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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to inform the approach of the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan in relation to Local Green Spaces. This report sets out the methodology used to identify and assess areas with potential for Local Green Space designation. It sets out the conclusions of Carnforth Town Council, regarding sites to be designated as Local Green Spaces and the reasons for their inclusion.

2 Policy Context

What are Local Green Spaces?

- 2.1 The Local Green Space designation allows local communities to identify and protect green areas that have particular importance to them. The concept of Local Green Space (LGS) designations was first introduced in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in 2012 and has been carried forward in more recent NPPF¹ updates published in 2018 and 2019.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- 2.2 Paragraph 99 of the NPPF (2019) states that land can only be designated as LGS when either a local plan or neighbourhood plan is being prepared or updated and that such designation should be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.
- 2.3 Paragraph 100 of the NPPF (2019) recognises that the LGS designation cannot be applied to all green space and sets out the following criteria for designation of LGS sites:
- 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.
- 2.4 Paragraph 101 of the NPPF (2019) says that managing development within LGS should be consistent with policies for Green Belt.

National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)

- 2.5 National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)² provides further guidance on the policies contained within the NPPF regarding LGS designation. The guidance addresses many common questions about the LGS designation, particularly relating to what sort of sites would be suitable for designation and what the designation means in practice. The following paragraphs in the PPG (specifically

¹ MHCLG. 2019. National Planning Policy Framework. [ONLINE] Available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/810197/NPPF_Feb_2019_revised.pdf

² MHCLG. 2014. *Planning Practice Guidance, Local Green Space designation*. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space#Local-Green-Space-designation>

the 'Opens Space, sports, and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space' section) are of relevance for the evaluation of sites for LGS designation. Key points of these paragraphs are summarised below:

- Paragraph 007 – LGS designation should be consistent with local planning for sustainable development and should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making;
- Paragraph 008 – generally LGS designation is rarely appropriate for land which is subject to planning permission for development;
- Paragraph 011 – if land is already protected by designation (such as Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or conservation area), then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by LGS designation;
- Paragraph 014 – the proximity of LGS to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special e.g. if public access is a factor, then the site should be in easy walking distance;
- Paragraph 015 – there are no hard and fast rules about how big LGS can be because places are different, and a degree of judgement will inevitably be needed; and
- Paragraph 017 – some areas that may be considered for designation as LGS may already have largely unrestricted public access, however land could be considered for LGS designation if there is no public access (e.g. if valued for biodiversity, historic significance and/or beauty). LGS designation in itself does not confer any rights of public access over what exists at present.

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2.6 The *Lancaster Local Plan, Strategic Policies and Land Allocations DPD* (2011-2031) was submitted for examination in May 2018. A number of modifications were made to the plan and subject to public consultation over an eight-week period between August and October 2019. These modifications have now been made, and it is expected the plan will be adopted in July 2020³.

³ Lancaster City Council. 2018. Strategic Policies and Land Allocations DPD. [ONLINE] Available at: [http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/assets/attach/4119/Strategic_Policies_%26_Land_Allocations_DPD_\(including_Modifications\).pdf](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/assets/attach/4119/Strategic_Policies_%26_Land_Allocations_DPD_(including_Modifications).pdf)

- 2.7 The PPG⁴ advises that a draft neighbourhood plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted development plan in order to meet basic condition (e). Basic condition (e) is specified in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 2.8 Green Infrastructure is identified as being of key importance in the District, and Lancaster City Council recognises the protection of greenspaces to play an important role in its development. Para 2.17 of the emerging local plan states that '*The district is renowned for both the quality and diversity of its natural environment*' including its local green spaces and that its environmental quality '*provides residents and visitors to the district with a strong sense of place and a good quality of life.*'
- 2.9 Although a draft neighbourhood plan is not tested against the policies in an emerging Local Plan, the reasoning and evidence informing the Local Plan process is likely to be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which a neighbourhood plan is tested. Therefore, the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan should have regard to evidence supporting relevant allocations and policies in the emerging Lancaster Local Plan.
- 2.10 The emerging Local Plan designates some land within the neighbourhood plan area as greenspaces either under policy "SC2 – Local Open Spaces" or policy "SC3 - Open Space Recreation, and Leisure". Development proposals on these sites would be resisted with exception to where there is replacement, enhancement of the facilities or there is a surplus in local recreational land.
- 2.11 Carnforth contains a number of greenspaces designated under policy SC3, as can be seen in figure 1. There are no spaces designated under SC2 as these are intended to be brought forward through the neighbourhood planning process.

