

Appendix 7: Openspace

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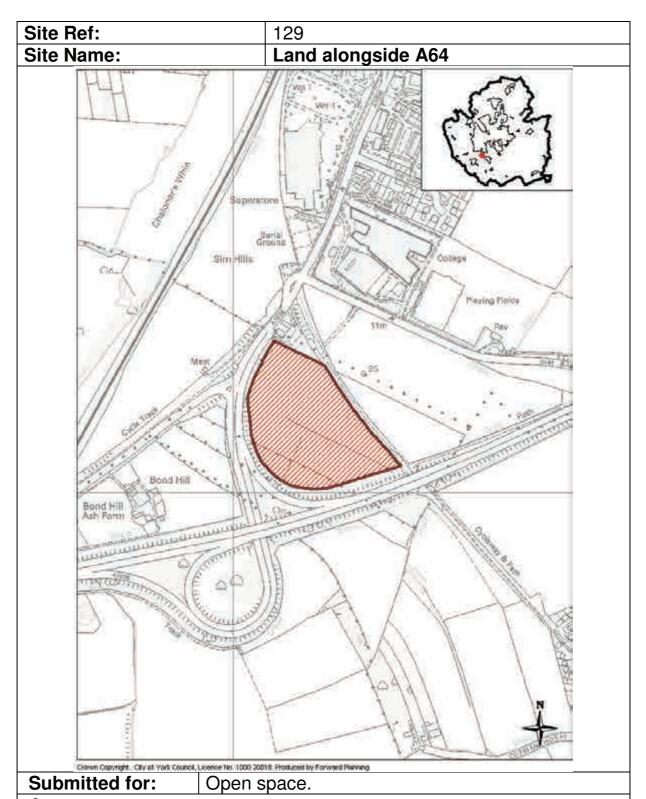
A7.1 Introduction

The sites that were submitted specifically for open space uses through the preferred options consultation have been assessed for their suitability. This assessment has been undertaken through the technical officer assessment which included officers from the Council's Sport and Active Leisure team.

A7.2 Open Space Provision

A7.2.1 Potential New Open Space Provision

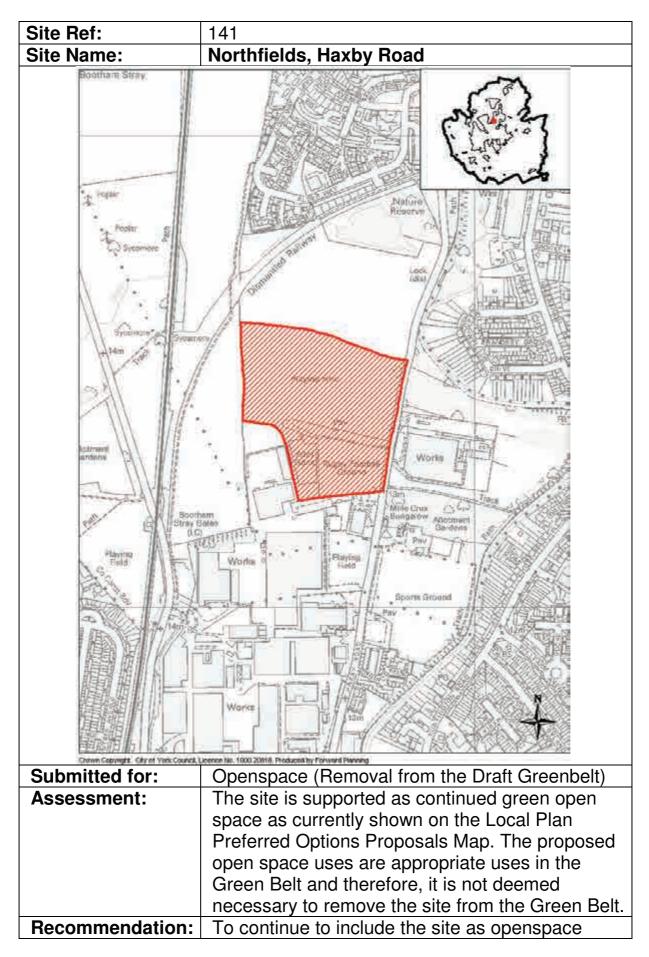
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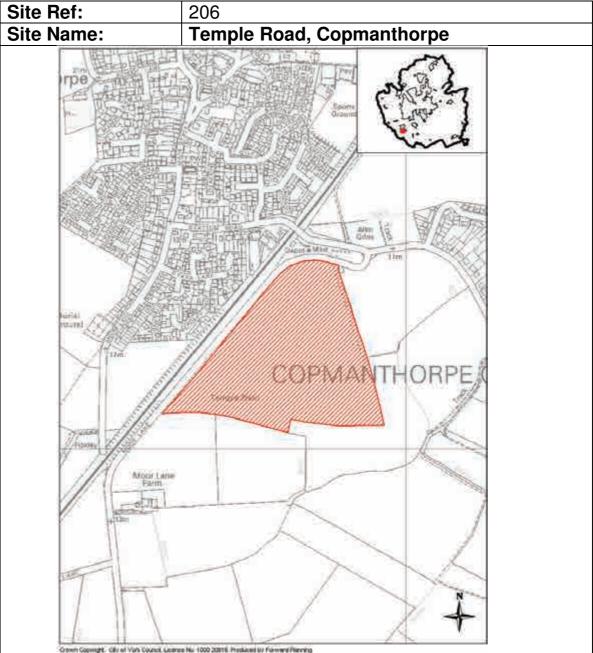
Assessment:

