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Name: Heydon Village Green Location: LGS 1 on map Description: Village Green Landowner: CCC Highways	Yes. The land is in the centre of the village	The triangular green is the very heart of the village and sets off the frontage of the church well .It provides a sense of 'village centre' to which all roads lead and provides directions, facility for publicity, and with seating a recreational area for walkers and passing cyclists. It hosts a decorative crab apple tree and the fingerpost sign	Yes. The site boundaries are clearly defined.	Seek designation as a Local Green Space through the Heydon NP.
Name: Bran Ditch triangle Location: LGS 2 on map Description: Small parcel of grassland at the head of the Bran ditch opening onto lower Fowlmere Road Landowner: Heydon Parish Council	Yes, the site is in landmark location where Bran Ditch meets Fowlmere Road.	This is a piece of ground owned by the Parish Council at the entrance to the Historic Monument "Bran Ditch". Without this independent ownership the access would be through private land. It also is positively managed by the village as a haven for wildlife and hosts many species of flora and fauna.	Yes, the site boundaries are clearly defined.	Seek designation as a Local Green Space through the Heydon NP.
Name: Spring Pond Location: LGS 3 on map Description: Large pond at the Eastern gateway of the village Landowner: Mr J Akhtar	Yes. At the most eastern gateway into the village.	This pond and its surrounding elements provide the signature feature for the eastern core gateway to the village. It is a natural pond taking overflow spring water from the surrounding meadowland and is a habitat for invertebrates, fish, and birds. It does not dry out and as such is essential to wildlife in all forms. It is cherished not only by Heydon residents but also by residents of surrounding villages.	Yes. The site boundaries are clearly defined.	Seek designation as a Local Green Space through the Heydon NP.

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<p>Name: Churchyard and church pond</p> <p>Location: LGS 4 on map</p> <p>Description: Churchyard and surrounding land at the heart of the village</p> <p>Landowner: Church of England</p>	Yes. Located in the heart of the village conservation area	<p>The Churchyard and the Pond within its curtilage is located in the very centre of the village. It provides the only community recreational area within the village and is used for many community events during the year. The area includes the Church itself and surrounding area containing graveyard, memorial garden, and recreational space. In the recent tree survey this was the richest area of veteran trees identified in the village with 6 ancient/notable veteran trees.</p> <p>The churchyard supports a bat colony and is a key part of an east/west wildlife corridor across the village. The pond supports wildlife and was used historically as a cart watering stop.</p>	Yes. The site boundaries are clearly defined.	Seek designation as Local Green Space through Heydon NP