⁴ MHCLG. 2018. Planning Practice Guidance, What is neighbourhood planning, paragraph 009. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>

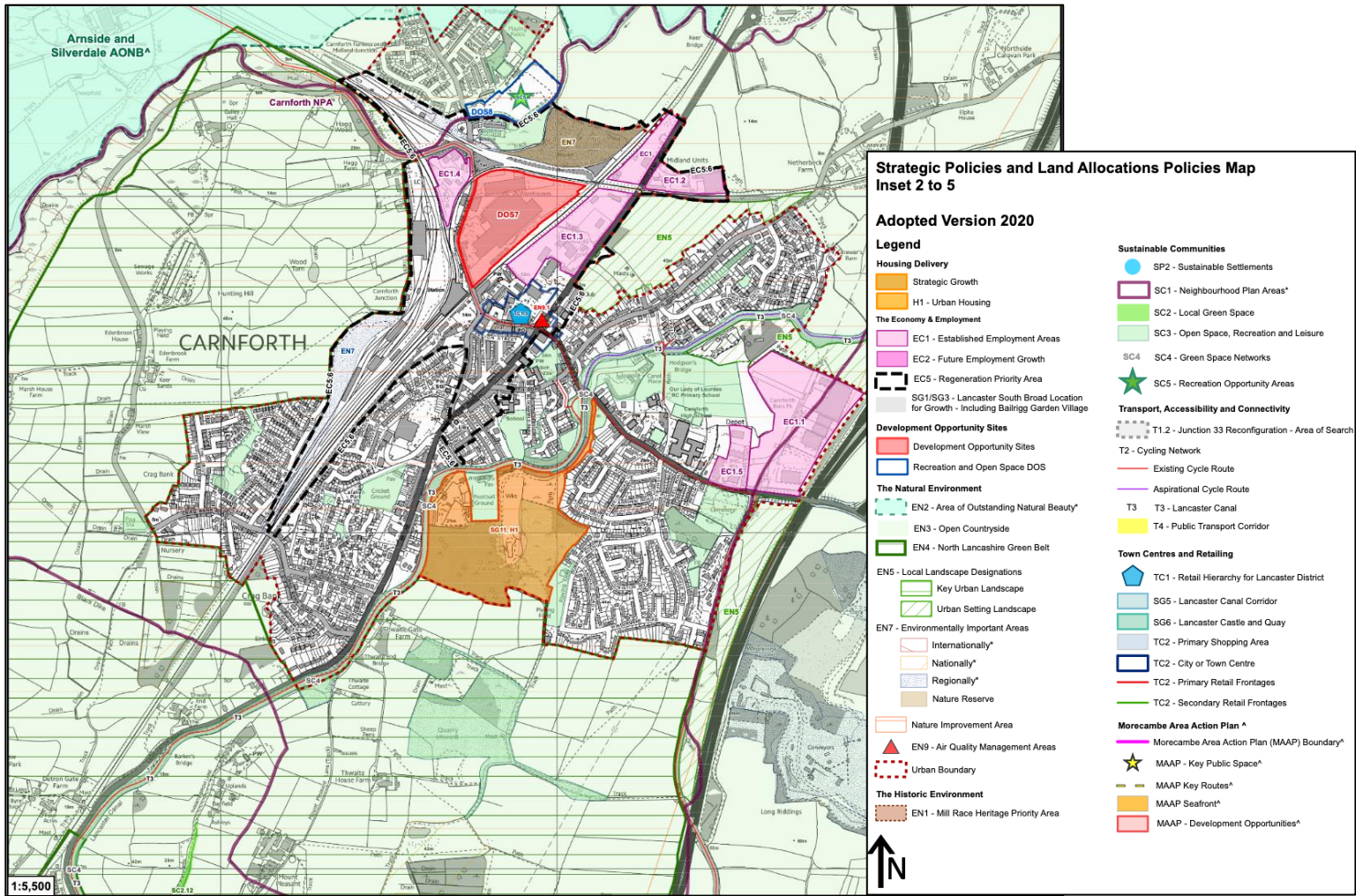


Figure 1 - Lancaster District Emerging Local Plan Policies Map and Legend (July 2020)

3 Methodology

Method Stage 1: Initial Desktop Review

- 3.1 The first stage of this evaluation involved an initial review of existing green space within the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan Area. This helped avoid any potential clashes with adopted and emerging development plan designations and NPPF/PPG guidance and covered:
- Where the green space is;
 - What type of green space it is;
 - Statutory or policy designation;
 - Quality and condition of the green space; and
 - Value and benefit to the community.
- 3.2 This information narrowed down the list of sites to determine if the green space should be considered for LGS designation.

