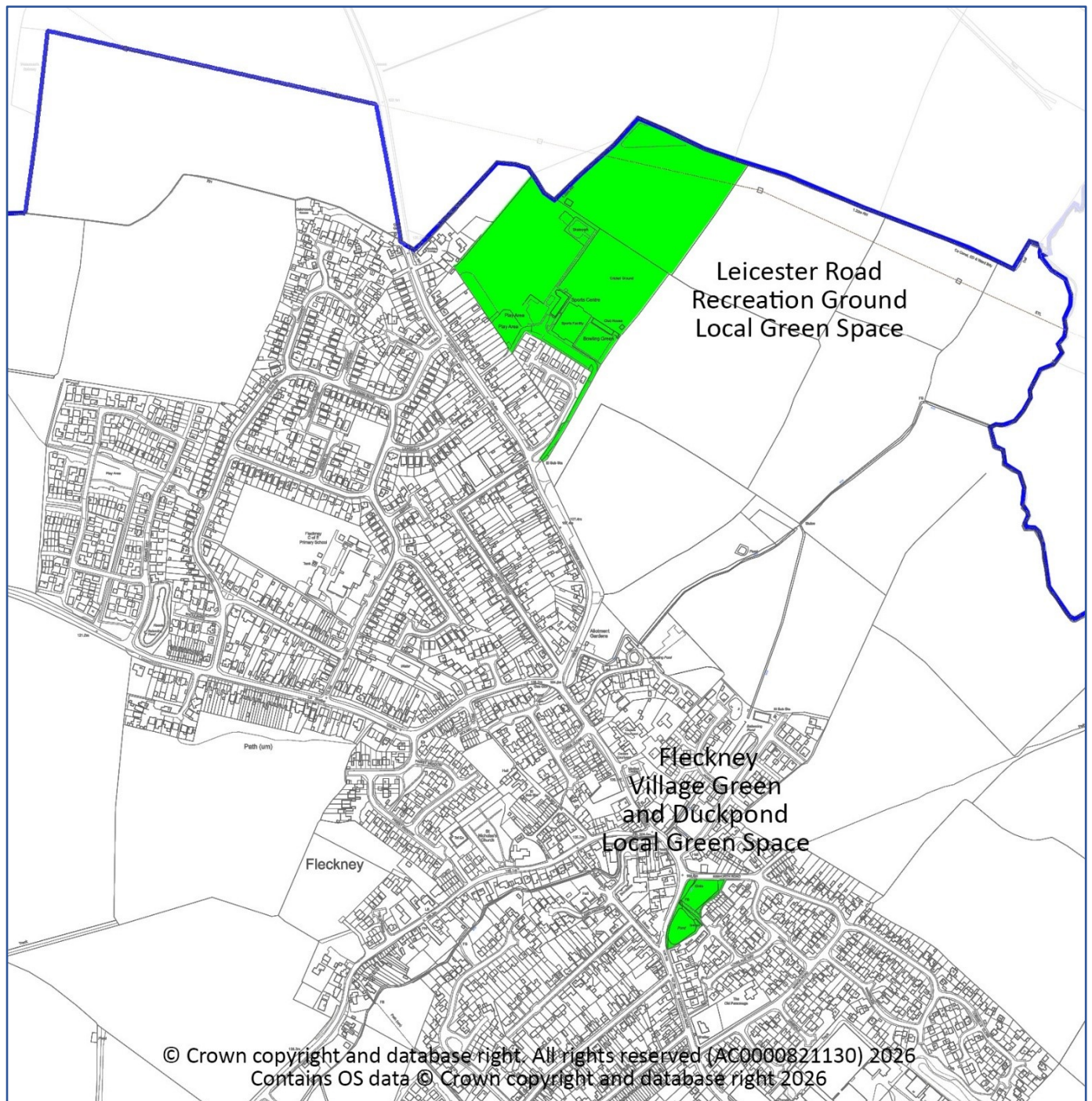


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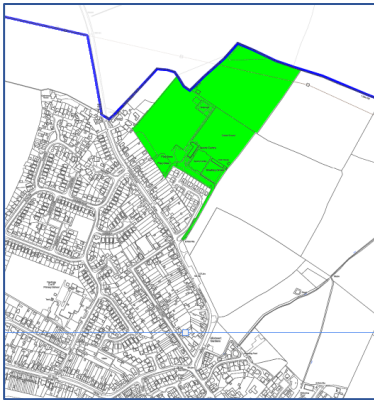
LOCAL GREEN SPACES: EVIDENCE BASE

