



A REVIEW OF OPEN SPACES IN AND AROUND LAVANT

**Lavant Neighbourhood
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.01 It has become clear through consultation exercises carried out that open spaces are an important and significant part of the village nature and character. They are vital in creating the rural nature and contribution to the social and environmental well-being of the residents of Lavant.

1.02 The following areas have been identified by the local community, through consultation exercises, and the Steering Group as areas that should be considered:

Ref.	Name / Location
1	River Lavant Flood Plain, East of Mid Lavant
2	Land South and West of line drawn between SW boundary of Lavant Primary School and bridge over Centurion Way
3	'Daffodil field' between Chichester and Lavant
4	Children's Play area at Churchmead Close
5	The Village Green , between Sheepwash and Pook Lane
6	'Football field'
7	Cemeteries of St Mary's East Lavant & St. Nicholas's Mid Lavant
8	The allotments at the centre of the Village on the A286 and opposite St Nicholas Church
9	The 'Amphitheatre' next to Centurion Way
10	The two green spaces in Lavant Down Road
11	The triangular area of grass between St. Nicholas Road and A286
12	Strip of land running East of Old Railway line along Churchmead Close. (W of No 20)
13	The grassed and hedged strip of land on the north side of Lavant Down Road
14	The land south of St Mary's Church

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15	Triangular piece of land between Pook and Sheepwash Lanes (WWII memorial)
16	Land between Earl of March and the Village Green
17	Land between Chichester and East Lavant and east of the 'Daffodil' field/ Raughmere
18	Land west of A286 and south of Hunters Race
19	Land west and north of Mid Lavant
20	Land between Churchmead and River Lavant
21	Land adjoining Marsh Lane in proximity to East Lavant
22	Land adjoining Mid Lavant, North and East of a line drawn between SW boundary of Lavant Primary School and the bridge over Centurion Way
23	Southern bank of land between junction of A286 and St Nicholas Road and St Nicholas Church
24	Maddox Wood

1.03 This document will look at how these important spaces can be addressed within the plan.

How these spaces could be addressed

1.04 The Neighbourhood Development Plan has the ability to introduce policies to guide where development is located and how it should look. As open spaces are generally undeveloped, policies relating to them mainly seek to prevent their loss. The following designations/policies could be considered in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Local Green Space

1.05 Open spaces may be designated as Local Green Space where they are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or in a neighbourhood in a town or city.

- 1.06 To be designated as Local Green Space, an area should meet the criteria set out in para 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis.
- 1.07 The Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities. Areas can be designated in Local and Neighbourhood Development Plans and these plans should identify these areas on a map and ‘designate’ them for special protection.
- 1.08 Designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. This means land should not be designated that would prevent development in suitable locations to meet local identified development needs.
- 1.09 The proximity of a Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served.
- 1.10 Land designated as Local Green Space could potentially be nominated for listing by the local authority as an Asset of Community Value. Listing gives community interest groups an opportunity to bid if the owner wants to dispose of the land.

Other local designations

- 1.11 Whilst not recognised at the national level, a Neighbourhood Development Plan can introduce local designations and policies to support those designations where justified and where they do not prevent the delivery of identified development needs.
- 1.12 These can provide protection for small spaces and/or large tracts of land and policies included within the Neighbourhood Development Plan should provide guidance for any development proposals that fall within those areas.
- 1.13 The other parish specific designations that have been considered are:
- Local Gap (*to prevent coalescence of communities to enable them to maintain their distinct identities*)
 - Local Community Space (*for areas considered worthy of a degree of protection but do not meet the criteria for Local Green Space designation*)

2.0 METHODOLOGY

- 2.01 In order to determine whether the spaces identified by the local community should be designated, a methodology was formulated to assess all areas proposed.
- 2.02 The following methodology has been used to identify which areas should be identified as Local Green Space, Local Community Space and/or Local Gap, and which areas should not be designated at all.
- 2.03 All identified areas were assessed against the following criteria, and a response assigned to each criterion (Yes/No):
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
 2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance
 3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
 4. Actively and currently used by the community
 5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.

Local Green Space designation

- 2.04 For an area to be designated as Local Green Space, they must meet criteria 1, 2, and 3.

Local Community Space designation

- 2.05 For an area to be designated as Local Community Space, they should not be designated as Local Green Space and must meet criteria 1, 3 and 4.

