

Table 1 - Proposed Local Green Space Designations.¹

Proposed Local Green Space	Description	Character	Proximity to Community	Special Qualities
a. Eastwick Wood (2.2ha) b. Black Hut Wood (5ha) c. Lawns Wood and Moat (9ha) d. Queens Wood (4.1 ha)	Four blocks of Ancient Woodland (Natural England) and designated Wildlife Site (District Plan) and World War II Airfield Defences (Scheduled Ancient Monument).	Local coppiced woodlands, in need of enhancement and conservation.	Extensive network of footpaths and bridleway connecting to Hunsdon, Widford, Eastwick and High Wych used by local communities for informal recreation.	Tranquil area of woodland in between arable farmland with buzzard, red kite, owl, deer, hare, orchids; important for wildlife in the open setting of the Hunsdon Plateau.
e. Eastwick Valley and Eastwick Hall Corridor (15.3ha)	Pastures and fields of Eastwick Hall, Wildlife Sites and 2 Moated sites - Scheduled Ancient Monuments.	Local semi-natural valley in between undulating fields.	Close to Eastwick, linking the village green to the countryside to the north and Hunsdon Airfield.	Historically significant: ancient lane linking to former location of Eastwick Hall and two moated sites.
f. St. Botolph's Churchyard (0.5ha)	Listed church building (Grade II*) and Listed tombs. Mature trees. Identified as a distinctive local asset in the Garden Town Design Guide.	Local semi-natural tranquil greenspace.	Close to Eastwick, and an important place of identity for the local community.	Historically significant, attractive image for the village. Tranquil and contemplative place.
g. Home Wood (15.1ha)	Block of Ancient Woodland (Natural England) and designated Wildlife Site (District Plan).	Local natural greenspace.	Interface between the Hunsdon and Gilston communities, in close proximity to both.	Tranquil, wooded, bats, buzzards, red kite, owl, hare and other wildlife habitat with wild animals, bluebells and orchids. Essential setting of St Mary's Church and Church Cottages.
h. St Mary's Churchyard (0.4ha)	Wildlife Site Grade 1 Listed church and monuments. Identified as a distinctive local asset in the Garden Town Design Guide.	Local semi-natural greenspace and part of the heritage of the area.	At the core of Gilston community, history and identity. It contains old tombstones and ancient yew trees.	Historically significant, and part of the image of the Gilston community. Heritage interior of St Mary's Church valued locally. Tranquil space. Wildlife.

¹ NB. No Site i. is identified for reasons of cartographic clarity

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j. Golden Grove (11.2ha)	Ancient Woodland and designated Wildlife Site.	Local natural greenspace.	Close to existing community of Gilston and separating it from High Wych.	Wildlife habitat. Tranquil. Easily reached from Gilston and High Wyche via quiet lanes.
k. Gilston House Parkland and Lake (8.5ha)	Historically significant landscaped area (not listed) Site of Netherhall one of the original three farmsteads established by Geoffrey de Mandeville in 1135.	Local in character and part of heritage of area.	Privately owned. Part of the heritage setting and identity of Gilston.	Historically significant, landscaped and wooded area providing an essential setting to Grade 2* Gilston Park House, wildlife habitat.
l. The Avenue and Chase (2.8ha)	The Mount is a Scheduled Ancient Monument surrounded by a dry moat and the original site of Giffards Manor one of the three farmsteads established by Geoffrey de Mandeville in 1135.	Local in character and part of heritage of area.	Planted and wildlife habitat at the core of the Gilston area and in need of enhancement and valorisation.	Historically significant, strong local feature in need of enhancement. Wooded area and wildlife habitat.
m. Terlings Park (Southern Edge) (5.6ha)	Strip of woodland south of the parkland designated under District Plan Policy CFRL1 . Green space serving local community.	Local woodland providing the interface between Terlings Park and the river Stort towpath.	Enjoyed by residents of Terlings Park and wider Gilston community.	Mature trees, wildlife and tranquil space for community and passers-by.
n. Fiddlers Brook and Lowland Fens (8.5ha)	A designated Wildlife Site and partly designated Fen Habitat (Natural England), including a woodland strip.	Local natural greenspace.	Close to existing settlement of Gilston Lane, Pye Corner and Terlings Park with footpaths linking to the Stort Valley.	Provides habitat for wildlife and biodiversity. Tree planted buffer between roads and open green spaces.