

Local Green Spaces



Government guidance allows neighbourhood plans to designate pieces of land as Local Green Space (or LGS).

They have to be:

- close to the community they serve
- very special to a local community, for example, because of their beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of their wildlife
- not large tracts of land.

Once they are designated, they are treated like Green Belt, so are very unlikely to be built on.

However, **the designation only takes effect if the Plan is passed at the referendum**. If it fails, they will remain exactly as they are now. Some have a measure of protection from development thanks to Chelmsford-wide policies such as the Green Wedge, but others would simply remain as Rural Land, so could be considered for development in the future.

Proposed Local Green Spaces in the Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan

We propose to designate 15 pieces of land as Local Green Space. These were identified partly through residents' feedback and then through a thorough professional assessment to make sure they met the criteria. There's a variety of types, shapes and sizes.

Here is a list – plus a [link to the map](#).

- a. Newland Grove Nature Reserve and adjoining land
- b. Centenary Wood
- c. Roselawn Play Area

- d. Vellacotts Green
- e. Scot's Green
- f. Play area/linear landscape at Cowlin Mead and Oat Leys
- g. Daffy Wood
- h. Night Pasture and Broom Pightle
- i. Old Church Avenue Playground
- j. Church Avenue open space and grass verges
- k. Open space between Mandeville Way and Court Road
- l. Linear green space and woodland south of Nash Drive
- m. Long Shapely Belt
- n. Puddings Wood
- o. Open space to the north of Hospital Approach, at Petty Croft

It's important to say that LGS is not the same as public open space. Whilst LGSs may include forms of public access, such as public footpaths, the designation does not give the public any further rights of access. Existing rights and restrictions must therefore continue to be respected.