Local Gap designation

- 2.06 An area can be allocated as Local Gap in addition to Local Green Space and/or Local Community Space.
- 2.07 For an area to be designated as Local Gap, they must meet criteria 2 and 5, and not meet criteria 3.

Guidance for assessing the criteria

- 2.08 The following guiding principles were used when assessing the open spaces against the criteria set out in the methodology.

1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

The proximity of a Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served.

2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance

It should be judged how important the space is to the local community, this can be shown through consultation responses. Importance could relate to a wide variety of local significance can relate to a wide range of things such as its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife. The space could act to enhance the wider setting, perhaps as a consequence of views afforded either into from SDNP or out of the area towards other areas of the village or SDNP.

3. The area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

This is open to interpretation but generally it should refer to the scale of the space and whether it reflects the surrounding locality. If an area covers a large area (a large field, or multiple fields for example) it should be considered an extensive track of land.

4. Actively and currently used by the community.

In assessing whether a space is 'actively' and 'currently' used (whether that use is formal or informal) the frequency of use, who the site is being used by, and whether it is well maintained for that use should be considered. Just because a footpath passes through an area does not necessarily mean the whole space is actively and currently in use.

5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of separate built areas.

Whether a space acts as a gap between built areas is a matter of judgement and can range in size enormously. A desktop and on-site visual assessment of whether a site forms a visual break between settlements from key views may also be necessary. The historical background of the village/s and the village/s relationship may also contribute to this criteria.

3.0 ASSESSMENT OF SPACES

3.01 All areas have been assessed in accordance with the above methodology and these assessments can be found in Appendix 1.

3.02 The table below shows a summary of the assessment findings (✓=Yes & X=No):

Ref.	Name / Location	Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local	The area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	Actively and currently used by the community	Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.
1	River Lavant Flood Plain, East of Mid Lavant	✓	✓	X	X	✓
2	Land South and West of line drawn between SW boundary of Lavant Primary School and bridge over Centurion Way	✓	✓	X	X	✓

3	'Daffodil field' between Chichester and Lavant	✓	✓	X	X	✓
4	Children's Play area at Churchmead Close	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
5	The Village Green, between Sheepwash and Pook Lane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	'Football field'	✓	X	✓	✓	X
7	Cemeteries of St Mary's East Lavant & St. Nicholas' Mid Lavant	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
8	The allotments at the centre of the Village on the A286 and opposite St Nicholas Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
9	The 'Amphitheatre' next to Centurion Way	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
10	The two green spaces in Lavant Down Road	✓	X	✓	✓	X

11	The triangular area of grass between St. Nicholas Road and A286	✓	X	✓	✓	X
12	Strip of land running E of Old Railway line along Churchmead Close. (W of No 20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
13	The grassed and hedged strip of land on the north side of Lavant Down Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
14	The land south of St Mary's Church	✓	✓	✓	X	X
15	Triangular piece of land between Pook and Sheepwash Lanes (WWII memorial)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
16	Land between Earl of March and the Village Green	✓	✓	X	X	✓

17	Land between Chichester and East Lavant and east of the 'Daffodil' field/ Raughmere	✓	✓	X	X	✓
18	Land west of A286 and south of Hunters Race	✓	✓	X	X	✓
19	Land west and north of Mid Lavant	✓	X	✓	X	X
20	Land between Churchmead and River Lavant	✓	X	X	X	✓
21	Land adjoining Marsh Lane in proximity to East Lavant	✓	X	X	X	✓
22	Land adjoining Mid Lavant, North and East of a line drawn between SW boundary of Lavant Primary School and the bridge over Centurion Way	✓	X	✓	✓	X

23	Southern bank of land between junction of A286 and St Nicholas Road and St Nicholas Church	✓	X	✓	✓	X
24	Maddox Wood	✓	✓	✓	X	✓

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.01 Following the review of open spaces contained within this document, a number of spaces are considered to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space, Local Community Space or Local Gap. It has also shown that 4 spaces should not be designated for special protection in the neighbourhood development plan.