Method Stage 2: Policy Audit

- 3.3 Once potential green space sites were identified, they were assessed against the NPPF criteria outlined in paragraph 100 and additional guidance provided in the PPG. The criteria are:
- a) The green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - b) The green space is considered demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance; and
 - c) The green space is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
 - d) The green space does not already have planning permission for development;
- 3.4 There is no clear definition of what is 'an extensive tract of land'; however, the site should be a local facility and not just a green space in the countryside. There is also no clear definition of what is 'close proximity to the community', however as noted in the PPG, public access is a key factor so should be in easy walking distance of the community served.
- 3.5 Once satisfied that these sites met the criteria identified above, the Neighbourhood Forum identified the sites to be assessed in detail to determine those which should be designated as LGS.

Method Stage 3: Detailed Site Analysis

- 3.6 Part b of Paragraph 100 of the NPPF (2019) states that the Local Green Space designation should be used where green space is:

"...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."

3.7 As such, potential sites should meet at least one of the five criteria:

- Beauty (for example: local character, landscape, flora and fauna);
- Historic significance (for example: conservation area, high archaeological importance and listed buildings);
- Recreational value (for example: type of activity, facilities and events);
- Tranquillity (for example: pollution, noise and natural environment); and
- Wildlife (for example: ecological designation, SNCI, SSSI and SAC and any evidence of wildlife).

3.8 Each site was assessed using the table attached in appendix 1 that clearly captures the above criteria and informs the judgement made by the Forum to determine which sites will be allocated as LGS through the Neighbourhood Plan process.

4 Local Green Space Assessments

In this section, we present the assessments undertaken for each of the potential Local Green Space sites. The location of these sites are displayed on figure 2, with information on each following this.

