

Examiner's clarifying question to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and Welwyn Parish Council

Question 1 (EQ1)

I have begun preparation for my unaccompanied visit to the neighbourhood plan area. Please could you confirm my understanding that all the areas proposed as Green Gaps in the Plan (policy 4) are at the present time within the Green Belt, while none of the proposed Local Green Spaces (policy 2) are.

Also, is there any overlap of Local Green Spaces with the "Urban Open Land" listed in the Supplementary Document "Open Spaces in the Parish"? If so, I would be grateful for details.

A response as soon as possible would be appreciated, but ideally by Wednesday 8 October.

I would also ask that this question and the council's response be published on the examination page of the council's website.

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WHBC response 29.09.25:

Are all the areas proposed as Green Gaps in the Plan (policy 4) at the present time within the Green Belt?

Green Gap Ref	Is it in GB?	Comments
1A	Yes	
1B	Yes	
2	Yes	
3	Yes	
4	Mostly	Northern part of Green Gap 4 overlaps with built-up area in southeast of Oaklands and Mardley Heath (see Fig 1 and 2)
5	Yes	

Are the proposed Local Green Spaces (LGS) (policy 2) within the Green Belt?

LGS Ref	Is it in GB?	Comments
LGS1	Yes	
LGS2	Yes	
LGS3	Yes	
LGS4	Yes	
LGS5A	Mostly in GB	Part of this LGS is within the GB but part is outside GB (see Fig 3 and 4)
LGS5B	Mostly in GB	Part of this LGS is within the GB but part is outside GB (see Fig 3 and 4)
LGS6	Yes	
LGS7	No	
LGS8(N)	Yes	
LGS8(S)	Yes	
LGS9	Yes	
LGS10 (Park Field and Ghyll Hill)	Yes	Please note, part of this LGS falls outside Welwyn parish/the Neighbourhood Plan area boundary (see Fig 5)
LGS10 (North Ride Spinney)	Yes	
LGS10 (Fernery Field)	Yes	
LGS11	No	
LGS12	No	
LGS13(W)	Yes	
LGS13(E)	Yes	Please note, part of this LGS falls outside Welwyn parish/the Neighbourhood Plan area boundary (see Fig 6)
LGS14(N)	Yes	
LGS14(S)	Yes	
LGS15	No	
LGS16	No	
LGS17	Yes	
LGS18	No	
LGS19	Yes	
LGS20	No	This LGS is shown in Appendix 1, Map 2 on page 15 of the Local Green Spaces supporting document. However it is not included as a proposed LGS site in the rest of this document or in the list of proposed LGS sites in Policy 2 of the NP (see Fig 7)

Do the proposed Local Green Spaces (LGS) overlap with Urban Open Land (UOL)?

LGS Ref	Is it UOL?	Comments
LGS1	No	
LGS2	No	
LGS3	No	
LGS4	No	
LGS5A	No	
LGS5B	No	
LGS6	No	
LGS7	No	
LGS8(N)	No	
LGS8(S)	No	
LGS9	No	
LGS10 (Park Field and Ghyll Hill)	No	Please note, part of this LGS falls outside Welwyn parish/Neighbourhood Plan area boundary (see Fig 5)
LGS10 (North Ride Spinney)	No	
LGS10 (Fernery Field)	No	
LGS11	No	
LGS12	No	
LGS13(W)	No	
LGS13(E)	No	Please note, part of this LGS falls outside Welwyn parish/Neighbourhood Plan area boundary (see Fig 6)
LGS14(N)	No	
LGS14(S)	No	
LGS15	No	
LGS16	No	
LGS17	No	
LGS18	No	
LGS19	No	
LGS20	Yes – UOL12	This LGS is shown in Appendix 1, Map 2 on page 15 of the Local Green Spaces supporting document. However it is not included as a proposed LGS site in the rest of this document or in the list of proposed LGS sites in Policy 2 of the NP (see Fig 7)

Fig 1 and 2: Northern part of Green Gap 4 overlaps with built-up area in southeast of Oaklands and Mardley Heath:

