

# **Bingley Parish** **Neighbourhood Plan**

## **Local Green Spaces** **Supporting Evidence**

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## Policy Context

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)<sup>1</sup> introduced the concept of Local Green Space (LGS) designation. LGS designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities.

Section 8 of the NPPF (paragraphs 106-108 Open Space and Recreation) provides the following information on Local Green Space designations: *“The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period”.*

Adding, *“The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:*

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example, because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and*
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land”.*

Additional guidance is provided in the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) section on “open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space<sup>2</sup>”. Of particular relevance to the Bingley Neighbourhood Plan is paragraph 10, which states that *“if land is already protected by Green Belt policy,” ..., “then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space”.*

See below for list of relevant designated sites, protected by Green Belt or other policy. \*\*

- Myrtle Park
- Eldwick Recreation Ground
- Gilstead Recreation Ground
- The Prince of Wales Park
- Village Greens at Micklethwaite
- Allotment sites at Beckfoot and Beckfoot Lane
- Playing fields at Beckfoot School, St Joseph’s Primary School. Crossflatts Primary School
- Bradford and Bingley Sports Club.

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<sup>1</sup> National Planning Policy Framework December 20249

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space>

## Process for Designation

Whilst the NPPF establishes the concept of LGS designation and provides some guiding principles, it gives local communities preparing a Neighbourhood Plan some discretion to determine how to implement this at the local level.

A four-stage approach was adopted by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

### **Step 1: Identification of potential sites.**

A long list of potential sites was developed. These were derived from local knowledge, including the outcomes from the community consultation events. \*A full list of sites considered and discarded is available at the end of this chapter.\*

### **Step 2: Assessment against the NPPF criteria**

The sites were then assessed to consider their suitability for LGS designation. To allow comparative assessment of the sites, a form was created based on the criteria in the NPPF. These are that the sites are:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
- demonstrably special to a local community
- holds a particular local significance, for example, because of its
  - beauty,
  - historic significance,
  - recreational value (including as a playing field),
  - tranquility or
  - richness of its wildlife
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

These criteria were used to create a LGS evaluation form. This enabled a consistent and transparent methodology for identifying LGSs in the Parish. Each potential site was assessed.

The Group, like most groups undertaking LGS analysis, faced challenges. In particular, the sheer number of potential local green spaces in the Parish of some significance. National planning policy enables a local plan to protect those of local significance. In addition, the absence of a statutory or commonly used definition of these terms, particularly what constitutes, 'special' or comprises an 'extensive tract of land' e.g. Greenspace No. 13 'The Craggs' and No. 20 'North Bog', may be considered extensive, however their intrinsic value to residents, location, history and function as boundaries between distinct areas of the parish, meant they are included.

A common-sense approach was taken, while at the same time having regard to good practice and the experiences of LGS designations in approved neighbourhood plans.

### **Step 3: Further review**

All the proposed sites were then reviewed for their appropriateness for designation as LGS by the independent consultant helping prepare the Plan as well as officers at Bradford MDC both acting in a 'critical friend' role.

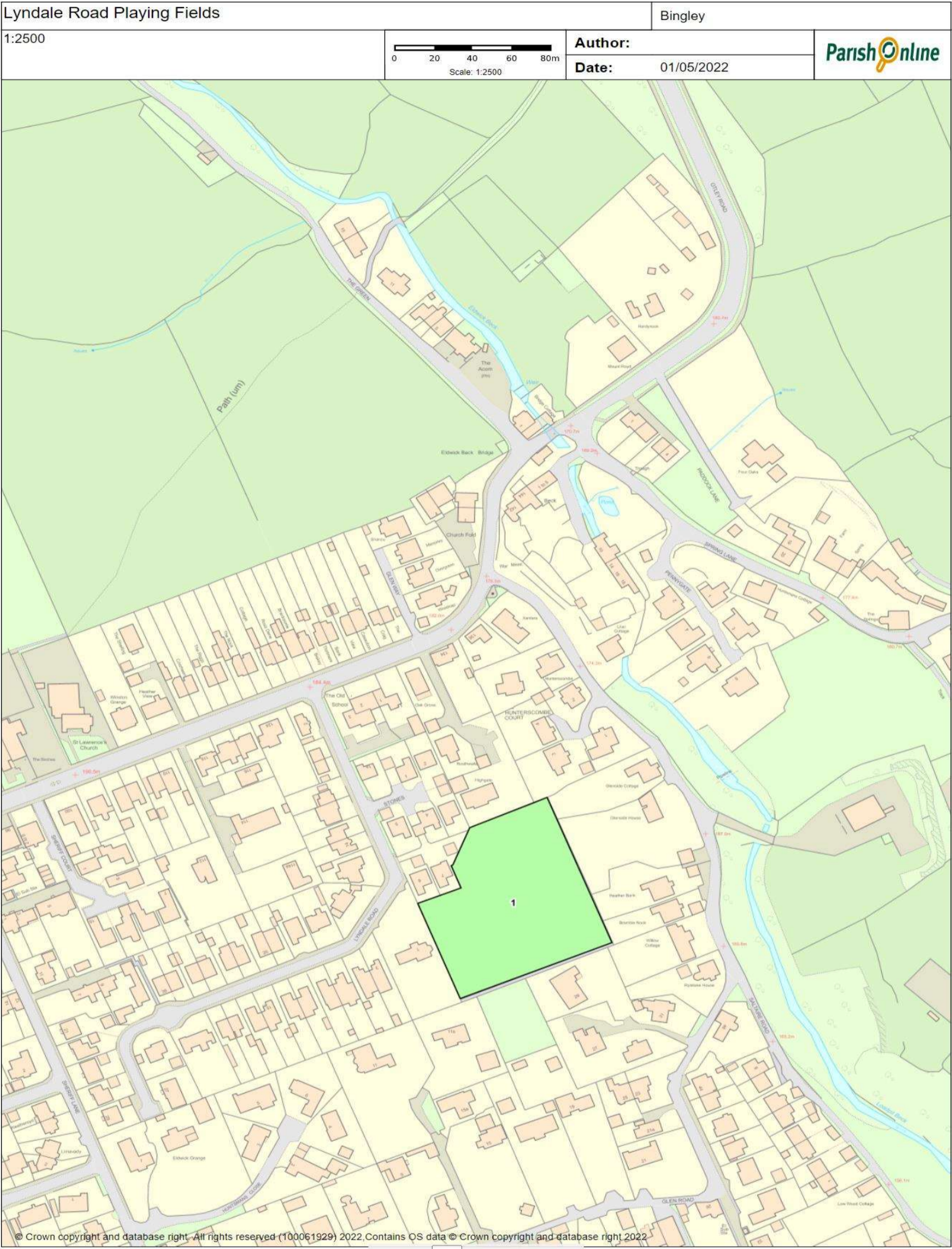
#### **Step 4: Consultation**

Satisfied that the sites met in principle, the criteria for LGS designation and should be formally proposed for designation in the Neighbourhood Plan, they were then “tested” through the Plan process. This included that the sites were set out for comment at the community consultation drop-in events held in September 2019. No specific sites were commented on in the Consultation, except Myrtle Park. General comments were supportive of aims to protect the heritage and environment and to maintain greenspaces.

## Local Green Spaces Including Justification

### 1. Lyndale Road former school playing fields

<b>Reference No.</b>	1
<b>Site Name</b>	Lyndale Road former school playing fields
<b>Address/location</b>	SE 126 403
<b>Description</b>	Wide area, bordered by trees on one side, houses on three. Access via Guys Croft – pedestrian, some benches. Was part of Eldwick Primary School land.



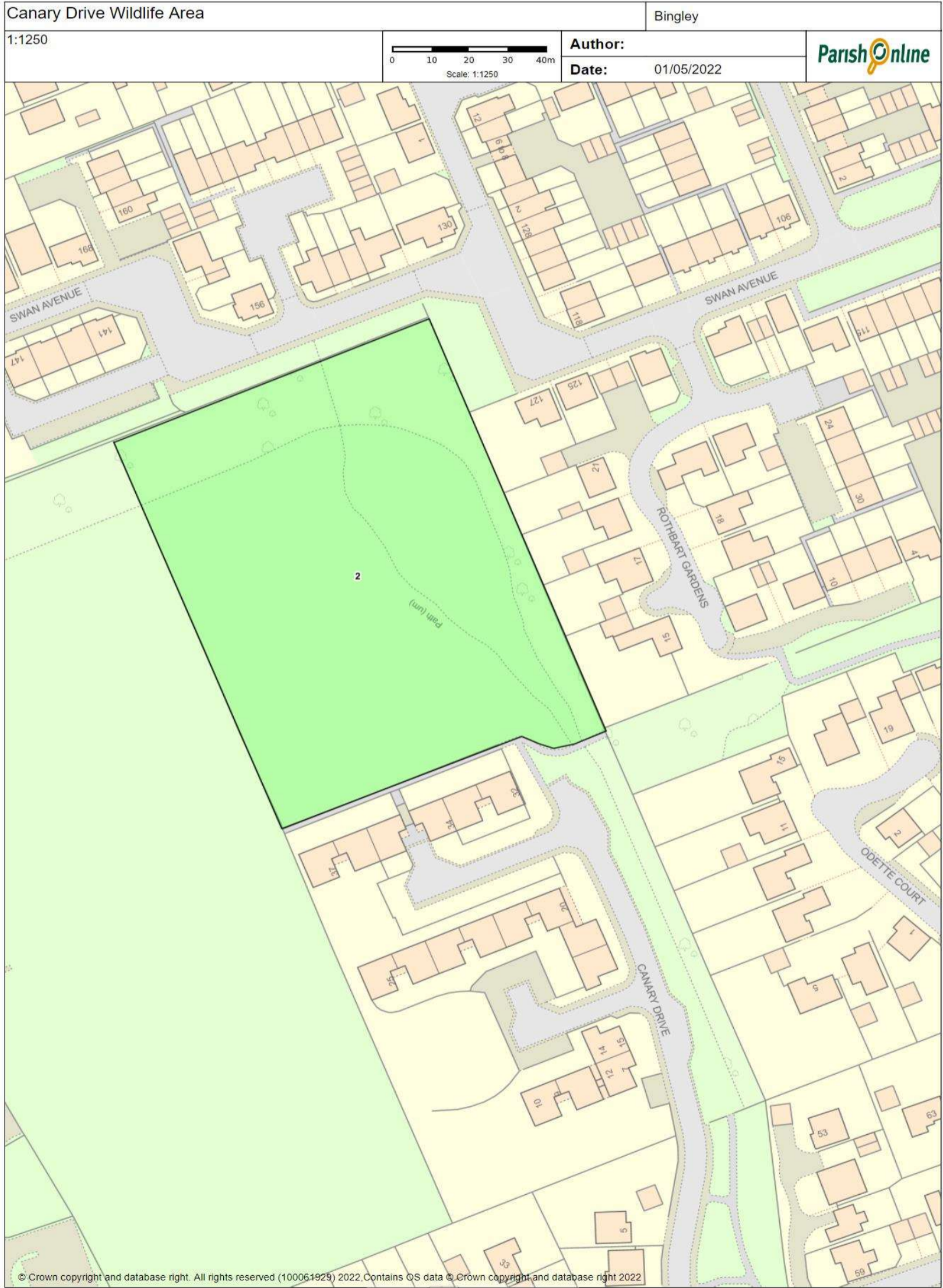


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes , but not signposted
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Yes. Part of the original Eldwick Primary School playing fields
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Plenty of space to run and play for children. Popular with dog walkers. Benches provided. Views across to Eldwick Beck.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. Peaceful and quiet area.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes 1x reptile, 1 x mammal
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area
Other	Designated as playing field in RUDP

2. Canary Drive Wild area

Reference No.	2
Site Name	Canary Drive Wild area
Address/location	SE 122 397
Description	Land bordered by mature trees, flat, wild, bracken covered area, uncultivated.