4.02 The conclusions set out below set out which spaces could be designated by the Steering Group in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

4.03 A map showing the spaces can be found at Appendix 2.

Local Green Space

4.04 The following spaces could be designated as Local Green space in the Neighbourhood Development Plan as they comply with the criteria set out at paragraph 77 of the NPPF:

Ref.	Name / Location
4	Children's Play area at Churchmead Close
5	The Village Green , between Sheepwash and Pook Lane
7	Cemeteries of St Mary's East Lavant & St. Nicholas ' Mid Lavant
8	The allotments at the centre of the Village on the A286 and opposite St Nicholas Church
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Local Community Space

4.05 In accordance with the methodology set out in Section 2 of this document, the following spaces could be designated as Local Community Space in the neighbourhood development plan:

Ref.	Name / Location
6	Football Field
10	The triangular area of grass between St. Nicholas Road and A286
11	The two green spaces in Lavant Down Road
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23	Southern bank of land between junction of A286 and St Nicholas Road and St Nicholas Church

Local Gap

4.06 In accordance with the methodology set out in Section 2 of this document, the following spaces could be designated as Local Gap in the neighbourhood development plan:

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1	River Lavant Flood Plain, East of Mid Lavant

2	Land South and West of line drawn between SW boundary of Lavant Primary School and bridge over Centurion Way
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5	The Village Green , between Sheepwash and Pook Lane
16	Land between Earl of March and the Village Green
17	Land between Chichester and East Lavant and east of the 'Daffodil Field' and Raughmere
18	Land west of A286 and south of Hunters Race

APPENDIX 1
Detailed Assessment of Open Spaces

Ref:	1	
Name/Location:	River Lavant Flood Plain, East of Mid Lavant	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Runs alongside Mid Lavant. Access via footpath and along Marsh Lane. Short walk for many.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Consultation highlights desire to keep this area as is. Valley of River Lavant which gave the village its name and key to character of area. Area for natural biodiversity and agriculture near to residential area.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The floodplain is unique to this part of the Parish but it is a large area - runs the from E to Mid Lavant	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Whilst Marsh Lane is a well-used footpath the fields are fenced off. Agricultural grazing only	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Principle area of land between East Lavant and Mid Lavant	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	The flood plain meets the criteria for designation as a Local Gap .	

Ref:	2	
Name/Location:	Land South and West of line drawn between SW boundary of Lavant Primary School and bridge over Centurion Way	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within walking distance	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Consultation (B of Bounds) a lots of interest in this area as it enhances setting of West Lavant and offers views up to and from Stoke Clump. Facilitates a key view LNPD14	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Area includes 2 fields creating a within open vista towards Stoke Clump	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Two footpaths that are used extensively but rest of space is agricultural and not used.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	There are buildings on both sides. Forms green 'gap' between Mid and West Lavant.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	Meets criteria for Local Gap	

Ref: 3		
Name/Location: 'Daffodil field' between Chichester and Lavant		
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within walking of Chichester to south and Mid Lavant to north.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	This is the last remaining field between Chichester and Lavant and identified as important to the local community in consultation events?	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Large open field that forms an extensive tract of land	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The field is in agricultural use and not actively used by the community.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Undeveloped field located between Chichester (to the south) and Mid Lavant (to the north).	✓
Summary / Conclusion: The field meets the criteria to be designated as Local Gap .		

Ref: 4		
Name/Location: Children's play ground		
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within close walking distance	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Extensively used as a children's play area. Unique utility within the village	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Small play area bordering Lavant floodplain and houses.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Extensively used as a children's play area	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	The space borders Lavant floodplain and houses.	X
Summary / Conclusion: The playground meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space .		

Ref:	5	
Name/Location:	The Village Green , between Sheepwash and Pook Lane	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Central location between East/Mid Lavant. Easily walkable.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Consultation clearly and strongly conveyed the importance of this amenity. Historic centre of the community. Views into & out to the Trundle and east. (Ref LNDP14) Only outdoor public space. Memorial trees and benches are here.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Green, bordered by trees responds to surrounding village setting. Whilst the green is large it represents is well enclosed by roads and vegetation and is local in character.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Football and cricket club games are held weekly. Maintained by volunteers. Village fete held annually.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Forms large part of open undeveloped space between mid and east Lavant.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space and Local Gap .	

Ref:	6	
Name/Location:	Football field	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Close walking distance to village hall and green. Near residential properties in Mid Lavant.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Football field used for matches. Northern area is not used and generally laid to rough grass. Whilst the space is used, it is not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is not a large tract reflects the character of the area.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The space is used frequently by the community for football matches.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	The site is situated between Mid Lavant (north and west) and a group of dwellings to the south. That said the space itself goes not form a visible gap on the ground due to the dense vegetation surrounding it.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Community Space .	

