



East Langton Neighbourhood Plan

Environmental inventory



Where applicable, the following sites have been scored for their conformity with the NPPF Local Green Space (LGS) criteria. Sites scoring 25 and above are recommended for inclusion as Local Green Spaces and afforded protection from development. Other sites scoring 15 and above have features of high (natural and historical) environmental significance which should be conserved

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	1. SITES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SIGNIFICANCE										
1	<p>Church Langton allotments</p> <p>Hanbury Trust property, historically the kitchen gardens for the Hanbury Schools (1873).</p> <p>Eight 'allotments', in various states of management. Trees include a specimen of the local apple variety <i>Langton Nonsuch</i> (18th century), plus other native and ornamental trees; sheds and greenhouses.</p> <p>With the adjoining churchyard, this is part of a locally important wildlife site (invertebrates; birds, mammals) with at least 4 BAP species birds.</p> <p>Highly valued by the community as an amenity and for its contribution to the village landscape.</p> <p>Designated OSSR (Allotment) by HDC, 2011, although access is only for paying allotment-holders and students on school visits. Also HDC 'important open land' (2015)</p>	3	4	4	4	3	2	3	2	3	28 LGS
2	<p>Churchyard of St Peter's Church</p> <p>Probably on an early Christian (9th century) minster site and certainly from c.1267 AD. Largely 18th-19th century marked burials, with some Swithland Slate headstones; ornamental and native trees including yew, cedar, etc. Locally significant for biodiversity (birds, mammals and invertebrates). The church is Listed Grade II*.</p> <p>HDC OSSR (Burial Ground) and 'important open land' (2015)</p> <p>Statutorily protected by secular and ecclesiastical legislation; *LGS designation would not add to this.</p>	3	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	3	*32
3	<p>Vacant plot, Church Langton</p> <p>Walled and fenced plot, possibly remnant glebe land. Overgrown – trees and scrub – following clearance c.2001 and subsequent abandonment.</p>	0	2	4	0	1	0	1	1	2	11

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	HDC 'important open land' (2015)										
4	Large arable field providing valued view from St Peter's church west door northwards to open country.	0	4	3	3	0	2	2	0	1	15
5	<p>Large (15ha), semi-improved grass field with Enclosure (1792) hedged boundaries to east, south and west (Stonton Road); short sections of 19th and 20th century hedges in north and south. The odd shape appears to indicate incomplete integration of the rectilinear Enclosure field pattern with the houses and crofts of the village and the boundaries of the medieval open fields which it replaced. Well-preserved ridge and furrow with 's'-shape ridges (indicating preservation of complete furlongs here), several adjacent 'lands' with ridges in different orientations (on changes of slope within the medieval open field), headlands and balks, and probable course of an old track or sike.</p> <p>This field's location at the edge of the built-up area, on an east-facing hillside, provides highly valued panoramic views of Langton Caudle and surrounding countryside.</p>	1	4	4	3	1	3	2	3	1	22
6	<p>'Thorpe path' Open Space</p> <p>Narrow, improved grass field, probably remnant of parts of two adjacent medieval crofts associated with dwellings on sites later developed for the Hanbury School. Currently divided by a modern fence separating footpath A79 from the north part (which adjoins the field behind the modern school).</p> <p>Species-rich hedge on (early medieval?) south boundary. Footpath A79 is of at least 12th century origin; it was the old way from Thorpe Langton to the mother church (St Peter's).</p> <p>With its rural setting and bounding hedges, this site is highly valued for its tranquillity and is very well used. The two fields provide the village's only substantial and accessible 'public' open space.</p> <p>Although mapped (HDC, 2011) as OSSR (Amenity Open Space), the land is privately owned and only the Right of Way has legal public access.</p>	3	4	4	4	4	3	2	3	2	29 LGS
7	Paddock/ornamental garden associated with Leadclune Court (c.1792). Lawns and ornamental/native trees, old wall on boundary with Church Causeway. The house is listed Grade II.	0	4	4	3	0	3	2	2	2	20