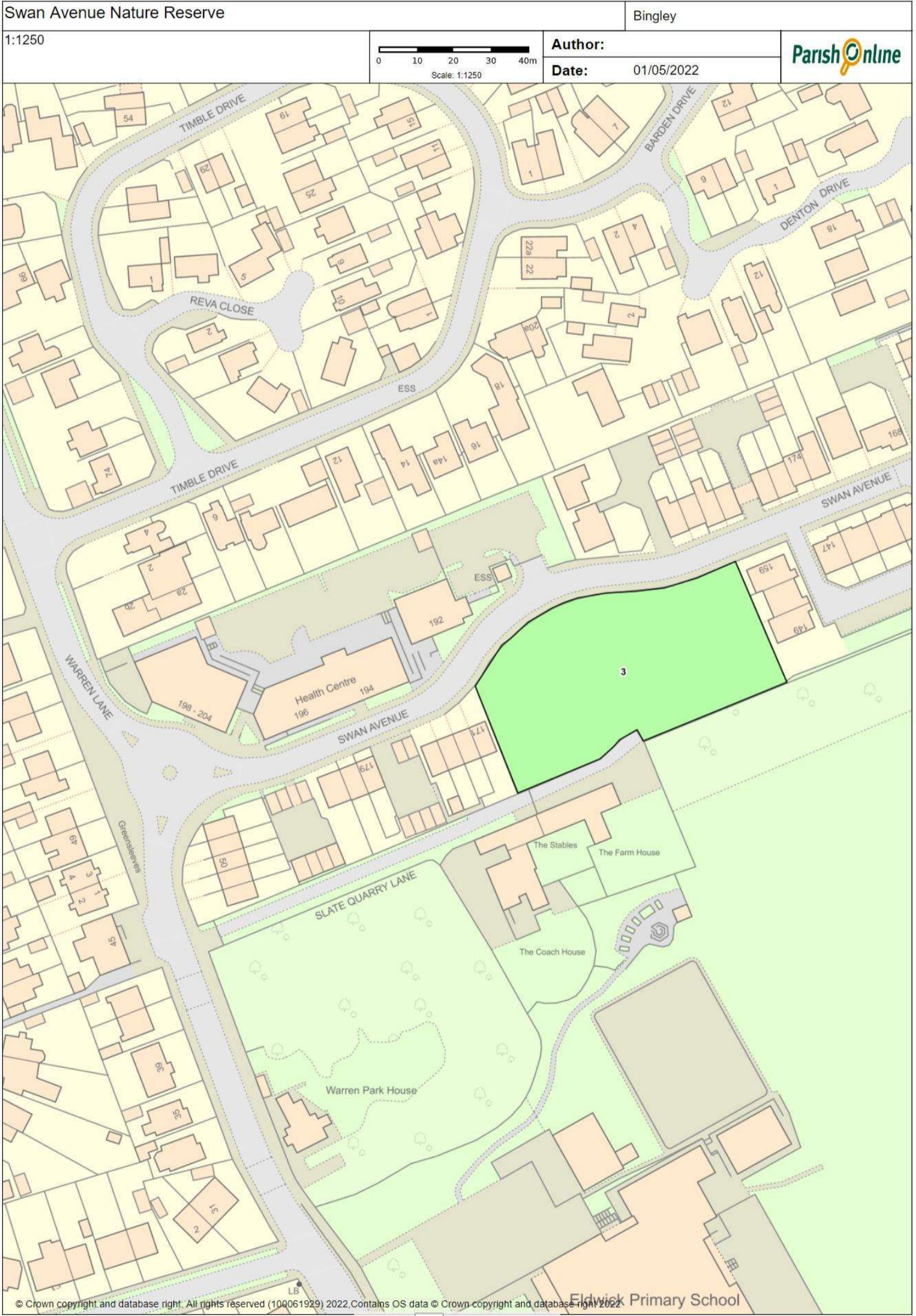


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Remains of former wooded and open area. Marks border between Old Gilstead and Old Eldwick. Before construction of Swan Estate provided a clear delineation between Gilstead and Eldwick. Next to school which was originally Gilstead Middle School, now Eldwick Primary School. Only uncultivated, undeveloped land between Gilstead Lane and Spring Lane in Eldwick on that side of road between Gilstead and Eldwick.
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Yes. Formed part of Gilstead Moor before Enclosures Act in 1861. Marks the former boundary between villages of Gilstead and Eldwick.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Provides 'wild' space for children to play and explore.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. Popular with dog walkers and local residents.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. Mammals x 6. Amphibians x 3
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity Area.
Other	No current designation.

3. Swan Avenue Nature Reserve

Reference No.	3
Site Name	Swan Avenue Nature Reserve
Address/location	SE 120 398
Description	Wildlife area, Nature trees, uncultivated



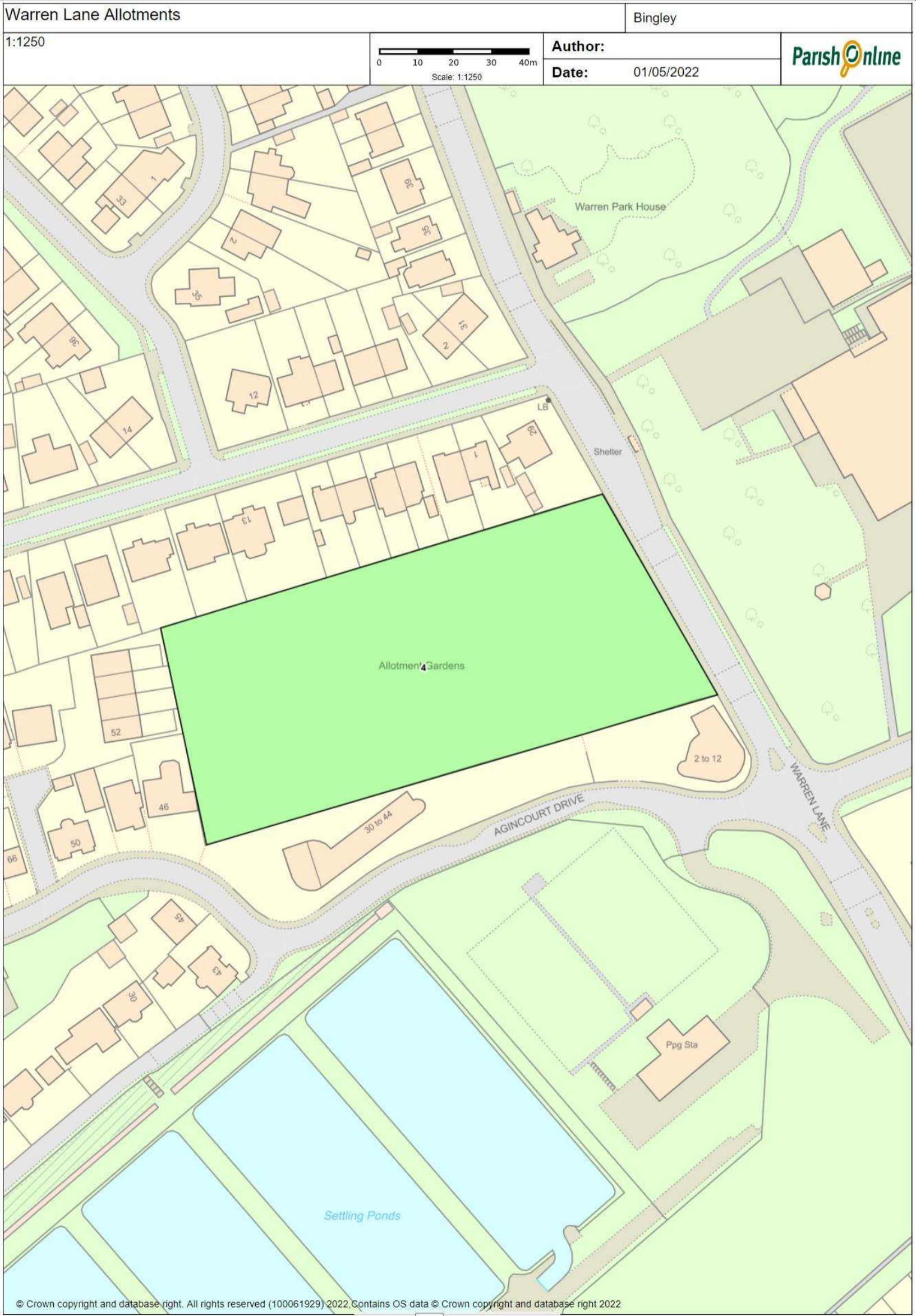


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Provided by developers on estate with few green public spaces
Is it beautiful	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Buffer zone marking separation between the two communities of Gilstead and Eldwick, linked to Canary Drive area at no 2.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. Birdlife, insects, wildflowers.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area.
Other	Designated Nature Reserve by BMDC. Provided by developer when estate built.

4. Warren Lane Allotments

Reference No.	4
Site Name	Warren Lane Allotments
Address/location	SE 119 96
Description	Mixed allotments



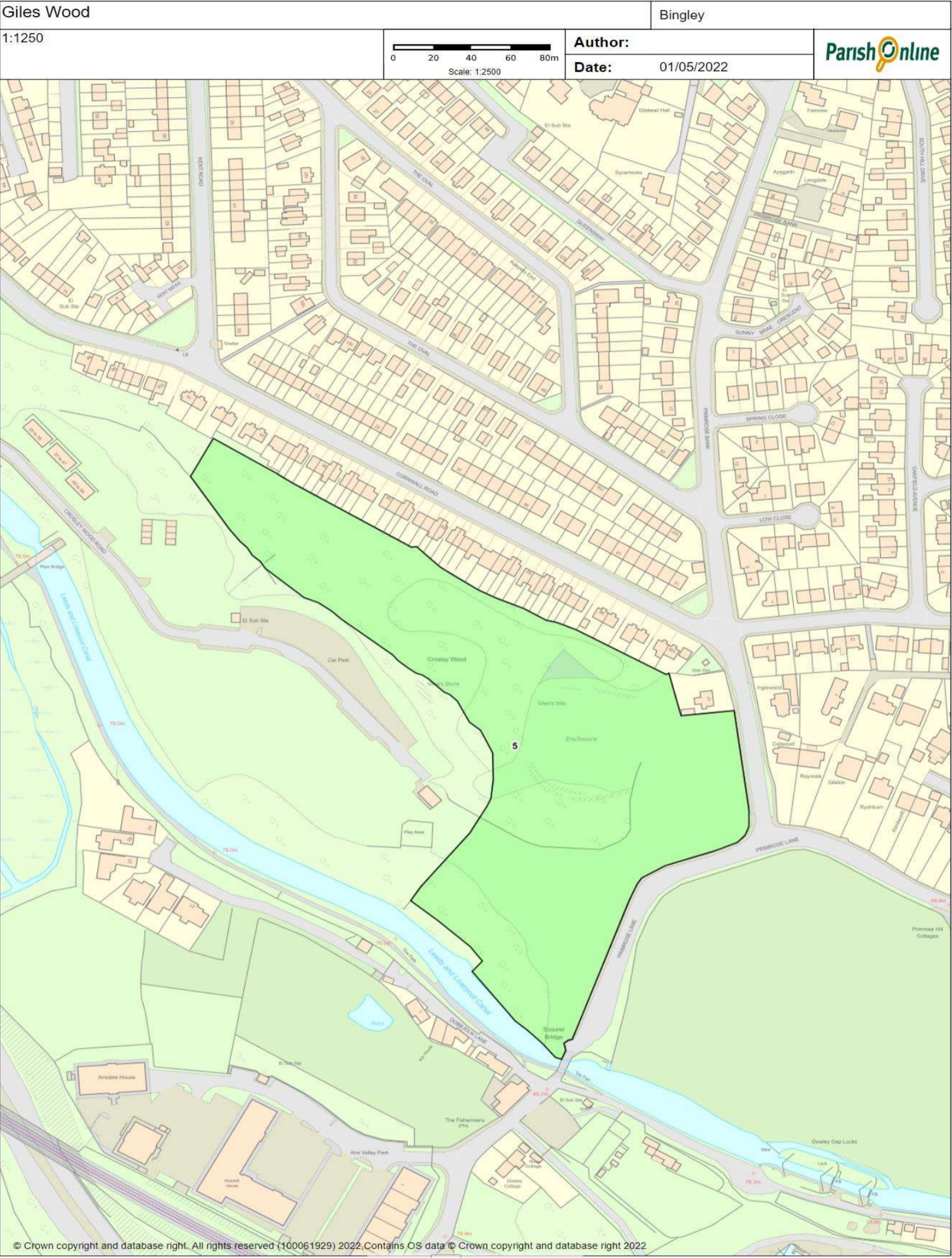


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	No
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	No
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Popular allotments, waiting list.
Is it beautiful?	No
Does it have historic significance?	Former water board land
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area
Other	Designated as allotments in RUDP and identified in Open Space Assessment.

