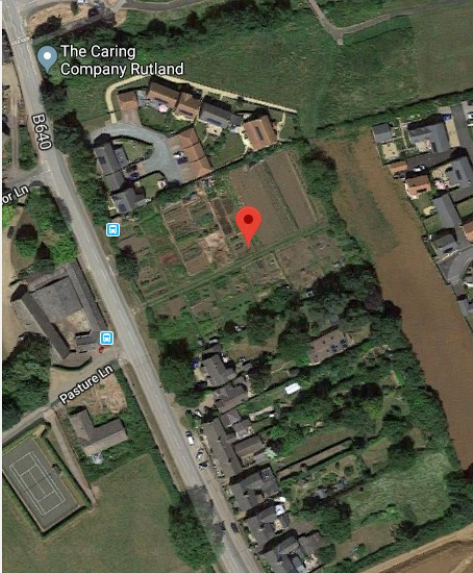
				
<p>33</p>	<p>Open green park space</p>	<p>Barleythorpe Woodland Park (Barleythorpe Road (B640) and Maresfield Road, bounded by the B640, Maresfield Road and Bramble Close.) 52.681473, -0.746306</p>	<p>There is open public access with footways/cycleways throughout the Park which can be enjoyed and easily accessible by anyone in the community. The park is a tranquil area, with access via a public footpath, hedgerow, fields and trees surround the site.</p>	


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<p>34</p>	<p>Open green park space</p>	<p>Ascot Park (Maresfield Road, Wheatfield Way and Hornbeam Crescent) 52.681060, -0.74278</p>	<p>The area has a grassed ball game area, including a basketball ring and an outdoor gym. There is a comprehensive children's play area with some seating. The area is used for informal recreation and has become increasingly popular as a place where residents with young children can meet.</p> <p>The park is a tranquil area, with access via a public footpath; hedgerow, fields and trees surround the site.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>

				
35	Open green park space	<p>Chepstow Park (bounded by the Oakham bypass (A606), Maresfield Road) 52.683513, -0.747642</p>	<p>The site serves local people and residents living around the park and represents at the same time a sustainable green corridor and buffer between the Main Road and Oakham Heights</p> <p>There is open public access with footways/cycleways throughout the park which can be enjoyed and easily accessible by anyone in the community.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>

				
36	Community allotment	Allotment 1 (Behind the properties on Stud Road) 52.678263, -0.739127	<p>This allotment is surrounded by housing on one side and fields. Residents get good use of the allotment which supports a diversity of wildlife. Developers tried to get housing on the site. After a long campaign by residents, the developer eventually relented, and the site will become allotments. This explains why the site is not finished.</p> <p>Fencing, a small parking area and water supply are to be included.</p>	 <p>Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>

				
37	Community allotment	<p>Allotment 2 (Between Linear Park and Buttercross Park and the rear gardens of housing) 52.677915, -0.743029</p>	<p>The site is a community allotment and serves local residents. The allotment brings people together, contributing to the development of the community as well as giving health and recreation benefits.</p> <p>This allotment is surrounded by housing on one side and fields. Residents get good use of the allotment which supports a diversity of wildlife. The boundary hedges and trees support a diversity of wildlife.</p>	

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38	Community allotment	<p data-bbox="495 919 683 1230">Allotment 3 (East side of Main Road Barleythorpe opposite the entrance to Pasture Lane) 52.678082, -0.744039</p>	<p data-bbox="719 935 1288 1214">The site is a community allotment and serves local residents. The allotment brings people together, contributing to the development of the community as well as giving health and recreation benefits. This allotment is surrounded by housing on one side and fields. The boundary hedges and trees support a diversity of wildlife.</p>	 <p data-bbox="1361 1348 2002 1377">Imagery ©2019 Google Map data ©2019 Google</p>

				
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3 Location of Green Infrastructures

