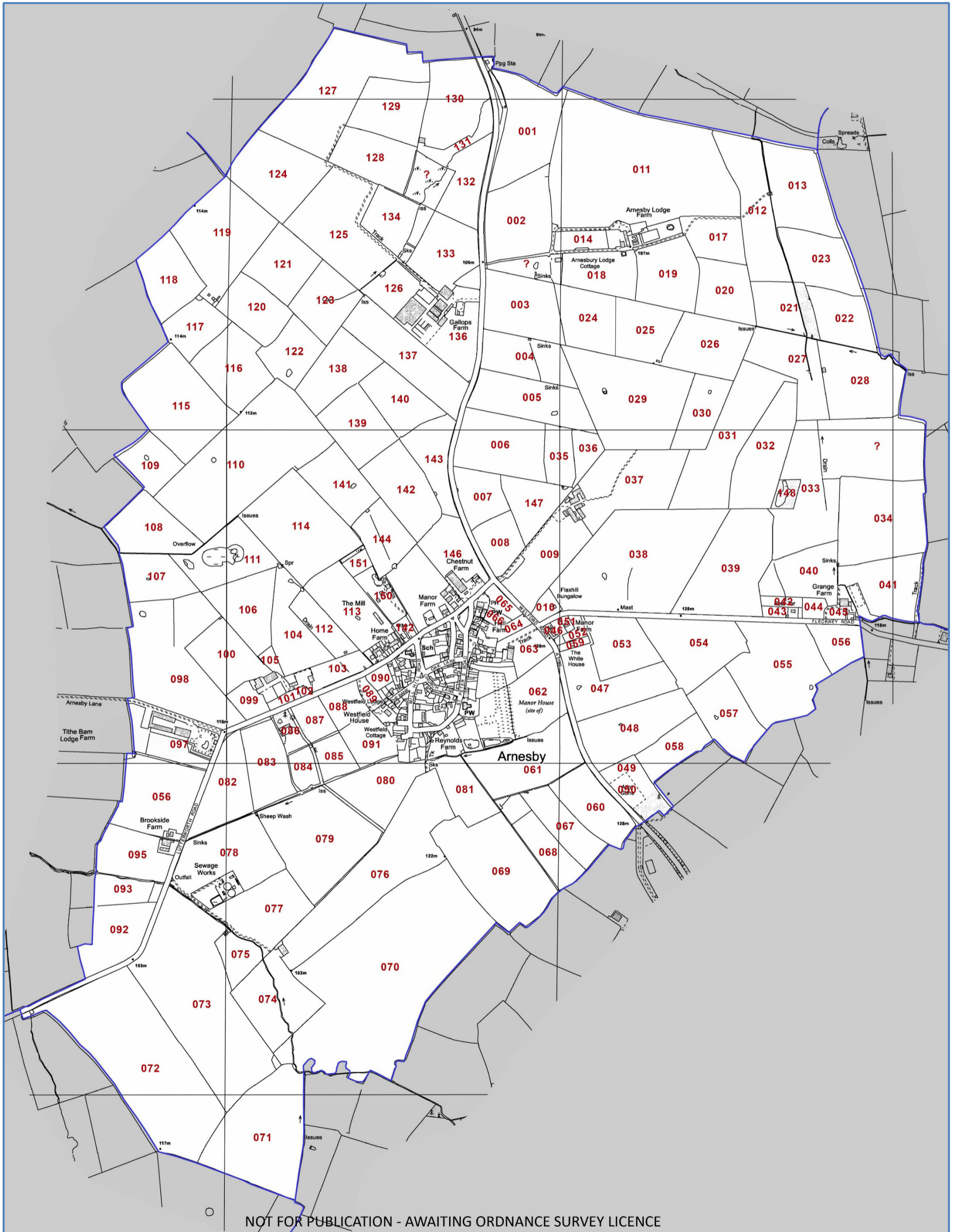


ARNESBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW 2023

APPENDIX 3: INVENTORY OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES, IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES

1. Location key map, Plan Area



2. Scoring criteria

Criterion (NPPF 2021)	Score range			Notes
LOCAL IN CHARACTER , not an extensive tract of land	N	Y		Yes is essential for LGS designation. The site should be a single bounded parcel of land, or a small, coherent group (evidence-based, with shared characteristics and in single ownership).
SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY:				
PROXIMITY	0	1-4	5	<p>5 = an open space <u>within</u> a settlement</p> <p>4 = adjacent to the settlement boundary (Limit to Development line when defined)</p> <p>3, 2, 1 = successively farther from settlement</p> <p>0 = most distant from main settlement(s)</p>
BEAUTY	0	1-2	3	Subjective, relative (give justification); use consultation 'dot' map results for views. Only the most attractive land in the Plan Area should qualify. Most should get 0 or 1.
TRANQUILLITY	0	1	2	<p>Tranquillity should be judged as a real experience; just being 'a long way from anywhere' doesn't make a site tranquil. Most sites should get 0.</p> <p>2 will probably be limited to e.g. churchyards, well-designed memorial gardens, managed semi-natural habitats where birdsong is louder than traffic noise.</p>
RECREATIONAL VALUE	0	1-4	5	<p>5, 4 = Public Open Spaces designed for sport and recreation or as facilities for children and young people</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2 = Paddock or grazing field with 1 or more public footpaths, e.g. well-used for dog-walking, traditional sledging field</p> <p>1 = arable farmland with public footpath but no other access.</p> <p>0 = private property with no public recreational value or access</p>
LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE:				
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	0	1-4	5	<p>Historical significance can only apply to sites and features that can be seen (to be appreciated) or are proven buried archaeological features.</p> <p>5, 4 = statutory site, includes or comprises Scheduled monument, Listed Building, feature or structure. National Trust or English Heritage site</p> <p>3, 2 = site with features in the County <i>Historic Environment Record</i> and/or Historic England <i>PastScape</i> records. <i>Registered park or garden</i>. Well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i>. Site includes feature, earthworks, proven buried archaeology, or building with known local historic environment significance (history includes 20th century). Faint <i>ridge and furrow</i></p> <p>1 = (parish background level), including site of local oral, social or recorded history importance, no actual structure</p> <p>0 = No evidence for historical environment significance</p>
RICHNESS OF WILDLIFE (= BIODIVERSITY); GEOLOGY	0	1-4	5	<p>Protection of habitats and species, in compliance with NPPF and English wildlife legislation, at the local level of individual land parcels.</p> <p>5 = Statutory site, includes or comprises SSSI (biodiversity or geology) or other national or European designation.</p> <p>4 = County Wildlife Trust nature reserve, Local Nature Reserve, <i>etc.</i></p> <p>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>, Regionally Important Geological Site (RIGS), <i>Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)</i>, <i>Local Nature Reserve</i>, <i>Community WildSpace</i>, <i>etc.</i></p> <p>2 = other site of known local biodiversity importance not recorded elsewhere with e.g. BAP species, species-rich hedgerows, watercourse, pond</p> <p>1 = (parish background level), moderate or potential wildlife value</p> <p>0 = no evidence for natural environment significance</p>
Maximum possible score			25	

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		LOCAL: BOUNDED, NOT EXTENSIVE YES/NO	SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY (<15)				LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (<10)		
			PROXIMITY 0-5	BEAUTY 0-3	TRANQUIL 0-2	REC. VALUE 0-5	HISTORY 0-5		WILDLIFE 0-5
	<i>improved grassland but this may be out of date of converted to arable</i> East part is Priority Habitat deciduous woodland Natural England designation								
022	Arable field. Deciduous spinney forms W boundary – biodiversity value								
023	Arable field								
024	Grass field (Mawbys), Enclosure hedges all round								
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026	Grass field (Mawbys), Enclosure hedges all round. Spring in NE corner								
027	Arable field								
028	Primrose Hill Arable field, small new barn								
029	Arable field, pond Footpath Y13								
030	Arable field, pond								
031	Permanent grass field, good ridge and furrow , hedged boundaries								
032	Grass field								
033	Arable field previously 3 separate parcels. Footpath Z82								
034	Arable field. Footpath Z82								
035	Grass field, badger sett in SE corner								
036	Grass field								
037	Permanent grass field, ridge and furrow . Footpath Y13 Views into village								
038	Arable field, small pond, remnants of old hedge. Telephone mast Footpath Z82 Views to open countryside								
039	Arable field Footpath Z82								
041 042	Two small private paddocks fronting Andalusia Farm Check numbering on key map								
043 044	Small paddocks to east and west of [house name?], north side of Fleckney Lane South boundaries include Leicestershire Environmental Records Centre designations Local Wildlife Site LWS91960 for <i>Fleckney Lane ash trees</i>							3	
046	Private residence — Manor Farm.								
047	Field. Arable. Trees and shrubs lhs. Chain link and trees at far end, away from A5199.								
048	Field. Arable. Boundary with A5199 consists of ivy, bramble and hawthorn.								
049 050	Village allotments, Loseby Wood and community meadow Neat hedge by A5199. HDC OSSR on Local Plan policies map. <i>Allotments and community gardens; Natural and semi-natural greenspace.</i>				5				