## 5. Giles Wood/Crosley Wood

<b>Reference No.</b>	5
<b>Site Name</b>	Giles Wood/Crosley Wood
<b>Address/location</b>	SE 118 385
<b>Description</b>	Wooded and open. Giles Wood separated from Crosley Wood housing estate by fencing. Mature trees, grass, bracken and scrub. Uncultivated. Site of archaeological dig in 1960s. Roman remains.



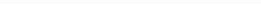



### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Yes Site of archaeological dig in 1960s. Neolithic and Roman remains
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Informal
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. Wildflowers, insects, bird life.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes – accessible from Crosley Wood housing, Crosley View, Primrose Lane, the Oval and the canal, Wagon Lane.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area. BMDC would not allow this to be included in Crosley Wood redevelopment plans because of ancient remains.
Other	Listed as Urban Greenspace in RUDP and Natural/semi natural Greenspace in Open Space Assessment.

## 6. Stanley Street Allotments

Reference No.	6
Site Name	Stanley Street Allotments
Address/location	SE 113 392
Description	2 small allotments in triangular shape.

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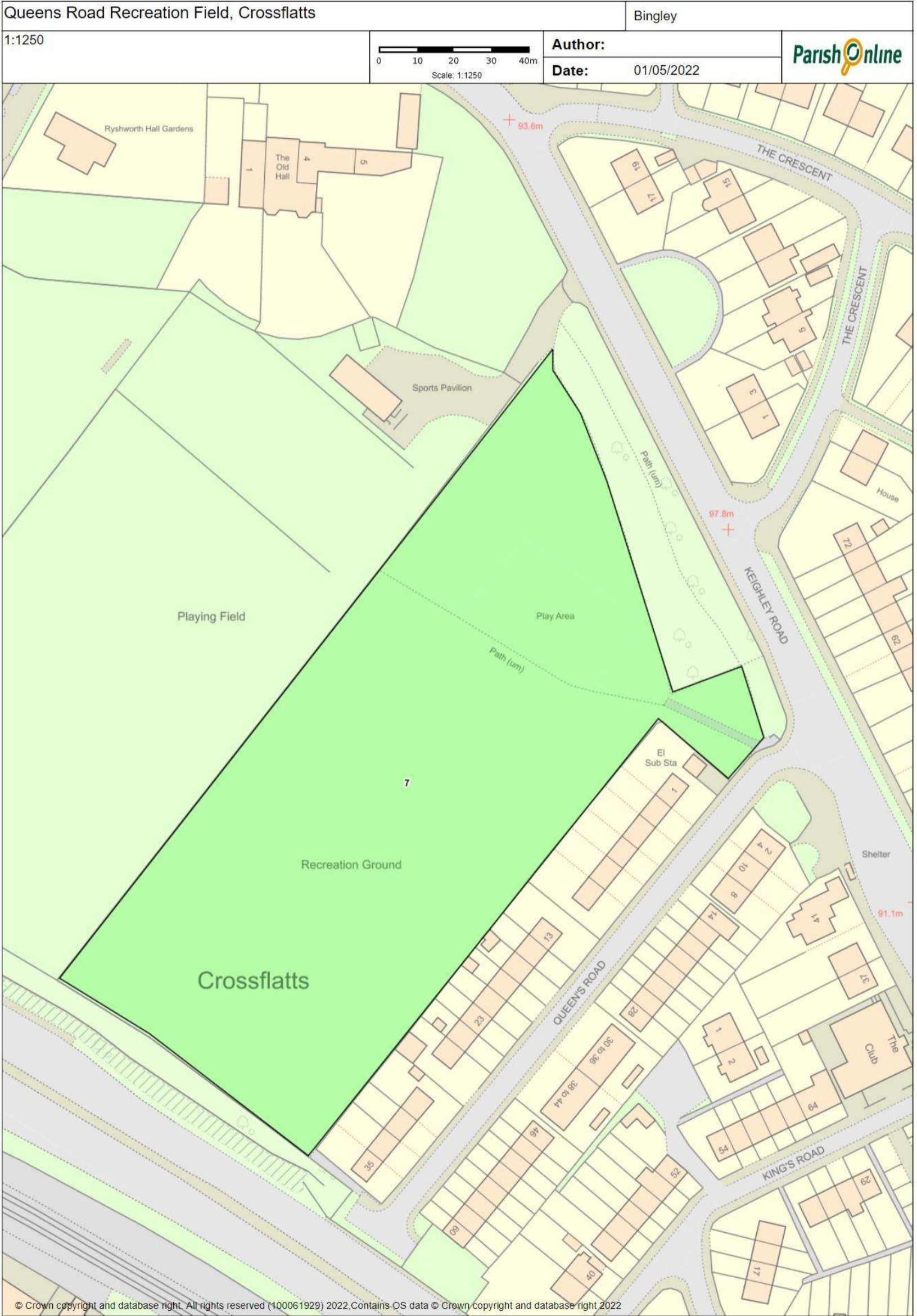


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	No
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. It is well tended and has a waiting list of 17 in number.
Is it beautiful?	No
Does it have historic significance?	Last remnants of original allotments provided for workers' dwellings from Britannia Mills.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Yes. Amenity area.
Other	Designated as allotments in RUDP.

7. Queens Road Recreation Field, Crossflatts

Reference No.	7
Site Name	Queens Road Recreation Field, Crossflatts
Address/location	SE 101 407
Description	Playing Fields



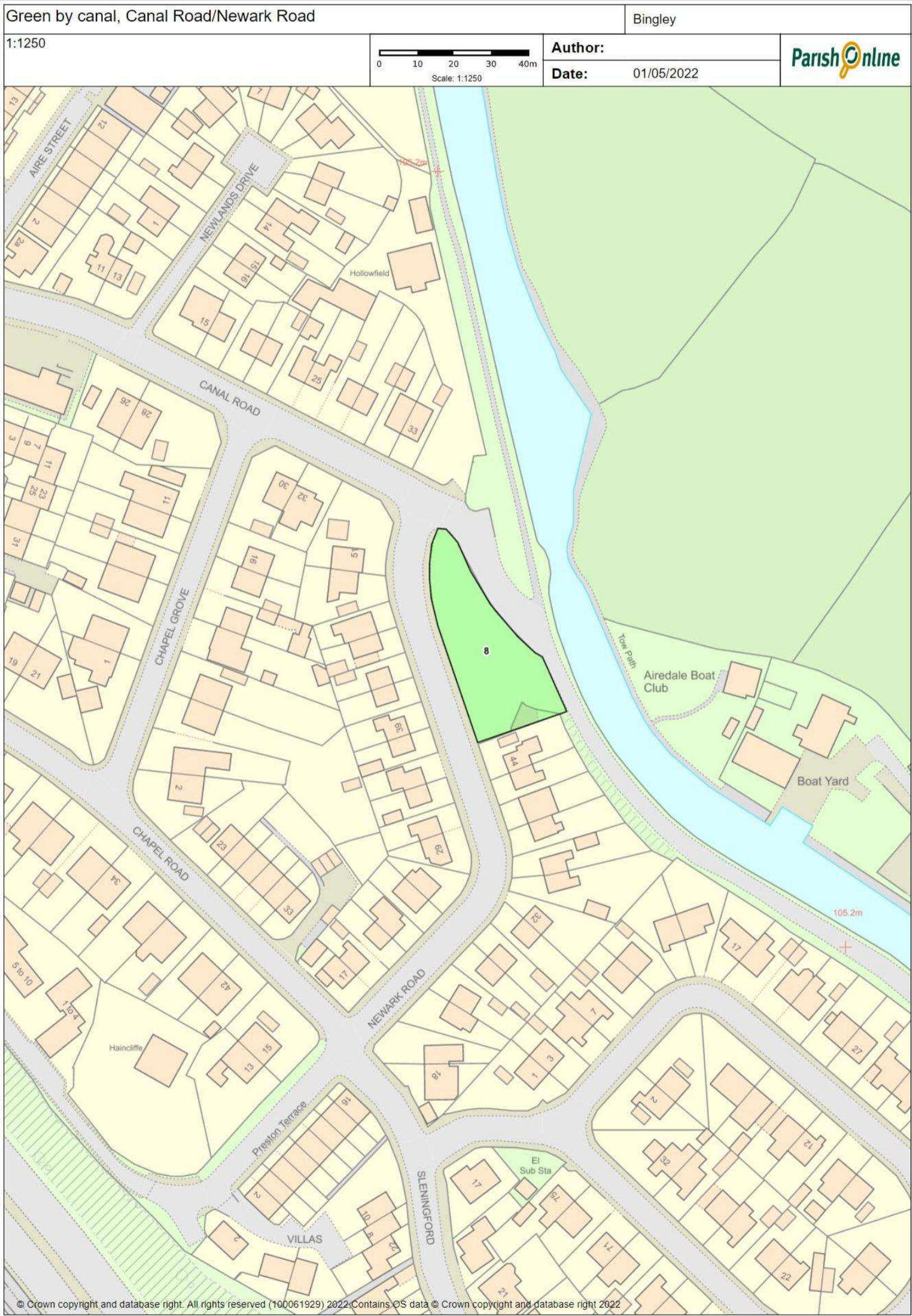


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, traditionally provides open space and sports/ recreational facilities for community. Also used for community events e.g. Play in the Park, Crossflatts Village Society events
Is it beautiful?	Not really, but open
Does it have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Play park for children, football field.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Open space, bounded by trees, separated from industrial development, roads and housing.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	No
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Yes. Sport and recreational facilities for community.
Other	Designated as playing fields in RUDP and outdoor sport and play area in Open Space Assessment.

8. Green by canal, Canal Road/Newark Rd

Reference No.	8
Site Name	Green by canal, Canal Road/Newark Rd
Address/location	SE 105 404
Description	Open area adjacent to Canal towpath.