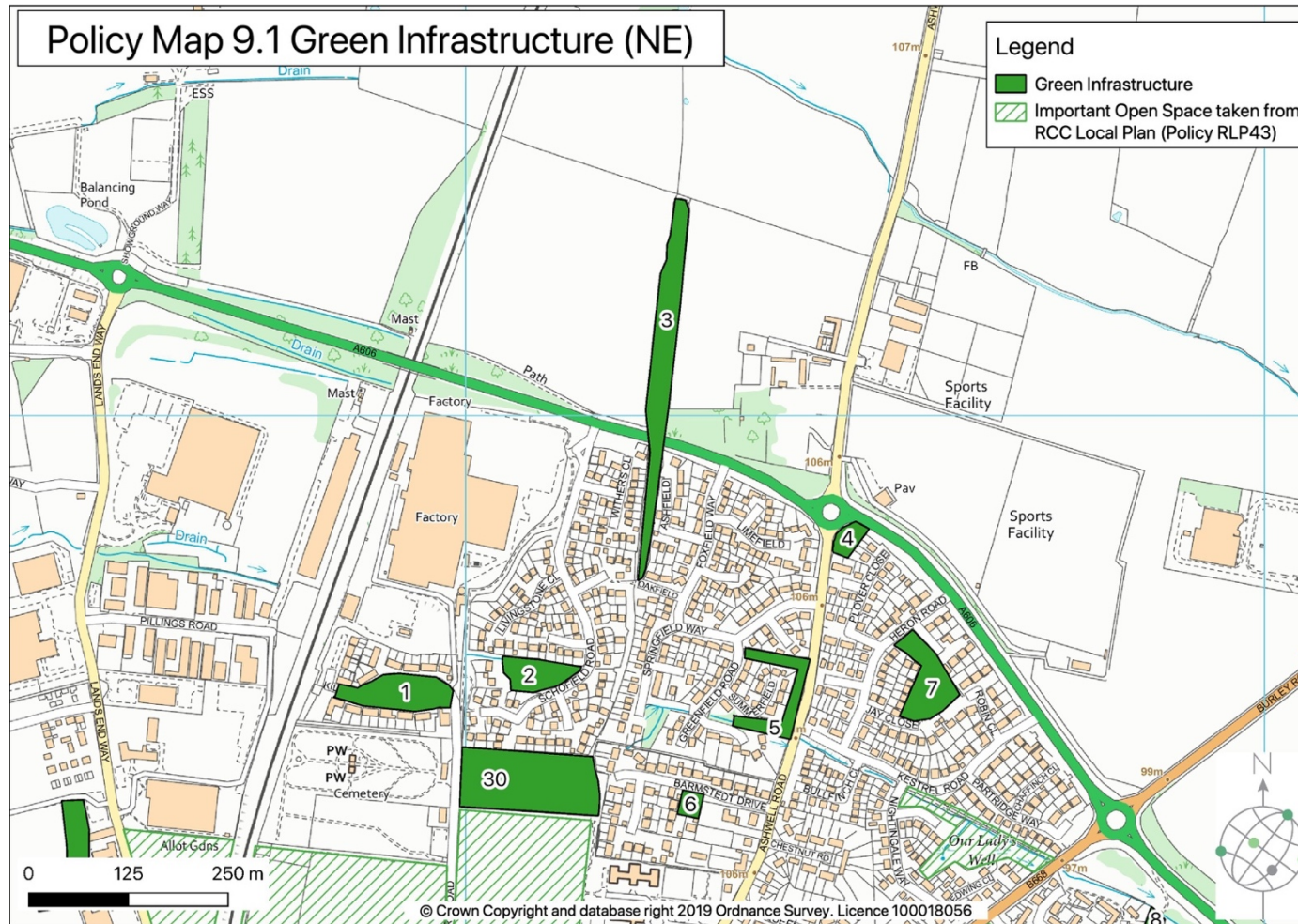


Figure 1: Policy Map 9.1 of the Green Infrastructure sites in Oakham and Barleythorpe (NE)