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	Extensive panoramic northward views from west to east including to Charnwood Forest								
116 117	Arable field, hedged boundaries Access to both parts via footpath Y10								
118 119	Arable field. Access to 118 via footpath Y10								
120 121 122 123	Arable field, partial hedged boundaries, pond in 122								
124	124 & 125 now one large field, ploughed and sown with crops, some hedgerow, some bird life. Brick barn beside ditch on internal boundary. West boundary is Leicestershire Environmental Record Centre designation Local Wildlife Site LWS91922 Parish boundary hedgerows for at least 11 indicator species trees							3	
126	Small sheep-grazed pasture now substantially smaller than the field shown on the map, borders the farm, hedgerows of indiscriminate age and stock fence.								
127	127 & 128 now one large field, ploughed and sown with crops, some hedgerow left and a few mature trees, mainly ash, some bird life. West boundary of 127 is Leicestershire Environmental Record Centre designation Local Wildlife Site LWS91922 Parish boundary hedgerows for at least 11 indicator species trees							3	
129	129, 130 & 131 now one very large field, ploughed and sown with crops, some established hedgerow, maybe ancient, some bird life. Farm buildings within boundary of field. Some mature trees, mainly ash.								
132	Almost triangular ploughed field, part sown with crops, established hedge on three sides, fourth side is a track with no hedge. Some birdlife, pheasants and curlew.								
133	Now two grass paddocks within farm boundary, signs of ridge and furrow, sheep and cattle grazed pasture. Hedgerows of indiscriminate age. Borders the main road.								
134	Small ploughed field, hedgerows of indiscriminate age. Some birdlife, mature ash trees in the hedge.								
135	Small pasture borders industrial units and main road, hedgerows of indiscriminate age and fence.								
136	Small pasture borders the farm and the main road. Hedgerows of indiscriminate age and fence. Sheep-grazed Includes Leicestershire Historic Environment Record (HER) site MLE26868 Possible late prehistoric ring ditch, south-east of Gallops Farm, Welford Road, Arnesby						3		
137	Pasture								
138	Arable								
139	Arable								
140	Arable								
142	Grazing field, ridge and furrow Numbering error? – see key maps								
143	Grazing field, ridge and furrow								
144	Grazing field, ridge and furrow . Access via footpath Y10								
145	May Fair Field Grazing field. Front section used as school playing field and for car parking at the Mayfair. Sign shows the area as the Arnesby Village Playing Field and the Village Hall carpark. Supported by Big Society grant funding. View north across					2?			

