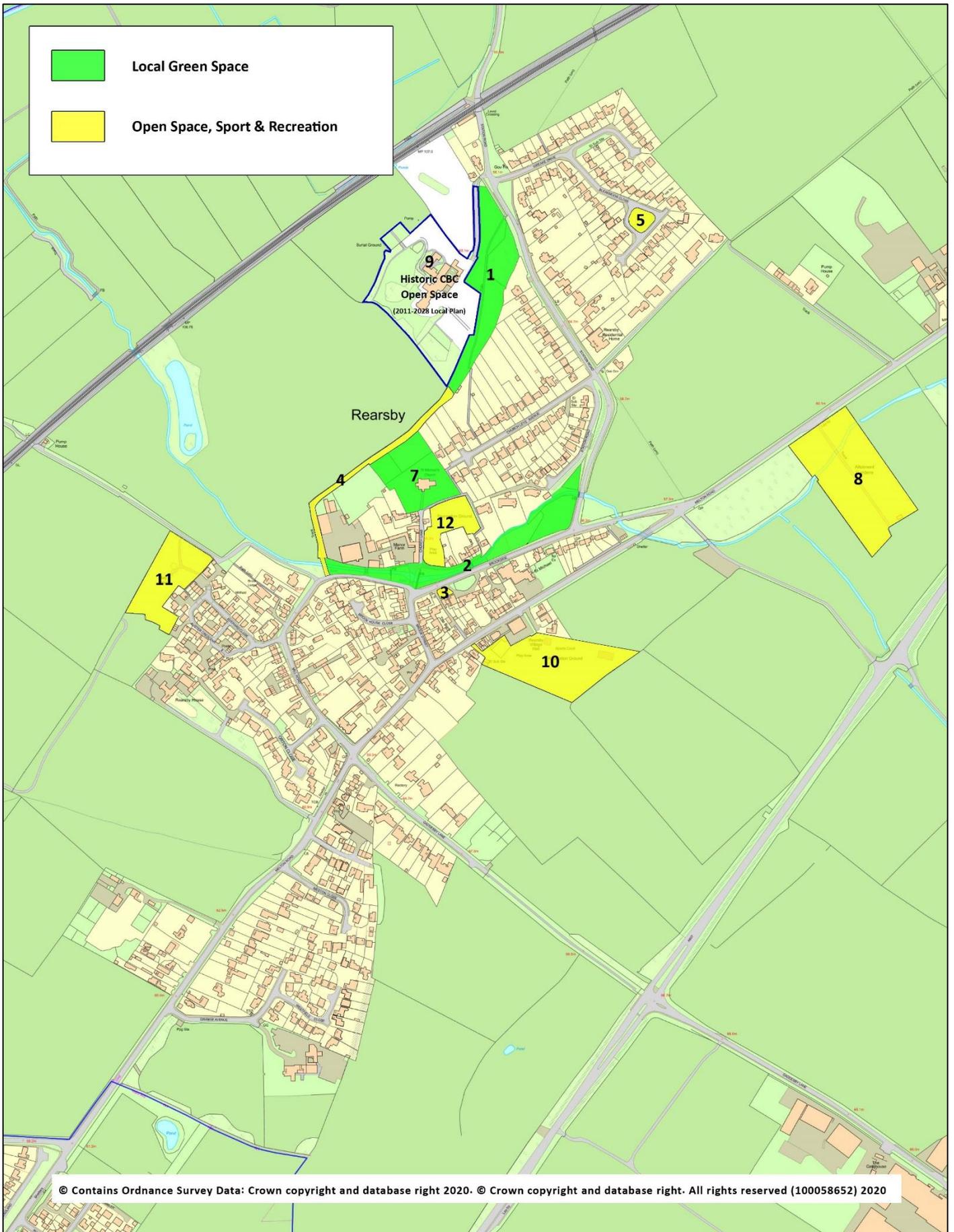


Appendix X LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT

1. SCORING CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY

LOCAL IN CHARACTER, NOT AN EXTENSIVE TRACT OF LAND	Y/N	Y is essential for Local Green Space designation.
SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY	Max 15	
PROXIMITY	0-5	5 = an open space within a settlement 4 = adjacent to the settlement boundary (Limit to Development line when defined) – ‘at the bottom of the last gardens’ 3, 2, 1 = successively further from settlement 0 = most distant from main settlement(s) <i>within the Plan Area</i>
BEAUTY	0-3	Only the most attractive land in the Plan Area should qualify - most sites should get 0. Viewpoints are scored as if for beauty
TRANQUILLITY	0-2	Most sites should get 0. 2 will probably be limited to e.g. churchyards, well-designed memorial gardens, managed semi-natural habitats.
RECREATIONAL VALUE	0-5	5 = Public Open Spaces designed for sport and recreation or as facilities for children and young people 4, 3 = Membership sport facilities (tennis, bowls, etc.). Very well used park or other recreational space with full or comprehensive public access. Managed wildlife site with public access. Semi-natural parkland (trees, grass) with public footpaths and no restriction on access. 2 = Paddock or grazing field with 1 or more public footpath, e.g. well-used for dog-walking, traditional sledging field 1 = arable farmland with public footpath but no other access. 0 = private property with no public recreational value or access
LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE – History and Wildlife	Max 10	Must be evidence-based and the data included in the Plan or appendices. History and wildlife scores are cumulative, i.e. if multiple historical features or ages are represented, or if biodiversity (numerous species of conservation concern (BAP) in several higher taxa) is demonstrable, the score rises by 1 or more points to a maximum of 3. All sites scoring 3 or above will qualify in this Plan for protection at appropriate level.
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	0-5	5 = statutory site, includes or comprises Scheduled monument, Listed Building, feature or structure. National Trust or English Heritage site 4 = site with features in the County <i>Historic Environment Record</i> , Historic England <i>PastScape</i> records. <i>Registered park or garden</i> . Well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i> . 3, 2 = site includes feature, earthworks or building with known local historic environment significance – history includes 20th century. Fainter <i>ridge and furrow</i> 1 = site of local oral or recorded history importance, no actual structure 0 = No evidence for historical environment significance