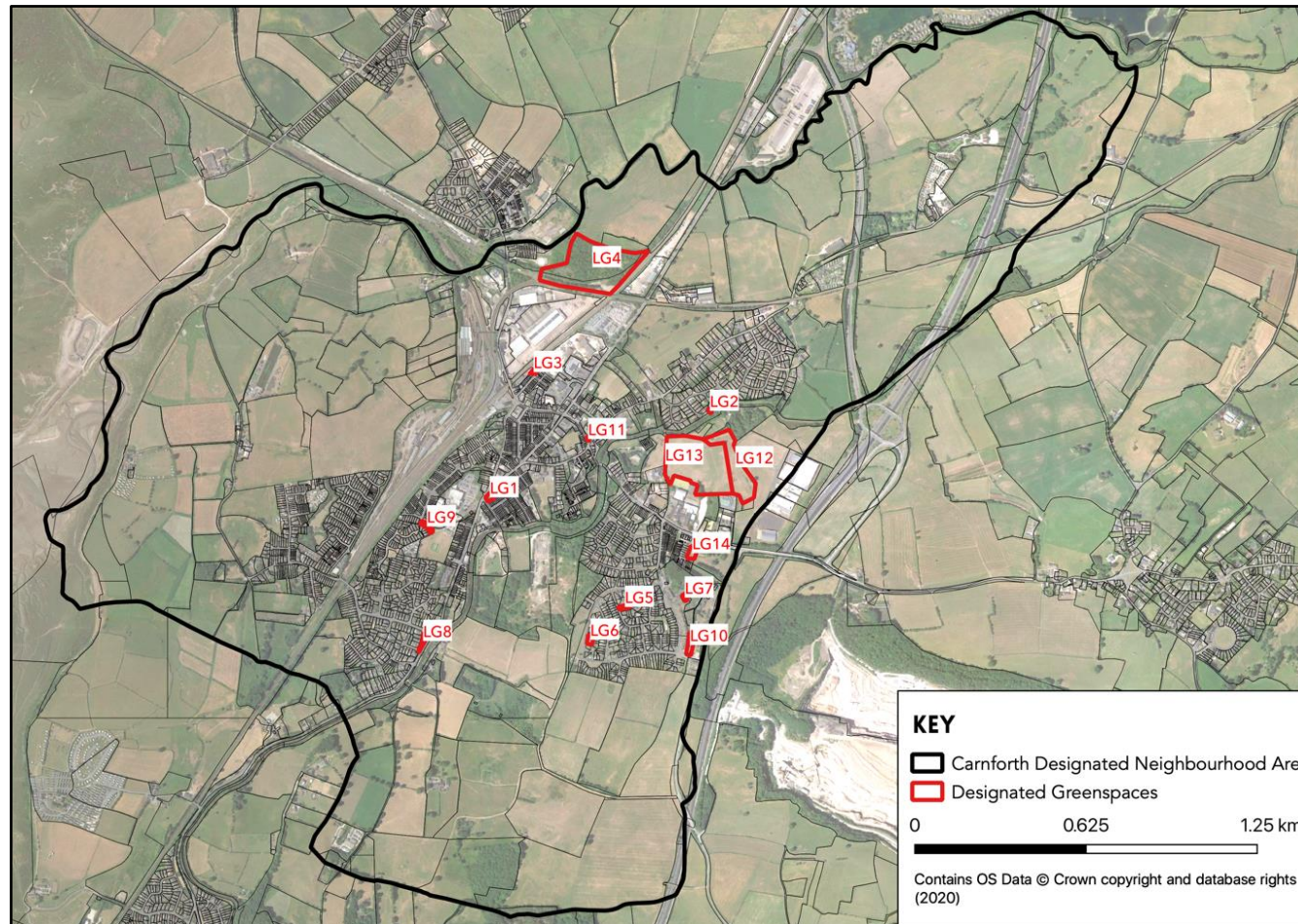


Figure 2 - Carnforth Local Greenspaces for Assessment

4.1. LG1: Land adjacent to Alexandra Road



Figure 3 - Land adjacent to Alexandra Road

Grid Reference	SD 49677 70301
Site Name	Land adjacent to Alexandra Road
Site Description and purpose	Relaxation and tranquillity.
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Very good quality
Value and benefit to the community	A place to relax, and socialise, as well as provide visual amenity
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves?	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	Yes
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Provides social value to residents, by virtue of being located closely to residences, and to Carnforth Library
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site is located one property away from the Carnforth Public Library, and comprises a grassy field with deciduous trees, and stone walls along its four boundaries. The site is easily accessible via an entrance off Alexandra Road, and the site is only a short distance to the centre of Carnforth. Land Adjacent to Alexandra Road offers some recreational value through the provision of an open space, and peace and tranquillity for those wishing to spend time here. The site is positively shaped by its tight constraints on all edges, including a private residence to the north-east, the A6, to the north-west, Alexandra Road to the south-west, and a ginnel to the south-east.

The site is considered suitable for designation.

4.2. LG2: Land adjacent to Arkholme Close



Figure 4 - Land Adjacent to Arkholme Close

Grid Reference	SD 50480 70626
Site Name	<i>Land Adjacent to Arkholme Close</i>
Site Description and purpose	Wildflower meadow
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Good
Value and benefit to the community	Provision of tranquil open space for community, and enhancement to biodiversity through bee strategies
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	No
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	Yes
Other values	Gateway to Lancaster Canal
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The Land Adjacent to Arkholme Close provides the community with a gateway to the Lancaster Canal, thus creating an important view towards the Canal. Removed from Carnforth's Town Centre, but still in close proximity to residences, the site provides a tranquil and quiet environment. The site is also currently used as a wildflower meadow, hence providing biodiversity value. The site is constrained by the Lancaster Canal to the southeast, a house to the north-east, and existing Public Rights of Way to the north-west and south-west. The site is home to many trees and shrubs as well as flowers, which further highlight the site's rural character.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation

4.3. LG3: Land adjacent to Carnforth Free Methodist Church



Figure 5 - Land adjacent to Carnforth Free Methodist Church

Grid Reference	SD 49857 70779
Site Name	Land adjacent to Carnforth Free Methodist Church
Site Description and purpose	Grassy land adjacent to church - to provide opportunities to socialise and relax
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Fair
Value and benefit to the community	A place to socialise, relax, and provide visual amenity
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	No
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Social value, due to proximity to church
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The land adjacent to Carnforth Free Methodist Church is bounded by a combination of houses, a parking lot, and the church itself. The land is accessed via an entrance from Hunter Street, next to the Church Entrance, and is surrounded by characteristic concrete walls, which help to positively shape the space. The land is entirely grassy, and is used by the Church occasionally to host parish events. It is also a tranquil and quiet.

The site is considered suitable for designation.