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	the County to Bradgate Park and Old John. Used to be the village cricket pitch. Of high community value. Access via footpath Y10 HDC OSSR on Local Plan policies map <i>Amenity greenspace; Playing pitch</i>								
146	Permanent grass field north of Chestnut Farm. Extensive earthworks features, including ridge and furrow patches cross-cut by trackways and ?18 th century ?gravel diggings. Hedged boundaries								
147	Permanent grass, good ridge and furrow, pond. Footpath Y13 adjacent								
148	[Millhouse. Private garden Numbering error? – see key maps] Old gravel pit Shown on 1886 Ordnance Survey 6” map Scrub woodland with pond Priority Habitat deciduous woodland Natural England designation Also Leicestershire Environmental Records Centre designation historic Local Wildlife Site hLWS 10358 for <i>pond in scrub</i> – biodiversity value confirmed, this Plan							3	
150	The Windmill. Private garden Adjacent to footpaths Y9 and Y10								
151	Part of the Manor House grounds. Gardens of properties in St Peters Road to the west of the area have extended onto this old site and are located now where gravel pits used to be. Old sand pit area with permanent grass. Sheep grazing. Unimproved ground. Access via footpath Y10 Scheduled Monument 1018833 <i>Manorial site immediately southeast of St Peter’s Church</i> (part). Remainder is Leicestershire Historic Environment Record (HER) site MLE 26034 <i>Medieval enclosures east of the church, Arnesby</i>						5		
152	Part of the old Manor House grounds. Site of old moat, with outline still visible. Good quality semi-improved grassland. Existing pond to right of plot, behind a small fence. East part is Scheduled Monument 1018833 <i>Manorial site immediately southeast of St Peter’s Church</i> (part) Pond at south boundary is Leicestershire Environmental Record Centre historic Local Wildlife Site hLWS10356 for <i>pond in corner of ridge and furrow grassland field</i> – biodiversity value confirmed, this Plan						5	3	
153	St Peters Churchyard On a mound with old gravestones. Statutorily protected as burial ground and setting of Listed Building. Leicestershire Environmental Records Centre Local Wildlife Site LWS91956 as churchyard, close mown grassland with scattered mixed trees. Frequent herbs present in sward, including <i>Bellis perennis, Achillea millefolium, Medicago lupulina, Rumex acetosa, Ranunculus repens, Prunella vulgaris, Veronica chamaedrys, Trifolium pratense, Leucanthemum vulgare, Plantago lanceolata, Centaurea nigra, Crepis capillaris, Galium verum, Plantago media, Lotus corniculatus, Veronica filiformis</i> . Also <i>Luzula campestris</i> . Trees include <i>Taxus baccata, Acer pseudoplatanus, Tilia sp., Robinia pseudacacia, Ilex aquifolium, Aesculus hippocastanum</i> . Bats, birds. HDC OSSR <i>Arnesby Parish Church</i>						5	3	
154	Garden with man-made lake. Managed lawns, mature trees and hedgerow. Bordered on north by well-used track and path (not an official public right of way) from which it can be seen.								
155	‘Sunnydene’ paddock. Previously grazed by alpacas, includes a small building used for stabling. Unmanaged (currently)					??	3		

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	<p>grass with encroaching ruderal vegetation. Boundaries are variously species-rich hedge (southeast), fences and 18-19th-century brick walls. Historically an open space: shown on 1886 Ordnance Survey as part of the land associated with Elms Farm (c.1760).</p> <p>Earthworks, part of Leics and Rutland Historic Environment Record site MLE9279 (medieval village), possibly house platforms etc. but could be 17-18C gravel diggings or remains of agricultural features.</p> <p>At least 3 BAP species birds.</p> <p>No access but views from St Peter's Road and adjoining residential properties.</p> <p>Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map <i>Important open area</i> Ownership status? Is this one still a valid OSSR, with community value and support?</p>								
158	<p>Land rented as garden by local resident for vegetable cultivation. Site of old cottages, which were bulldozed in the 1920's/30's.</p> <p>Originally cottages would have spanned Plot 158 and Plot 168 to the east which is now an Orchard.</p>								
160	<p>Stoneleigh Open Space</p> <p>Private land in triangle between roads, opposite Stoneleigh on St Peters Road, belonging to a resident and recommended as Local Green Space LGS/ARN/10 by HDC.</p> <p>Historically a 'village green' (medieval), shown as open land (Ordnance Survey) in 1886 and 1904 although bounded on 3 sides; signpost at NW corner. Previously part of Homestead Farm, site of chicken sheds in later 20th century before these were taken down and the land replanted with apple trees. All boundaries now hedged, all trimmed and with mown grass around trees.</p> <p>Used for village events including Mayfair. No formal public access, viewable from surrounding roads</p>								
164	<p>Yard, access lane and three old garages plus shed. Previously Sidwell's factory, used for glove-making and later in the shoe trade for covering wooden heels with leather.</p>								
166	<p>Village Green at junction of Mill Hill Road and Church Lane</p> <p>Registered to the Parish Council in 1976, with mature oak tree planted early 20th century.</p> <p>Managed grass and paths.</p> <p>Historically an open space in the village of probably medieval origin.</p> <p>Registered Village Green VG16. HDC OSSR on Local Plan policies map <i>Amenity greenspace</i>. Owned by Arnesby Parish Council</p>				5				
167	<p>Orchard owned by resident.</p> <p>'Village Green south of The Bank at its junction with Mill Hill Road'</p> <p>Registered Village Green VG17. Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Amenity greenspace</i>, this Plan. Owned by Arnesby Parish Council</p>				5				
168	<p>Orchard owned by a number of Arnesby residents. Site of old cottages which spanned this plot and plot 158.</p>								
169	<p>Village Green at the junction of Mill Hill Road and Lutterworth Road, registered to the Parish Council in 1976.</p> <p>Registered Village Green VG20. Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Amenity greenspace</i>, this Plan. Owned by Arnesby Parish Council</p>				5				
170	<p>Village Green situated at the junction of Robert Hall Road and Lutterworth Road, registered to the Parish Council in 1976.</p> <p>'Village Green at the junction of Brook Lane (IF NOW ROBERT HALL ROAD) with Lutterworth Road' (Inventory reference 170) (Registered Village Green VG19). Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Amenity greenspace</i>, this Plan. Owned by Arnesby Parish Council</p>				5				