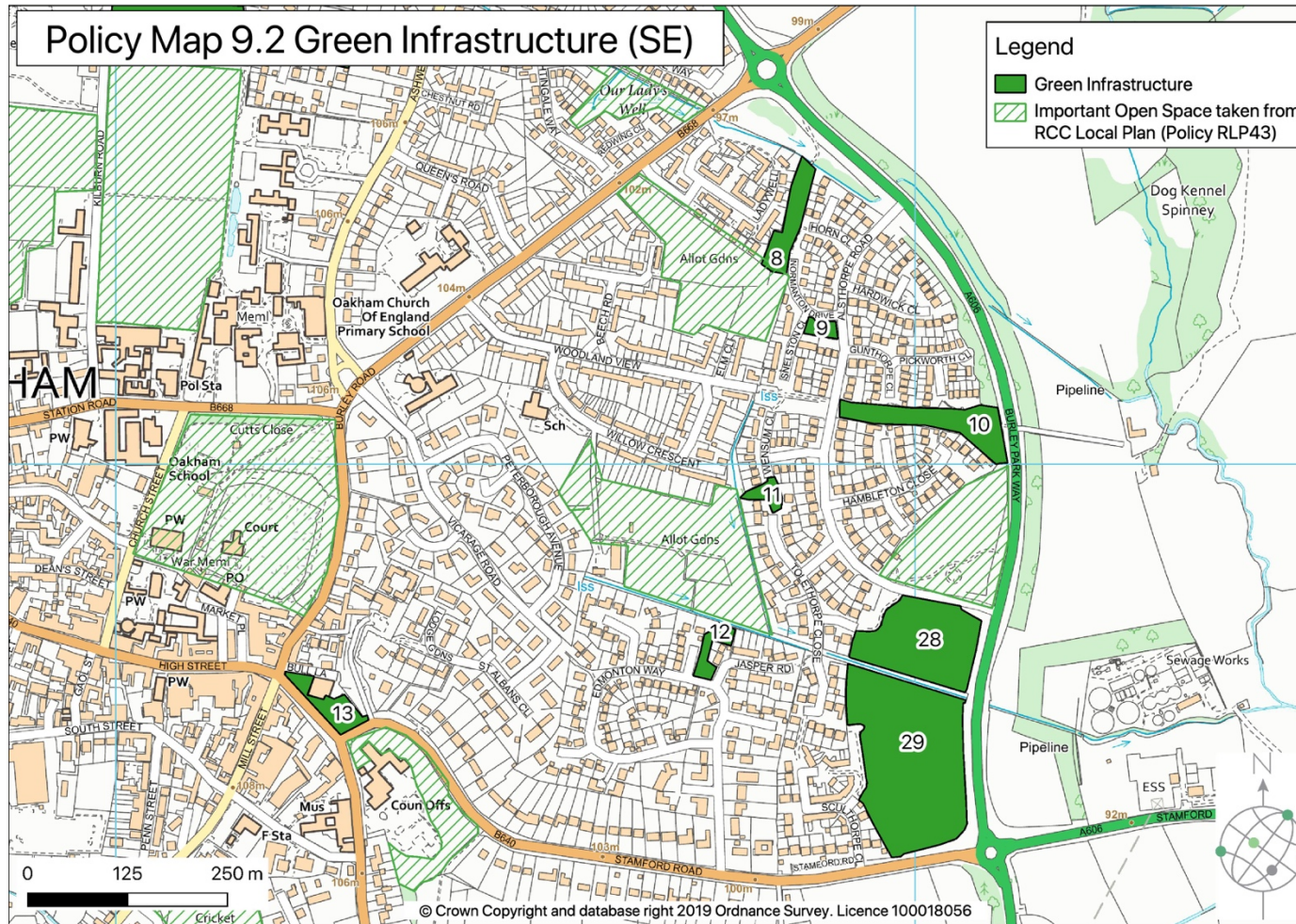


Figure 2: Policy Map 9.2 of the Green Infrastructure sites in Oakham and Barleythorpe (SE)