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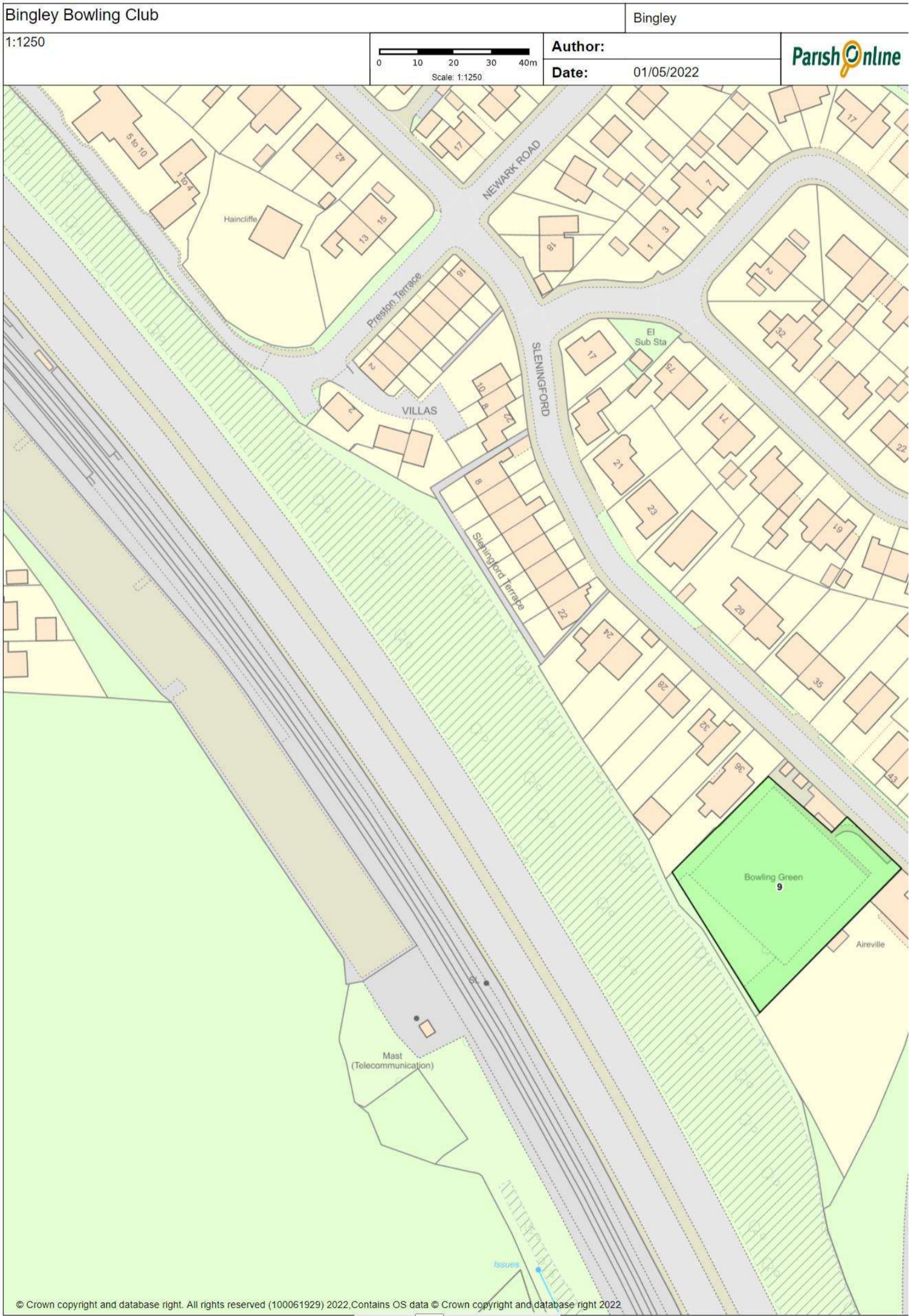


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, it provides access for pedestrians, cyclists etc. to towpath
Is it beautiful?	Not really
Does it have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	No
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes – canal wildlife. Birds, mammals, amphibians.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area, access to canal footpath for visitors from Railway station and for locals.
Other	No designation in RUDP. Identified as part of green corridor in Open Space Assessment

## 9. Bingley Bowling Club

Reference No.	9
Site Name	Bingley Bowling Club
Address/location	SE 106 401
Description	Private bowling club



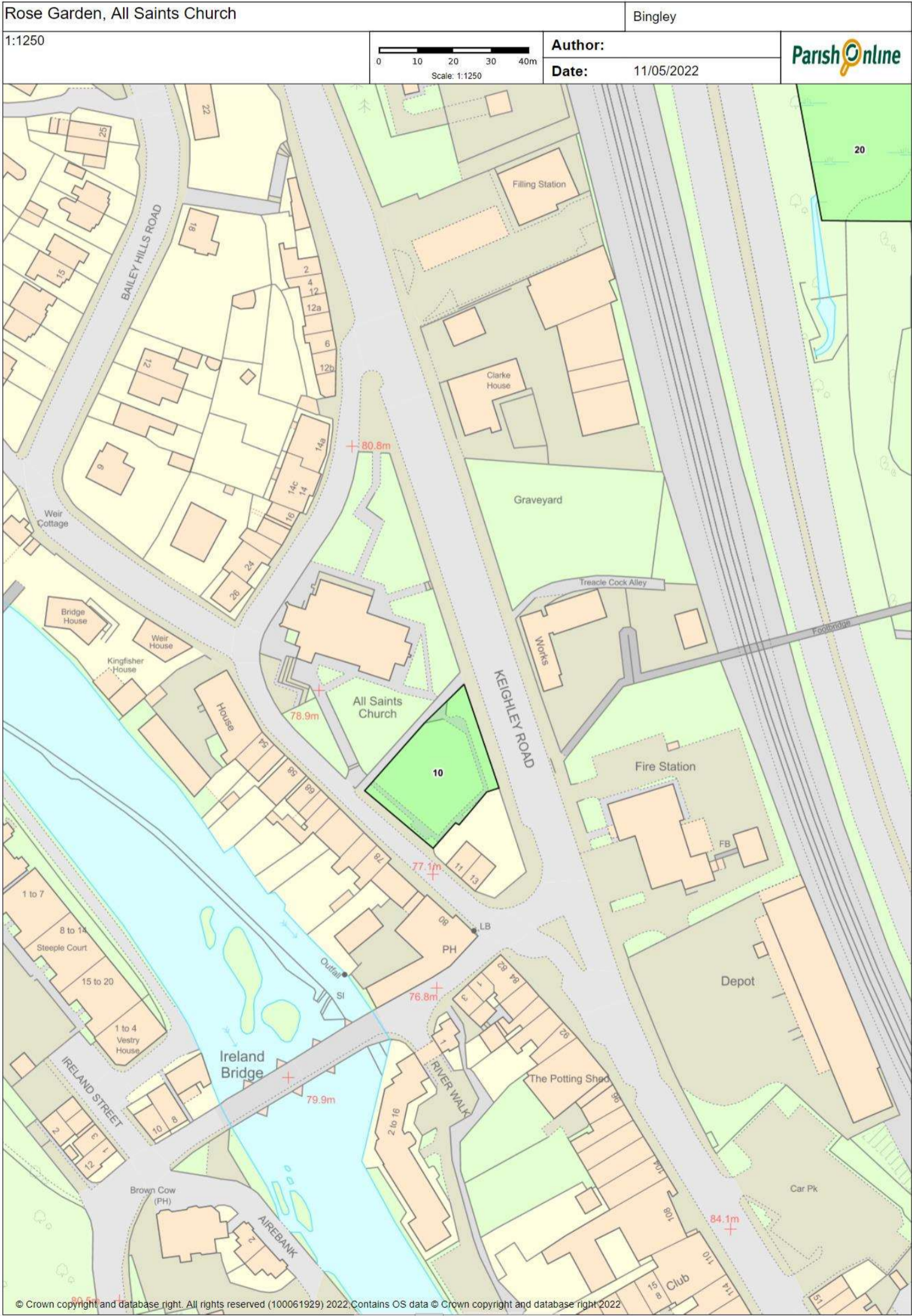


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	No
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Well established, open to all to join.
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, crown green bowling
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	No
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Recreational facility
Other	No designation

10. Rose Garden, All Saints Church

Reference No.	10
Site Name	Rose Garden, All Saints Church
Address/location	SE 106 395
Description	Green Space





### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Part of churchyard
Is it beautiful?	Yes. Provides green space for wedding and other ceremonial photography
Does it have historic significance?	Yes. Part of original church footprint.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Benches provided to sit.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. Although next to busy main road, provides a place for quiet contemplation.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	No
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes. Serves Parish Community.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area attached to church
Other	Identified as cemetery/churchyard.

## 11. Green area by The Market Cross. Jubilee Gardens

<b>Reference No.</b>	11
<b>Site Name</b>	Green area by The Market Cross. Jubilee Gardens
<b>Address/location</b>	SE 107 391
<b>Description</b>	Green space



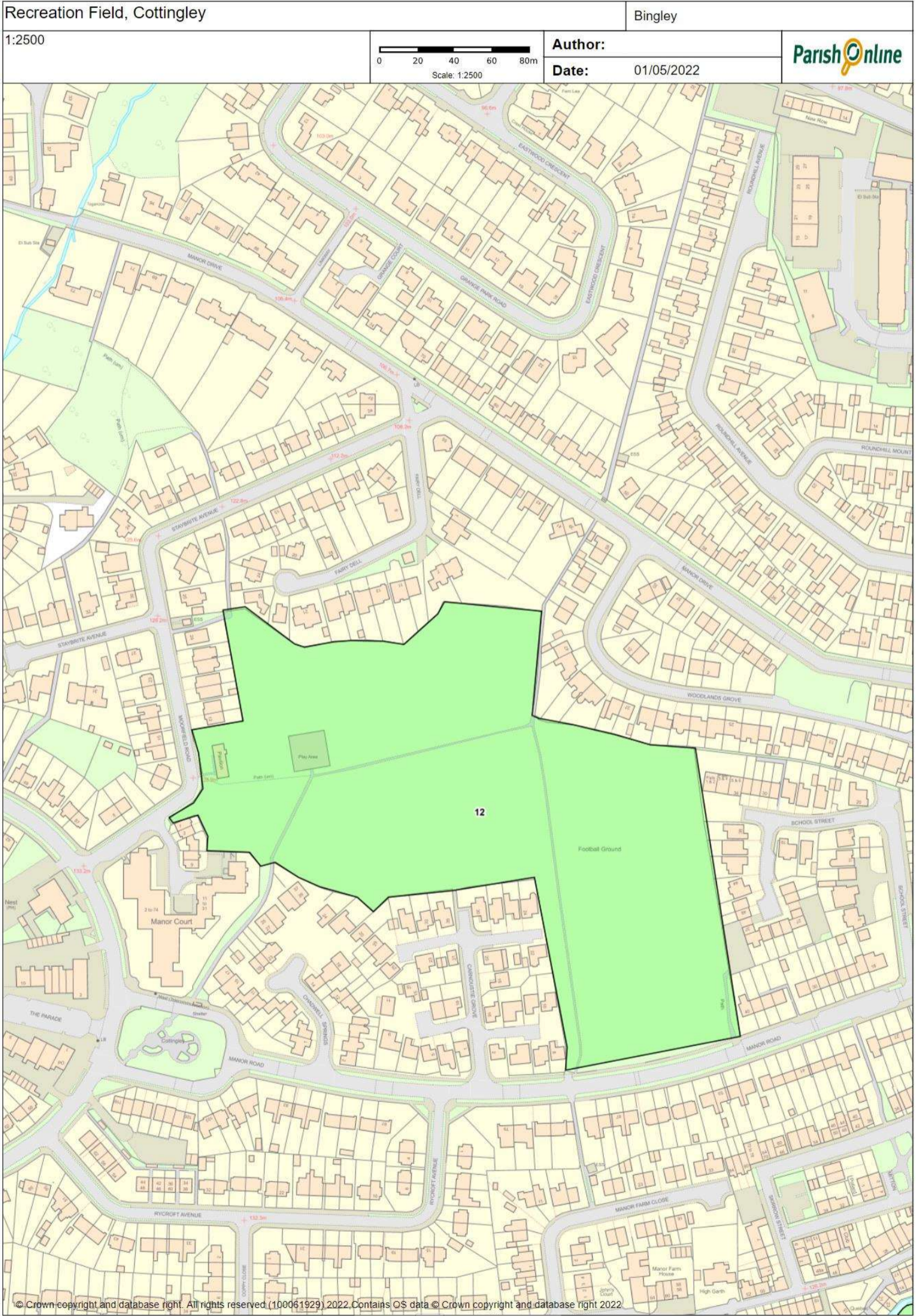


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Central Area next to historical Market and Buttercross and Arts Centre.
Is it beautiful?	No, but focal area to centre of Bingley
Does it have historic significance?	Yes. Ancient market and Buttercross are there, having been moved from Prince of Wales Park to provide centrepiece to Bingley.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, attached to area used for events.i.e Bingley Monthly Market, Chamber of Trade events, Remembrance Day Parade.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	No
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	No
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	A hub for arts, cultural and recreational events.
Other	Designated as recreational open space in RUDP and civic space in Open Space Assessment.