4.4. LG4: Disused tip adjacent to Midland Terrace

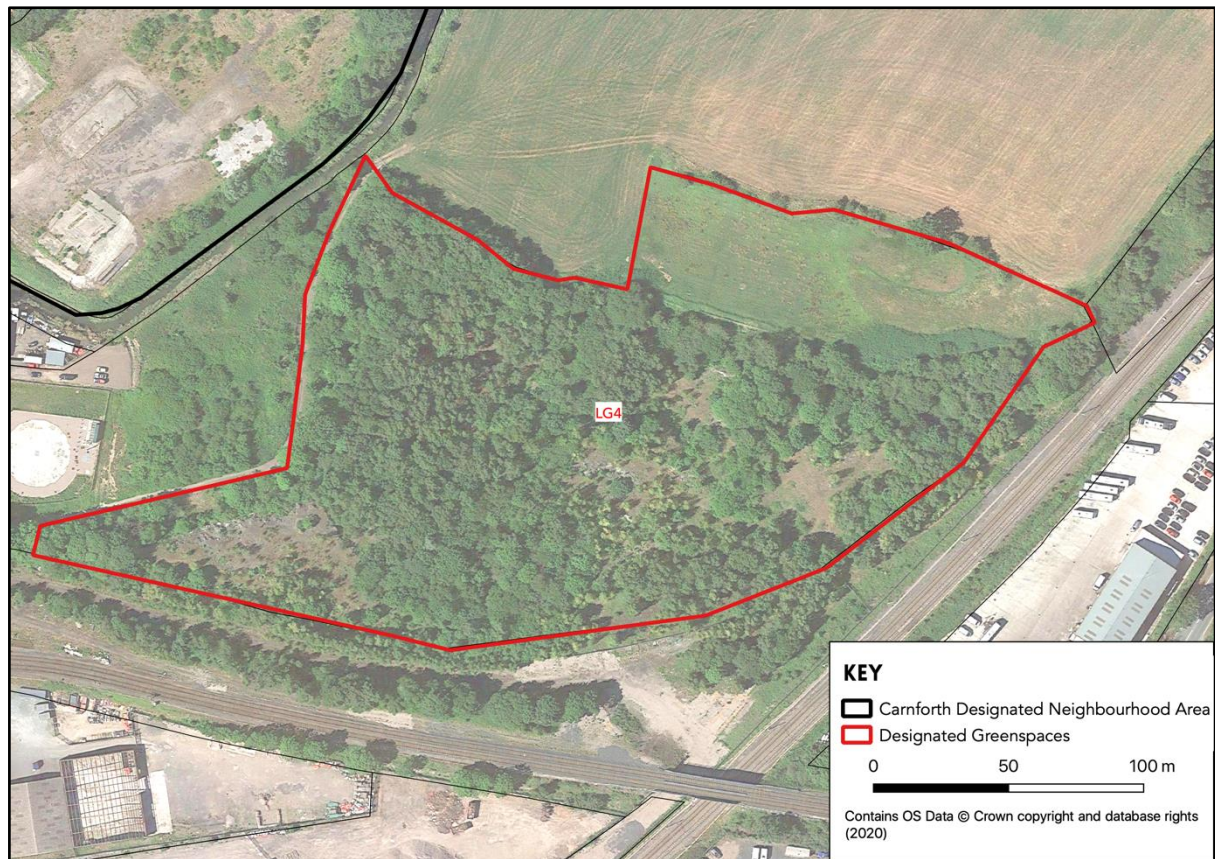


Figure 6 - Disused tip adjacent to Midland Terrace

Grid Reference	SD 49998 71121
Site Name	Disused tip adjacent to Midland Terrace
Site Description and purpose	Currently unused land
Policy designations	EN7 – Environmentally Important Area – Nature Reserve
Quality and condition	Rough and overgrown – not currently in good condition
Value and benefit to the community	Potential for large-scale recreation space
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	No
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	No

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	Yes
Other values	Large area size
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	No

Summary

The Disused tip adjacent to Midland Terrace is located a fair distance north of the Town Centre, and south-east of the River Keer. It is 4.49 hectares in size, and consists of unused land, which Lancaster City Council has identified as a site for a nature reserve. The site is bounded by two rail lines, and as such it is likely the land is to a degree contaminated. The site is not located close to the Town Centre, nor is it currently well used or accessible to the community, however, the Town Council has talked of bringing the site into public use on numerous occasions.

As such, the site is not considered suitable for designation as a local green space but is seen as a location of great importance for the Town Council, and its restoration may be suitable as an aspiration, rather than a policy, of the neighbourhood plan.

4.5. LG5: Land on Ullswater Crescent



Figure 7 - Land on Ullswater Crescent

Grid Reference	SD 50175 69904
Site Name	Land on Ullswater Crescent
Site Description and purpose	Open Space
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Good condition
Value and benefit to the community	Green space is highly populated area, particularly by residents within vicinity
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Provides open space in otherwise very built up area
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site consists of a large track of grassy land, which is surrounded by a residential road, Ullswater Crescent, and then houses. The land is publicly accessible, and often used by residents of the surrounding houses in the summertime, hence providing a degree of recreation value, and tranquillity away from the Town Centre.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation.

4.6. LG6: Land East of Dunkirk Avenue



Figure 8 - Land East of Dunkirk Avenue

Grid Reference	SD 50045 69786
Site Name	Land east of Dunkirk Avenue
Site Description and purpose	Open Space
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Good condition
Value and benefit to the community	Green space is highly populated area, particularly by residents within vicinity
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	No
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site is located to the east of Dunkirk Avenue, and is bounded on the north, east, and south, by the fronts of residential houses. The land is used as a residential amenity by these houses, particularly for recreation on summer days. The area is also well away from Carnforth's Town Centre, and slopes slightly upward from the road, hence providing a degree of triangulation, allowing views of the park west of Dunkirk Avenue; as such, the site is also considered tranquil.

The site is considered suitable for designation.