1. Location map



Evidence base:

Fleckney Recreation Ground



Location



Community events are held here regularly



General view to northeast boundary



Fitness equipment



Bowls club



Sports centre and community hub

General description

Area 7.1ha. Recreation ground (with pitches), large open field extension (with pitches), tennis courts and bowling green, play area.

Special to the community

Very highly valued in questionnaires for this and previous neighbourhood Plans and in policy-specific community consultations. A community hub for a wide range of activities for residents of all ages and interests. Venue for outdoor events (fetes, Fleckney Carnival, sports days, etc.) since the mid 20th century – it is part of the community's shared identity.

Proximity

Immediately adjacent to the settlement boundary; effectively an extension of the built form of Fleckney in residents' perceptions (i.e. familiar, safe, populated; not unfamiliar / muddy open countryside).

Beauty

Moderate. A large open space with mature bounding hedgerows and standard trees, extensive views to open countryside (largely pastoral, with woodlands and distant hills)

Tranquillity

Moderate. It is well-used for sport and play, but is large enough to also serve as an informal 'park' for residents to meet, sit, picnic, etc. in restful surroundings.

Public access status, ownership, etc.

Full public access. [OWNERSHIP, STATUS and any other legal/protective/conditional material TO BE ADDED HERE](#)

Recreational value

Very high. OSSR in HDC audit (2021). A wide range of recreational facilities and activities is provided: community hub, indoor meeting spaces, changing rooms, pavilion, bar/catering, seating, sports pitches, courts and greens, fitness equipment, children's play (active and experiential), short walks, dog exercise, parking. There is an

Historic significance

ongoing (2026) proposal to rebuild the main building (as acknowledged in Policy ENV 1) to further enhance the facilities.

Wildlife significance

Recreation ground since late 1940s, although first as a field with pitch but no facilities. Always in active use since, with expansions and additional buildings and facilities (which continue, with community and Parish Council support) to the present day.

Moderate (better than parish background level biodiversity). Open and wildflower grassland, hedges, trees, etc. Farmland and garden birds, mammals (including foraging bats).

Village Green and the Duckpond



Location



View over pond to xxxxxx

‘Village Green’

General description

Area 0.07ha. Pond and amenity greenspace managed as OSSR.

Special to the community

Very high. The site helps characterise the village and enhances local people’s concept of ‘home’.

Proximity

Within the settlement; 500m to the village centre, although for residents it is a significant and characteristic ‘village centre’ feature.

Beauty

High. Locally this is an attractive and characteristic feature that helps define Fleckney as a village (despite expansions in 19th and 20th centuries). View of **village school** across the pond.

Tranquillity

Moderate/high. Although close to roads and the busiest part of the village, the site’s features are inherently ‘timeless’ and tranquil.

Public access status, ownership, etc.

Two contiguous HDC OSSRs (2021 audit). **OWNERSHIP, STATUS and any other legal/protective/conditional material TO BE ADDED HERE**

Recreational value

Moderate/high. Designated OSSRs by HDC. Amenity green spaces with seats, flower beds, lawns and paths. Children feed the ducks.

Historic significance

Late 18th century claypit (brickworks was nearby). It is shown on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map (1885), over the road from the village school and close to the parish church and historic village centre. The ‘village green’ is an open space from the mid-20th century, fenced off from the field to its east along a ditch that drains the pond toward Fleckney Brook.

Wildlife significance

Locally high. Waterbirds (wild and semi-domesticated) invertebrates, amphibians, bat foraging area, aquatic plants, etc.