12. Recreation Field, Cottingley

Reference No.	12
Site Name	Recreation Field, Cottingley
Address/location	SE 116 372
Description	Playing fields



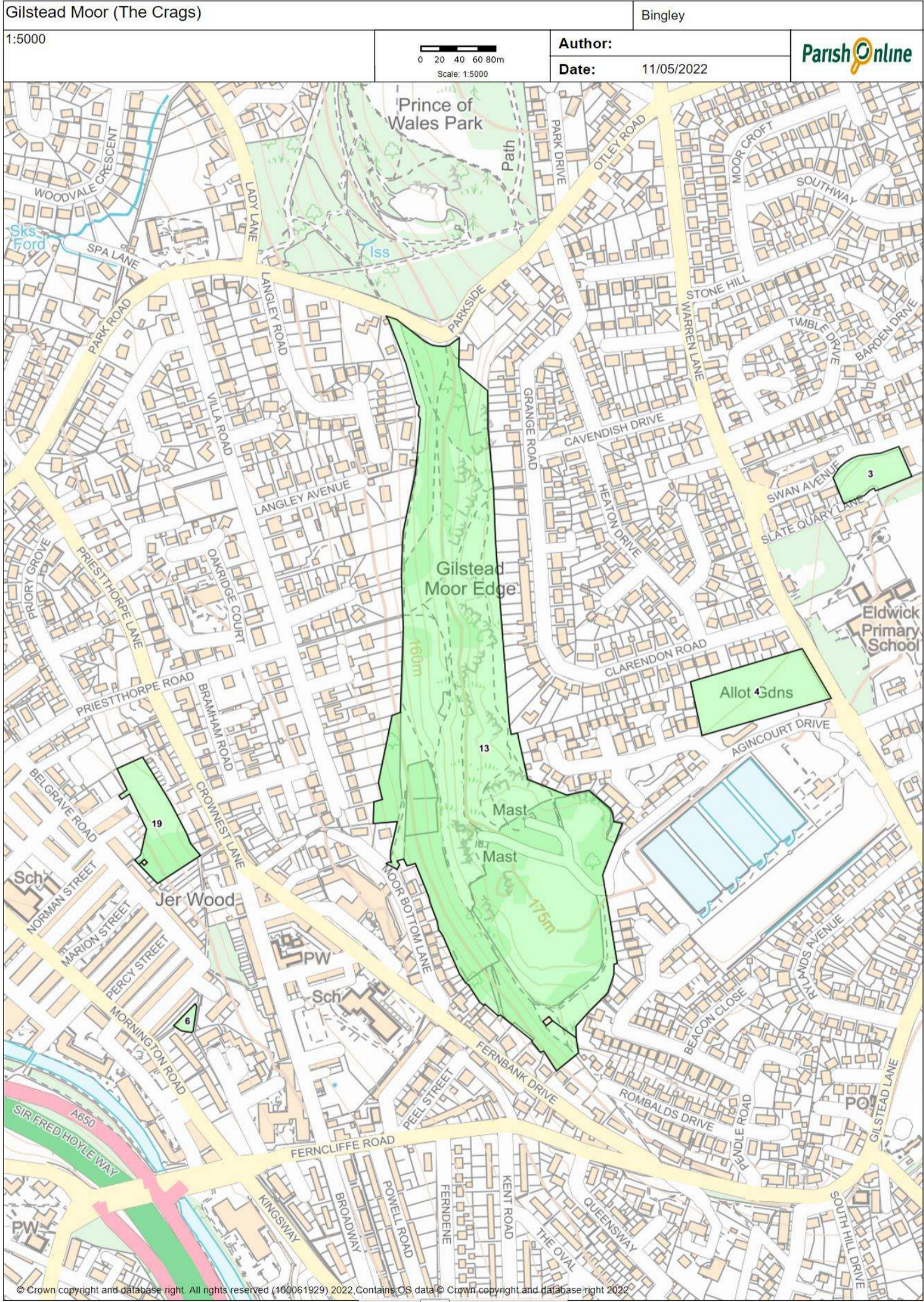


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, traditionally provides open space and sports/ recreational facilities for community. Also used for community events e.g. Play in the Park, Cottingley Village Association events
Is it beautiful?	In parts.
Does it have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – all kinds of sport. Children’s play park. Heavily used by dog walkers and local residents.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	In parts – central wooded area. Benches provided
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes, in copse in centre and verges /edges.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Sport and recreational facility for the community.
Other	Designated as playing fields in RUDP and outdoor sport and play area in Open Space Assessment.

13. Gilstead Moor known locally as The Crag

Reference No.	13
Site Name	Gilstead Moor known locally as The Crag
Address/location	SE 117 393
Description	Open moorland, uncultivated, bracken, grass, mature trees. Local trails and pathways.





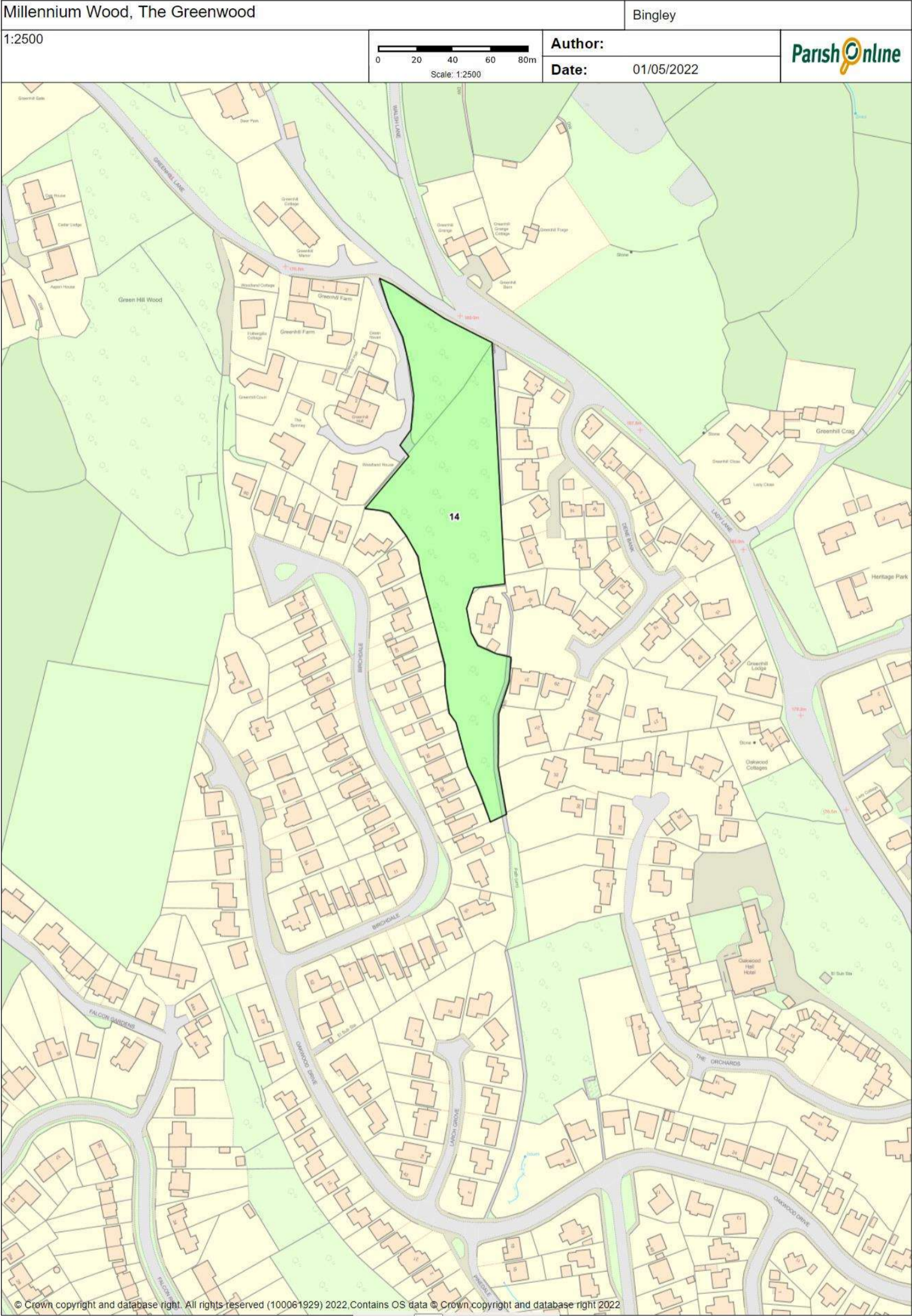
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Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, marks a clear boundary between the original parishes of Bingley, Eldwick and Gilstead. Originally covered whole area from River Aire to the east across to Eldwick Moor to the west and north. Enclosures act in 1861 began the process of breaking up the moor for development.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Informal, used by walkers, runners etc.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. Identified by West Yorkshire Ecology Service as local wildlife site. Amphibians x1, insects x 2, flowering plants x 5. Small mammals etc.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Is extensive, used by residents of whole of Bingley.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Locally well used amenity area. Is a distinctive area which marks the clear boundary between the communities of Bingley, Eldwick and Gilstead.

Other	Designated as urban green space in RUDP and natural/semi natural green space in Open Space Assessment.
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#### 14. Millenium Wood – The Greenwood

<b>Reference No.</b>	14
<b>Site Name</b>	Millennium Wood – The Greenwood
<b>Address/location</b>	SE 110 407
<b>Description</b>	Mixed Woodland, mature trees, buffer between two housing developments.