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	HDC 'important open land' (2015)										
8	Semi-improved grassland, grazing land. Indistinct earthworks (possible house platforms and cultivation strips). Mature hedgerow with standard trees to E and S; fairly recently-planted (50yrs?) ornamental trees within the field give it a parkland appearance.	0	4	4	3	0	3	2	2	2	20
9	Large paddock surrounding new house. Poor grassland, indistinct ridge and furrow (extends under Enclosure hedge into site 11 to west) and scrub.	0	3	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	12
10	Semi-improved grass field, Enclosure hedges to west, east and south. Ridge and furrow of two 'lands' ('s' shape ridges) and a rectangular platform/earthwork in northwest corner.	0	3	4	2	0	2	1	2	1	15
11	Small plot associated with Langton Arms PH, presumably part of a medieval croft.	0	4	4	1	0	1	1	1	1	13
12	Church Langton village 'green' Mown grass, mature oak tree and ornamental plantings (cherry, horse chestnut, etc.); 20 th C war memorial; entrance gate and walls (Listed Grade II) of the Old Rectory. Parish Council OSSR (Amenity Open Space) and HDC 'important open land' (2015)	4	4	3	4	3	3	2	3	1	27 LGS
13	Grounds of The Old Grange (1780s). Ornamental gardens with lawns, driveways, stables, mature trees and features, including ironstone boundary walls (Listed Grade II). The house is Listed grade II* HDC 'important open land' (2015)	0	4	4	2	0	2	2	2	2	18
14	Rough ground, grassland and scrub associated with row of cottages. The scrub area provides habitat for 'garden' birds, including 3 BAP species.	1	4	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	14
15	Strip of rough grass, trees and scrub, previously north entrance to East Langton Grange. Forms an important component of the setting of E Langton cricket ground. Habitat for garden bird species including sing thrush.	1	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	2	17
16	East Langton Cricket ground Important community open space, although part of East Langton Grange estate. Developed, using spoil from local railway construction, over ridge and furrow land in	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	29 LGS

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	<p>about 1883 by J W Logan, the owner of the Grange, it was in use until 1907, reverted to grazing land until 1935, since when it has been a well-known Leicestershire ground.</p> <p>Also used for community events, the field with its boundary hedges and mature trees enhances East Langton's traditional village ambience.</p> <p>Adjoining strip to west historically provided access from East Langton Grange to Church, now effectively out of use. Rough grass with overgrown (?18th century) hedgerow to west. Some amenity use (horse riding?), private, but integral part of the setting of the cricket ground itself.</p> <p>Locally important for wildlife, including 3 BAP species birds and 1 mammal.</p>										
17	Small 'infill' plot, currently undeveloped.	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	9
18	Vacant plot, overgrown 'garden' on sloping site.	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	10
19	<p>Coronation Gardens. Ornamental garden, shrubs and trees, seats etc.</p> <p>HDC OSSR (Amenity Open Space), privately owned but with public access.</p>	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	0	1	26 LGS
20	<p>Cooper's Piece, East Langton</p> <p>Walled and fenced plot, currently undeveloped, rather overgrown. Within a suspected historic enclosed settlement (site 20).</p>	0	3	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	11
21	<p>Group of small plots and paddocks within a raised and partly embanked, rounded-rectangular site suspected locally of being part of a medieval or older (late Saxon?) defensive settlement site. Faint earthworks (house platforms, etc.?).</p> <p>Now sub-divided by fences and mature hedges and presumably in multiple ownership. A mosaic of orchards, rough and good grazing, gardens, etc. with trees and bushes.</p> <p>Local significance for wildlife, including 7 BAP birds species and 1 mammal.</p> <p>Although in the historic settlement core (Historic England MLE 9327) and partially within the proposed Limits to Development (HDC 2015) it remains largely undeveloped.</p>	1	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	22