RICHNESS OF WILDLIFE	0-5	5 = Statutory site, includes or comprises SSSI (biodiversity or geology) or other national or European designation. 4 = County Wildlife Trust, etc. <i>nature reserve, Country Park</i> with importance for biodiversity, etc. 3 – site with National, county and local biodiversity features, e.g. <i>Priority Habitats</i> , occurrence of one or more <i>Species of Conservation Concern</i> (use national or county Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Species lists), mapped Gt Crested newt ponds, bat roosts and foraging areas. County or local site designations e.g. <i>Local Wildlife Site (LWS)</i> , <i>Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)</i> , <i>Local Nature Reserve, Community WildSpace</i> , etc. 2 = other site of known local biodiversity importance not recorded elsewhere with e.g. BAP species, species-rich hedgerows, watercourse, pond 1 = (parish background level), moderate or potential wildlife value 0 = no evidence for natural environment significance
Maximum possible	25	

2. LOCATION MAP



3. INVENTORY

KEY



LOCAL GREEN SPACE



OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION

INVENTORY MAP REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION / EVIDENCE	NPPF (2019) LOCAL GREEN SPACE CRITERIA							TOTAL /25
		LOCAL BOUNDED, NOT EXTENSIVE YES/NO	PROXIMITY 0 - 5	SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY (Max 10)			LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (Max 10)		
				BEAUTY 0 - 3	TRANQUIL 0 - 2	REC. VALUE 0 - 5	HISTORY 0 - 5	WILDLIFE 0 - 5	
1	<p>Conker Field and spinney</p> <p>Donated to the Parish by Sisters of St Joseph of Peace in 2018. This is a beautiful area of grass and mature trees, six of them Conker trees, which is surrounded by houses in the village. It has ridge and furrow across the main section of grass and an extensive spinney which is a haven for wildlife which has a carpet of snowdrops every year. The spinney is full of mature trees which house a rookery of over 12 nests and green woodpeckers' nest there. There are no paths in the spinney and small animals abound here. The space is set back from the road and boasts views out across the Wreake valley as you walk down the hill. A right of way traverses the field which has been in use for centuries and is part of an old Drovers path to the next village. This has been part of the Hunting Lodge grounds built in 1894 and it is now amenity land for the village. The space is used by a lot of walkers and dog walkers the path is part of the Leicestershire Round. Since the Parish Council have taken ownership Fences and kissing gates have been replaced, hedgerows replanted, and the trees have been surveyed and remedial works are in progress. Plans for the future include appropriate signage recognising the donation, litter bins, benches and replacement tree planting.</p>	Yes	4	3	2	4	3	2	19
2	<p>Brookside</p> <p>An extensive area of waterway grass, willows, hawthorn hedge and paddocks in the heart of the village. This is the oldest part of the village dating back to the 13th Century with the Church high on the hill across from the Ford. The packhorse bridge was originally wooden, replaced in 1714 by the granite seven arch</p>	yes	5	2	2	3	3	4	19