Ref:	7	
Name/Location:	Cemeteries of St Mary's East Lavant & St. Nicholas Mid Lavant	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Both located with their churches in central village locations.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Consecrated ground within the parish where many have friends and family buried. Also forms setting of happier times (e.g. weddings!) and church services.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Both are small intimate spaces that form a vital part of the setting of the Churches	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Currently in use	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Both churches are located within the built up areas.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	The cemeteries meet the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space .	

Ref:	8	
Name/Location:	The allotments at the centre of the Village on the A286 and opposite St Nicholas Church	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	In Mid Lavant.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Many comments during the process supporting maintenance of the site. Historical origins from 1800s. Gift from the Duke of Richmond.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Rural in nature and setting on edge of built up area but relatively enclosed by development.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	All plots are fully utilized Waiting list for allotments. Owned by LPC	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Site is on edge of Mid Lavant but is generally enclosed.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	The allotments meet the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space .	

Ref:	9	
Name/Location:	The 'Amphitheatre' next to Centurion Way	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Whilst further from the main built areas it is within easy walking distance of centre of the village.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Beautiful wild flower site, unique in the area and important biodiversity site. Extensively used by dog walkers and others. Unique local heritage site.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	A green open space that sits at the northern end of open fields. Whilst it sits within this extensive tract of land the space being considered is not.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Extensively used by dog walkers and others.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Whilst the space is situated north of Chichester and south of Lavant it does not on its own contribute towards the prevention of these two areas coalescing.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	The Amphitheatre meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space .	

Ref:	10	
Name/Location:	The two green spaces in Lavant Down Road	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within walking distance and very close to many houses within Estate.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	These spaces provide a vital townscape feature of this pleasant and spacious estate. They offers areas of grass, trees, and tranquility. However they are not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Provides part of the open and rural feel of the estate.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Used informally for children's play area etc.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Lies within the built up area.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	The green spaces meet the criteria to be designated as Local Community Space .	

Ref:	11	
Name/Location:	The triangular area of grass between St. Nicholas Road and A286	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the residential area.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Previous consultations (for a Village shop) have indicated considerable concern at the potential loss of this site but it is not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Small green space denoting the centre of the village. Typical of design of the time of building.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Space beside bus stop, footpath and weekly fish and chip van. This results in the space being used informally by many.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Is bordered on all sides by other village features	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This area meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space	

Ref:	12	
Name/Location:	Strip of land running E of Old Railway line along Churchmead Close. (W of No 20)	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Houses adjacent	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Is part of historic railway line and links N and S to Centurion Way	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	.Raised bank is typical of the purpose alongside flood area.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Unofficial footpath used by local residents	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	No other settlement area lies to the West	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This area meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space	

Ref:	13	
Name/Location:	The grassed and hedged strip of land on the north side of Lavant Down Road	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within easy walking distance from local residents	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	B of Bounds highlighted the importance of this site due to views gained across it looking north from Lavant Down Road. The openness maintains the Estate's and Lavant's.. The space is of particular local significance as it is the open rural gateway of Lavant /SDNP and the Lavant Valley	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Small space in keeping with surrounding open fields to the north.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Informal use by residents as recreational space where they benefit from the northward views. Identified as a key view in LNDP14	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	The nearest settlement to the North is not visible	X
Summary / Conclusion:	Meets criteria for Local Community Space	

Ref:	14	
Name/Location:	Land south of St. Mary's Church	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within east Lavant.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	'Beating of Bounds' highlighted that the views afforded by this undeveloped site are regularly appreciated by residents. A community orchard has been suggested for this small tract of land that is the setting for the church	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The site meets this criteria.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The site is largely unused.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	The space falls in an enclosed space within/adjacent to East Lavant.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria for a Local Green Space.	

Ref:	15	
Name/Location:	Triangular piece of land between Pook and Sheepwash Lanes (WWII memorial)	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes within walking distance of the local community	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Provides special space to remember the fallen	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Yes, small piece of land	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Actively used as a WWII memorial.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Too small to be a gap. Lies adjacent to East Lavant.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	Meets the criteria for Local Green Space	

Ref:	16	
Name/Location:	Land between Earl of March and the Village Green	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Houses located nearby, Village Hall and Pub.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Many comments refer to desire to keep the three villages as unique entities and preserve their separation. Known as a 'Blake's view' to Trundle and SDNP. designated as Key View LNDP14	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Whilst the field is arguable local in character it forms a tract of arable land to the east of Mid Lavant.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The space is primarily in arable agricultural use but there are footpaths running N-S and E-W through the field. Other than the footpaths the space is not used by the local community.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	West border abuts Mid Lavant. This space alongside the Village green forms the visible separation between Mid and East Lavant.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Gap .	

