

OBJECTIVE 3: GREENSPACES

6.39 **To protect greenspaces that have been identified as being important to the local community.**

6.40 **Policy 8 Identifying and protecting local green spaces**

The following areas (**Map A - Policies: Protected Areas**) will be designated as local green spaces and will be protected from inappropriate development. Proposals to develop, or for development on these spaces will be assessed in accordance with national Green Belt policy.

PE3	Land and wood above Scaws Drive
PE5	Land between Brentfield Way and Meadowcroft
PE6	Folly Lane Allotments
PE9	St Andrew's Churchyard
PN11	Penrith Beacon
PN13	Open area top of Croft Terrace
PN20	Woods in Lonsdale Villa gardens
PN22	St Catherine's Churchyard
PN23	Christchurch Churchyard
PN24	Penrith Cemetery
PN25	Salkeld Road Allotments
PN26	Coronation Gardens
PW27	Nicol Hill Nature Reserve
PW28	Thacka Beck Nature Reserve
PW29	Brunswick Square Gardens
PW30	James Street Allotments
PW31	Castletown/Musgrave St/Brackenber Allotments
PW33	Land adjacent to Myers Beck
PW34	Informal Recreation area between Musgrave St Allotments/Newton Road
PS35	Wetheriggs Country Park
PS42	Green area between A66 and Clifford Road
PP47	Thacka Glen
PP48	Pategill Back Field
PP50	Land to south of Eden Housing Association (EHA)
PP51	Land to the north of EHA
PP52	Land to the north of Greengarth

Background/Justification

- 6.41 NPPF (paragraphs 76 and 77) gives local communities the opportunity to identify for special protection the green areas of particular importance to them. These local green spaces should be:
- In reasonably close proximity to the community they serve;
 - Demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance (e.g. because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or the richness of its wildlife); and
 - The area should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land.
- 6.42 Following an assessment of green spaces in the neighbourhood area (**Appendix IV**), the areas set out in paragraph 6.40 have been identified in as meeting the criteria set out in the NPPF. Views are now being sought on these areas during this consultation.
- 6.43 When planning proposals are put forward to develop or for development on the designated local green spaces such development will be assessed against national Green Belt policy as set out in para. 78 of the NPPF.

Supporting Town Council Action

- To develop management and improvement plans for all parks and protected open spaces.

Relevant District Planning Policies:

Core Strategy:

CS1 Sustainable Development Principles

CS21 Principles for Services, Facilities, Sport and Informal Recreation

CS24 Open Space and Recreation Land

Eden Local Plan 2014-2032

COM2 Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

Penrith Town Council Strategic Priorities: Health and Wellbeing.