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171	<p>St Peter's Road green</p> <p>Triangular 'village green' from Baptist Chapel to the Green opposite Oak Lane, registered to the Parish Council in 1976. Part of the medieval layout of the village as open common land fronting cottages (and later, inn) on east side. Managed grass, footpaths and access to properties on east side.</p> <p>Registered Village Green VG15. HDC OSSR on Local Plan policies map. Owned by Arnesby Parish Council</p>				5				
172	<p>Village Green situated on the right hand side of The Bank, registered to the Parish Council in 1976 [not a registered VG?].</p> <p>Small green north side of The Bank Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Amenity green space</i>, this Plan</p>				5				
173	<p>Green lanes</p> <p>Footpath Y5 south from end of St. Peter's Road to open fields. This is part of the pre-Enclosure track to Shearsby (before the 19th century turnpike, now the A5199, by-passed the village) – probably of 'Dark Ages' origin. Wide, tree-lined green lane sharing its boundaries with (north end) gardens and paddocks and (south end) grazing fields and open countryside. High local biodiversity value with species-rich (ancient) bounding hedges, hedgerow wildflowers, bat foraging area and at least 4 BAP species birds.</p> <p>Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Greenway/green corridor</i>, this Plan Ownership status?</p>				5				
174	<p>Jitty</p> <p>Footpath Y104a from Robert Hall Road to Lutterworth Road. North end is a narrow track providing limited access to adjoining properties, south end is a narrow, hedge-lined footpath. One of several jitties that (with the network of lanes) preserve the medieval layout of, and walking routes through, the village.</p> <p>Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Greenway and Public Right of Way</i>, this Plan</p>				5				
175	<p>Village Hall frontage open space</p> <p>Sloping grass area in front of Village Hall. Mown grass, paths, steps and wheelchair access ramp. Seating. Contributes to the broad, rural 'village green' appearance of this the Mill Hill Road and Church Lane area of the village.</p> <p>HDC OSSR on Local Plan policies map; <i>Amenity greenspace</i>. Owned by Arnesby Parish Council?</p>				5				
176	<p>Amenity open area in front of bungalows, Lutterworth Road. Lawns, flower beds, gardens (adopted by residents), ornamental trees and car parking area. Open to the public road; provides an attractive unofficial open space at the northwest end of the village.</p> <p>Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Amenity greenspace, community garden?</i>, this Plan Ownership/access status? Boundaries correct (is rear part private gardens)?</p>				5				
177	<p>Wide verge on east side of Mill Hill Road</p> <p>Extends from Lutterworth Road (including garden and orchard, sites 158 and 168) to Lane junction. Part of the 'village green' setting of this part of the village; this preserves the medieval village layout in which cottages were set back from the lanes and fronted common land.</p> <p>Not on HDC OSSR Local Plan policies map; <i>Amenity greenspace</i>, this Plan Ownership status?</p>				5				
189 190	<p>Group of paddocks or agricultural land. Part used in recent past as piggery. Unmanaged grass with encroaching ruderal vegetation. Species-rich hedges to west and south boundaries, further fragments within the site, trees.</p> <p>Open space since at least 1886 (when was apparently home fields associated with the farm ('the Old Farm') on Robert Hall Road. Probably open since late medieval period.</p> <p>Outline (?) permission for 2-3 houses, 2017.</p>								

