

LGS CC - Site Context

Name and address of site	All cemeteries and churchyards across the borough
Site location plan	N/A
Site Size	Various
Ownership of the site	Various
Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation?	The owners are unknown and therefore their support is unknown. The owners are currently unaware of the designation but we will continue to try and identify the owner and consult with them as part of the plan making process.

Photograph of the site



Example; Church and Churchyard at Orlingbury

Is there currently a planning application for the site?

No.

Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan?

No.

Part 1 - Is the green area in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?

N.B The site must satisfy at least one criterion in Part 1, 2 and 3 to qualify as Local Green Space.

Is the site less than 1000m from the community it serves?

All of the churches within the borough are set within their respective villages and are therefore in immediate proximity to the community.

Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?

No, all churches and cemeteries within the borough are accessible to the public.

Part 2 - Is the green area demonstrably special to a local community and does it hold a particular local significance?

The site should meet at least one of the following criteria:

Beauty or

Does the site provide important views to key locations or assets?	Churchyards and cemeteries provide important views of the village church and provide a setting for the church buildings. These sites are visually diverse due to the grave stones and accompanying flora. These sites are often maintained to a high standard. Some of the cemeteries in the borough are over grown and unmanaged however even these sites can be described as being beautiful to the beholder.
Historic significance or	
Are there any important historic buildings, assets or remains on or near the site?	The majority of churches within the borough are listed buildings of various grades; therefore the churchyards provide a setting for these buildings. Obviously cemeteries and many churchyards are the site of graves which can be referred to as historic remains which are certainly important to the local community.
Did any important events take place on the site?	The primary function of cemetery is the decent and dignified interment of human remains; this burial process is seen as an important event to the local communities that have connections with the people buried there.
Does the site contain undesignated heritage assets or does it make a positive contribution to a heritage asset or its setting?	Will vary on a site specific basis across the borough.
Is the site referred to in literature or art?	Unknown.
Conservation Area or	
Does the site affect the setting of a Conservation Area?	Some of the churches within the borough are located within conservation areas.
Tranquillity or	
Is the site important because of its tranquillity?	Churchyards and cemeteries can certainly be described as tranquil sites where people often go to contemplate.
Bio and Geodiversity or	
Are there any important wildlife/habitats or species found on the site?	Many of the sites provide a sanctuary for wildlife.
Is the site designated for its wildlife value?	Some of the sites within the borough are adjacent to local wildlife sites.
Is the site designated for its geological value?	None of the churches and churchyards in the borough are designated for their geological value.
Character and Form or	
Does the green space make an important contribution to the character or form of the settlement	The churchyards and cemeteries lend themselves to setting of the church. They often form one of the most historical parts of the village and often dictate the settlement pattern.

Is the site an integral part of a green infrastructure corridor?	This varies across the borough.
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Community Significance

Is the site used by the local community for community events?	Yes. Churches are often used by local communities for services and events.
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Part 3 - Is the green area local in character and not an extensive tract of land?

Is the green area local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Churchyards and cemeteries are local in character; many are integrated within the villages. Those that sit on the edge of villages are different in character to the open countryside and given boundaries and therefore not extensive in nature.
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Designate as Local Green Space?

Yes. The sites will be designated as LGS and will be taken forward as part of the PBW.