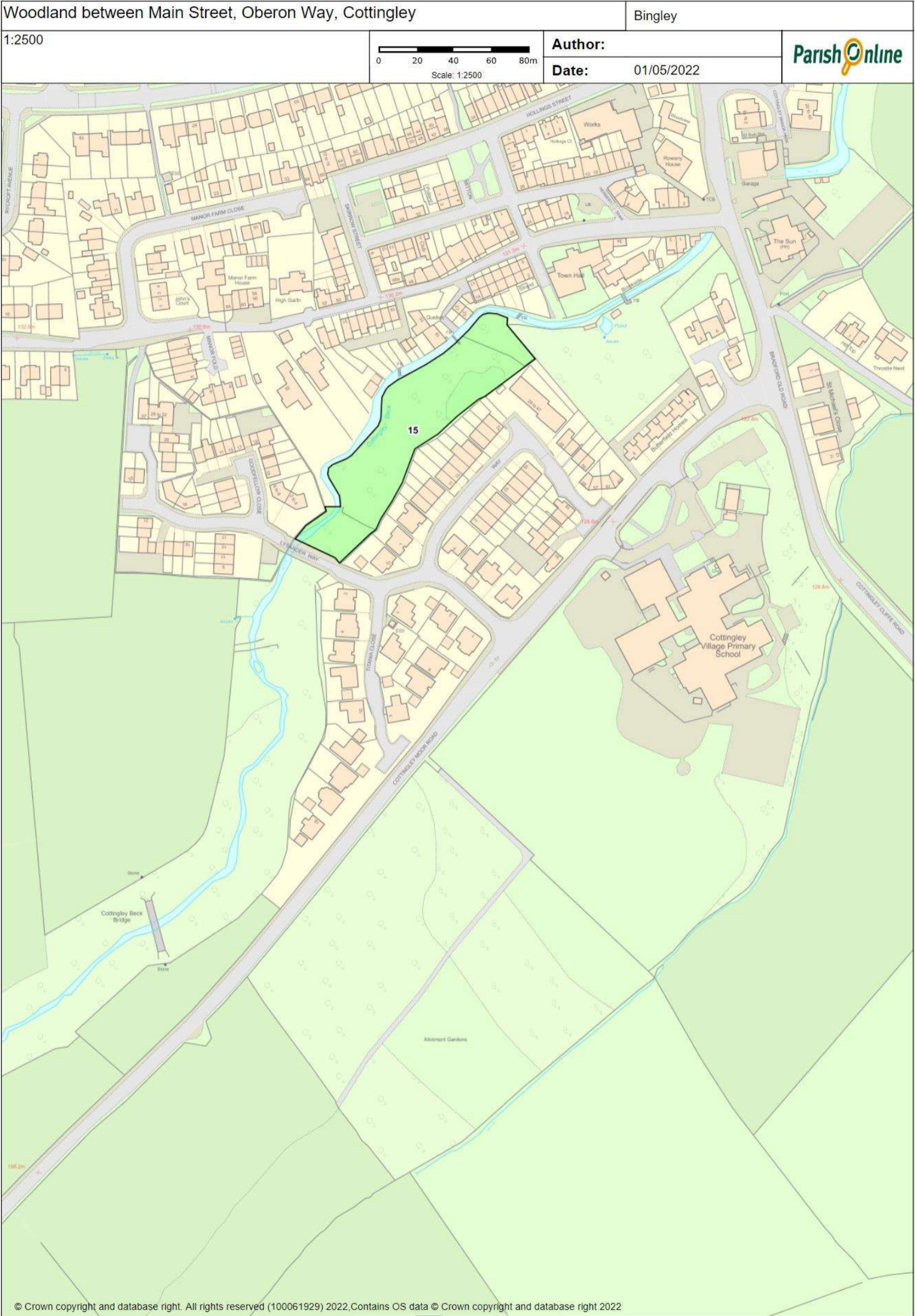


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Remnants of ancient woodland on Eldwick moor.
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, see above.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, used extensively by local residents.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. Ancient mixed Woodland
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes links two housing developments by a footpath.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area. Well used. Provides boundary between Oakwood and Stone Hill estates.
Other	Recognised by Woodland Trust. Identified as natural/semi natural green space in Open Space Assessment.

## 15. Woodland between Main Street / Oberon Way, Cottingley

<b>Reference No.</b>	15
<b>Site Name</b>	Woodland between Main Street / Oberon Way, Cottingley
<b>Address/location</b>	SE 118 369
<b>Description</b>	Woodland





### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Yes. Site where the Cottingley Fairies were 'photographed '.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, for walkers and local residents.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. Ancient woodland at either side of Cottingley Beck. Insect, bird, small mammal life. Wildflowers.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Amenity area
Other	Designated new site for recreation in RUDP and natural/ semi natural green space in Open Space Assessment.

## 16. Park between Bradford Old Road and Cottingley New Road

Reference No.	16
Site Name	Park between Bradford Old Road and Cottingley New Road
Address/location	SE 119 373
Description	Small grassed area between roads.



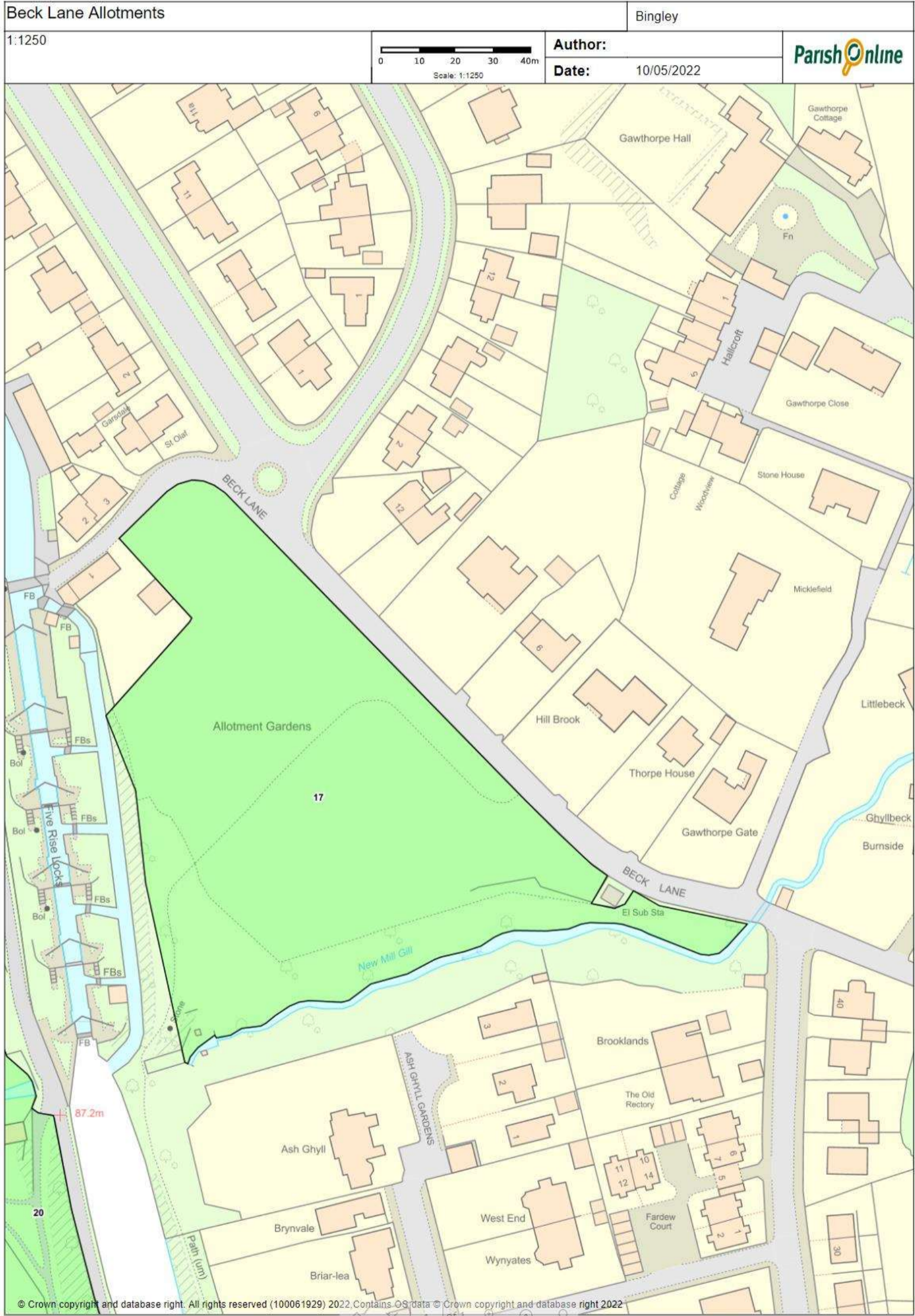


**Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework**

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Seating provided.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes, separated by trees from busy road and housing.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	No
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No
Other	No designation.

17. Beck Lane Allotments

Reference No.	17
Site Name	Beck Lane Allotments
Address/location	SE 109 400
Description	Mixed allotments



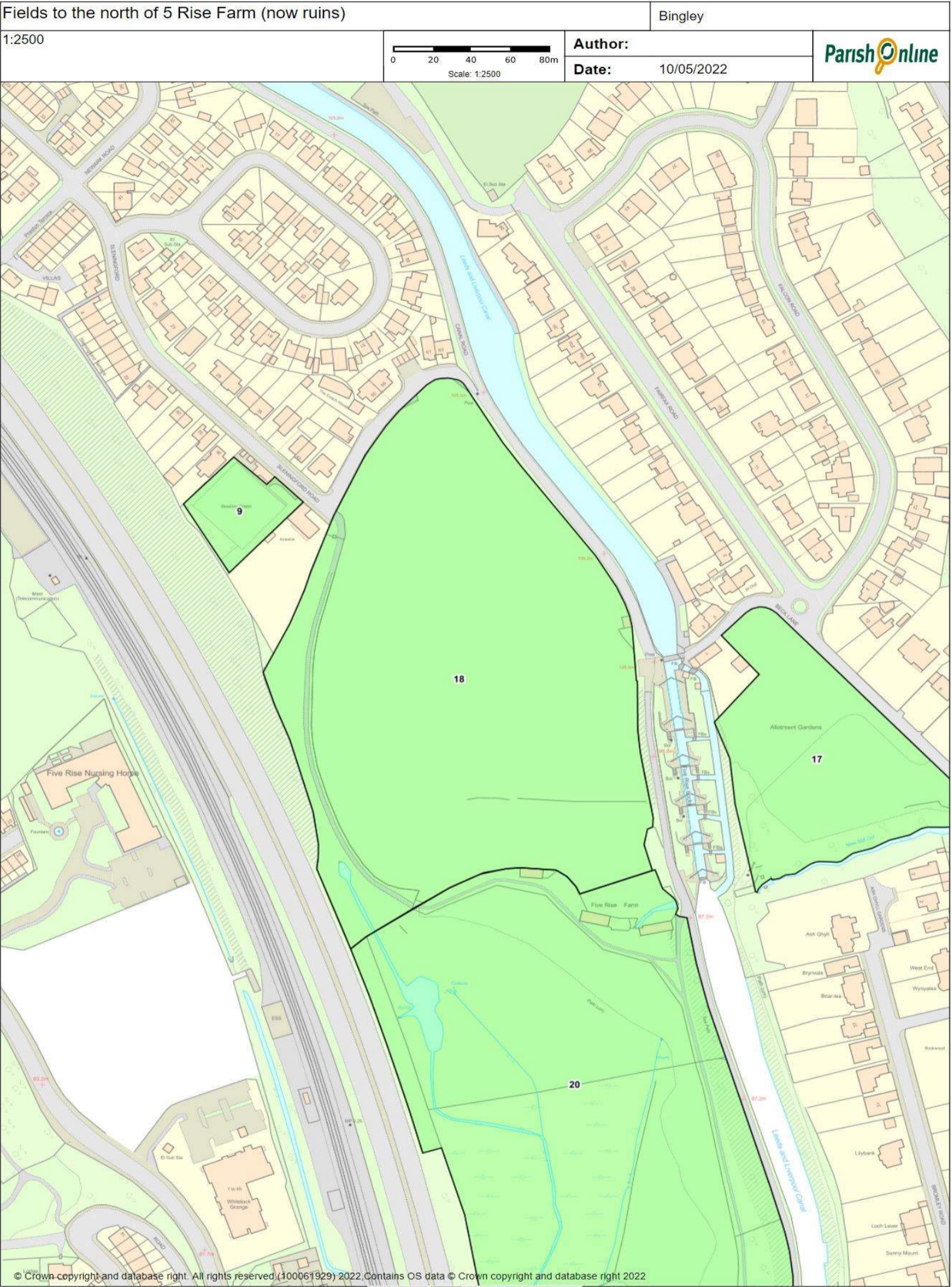


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Public Access	No
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes
Is it beautiful?	No
Does it have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Allotments
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Allotments provision
Other	Designated allotments in RUDP, identified in Open Space Assessment