The site is not in an accessible location in sustainable transport terms. The land provides an important separation between the urban edge and the ring road and it contributes to the city's compact character. The site is mainly improved grassland/arable but the rough fields by the roundabout are of interest and would be of value for corridor enhancement. Hedges look to be interesting. There are wet areas and

ponds and there would need to be a Great Crested Newt assessment carried out.		
Recommendation:	The site is not considered suitable as an openspace designation within the Local Plan	



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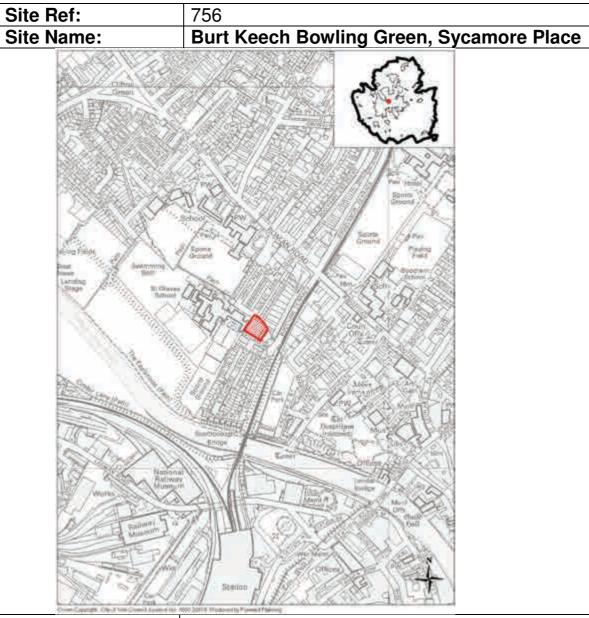
Submitted for: Sport and Recreation/Open Space

Assessment:

There is a significant shortage of sport pitches and open space in Copmanthorpe. The football club needs additional pitches and the leisure team would support any additional grass pitches. There are no landscape concerns and the land will be suitable for open space. Subject to continuous connections with the rest of the village being created for walking and cycling, it would be suitable from a highways perspective.

Recommendation: To include as new openspace in the Local Plan

(this open space is linked to the delivery of site
ST12).



Submitted for: School netball/Tennis courts

Assessment:

Site is currently derelict after bowling club was relocated and conservation consent (11/03341/CAC) was permitted for demolition of clubhouse. A current planning application 13/03727/FUL for housing indicates that there is not a willing landowner for this site. The site has no public access currently and this is likely to be the case if it were used for courts for a school. A use agreement would need to be in place for it to have any community recreational benefit.

Recommendation: The site is not considered suitable as an openspace designation within the Local Plan

A7.3 Any Changes to Preferred Options Sites

OS1: Land North West of Manor School

A planning application (by Manor CE Academy) was approved in January 2014 (app No. 13/03354/FULM) for the 'Change of use of agricultural land to sports pitches, allotments, and informal landscaped open space, construction of hard surfaced recreational area, excavation of pond and associated footpaths, car parking and a 6m high ball fence'. The part of the site adjacent to the school will be for sports pitches / informal social area and the northern part of the site (adjacent to the railway line) will be for allotments.

Consequently, it is considered that this land to the north west of the Manor CE Academy should be shown on the Proposals Map as both Educational Establishment and New Open Space (complimenting the existing Educational Establishment allocation on the existing Manor CE Academy site).

OS2: Land South West of Heslington Playing Fields

No change

OS3: Land to North of Poppleton Juniors, Millfield Lane, Poppleton

No Change