4.7. LG7: Land near Highfield Road



Figure 9 - Land near Highfield Road

Grid Reference	SD 50387 69934
Site Name	Land near Highfield Road
Site Description and purpose	Currently used recreationally by nearby residents
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Good quality
Value and benefit to the community	A small area of open space, adjacent to a high population
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Provides open space within area of high density
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site is located at the end of Highfield Road, and is bounded on three sides by the fronts of houses, which positively shape the space and provide a degree of active security through their frontage and lighting. The land is publicly accessible, and consists of a grassy field, which is often used recreationally on summer days by the residents of surrounding houses, and by the wider community. As it is located away from Carnforth Town Centre, and provides a degree of open space within an otherwise high-density area, the site is also considered tranquil.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation.

4.8. LG8: Land between Lancaster Road and Longmere Crescent



Figure 10 - Land between Lancaster Road and Longmere Crescent

Grid Reference	SD 49445 69799
Site Name	Land between Lancaster Road and Longmere Crescent
Site Description and purpose	Currently used by residents and by Lancaster City Council for flower planting
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Good quality
Value and benefit to the community	Visual amenity
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	No
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Visual amenity provided through flowers
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site is triangular in shape, and bound by the A6 to the east, Longmere Crescent to the West, and Longmere Drive to the north. The site acts as a green medium between the A6 and residential land and is often decorated with flowers by Carnforth Town Council (which plants flowers within flower boxes) and Lancaster City Council (which plants flowers in a large circular flowerbed). The visual amenity of the flowers, as well as the maintenance and stewardship shown with the flower planting demonstrates the specialness of the site to the Carnforth community.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation.

4.9. LG9: Land southeast of Grosvenor Place



Figure 11 - Land southeast of Grosvenor's Place

Grid Reference	SD 49452 70184
Site Name	Land southeast of Grosvenor Place
Site Description and purpose	Well used path, surrounded by currently unused woodland
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Poor quality
Value and benefit to the community	Potential for recreation and tranquillity
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	No
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Connectivity and access to Carnforth Cricket Club
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site provides a connection from the bottom of Grosvenor Place to Albert Street and the Carnforth Cricket Club, and is well used by the community, as evidenced by strong desire lines that form a pathway through the open space. The land surrounding the path is overgrown and host to series of shrubs and deciduous trees. The natural character of the path provides a tranquil environment that can be further enhanced with improvements such as lighting and landscaping.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation.

4.10. LG10: Land west of Gummers Howe Walk



Figure 12 - Land west of Gummers Howe Walk

Grid Reference	SD 50403 69746
Site Name	Land west of Gummers Howe Walk
Site Description and purpose	Currently used recreationally by nearby residents
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Fair quality
Value and benefit to the community	A small area of open space, adjacent to a high population
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No – previous application withdrawn in 2018
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	No
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site is bounded by Windmere Road to the south, Gummers Howe Walk to the east, and by housing units to the north and west. Though not greatly maintained, the land is used extensively by nearby residents for recreational purposes, and provides a tranquil environment away from both the city centre, and the higher density housing units nearby.

The site is considered suitable for designation.

4.11. LG11: Land opposite Shovel Inn



Figure 13 - Land opposite Shovel Inn

Grid Reference	SD 50045 70511
Site Name	Land opposite Shovel Inn
Site Description and purpose	Currently used by residents for flower planting
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Fair quality
Value and benefit to the community	Visual amenity
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	No
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	No

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Visual amenity provided through flowers
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The land opposite Shovel Inn is located at the triangle of land in between Market Street, North Road, and an unnamed service road. It is only 0.01 hectares in size, and is used currently by Carnforth Town Council for flower planting. The land is not well utilised, in part due to the small size of the land, and the fact that it is bound on all sides by roads with no protective boundary or visual shielding.

While the site provides some visual amenity, the above factors contribute to the opinion that the site is not considered suitable for designation at this time. It is recognised that should the site or surrounding conditions be improved, then the suitability of this space for designation may change in the future. The improvement of this space may therefore be suitable as an aspiration of the neighbourhood plan.