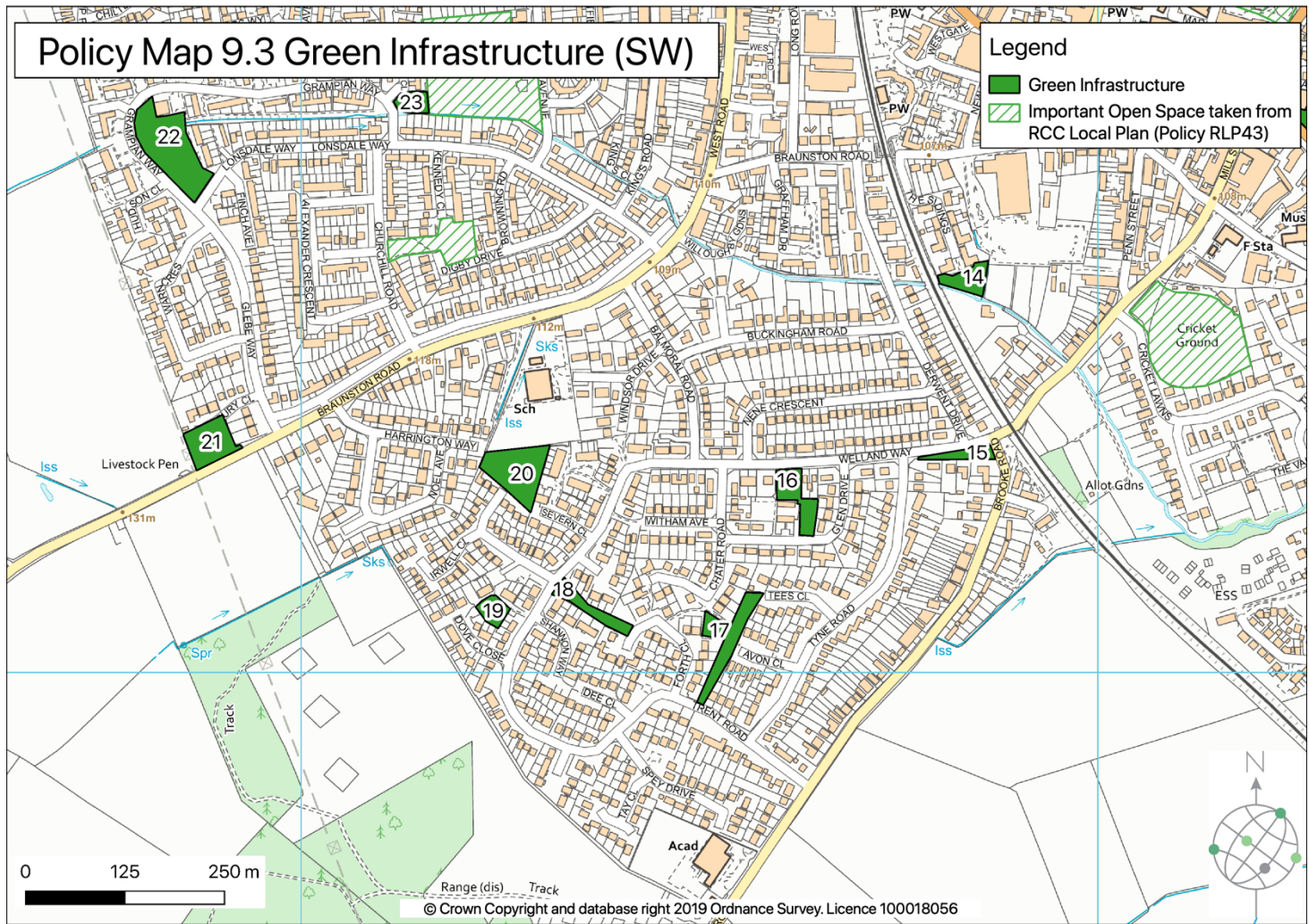


Figure 3: Policy Map 9.4 of the Green Infrastructure sites in Oakham and Barleythorpe (SW)