## 18. Fields to the north and west of Five Rise Farm (ruins)

<b>Reference No.</b>	18
<b>Site Name</b>	Fields to the north and west of Five Rise Farm (ruins)
<b>Address/location</b>	SE 107 399
<b>Description</b>	Pasture land with the remains of old field boundaries gently sloping 30m from the canal towpath to North Bog, a distance of 300m





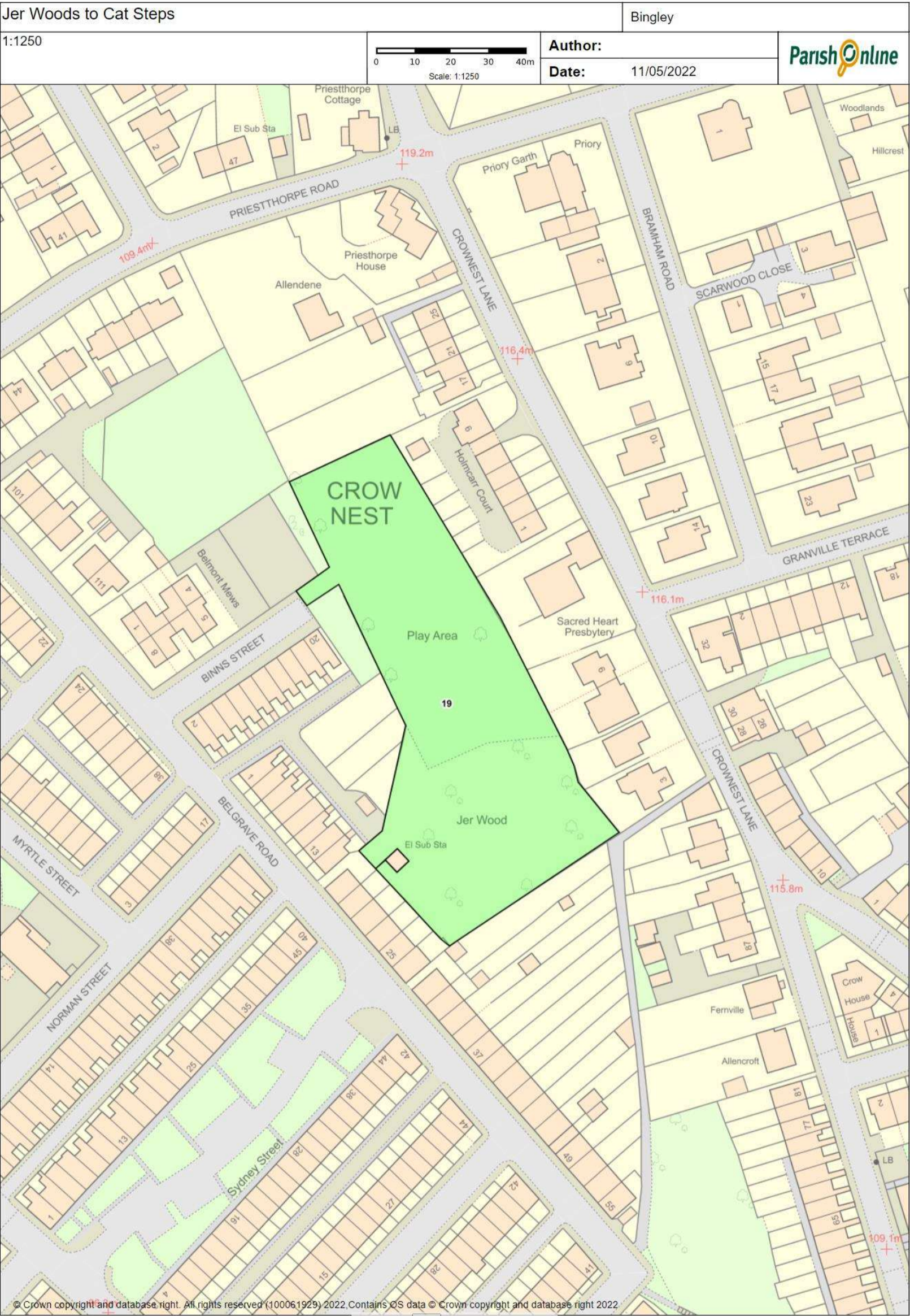
### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	There is an access track on adjacent land along the west and south boundaries which is routinely used but is not a designated public footpath. The canal towpath runs along the eastern boundary and is popular with walkers, cyclists and a pleasant stroll for visitors to Five and Three Rise Locks.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, there is housing along the northern boundary and on the other side of the canal to the east.
Does the site have local significance?	The land is used as grazing for cattle and is a welcome reminder of Bingley's rural setting. The land slopes away from the canal and both compliments and accentuates the view of Five Rise Locks from the roads and railway in the bottom of the valley and St Ives on the opposite side.
Is it beautiful?	It separates Bingley and Crossflatts and is a refreshing break in the ribbon development between Bradford and Keighley.
Does it have historic significance?	The ruins of the carpenter's shop used during the construction of Five and Three Rise Locks is adjacent to the southern boundary.

Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	No.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Generally, yes, but the relief road is close to the western boundary.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Only insofar as the North Bog SSI borders it to the south.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Its particular value lies in its visual relationship with Five Rise Locks.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	The land was submitted for consideration for development as part of the Call for Sites Consultation by Bradford MDC in February/March 2021 but it was rejected for the following reasons: Unsuitable access; Trees; Topography; heritage impact.
Other	Designated as urban green space in RUDP and natural/semi natural green space in Open Space Assessment.

## 19. Jer Wood to Cat Steps

<b>Reference No.</b>	19
<b>Site Name</b>	Jer Wood to Cat Steps
<b>Address/location</b>	SE 113 394
<b>Description</b>	Managed play and recreation area and uncultivated sloping woodland and scrub



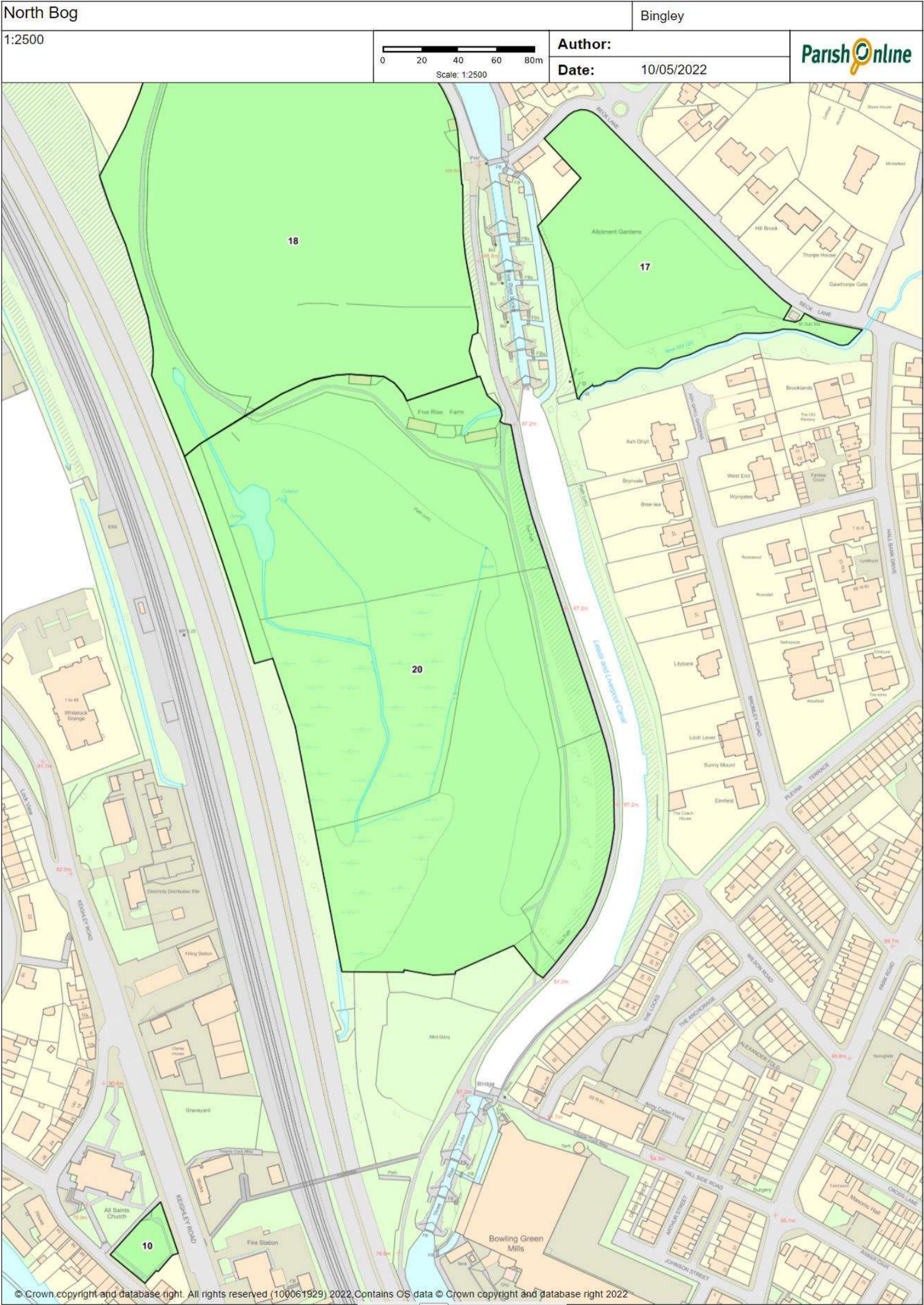


### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, only green and play space in densely populated housing area.
Is it beautiful?	Yes
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, older mixed woodland and open space separating Mornington Road housing from Crownest area.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, play park for children and footpaths for walkers
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. Mixed Woodland, mammals bats, bird, insect life.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes. Looked after by Friends of Jer Wood group. Provide activities and information for local people.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	Yes. Amenity area.
Other	Designated as recreational open space and natural /semi natural green space in Open Space Assessment

20. North Bog

Reference No.	20
Site Name	North Bog
Address/location	SE 106 400
Description	Valley mire with a mosaic of damp grassland and wetland plant communities. Extensive tract of land.