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22	'Valley field' Small grazing field in steep-sided valley of small brook; species-rich hedged boundaries. This field and four to its south have recently (early 2000s) been a single parcel, but they were (e.g. in 1886) previously a group of individual plots (the zig-zag eastern hedge boundary shows their layout), presumably associated with medieval dwellings on Back Lane. Locally significant for wildlife and landscape. Access from footpath A75, which follows the pre-1792 track between East Langton and Thorpe Langton.	3	4	4	2	3	3	3	1	2	25
23	Paddock with mature hedgerows with trees to E and S boundaries. Part of the group of which site 22 is the best-preserved.	0	4	4	2	0	2	2	2	1	17
24	Originally 19 th century kitchen garden for East Langton Grange, now sub-divided as gardens of 20 th -century houses.	1	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	20
25	Small sloping vacant site between properties, currently undeveloped.	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
2. HABITAT SITES AND AREAS											
DW1	Part of East Langton Grange grounds. Group of ornamental spinneys, native and introduced species, of deciduous trees and shrubs. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat: deciduous woodland.</i>	0	3	3	1	0	2	2	1	2	14
DW2	Part of East Langton Grange grounds. Avenue, trees, lawns, shrubberies and hedges; deciduous species (native and introduced), with an orchard area in the middle. Natural England <i>Priority Habitats: traditional orchard and (outer planting) deciduous woodland.</i> BAP species records for birds (4 spp).	0	3	3	1	0	2	2	1	3	15
DW3	Deciduous plantation. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat: deciduous woodland.</i>	0	1	3	1	0	1	2	0	2	10
DW4	Deciduous plantation, native species (ash, oak, etc.) with central open area. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat: deciduous woodland.</i>	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	0	2	10
PL1	Small triangular field S of Wide Bridge. Wet grassland of biodiversity significance. Remnant of Enclosure pasture	1	1	4	1	1	1	3	1	3	16

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	field, cut off by later railway and road, largely unimproved (?no fertiliser or re-seeding) so species-rich. Designated Parish Level Site in Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2013)										
PL2	Pond with surrounding wet woodland, of biodiversity significance. There are very few ponds in the parish. Designated Parish Level Site in Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2013)	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	0	3	12
PL3	Langton Brook east of Melton Road. Stream, semi-natural geomorphology, freshwater and riparian fish and invertebrates, streamside vegetation. Designated Parish Level Site in Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2013)									3	
PL4	Species-rich hedgerow east of Glebe Farm. Designated Parish Level Site in Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2013)									3	
PL5	Langton Brook south of Grange Farm. Stream, semi-natural geomorphology, freshwater and riparian fish and invertebrates, streamside vegetation. Designated Parish Level Site in Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2013)									3	
RC1	Stonton Brook riverine corridor . Meandering lowland stream with largely natural profile, narrow floodplain (medieval water meadows), native streamside trees and significant areas of semi-natural banks, permanent grass margins, scrub, etc., all providing valuable habitats. Important for plants, invertebrates, birds and mammals. BAP species records include birds (9 spp), reptiles (1) and mammals (3). District-level geomorphological and biodiversity significance; highly valued landscape.										n/a
RC2	Langton Brook riverine corridor . Modified (part) and semi-natural lowland stream with areas of streamside vegetation. Local level (or better) biodiversity significance for plants, invertebrates, birds, mammals.										m/a
3. SITES WITH EXTANT HISTORICAL FEATURES											
MLE 1463	St. Anne's Well A natural chalybeate (iron-rich) spring where Ice Age sand and gravel meets the underlying, impermeable	2	2	4	2	2	3	3	4	2	24

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	<p>Jurassic clay. The water now emerges into a brick 'well' (dating from mid-18th century, when the feature was protected under the terms of the Enclosure Award for East Langton) and collects in a pool.</p> <p>Although the English Heritage citation dates the use of the well from the early medieval period, recent research (in Wood, 2010) proposes its origin as Anu's well, a Celtic (pre-Roman) holy site, in continuous use and veneration by people from surrounding districts until modern times. Also used in 18th century as a drinking water supply 'in dry weather' (Nichols 1798).</p> <p>Site of high historical and cultural significance.</p>											
MLE 9328	Medieval and post-medieval historic settlement core of Church Langton village.											n/a
MLE 1466	Area of earthworks, faint rectilinear features, perhaps house platforms associated with the Manor site (MLE 22198).	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	1		20
MLE 22198	Area of earthworks on site of 'Hall Close' (1792 map): rectilinear and ovoid features thought to be part of a medieval manorial centre (hall) and settlements (also site 21). Surrounding fields have (contemporary?) ridge and furrow.	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	1		20
MLE 9327	Medieval and post-medieval historic settlement core of East Langton village											n/a
	4. RIDGE & FURROW EARTHWORKS											
See map	See Inventory Map (Figure 1) for locations of fields identified in fieldwork and desk study (2011/15 Google Earth photography) as retaining well-defined ridge & furrow earthworks. All to be recognised as Non-Designated Heritage Assets .											[see text]