Ref:	17	
Name/Location:	Land between Chichester and East Lavant and east of the 'Daffodil' Field/ Raughmere	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within walking distance.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Consultation responses refer to a desire to keep the three villages as unique entities and preserve their separation from each other and Chichester. This undeveloped area has particular significance to the local community.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is a large extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Whilst there is a public right of way across center of the space it is predominantly in arable/agricultural use.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	The space is being assessed is a large undeveloped area situated between Chichester and the SDNP. Its northern part forms the space between Mid and East Lavant.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Gap .	

Ref:	18	
Name/Location:	Land west of A286 and south of Hunters Race	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Walking distance	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Consultation responses refer to a desire to keep the three villages as unique entities and preserve their separation from each other and Chichester. This undeveloped area has particular provides a visual break as one travels between Chichester and Mid Lavant.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Arable (agricultural) land. No use by community.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Undeveloped gap between Chichester town and SDNP	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Gap .	

Ref:	19	
Name/Location:	Land west and north of mid Lavant	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Walking distance to much of Mid Lavant.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Undeveloped nature provides views NW towards Kingley Vale however the space is not considered demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is an extensive track of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is primarily used for agriculture with limited public access.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Located NW of Mid Lavant and forms a large area but there is no built area beyond.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not fulfil the criteria for any of the proposed designations.	

Ref:	20	
Name/Location:	Land between Churchmead and the River Lavant	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Walking distance. Adjacent to residential area.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst the space in its current form conserves the views NE towards the Trundle from Churchmead Close existing planting along Churchmead close screens much of it. It is land previously used by the railway line. It is not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is not an extensive track of land (but forms part of a larger tract) and is not considered to be local in character.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Fallow private land not well maintained. No community use.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	The western edge of the space borders Mid Lavant and the east borders the Lavant floodplain which provides a gap between East and Mid Lavant. This site on its own does not form the gap.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not fulfil the criteria for any of the proposed designations.	

Ref:	21	
Name/Location:	Land adjoining Marsh Lane in proximity to East Lavant	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Walking distance of East Lavant	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst this area forms the rural setting for Marsh Lane footpath, it is not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is in excess of 17 acres and considered to be an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Area in agricultural use (mainly grazing) with footpath.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	The space is located northwest of East Lavant. Mid Lavant is situated to the west of the area across the floodplain. This space contributes to this gap.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not fulfil the criteria for any of the proposed designations.	

Ref:	22	
Name/Location:	Land adjoining Mid Lavant, North and East of a line drawn between SW boundary of Lavant Primary School and the bridge over Centurion Way	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within walking distance of all three Villages via footpaths	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	This section is behind buildings on the A286.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Area is part of large fields	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Formal footpath along E edge other informal footpath along other edges Provides access to walkers and others from Centurion Way to Primary School.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Lies within Mid Lavant	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Community Space .	

Ref:	23	
Name/Location:	Southern bank of land between junction of A286 and St Nicholas Road and St Nicholas Church	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Adjacent to housing and St Nicholas Church.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Raised bank from A286 and leading towards St Nicholas provides the only divide between houses and A road. Facilitates access and setting of St Nicholas Church. Is one of few remaining areas of land which denote the centre of the three Villages.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Not extensive. Grassed and trees.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Used every day by residents to access St Nicholas and by school children coming from pedestrian crossing over A286.	✓
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Area lies in centre of Village within Mid Lavant.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Community Space	

Ref:	24	
Name/Location:	Maddox Wood	
Assessment criteria	Comments	Response
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Adjacent to the southern most area of Lavant . 10 minutes walk from of Mid , East and West Lavant.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Part of the wooded gateway to Chichester . un-touched area of natural biodiversity and wildlife.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Not extensive.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Access is not currently available.	X
5. Acts as a gap, preventing coalescence of built areas.	Houses to the south. is part of the gap between Chichester and Lavant.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space.	

APPENDIX 2

Mapped results of open space assessment