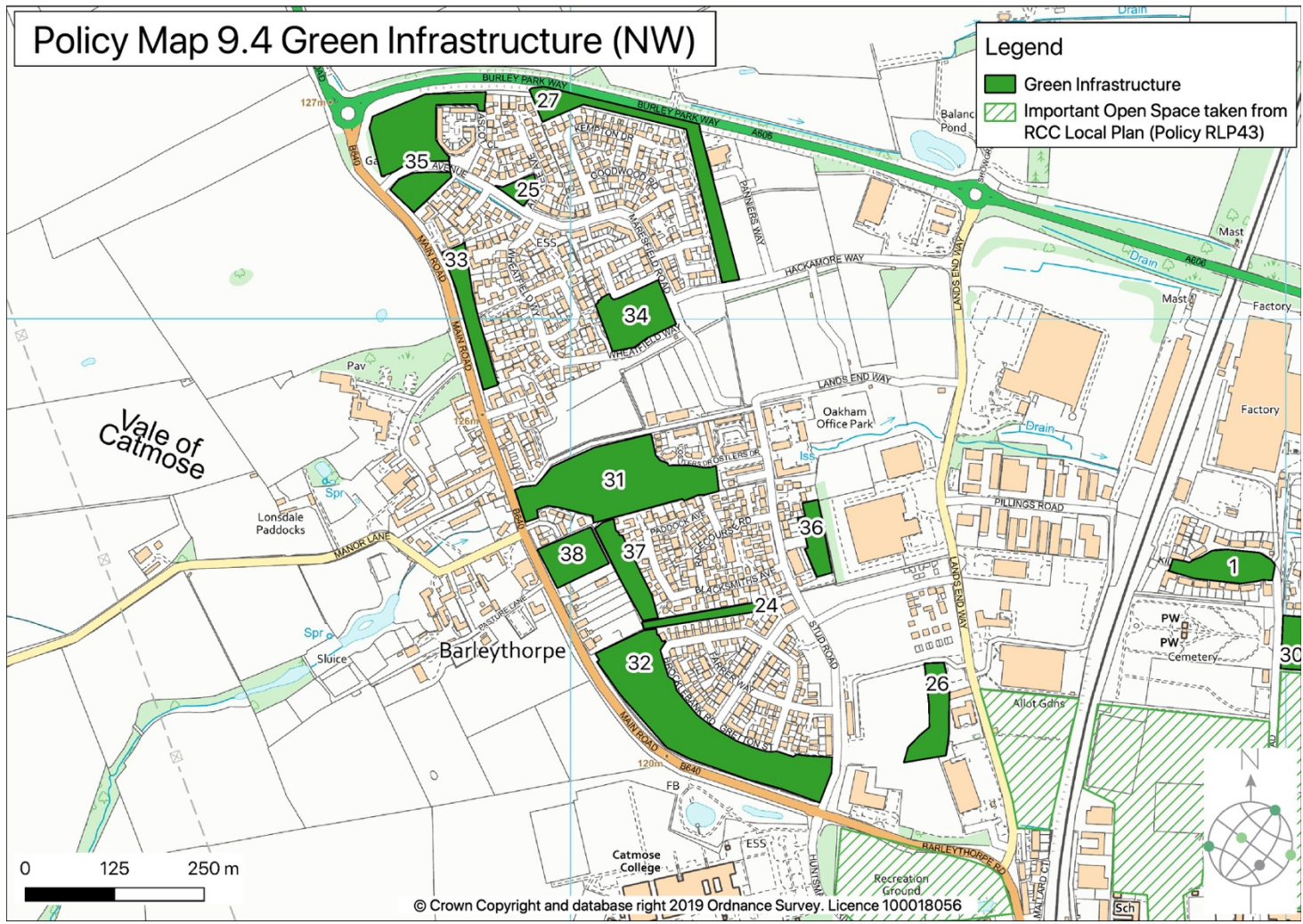


Figure 4: Policy Map 9.4 of the Green Infrastructure sites in Oakham and Barleythorpe (NW)

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 In conclusion, the Green Infrastructures listed above should be protected as part of Policy 9 of the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.2 Development Proposals will need to consider the impact on such Green Infrastructures in the earliest phases of development and design of the site, and clearly demonstrate (through a design statement, if requested) how the layout, scale, massing, height, design, landscaping, etc. of the development do not have a detrimental impact on the Green Infrastructure or mitigate unavoidable implications.
- 4.3 The Green Infrastructures listed above will be subject to consultation as part of Regulation 14 Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.

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