

## OBJECTIVE 3: GREENSPACES

To protect greenspaces that have been identified as important to health, wellbeing and the local community.

### Policy 7 Identifying and Protecting Local Green

**Spaces** The following areas (**Map A – Policies Maps, pages 127 - 138**) will be designated as local green spaces and will be protected from inappropriate development.

C2	Land between rugby pitches and houses on Carleton Road
PE6	Land and wood above Scaws Drive
PE8	Land between Brentfield Way and Meadowcroft
PE9	Folly Lane Allotments
PE12	St Andrew's Churchyard
PE17	Open area at top of Croft Terrace against Beacon Edge
PN18	Field on Beacon Edge
PN24	Fell Lane Pinfold
PN27	Cockell House Gardens / Drovers Lane
PN28	Cockell House Gardens / Macadam Gardens
PN29	Vordeda Park Central Space
PN30	Head of Macadam Way
PN31	Pembroke Place
PN32	Land in Voreda Park
PN33	Plimsoll Close
PN34	Cambridge Drive
PN36	St Catherine's Churchyard
PN37	Christchurch Churchyard
PN39	Salkeld Road Allotments
PN40	Coronation Gardens
PN42	Bowscar
PN43	Friends Meeting House Allotment Gardens
PW45	Nicol Hill Nature Reserve
PW46	Thacka Beck Nature Reserve
PW48	Brunswick Square Gardens
PW49	James Street Allotments
PW50	Castletown/Musgrave St/Brckenber Allotments
PW52	Recreation area between Musgrave St Allotments and Newton Road
PS53	Wetheriggs Country Park
PP66	Thacka Beck Field
PP67	Pategill Back Field
PP70	Open space to south of Eden Housing Association (EHA)
PP71	Open Space to the north of EHA
PP72	Open space to the north of the former Greengarth site

Development of the designated Local Green Spaces must be consistent with national planning policy for Green Belts.

## Background/Justification

- 6.31 NPPF (paragraphs 99 and 100) gives local communities the opportunity to identify, for special protection, the green areas of importance to them. These Local Green Spaces should be:
1. In reasonably close proximity to the community they serve;
  2. Demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance, for example because of their beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or the richness of their wildlife; and
  3. Local Green Spaces should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land.
- 6.32 Following an assessment of green and open spaces in the neighbourhood area (**Appendix VIII, page 86**), the areas set out in Policy 7 have been identified as meeting the criteria set out in the NPPF. Views were sought on the suitability of these areas for Local Green Space designation during the summer 2018 informal consultation. Overall, the consultation confirmed that the areas and spaces identified were considered to meet the national planning policy designation criteria. Subsequent responses were also received as part of the Regulation 14 consultation.
- 6.33 When planning proposals are put forward for development on the designated local greenspaces these will be assessed for consistency with national Green Belt policy as set out in national planning policy for Local Green Space. para. 101 of the NPPF.



Photographs of wildlife seen on the greenspace above Scaws Drive [PE6]

### Supporting Town Council Action:

To develop management and improvement plans for all parks and protected open spaces, this should include maximising opportunities to make spaces accessible for all users.

### Relevant District Planning Policies:

#### Eden Local Plan 2014-2032:

ENV1 Protection and Enhancement of the Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Geodiversity  
ENV4 Green Infrastructure Networks

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

**Penrith Town Council Strategic Priorities:**

Health and Wellbeing.