4.12. LG12: High School Ridge

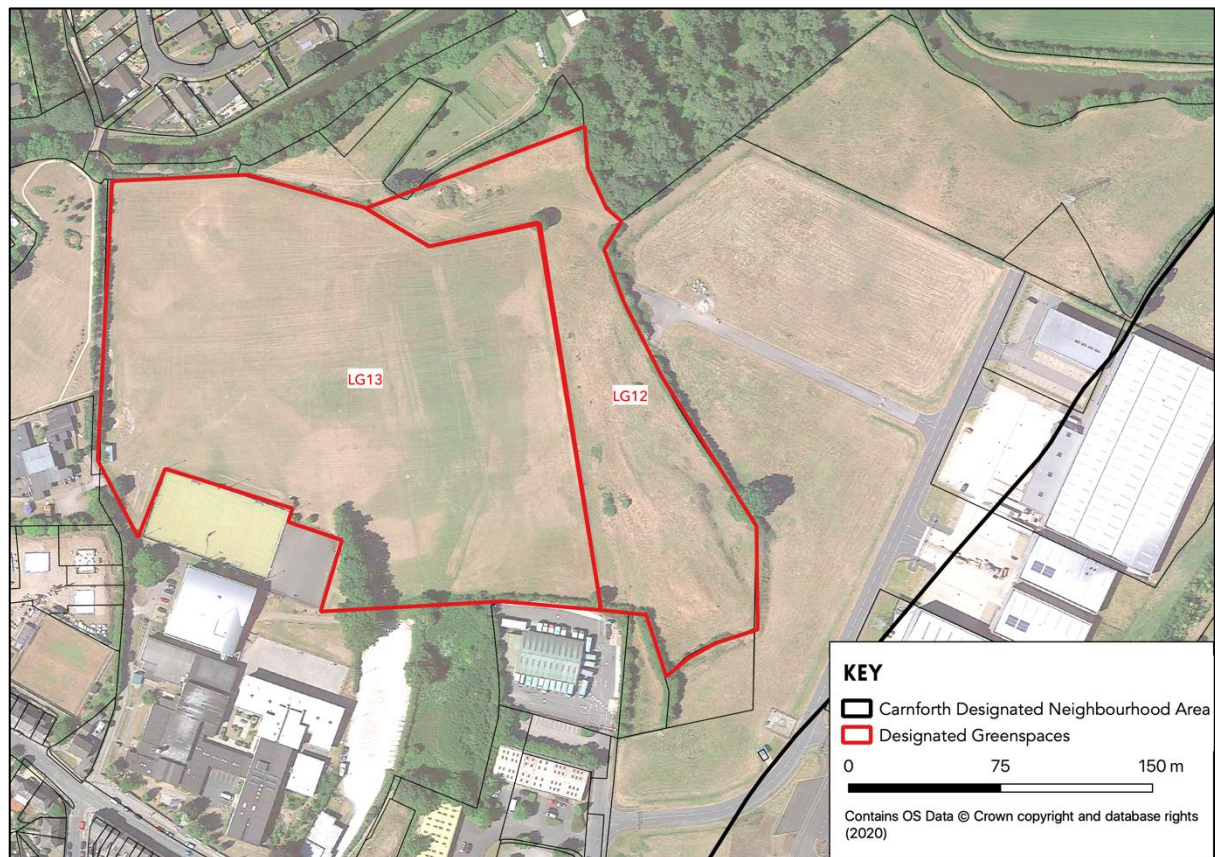


Figure 14 - High School Ridge

Grid Reference	SD 50602 70356
Site Name	High School Ridge
Site Description and purpose	Presently grazing land
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Good quality
Value and benefit to the community	Good recreational value, and tranquil in nature
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	Yes
Other values	Adjacent to Carnforth Highschool
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site consists of an open field which slopes upwards, adjacent to the High School Playing Field. In addition to its recreational value, the site is also considered to be tranquil, and is host to some wildflowers. Due to its slope, the site also provides extensive landscape views eastward, out from Carnforth and into the Lancashire Countryside. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the site is also demonstrably special to Carnforth High school students.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation.