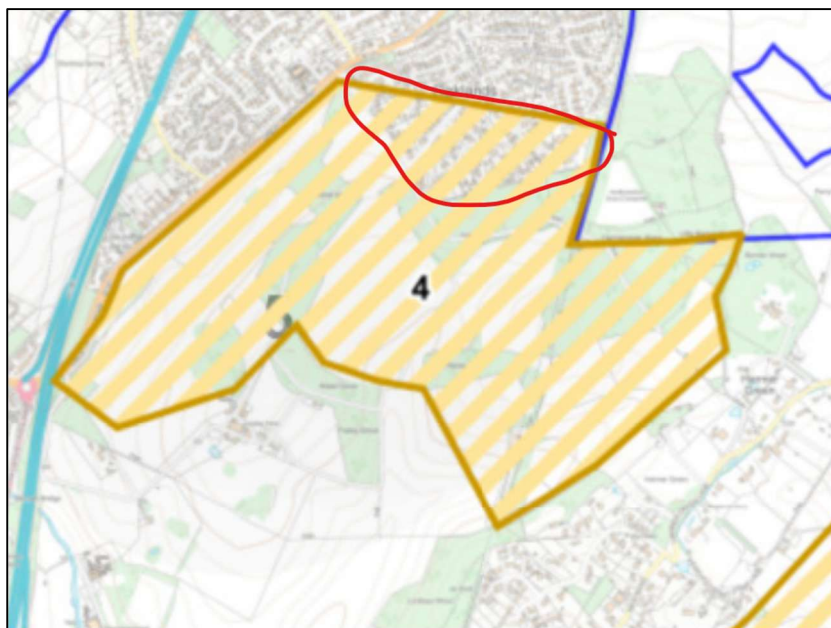
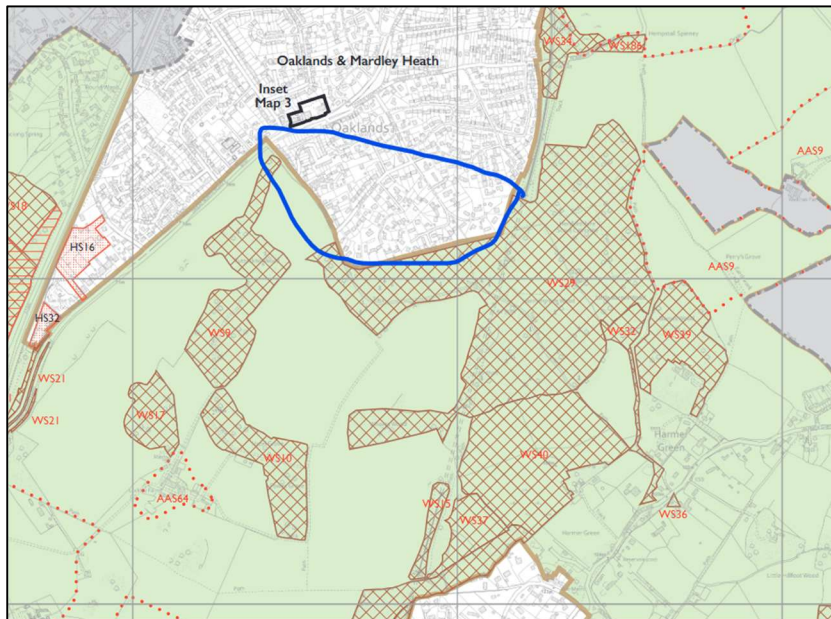


Fig 3 and 4: LGS5A and LGS5B – mostly within GB but part of LGS is not in GB:

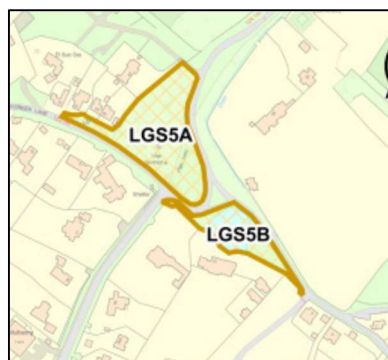
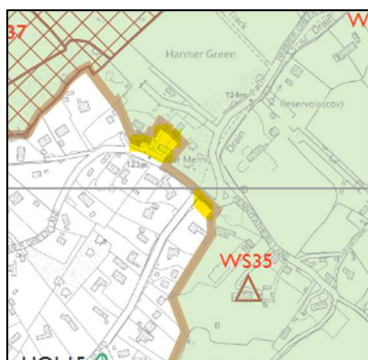


Fig 5: LGS10 (Park Field and Ghyll Hill) – part of this LGS falls outside Welwyn parish/Neighbourhood Plan area boundary:

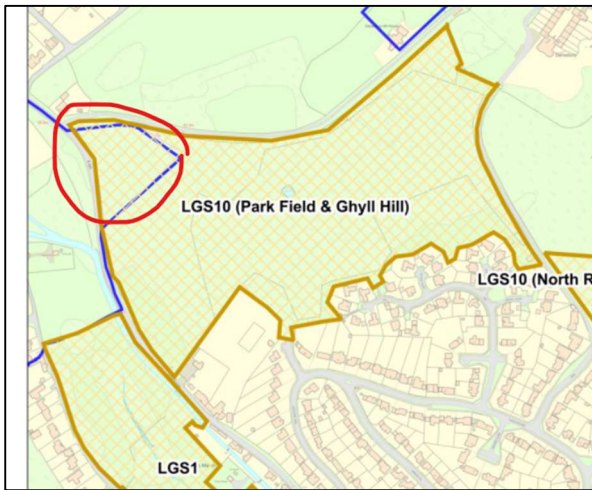


Fig 6: LGS13(E) – part of this LGS falls outside Welwyn parish/Neighbourhood Plan area boundary:

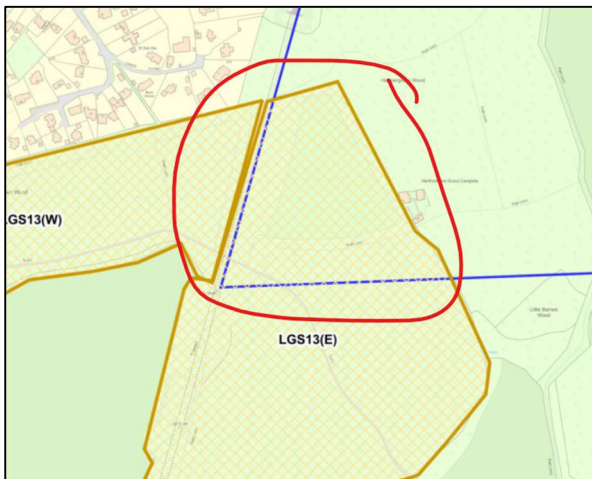


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