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				BEAUTY 0 - 3	TRANQUIL 0 - 2	REC. VALUE 0 - 5	HISTORY 0 - 5	WILDLIFE 0 - 5	
	bridge we have today an Ancient Monument. Across the ford is the site of multiple grade II listings of Manor Farm, its barns, dovecote and mud wall all of which shows the history of this part of the village. Annually on Boxing day the village Tug of War takes place over the brook followed by the rubber duck race. The tree lined brook and grassed paddocks which flood regularly, is an important corridor for wildlife through the village with an area of wooded wetland of special significance. There are a significant number of both Cracked willows and Weeping willows along this stretch of the brook from Station Road to the preaching stone in Mill road. There are 24 mature willow trees along the brook very unusual to find such a collection of mature trees in a landscape with generally few trees. The number of trees in the villages is significant and the Brookside area is a stretch of rural landscape significant to the rural identity of the village and forms part of the conservation area. The preaching stone is on the western edge of this space, the area has many places to sit and enjoy the space, which is set back from the road, the only access for vehicles is across the ford to the church. The village green is adjacent to this area and has the village sign and each Christmas the village tree is situated here. The recently replaced railings now complement the area.								
3	Village Green A small semi-circle of mown grass, opposite the 7-arch bridge, with the village sign on it. At Christmas every year the village Christmas Tree is located here. The space complements the Brookside area.	Yes	5	1	1	3	2	1	13
4	Bog Lane Part of an old Drivers path to the next village and links Brookside to the Conker Field going around the back of Manor Farm and the church. It starts at the Preaching Stone. It is a right of way and has mature hawthorn hedges which are a haven for wildlife.	yes	4	2	2	4	2	2	15

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				BEAUTY 0 - 3	TRANQUIL 0 - 2	REC. VALUE 0 - 5	HISTORY 0 - 5	WILDLIFE 0 - 5	
	Views over the valley are possible when the hedges are not in leaf.								
5	Bleakmore Close amenity open space This area at the top of the hill looks out over the Wreake valley towards Thrussington giving it a commanding view. The circular area has a mature Conker tree and provides a quiet space for the residents. Station Road wide grass verge leads on to a small spinny. Wreake Drive also has a wide verge.	yes	5	2	2	4	1	1	15
6	Melton Road field Field along Melton Road opposite New Avenue and Weston Close. This has in the past been parkland for the adjacent Rearsby House which occupies a prominent position in the village, with its distinctive yellow walls which can be seen from all directions. There is a right of way across the fields leading down to the River Wreake where there was a Quay providing employment for the village. The field gives commanding views across the Wreake valley with the panorama of the landscape laid out for all to share in a tranquil setting. The field is grade one agricultural land and hosts wildlife such as bats which roost in the trees.	yes	4	1	1	2	2	2	12 n/a
7	St Michael and All Angels Churchyard The church is an 11 th century listed building high on the hill above the ford and Brookside. It is at the end of a narrow lane with no passing traffic possible. This adds to the tranquillity of the space which has the mature trees of Bog Lane behind it. Site includes two small paddocks to NW of church, one of which is used as an extension burial ground and the other currently long grass and scrub of high local biodiversity value.	yes	5	3	2	4	5	3	22

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				BEAUTY 0 - 3	TRANQUIL 0 - 2	REC. VALUE 0 - 5	HISTORY 0 - 5	WILDLIFE 0 - 5	
8	Melton Road Allotments A former field this is on the edge of the village between Melton Road and the by pass. Well-used community amenity	yes	2	1	1	4	1	2	11
9	Convent Grounds Designated as Open Space in Charnwood Borough Council Local Plan 2011-2028. Now partly allocated for housing, and removed from OS register.	N	2	2	1	0	2	2	9 n/a
10	Village playing field Rearsby Parish Council Open Space (1983) Situated next to the modern village hall the space is used extensively for village community events e.g. fetes and car boot sales. It is a large area of grass with hedgerows on all sides and views out over the countryside. Amenities include an eight-piece outdoor gym, Basketball practice hoop and court, BMX half pipe and five aside goalposts. There is a secluded natural area allowed to grow wild to attract wildlife. Right of way runs through the field. Disabled access is provided through the village hall car park. Picnic tables are provided	Y	4	2	1	5	1	3	14
11	Bluestones play area Open Space provided by developer and managed via residents' management charge. Situated on the edge of the recent housing development the playpark has a range of play equipment as well as seating areas in a secluded space for relaxing. Playpark opens out onto beautiful views across the River Wreake valley and has a right of way running alongside popular with dog walkers. Playpark is maintained by a Management charge on the properties	Y	4	2	1	5	0	1	13
12	Brookside recreation ground and play area Rearsby Parish Council Open Space (1980s) This is in the heart of the village and conservation area next to the brook and the 7 arch bridge which is an ancient monument,	Y	5	2	1	5	2	1	16

