

RUFFORTH with KNAPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

APPENDIX VIII

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

NPPF introduced a new concept of 'Local Green Space' designation. The NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) states 'local communities through Local and Neighbourhood Plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them'. The NPPF requires that any Local Green Space designation must meet the specified criteria. A scoring system, based on Traffic Based RAG scores (i.e. Red, Amber, Green) has been adopted. It is as follows:

Criteria 1	- easy public access
Criteria 2	- close to the community (within 400 meters)
Criteria 3	- demonstrably special
Criteria 3a	- beauty
Criteria 3b	- historic significance
Criteria 3c	- the recreational value
Criteria 3d	- tranquillity
Criteria 3e	- richness of wildlife
Criteria 4	- local in character, not an extensive tract of land i.e. fairly self-contained with clearly defined edges

Using the RAG system, the following sites score 'Green':

The Church graveyard

Burial Ground

Natural Burial Ground

Allotments in Rufforth and Knapton

Knapton recreational field

Rufforth playing fields