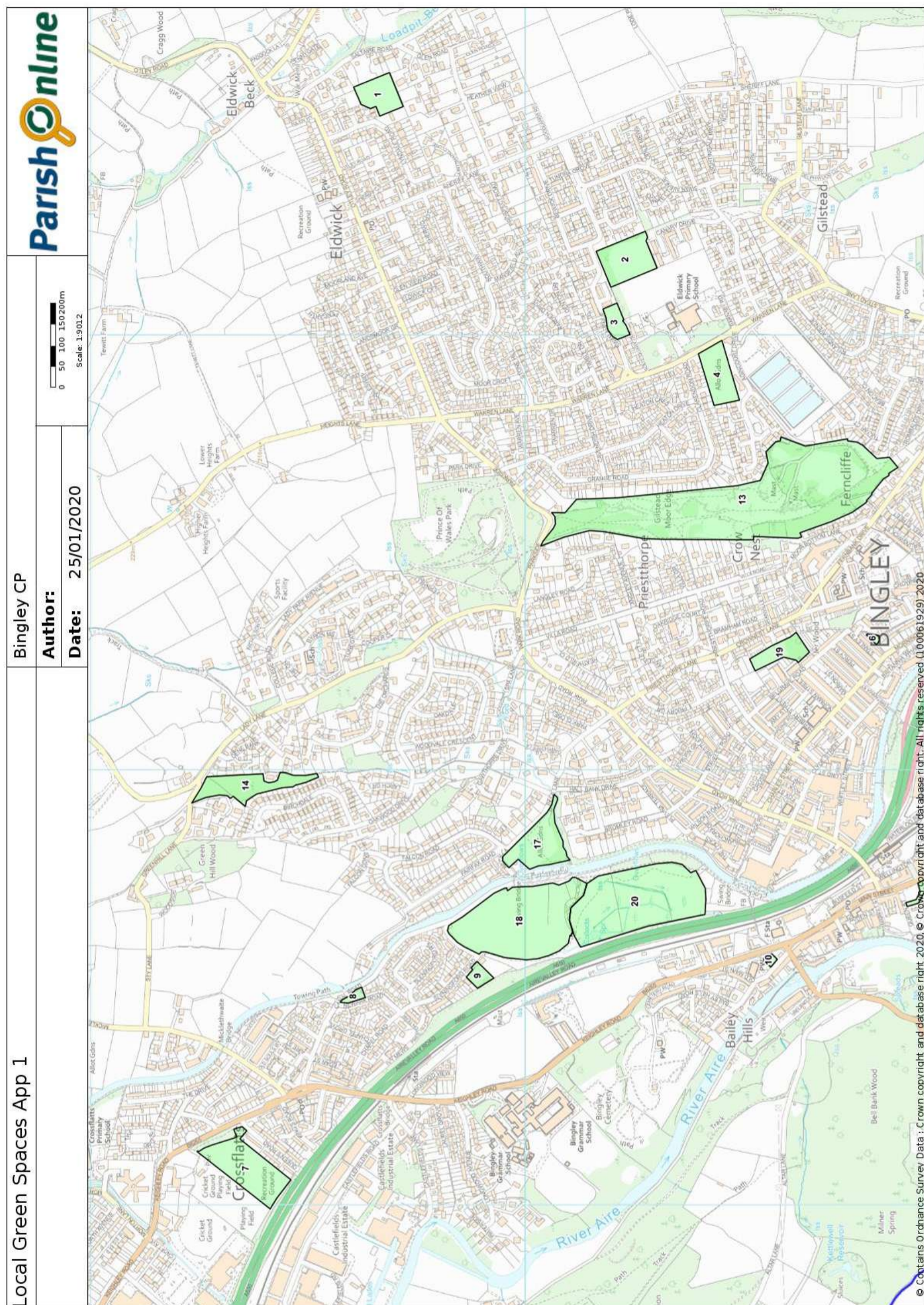


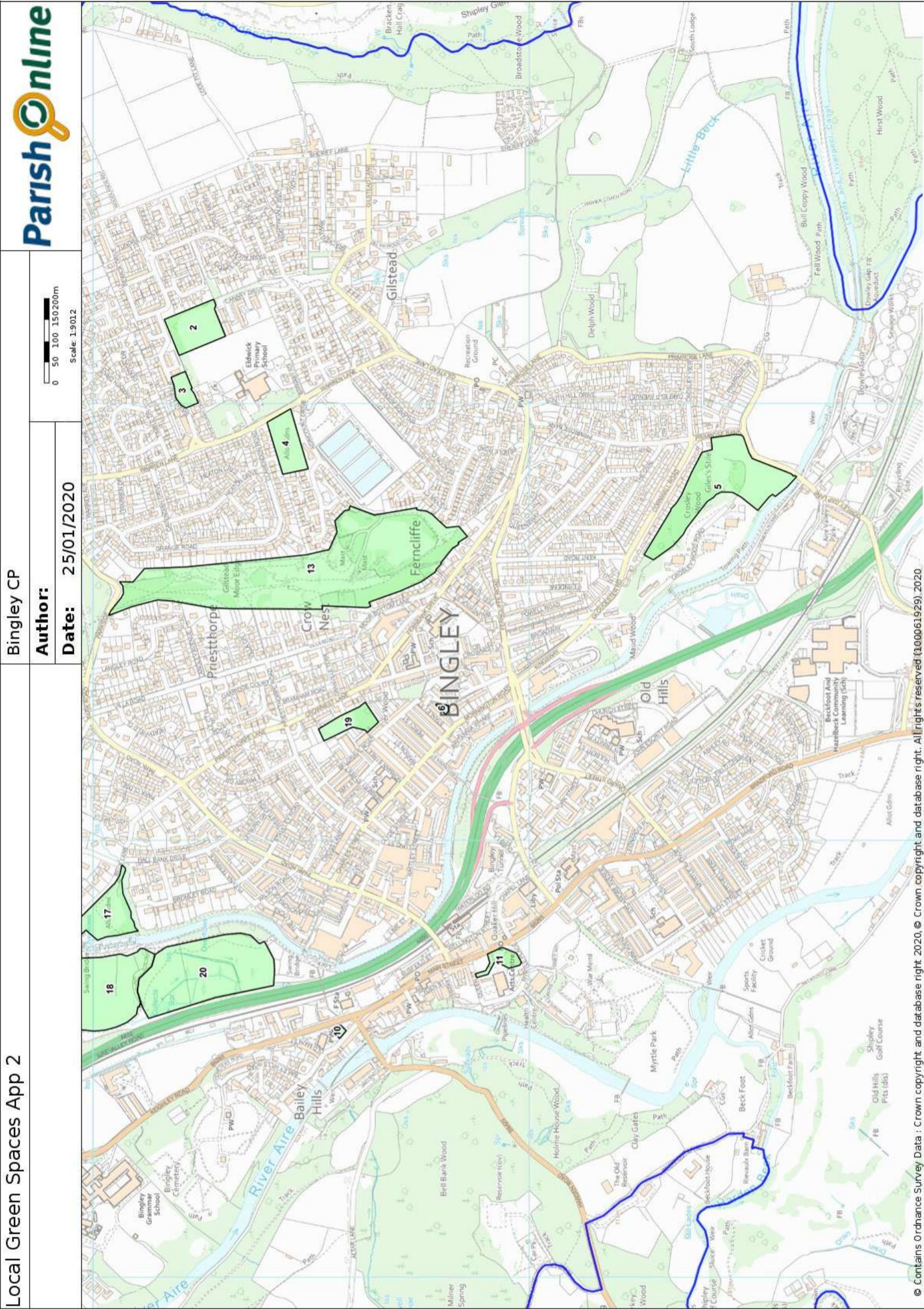


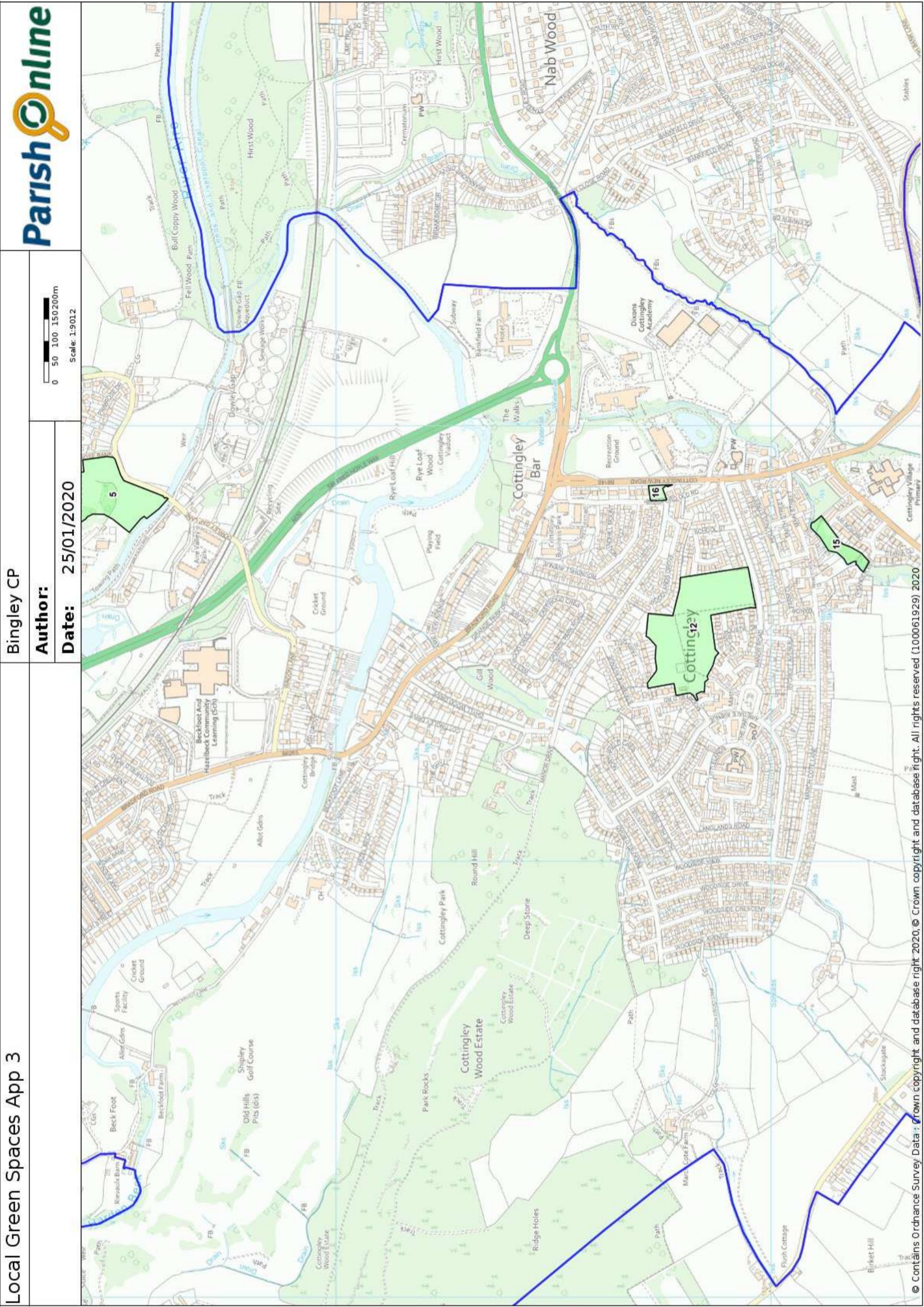
### Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

Public Access	Yes, footpath along boundary
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes and to wider population.
Does the site have local significance?	The east side of Bingley was an impassable lake until the railway was built in 1846. North (SSSI) and South (SSSI) Bogs remain with thicknesses of peat estimated to be in the order of 5m
Is it beautiful?	Yes, and provides extensive views of surrounding areas e.g. Five Rise Locks/ Druids Altar, Gilstead Moor etc.

Does it have historic significance?	See above
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Nature study, popular with walkers. Route from Crossflatts to Bingley, provides access to Five Rise and Three Rise Locks for visitors arriving by car or train.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Adjacent to the Relief Road, but still peaceful.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes. SSSI.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes but extensive.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	The area provides a rural outlook for the occupants of the flats in The Locks development, Bromley Road, Fairfax Road, Lock View. It is an amenity area, well used by walkers, runners etc and visited by tourists.
Other	Designated as urban green space in RUDP and natural/semi natural green space in Open Space Assessment.







### Original proposed sites – removed:

- South Bog
- Parcel of land between A650 and 3 Rise Locks
- Junction of Sheriff Lane/Lode Pit Lane
- The Grove, Crossflatts
- Ghyll Wood
- Cottingley Roundabout
- Verges off Marion Street
- Fields between Harold St and Longwood View, bounded by Keighley Rd and A650
- Verges between Poplar House and Beckfoot School on Bradford Road
- Gardens at Maple Court and Aire Valley Court
- Canary Drive – borders and verges Swan Estate, Gilstead
- Pathway between Canary Drive and Rothbart Gardens, Swan Estate, Gilstead
- Green verge at Southway, Eldwick.