4.13. LG13: High School Playing Fields

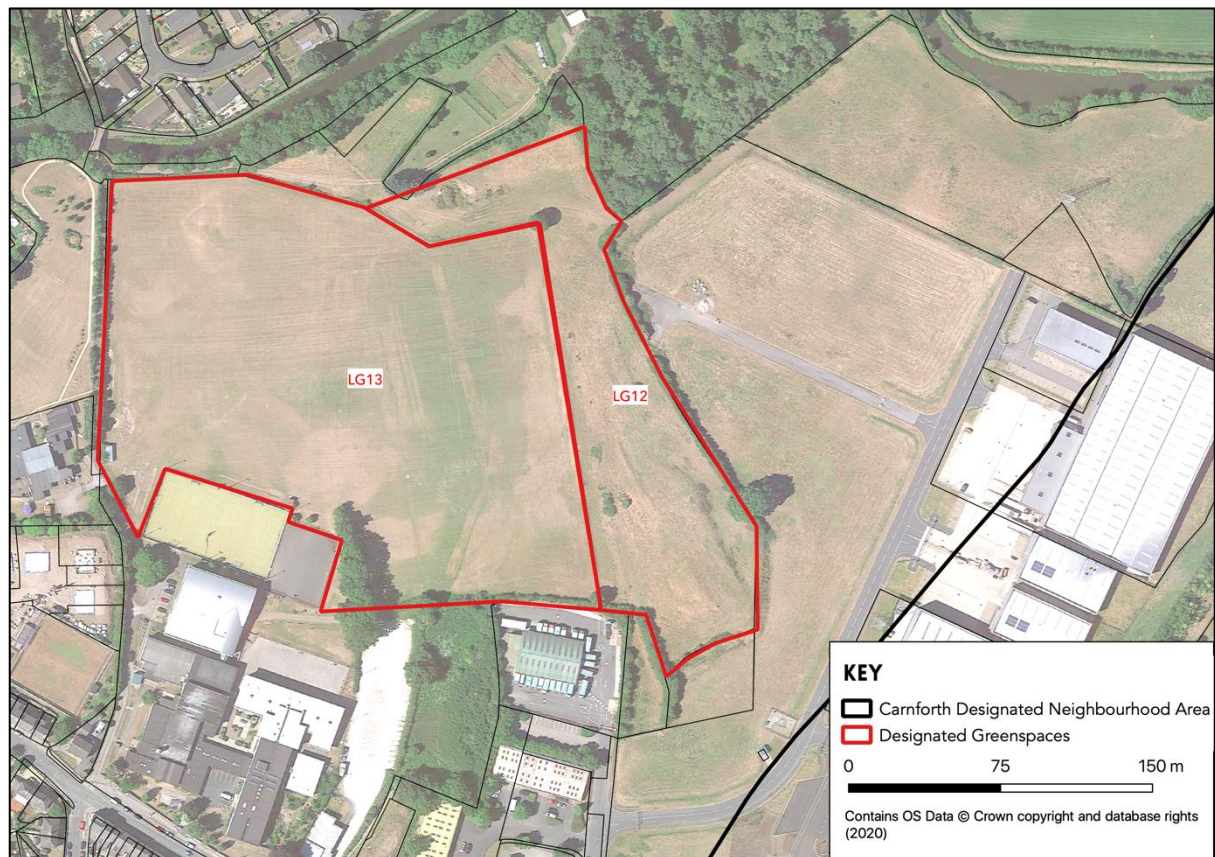


Figure 15 - High School Playing Fields

Grid Reference	SD 50440 70391
Site Name	High School Playing Fields
Site Description and purpose	School playing fields
Policy designations	Part of site designated under <i>SC3: Open Space, Recreation and Leisure</i>
Quality and condition	Very good quality
Value and benefit to the community	Recreational value to school and community
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	No

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Well used by community
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site consists of an open field used for sports and recreation by the local high school. While the majority of this land is already designated under policy SC3 of Lancaster's Emerging Local Plan, the south-eastern area is not, despite being used for identical purposes. The field is demonstrably special to Carnforth and is located close to many residents.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation.

4.14. LG14: Land adjacent to Fairfield Close



Figure 16 - Land adjacent to Fairfield Close

Grid Reference	SD 50420 70099
Site Name	Land adjacent to Fairfield Close
Site Description and purpose	Land used recreationally by nearby residents
Policy designations	None
Quality and condition	Good quality
Value and benefit to the community	Provides recreational value to residents
Planning History (Are there any Planning Permissions at Site?)	No
Proximity to the community it serves	Yes
Is the site Beautiful?	No
Does the site have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value?	Yes
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle?	Yes

Does the site have wildlife and biodiversity value?	No
Other values	Close to Carnforth cemetery and residential housing
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes

Summary

The site is an open field of land, used regularly by nearby residents for recreation. It is bounded on the west and south by Fairfield Close, to the north by a house, and to the east by Carnforth cemetery. Due to its proximity to low-density residential uses, as well as the cemetery, the site is considered to have a degree of tranquillity. The site is publicly accessible from Fairfield Close, though not from the cemetery. It also creates an important view for nearby residents, out towards the Green Belt and Lancashire Countryside.

As such the site is considered suitable for designation.

5. Local Green Space Designations

This section provides a summary of the assessments from section 4, above, and highlights those sites that are recommended for designation within the neighbourhood plan.

Nominated Site	Ref	Valid	Special Role					Suitable for Designation
			<i>Beauty</i>	<i>Historic Importance</i>	<i>Recreation Value</i>	<i>Tranquillity</i>	<i>Richness of Wildlife</i>	
Land adjacent to Alexandra Road	LG1	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land adjacent to Arkholme Close	LG2	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
Land adjacent to Carnforth Free Methodist Church	LG3	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
Disused tip adjacent to Midland Terrace	LG4	No	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
Land on Ullswater Crescent	LG5	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land east of Dunkirk Avenue	LG6	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land near Highfield Road	LG7	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land between Lancaster Road and Longmere Crescent	LG8	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land southeast of Grosvenor Place	LG9	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land west of Gummers Howe Walk	LG10	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land opposite Shovel Inn	LG11	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
High School Ridge	LG12	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
High School Playing Fields	LG13	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Land adjacent to Fairfield Close	LG14	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes