

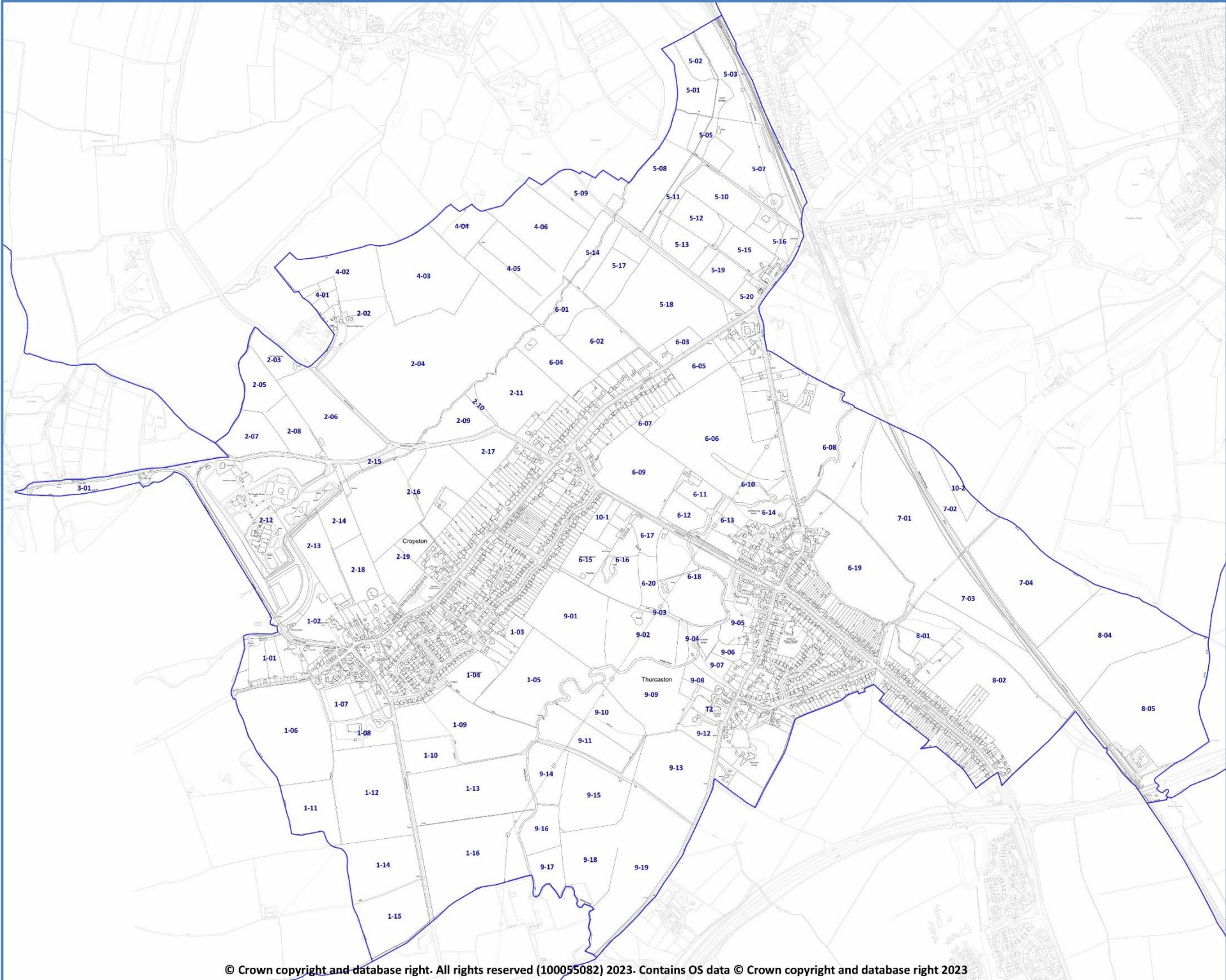
THURCASTON & CROPSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

APPENDIX 3: INVENTORY OF LOCAL GREEN SPACE, OPEN SPACE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES

1. Scoring criteria and system


| Criterion (NPPF 2023) | Score range | | | Notes |
|--|-------------|-----|-----------|---|
| LOCAL IN CHARACTER , not an extensive tract of land | N | Y | | Yes is essential for LGS designation. The site should be a single bounded parcel of land, or a small, coherent group (evidence-based, with shared characteristics and in single ownership). |
| SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY: | | | | |
| PROXIMITY | 0 | 1-4 | 5 | <p>5 = an open space <u>within</u> a settlement</p> <p>4 = adjacent to the settlement boundary (Limit to Development line when defined)</p> <p>3, 2, 1 = successively farther from settlement</p> <p>0 = most distant from main settlement(s)</p> |
| BEAUTY | 0 | 1-2 | 3 | Subjective, relative (give justification); use consultation 'dot' map results for views. Only the most attractive land in the Plan Area should qualify. Most should get 0 or 1. |
| TRANQUILLITY | 0 | 1 | 2 | <p>Tranquillity should be judged as a real experience; just being 'a long way from anywhere' doesn't make a site tranquil. Most sites should get 0.</p> <p>2 will probably be limited to e.g. churchyards, well-designed memorial gardens, managed semi-natural habitats where birdsong is louder than traffic noise.</p> |
| RECREATIONAL VALUE | 0 | 1-4 | 5 | <p>5, 4 = Public Open Spaces designed for sport and recreation or as facilities for children and young people</p> <p>3 = Membership sport facilities (tennis, bowls, etc.). Very well used park or other recreational space with full or comprehensive public access. Managed wildlife site with public access. Semi-natural parkland (trees, grass) with public footpaths and no restriction on access.</p> <p>2 = Paddock or grazing field with 1 or more public footpaths, e.g. well-used for dog-walking, traditional sledging field</p> <p>1 = arable farmland with public footpath but no other access.</p> <p>0 = private property with no public recreational value or access</p> |
| LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE: | | | | |
| HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE | 0 | 1-4 | 5 | <p>Historical significance can only apply to sites and features that can be seen (to be appreciated) or are proven buried archaeological features.</p> <p>5, 4 = statutory site, includes or comprises Scheduled monument, Listed Building, feature or structure. National Trust or English Heritage site</p> <p>3, 2 = site with features in the County <i>Historic Environment Record</i> and/or Historic England <i>PastScape</i> records. <i>Registered park or garden</i>. Well-preserved <i>ridge and furrow</i>. Site includes feature, earthworks, proven buried archaeology, or building with known local historic environment significance (history includes 20th century). Faint <i>ridge and furrow</i></p> <p>1 = (parish background level), including site of local oral, social or recorded history importance, no actual structure</p> <p>0 = No evidence for historical environment significance</p> |
| RICHNESS OF WILDLIFE (= BIODIVERSITY); GEOLOGY | 0 | 1-4 | 5 | <p>Protection of habitats and species, in compliance with NPPF and English wildlife legislation, at the local level of individual land parcels.</p> <p>5 = Statutory site, includes or comprises SSSI (biodiversity or geology) or other national or European designation.</p> <p>4 = County Wildlife Trust, etc. <i>nature reserve</i>.</p> <p>3 – site with National, county and local biodiversity features, e.g. <i>Priority Habitats</i>, occurrence of one or more <i>Species of Conservation Concern</i> (use national or county Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Species lists), mapped Gt Crested newt ponds, bat roosts and foraging areas. County or local site designations e.g. <i>Local Wildlife Site (LWS)</i>, Regionally Important Geological Site (RIGS), <i>Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)</i>, <i>Local Nature Reserve</i>, <i>Community WildSpace</i>, etc.</p> <p>2 = other site of known local biodiversity importance not recorded elsewhere with e.g. BAP species, species-rich hedgerows, watercourse, pond</p> <p>1 = (parish background level), moderate or potential wildlife value</p> <p>0 = no evidence for natural environment significance</p> |
| Maximum possible score | | | 25 | |

2. Location map



3. Inventory

KEY TO COLOUR-CODING FOR DESIGNATIONS ETC.

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|---|--|---|---|---|--|
|  Local Green Space |  Important Open Space |  Historical significance |  Wildlife significance |  Statutory (historical) protection |  Ridge and furrow |
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| | | LOCAL: BOUNDED, NOT EXTENSIVE YES/NO | PROXIMITY 0-5 | SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY (<10) | | | LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (<10) | | |
| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| 1-01 | <p>Horse pasture / permanent caravan site</p> <p>Ridge and Furrow Pasture</p> <p>Site of a 15th century farmhouse. Adjacent to Causeway Lane (historically the medieval, or older, 'Broadgate'), a popular footpath (bridleway and 'other route with public access') to Bradgate Park.</p> <p>Rich biodiversity. Mosaic of pasture, ancient species-rich hedgerows and mature trees.</p> <p>Adjoins Cropston Reservoir SSSI where the water supports several rare species of marginal aquatic plants, 9 BAP bird species and 5 BAP bat species. Ancient species-rich hedgerows.</p> <p>Beautiful, tranquil views across Cropston Reservoir to open country and Bradgate Park.</p> | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| 1-02 | Pasture adjacent to Badgers Sett Pub | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| 1-03 | Private pasture field | | | | | | | | |
| 1-04 | <p>Cricket Pitch. Well used for matches and events.</p> <p>Highly valued by the community.</p> <p>Beautiful views across valley of Rothley Brook to Thurcaston. Bordered on two sides by mature, species-rich hedgerows.</p> | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| 1-05 | <p>Large arable field bordered by Rothley Brook (LWS) to south-east and mature hedgerows of cricket pitch and private gardens to north-west.</p> <p>An unofficial footpath borders the field to the north-west</p> | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 1-06 | <p>Arable field with mature, species-rich hedgerow along its length and adjacent to Exning Spinney to west.</p> <p>Fine views across to Thurcaston.</p> <p>Northern section is Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE1045 for <i>Roman occupation/kiln site, Causeway Lane, west of Cropston</i>. Metal detecting and finds 1995-onwards: strong probability of buried archaeology still on the site.</p> <p>Bordered to east by well-used public footpath J63 to Anstey.</p> <p>Highly valued by the community</p> | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| 1-07 | Cropston House Farm private pasture. Occasionally grazed by cattle and sheep. | | | | | | | | |
| 1-08 | Cropston House Farm private pasture. Occasionally grazed by cattle and sheep. | | | | | | | | |
| 1-09 | <p>Coffin Path Field</p> <p>Arable field on sloping ground from Cropston Village to Rothley Brook, bordered to the W by Cropston Road and to the east by Rothley Brook. Species-rich hedges.</p> <p>Access via two public footpaths J56 (and bridleways) of historical significance, being ancient tracks between the two settlements, one the traditional route taken by funeral processions from Cropston across Rothley Brook to the parish church in Thurcaston.</p> <p>Crossed by part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE20876 for <i>Old road to Cropston, Thurcaston</i>. Medieval track, crosses medieval bridge;</p> | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |

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| | | LOCAL: BOUNDED, NOT EXTENSIVE YES/NO | PROXIMITY 0-5 | SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY (<10) | | | LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (<10) | | |
| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| | <p>this was the coffin path between Cropston and the parish church at Thurcaston. Visible features, earthworks. Still followed for most of the route by a Public Right of Way.</p> <p>East boundary is Local Wildlife Site LWS 55140) which here has records of otter and white-clawed crayfish (Red Data Book species), four BAP species birds and 3 BAP species mammals (bats).</p> <p>Highly valued by the community.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 1-10 | A small arable field comprising a subsection of 1-09 with similar characteristics, bordered on two sides by a well-used public footpath which continues to the historical Coffin Bridge and beyond to Thurcaston. | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| 1-11 | Arable field bordered by hedgerows and well-used public footpath J63 from Cropston to Anstey to the east. Fine views across to Bradgate Park Highly valued by the community. Important zone of Separation between Cropston and Anstey | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 1-12 | Arable field. Fine views across to Thurcaston and Ridge and Furrow fields. Bordered by well-used public footpath J63 to the west. Highly valued by the community. Important zone of Separation between Cropston and Anstey | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 1-13 | Arable field with fine views across to Thurcaston and Ridge and Furrow fields. Eastern edge comprises mature hedgerow and borders Rothley Brook, (LWS). Important zone of Separation between Cropston and Anstey | Y | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 1-14 | Arable field with mature hedgerows and fine views across to Bradgate Park. North-western corner touches well-used public footpath J63 Important zone of Separation between Cropston and Anstey | Y | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 1-15 | Arable field with fine views across to Bradgate Park Bordered by Cropston Road to the east and Parish Boundary to S and W. Southern boundary is also a small stream feeding into Rothley Brook. Important zone of Separation between Cropston and Anstey | Y | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| 1-16 | Arable field, bordered by Cropston Road to W and small stream with mature hedgerow leading into Rothley Brook to S. This is also the Parish boundary. Rothley Brook (LWS) forms eastern boundary. Important Zone of Separation between Cropston and Anstey. | Y | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 2-01 | Part of Bybrook Farm just outside but surrounded by the Parish Boundary on three sides. Comprises farm buildings and a small pond, frequented by a variety of waterbirds including Mandarin Duck and Grey Heron. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2-02 | Bybrook Lodge Farm (part) Woodland in National Forest Inventory (Natural England classification) | Y | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 2-03 | Exning Spinney Small woodland south of Leicester Lane/Swithland Road. Visible from the public road. | Y | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |

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| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| | Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation and historic Local Wildlife Site 10292) | | | | | | | | |
| 2-04 | Large arable field bordered by well-used public footpath J62 leading to Swithland village. Roman occupation, 2 nd -4 th centuries AD. Site includes Leicestershire Historic Environment (HER) Site MLE1037 for <i>Roman site south of Bybrook Farm</i> . Fieldwalking evidence and extensive finds suggest a Roman residential and industrial (pottery kiln) site. Strong potential for further buried archaeology. Also includes Leicestershire Historic Environment (HER) Site MLE1041 for <i>Roman site west of Exning Spinney</i> . Metal detecting and finds suggest a Roman occupational site. Strong potential for further buried archaeology. South-east boundary is historic Local Wildlife Site 10293 and follows the River Lin . Valuable wildlife corridor with double row of mature trees along its length. Highly valued by the community. | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| 2-05 | Rough pasture. Regularly grazed by cattle. Western border of field marks part of Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Boundary. | Y | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 2-06 | Rough pasture. Regularly grazed by cattle Bordered by Swithland Road and Roecliffe Road, both of which are lined with a variety of mature trees and hedgerows. | Y | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 2-07 | Rough pasture. Regularly grazed by cattle Bordered by Roecliffe Road, mature trees and hedgerow. | Y | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 2-08 | Rough pasture. Regularly grazed by cattle Bordered by Roecliffe Road, mature trees and hedgerows | Y | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 2-09 | Pasture field. Ridge and Furrow. Local Wildlife Site 91384 ; north boundary is historic Local Wildlife Site 10293 Bordered to north-west by River Lin and double row of mature trees and to east by footpath J61. Forms part of River Lin wildlife corridor. | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| 2-10 | Small strip of land including well-used footpath J61 leading from Bradgate Road to the Rough. Bordered by a wide swathe of scrub, nettle and bramble beds and mature hedgerows to the south-west, unimproved pasture to the north-east and the River Lin (Cropston Reservoir outflow stream) to the north-west. Footpath J67/1 forms eastern boundary. The mosaic of habitats , concentrated into a very small area, is a haven for butterflies and wild flowers. Important vertebrate species include five bird BAP species and three bat BAP species. The site is highly valued by the community. | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| 2-11 | Semi-improved grassland, bordered by mature trees and hedgerows. Bordered by footpath J61 to south-west. | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 2-12 | Cropston Reservoir, water works and grounds (part) Includes Listed Buildings 1074632 The Lodge; 1178081 Pumping Houses; 1178122 Four former filter beds, water tank and steps; 1074630 Six former filter beds, water tank and steps; and 1074631 Tunnel mouth, stream bed and pipe. Whole site is part of Leicestershire Historic Environment | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 16 |

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| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| | Record (HER) site MLE16810 as <i>1860 Leicester Water Works Company reservoir, dam, waterworks, workers' accommodation.</i> Includes locally important areas of mixed (ornamental and native) Priority Habitat woodland (Natural England designations) and in the national Forest Inventory as <i>mixed woodland (deciduous and coniferous)</i> The old Pumping Station has been converted to an events centre and pub. Surrounding grounds accessible to the public. | | | | | | | | |
| 2-13 | Pasture field, part of historical water treatment works bordering outflow of Cropston Reservoir and Pumping Station grounds | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| 2-14 | Continuation of 2-13. Species -rich grass field with specimens of mature Ash set in established hedgerows , bordering outflow of Cropston Reservoir and Pumping Station grounds | y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| 2-15 | Small ribbon of unimproved pasture, bordered by River Lynn outflow stream to the south. The margins of this area comprise many fine specimens of mature Oak, Ash and Willow, and the stream banks host significant swathes of Marsh Marigold, Dog Violet, Cuckoo Flower and Brooklime. This strip of land is very picturesque, tranquil, and highly valued by the community. Accessed via by the well-used public footpath J61/1 leading from Station Road Cropston to Bradgate Road. Supports a variety of birds including Starling (BAP), Song Thrush (BAP), Long-tailed Tit, Greenfinch and Kestrel, and three BAP species of bat. South boundary is historic Local Wildlife Site 10293 for watercourse. This is an integral part of the wildlife corridor along the outflow stream of the River Lin. | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| 2-16 | Large pasture field bordered by outflow stream / mature hedgerows / Bradgate Road to the north, mature hedgerows to the north-east and south-west. Bisected by the well-used public footpath J61/1 leading from Station Road Cropston to Bradgate Road. Grazed by cattle, llamas and sheep belonging to 'Anstey Llamas' – a small holding which hosts and mentors young people with special needs from the local community. Integral part of wildlife corridor with significant biodiversity significance, including insects, birds (one BAP species) and mammals (badger, 3 bat BAP species). Beautiful rural views across field to the stream margins and beyond to the water treatment works and Swithland Woods. Highly valued by the community. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| 2-17 | Species-rich pasture field with remnant Ridge and Furrow. | Y | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| 2-18 | Ridge and Furrow pasture. Species-rich grassland, bordered by mature hedgerows and trees. Free-range domestic ducks and geese inhabit part of this field. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| 2-19 | Ridge and Furrow pasture. Species-rich grassland, bordered by mature hedgerows and trees. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| 3-01 | Cropston Reservoir, water works and grounds (part) Part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record (HER) site MLE16810 as <i>1860 Leicester Water Works</i> | Y | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 12 |

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| | <i>Company reservoir, dam, waterworks, workers' accommodation.</i> Includes small part of Bradgate Park and Cropston Reservoir SSSI Bordered by dam and Reservoir Road | | | | | | | | |
| 4-01 | Group of five small fields/paddocks associated with Bybrook Lodge Farm Woodland in National Forest Inventory (Natural England classification) | Y | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 4-02 | Arable field bordering Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Boundary to the north. | Y | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 4-03 | Large arable field with mature hedgerows and bordered by 'The Rough' woodland, (LWS), part of Swithland Hall Estate. Well-used public footpath J65/5 runs along north-eastern side. Beautiful views across to the Charnwood hills to the north-west Highly valued by the community. | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 4-04 | The Rough (part). Part of Swithland Hall Estate Footpath J62/5 runs along southwest side. Whole site is historic Local Wildlife Site 10296 ; northwest section is Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation) | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 4-05 | Arable field, bordered and bisected by mature hedgerows. Public footpath J62/5 runs along south-western border. North-west border is The Rough , part of the Swithland Hall Estate | Y | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 4-06 | Arable field. Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate | Y | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 5-01 | Lowe's Spinney . Part of Swithland Hall Estate Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate. Also Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation). Evidence of faint Ridge and Furrow around margins of woodland | Y | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| 5-02 | Part of Swithland Hall Estate Part of Buddon Wood and Swithland Reservoir SSSI | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| 5-03 | Part of Swithland Hall Estate Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation) | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 5-04 | Not numbered on map | | | | | | | | |
| 5-05 | Part of Swithland Hall estate Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate. Also Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation) | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 5-07 | Southern corner is part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE880 for <i>Anglo-Saxon cemetery near Rothley Station</i> . Finds and excavations 18 th - 20 th centuries: strong probability of buried archaeology still on the site, West corner spinney is historic Local Wildlife Site 10291 ; other woodland (this Plan); also, natural growth native scrub woodland around electricity pylon | Y | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| 5-08 | Part of Swithland Hall Estate Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate. | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |

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| 5-09 | Crow Wood (part) Woodland in National Forest Inventory (Natural England classification); remainder is other woodland (this Plan). Whole site is part of Local Wildlife Site 17473 Crow Wood | Y | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 5-10 | Arable field Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 5-11 | Narrow belt of mixed woodland. Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate | y | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 5-12 | Arable field Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 5-13 | Arable field Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 5-14 | Part of Swithland Hall Estate Footpath J62/5 runs along south-west side. Part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate. | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 5-15 | Grassland belonging to Sandhill's Farm | | | | | | | | |
| 5-16 | Arable field Eastern corner is part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE880 for <i>Anglo-Saxon cemetery near Rothley Station</i> . Finds and excavations 18 th - 20 th centuries: strong probability of buried archaeology still on the site | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| 5-17 | Part of Swithland Hall Estate Footpath J66 runs along southwest side. Northern section is part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate . All Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation) | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 5-18 | Large arable field, on sloping ground adjacent to Swithland Hall Estate. North-western edge borders Priority Habitat deciduous woodland . Public footpath J66 runs along south-western border. Fine views across to the Rough and the Charnwood Hills. Highly valued by the community. | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 5-19 | Arable land belonging to Sandhills Farm | | | | | | | | |
| 5-20 | Arable land belonging to Sandhills Farm | | | | | | | | |
| 6-01 | Part of Swithland Hall Estate Footpath J62/5 runs along southwest side; J66/3 crosses south corner Western half is part of Local Wildlife Site 17236 Swithland Hall Estate . Whole site is Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation) Part of River Lin wildlife corridor | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| 6-02 | Arable Field. Traversed by public footpaths J62 (to Swithland Village) and J66. Beautiful views across inlet stream to the Charnwood Hills. Highly valued by the local community | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| 6-03 | Private Pasture Field. | | | | | | | | |
| 6-04 | Arable field bordered to the north-west by the outflow stream, to the north-east and south-west by mature hedgerows and to the south-east by houses. | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |

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| | Well-used public footpath J62/5 follows the north-eastern edge of the field (Station Road to The Rough). Contains a large species-rich field pond, concealed by mature crack willows, bramble and nettle beds. Breeding Mallard, Coot, Moorhen and Little Grebe have been recorded on this pond. Area highly valued by the community. Beautiful views towards the valley of the outflow stream and beyond to The Rough and into the Swithland Hall Estate. Part of River Lin wildlife corridor. | | | | | | | | |
| 6-05 | Ridge and Furrow pasture field, grazed by ponies Bordered on two sides by Public Footpath J66 to the south-west and south east. Beautiful, extensive views across the valley of the Rothley Brook to Thurcaston village. Highly valued by the community. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| 6-06 | Large arable field bordered by mature hedgerows Access via public footpaths J62/1, 62/2 and J66/1. A double line of mature hedgerows (boundary of 6-10) extends into the centre of this field, adding to the diversity of habitat. Highly valued by the community for the scenic views and network of paths between the two settlements. The lowest part of the field forms part of the flood plain while the entire field serves as an important separation zone between the two villages and preserves their individual identities. The hedgerows support many species of birds, including Linnet (BAP), House Sparrow (BAP), Starling (BAP), Whitethroat and Dunnock. Skylark (BAP) territories have also been recorded in this field. Site of local biodiversity significance. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| 6-07 | Small field backing onto houses on Station Road. Spinney in north corner is other woodland (this Plan). Adjacent to footpath 62/2 (southeast side) | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 6-08 | Arable field with mature hedgerow / woodland to the north and east and bisected by Rothley Brook. Access via public footpath J57/1. Part of flood plain, with mature Crack Willow margins to Rothley Brook and a pond which supports water birds including Little Egret, Grey Heron and Mallard in winter and early Spring. The north-east edge of the field rises sharply with the embankment of the Great Central Railway line. Subject to frequent flooding along Rothley Brook and adjacent to boundary with Thurcaston Lane. Valued by the community for its rural views and informal recreation. Crossed by Rothley Brook Local Wildlife Site 55410 . The woodland, hedgerows and field support a variety of birds including substantial flocks of House Sparrows (BAP) and Starling (BAP), Yellowhammer (BAP) and Linnet (BAP). Three BAP species of bat, Common and Soprano Pipistrelles and Noctule, are regularly recorded hunting over this field. Site of local biodiversity significance. | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 6-09 | Large arable field adjacent to rear of houses on Station Road and Leicester Road, bordered by mature hedgerows to north-east and south-west | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 6-10 | Lanesborough Woods extension | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |

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| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| | Rough grassland, scrub, developing woodland, watercourses etc. Access via footpath J62/1 A locally-important biodiversity site for naturally rewilding mosaic of habitats; small mammals, 5 BAP species birds including warblers, owls, bat foraging area | | | | | | | | |
| 6-11 | Species-rich pasture lying adjacent to the Rothley Brook (LWS) to south-east. Water meadow which is subject to frequent flooding. | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 6-12 | Species-rich pasture lying adjacent to the Rothley Brook (LWS) to south-east Water meadow which is subject to frequent flooding | Y | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 6-13 | Private field – improved grassland. Regularly mown during the growing season. | | | | | | | | |
| 6-14 | Lanesborough Wood Informal but very well-used public open space. Bisected by Rothley Brook, bordered by wet, species-rich grassland and mature hedgerows. Woodland of historical and ecological significance, planted with ornamental and native tree species. Highly valued by community for its beauty and tranquillity The remains of Thurcaston watermill and an associated cobble and plank bridge can still be seen. Supports many species of birds (including Grey Heron, Kingfisher, Collared Dove, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Buzzard and Long-tailed Tit), invertebrates (butterflies; Banded Demoiselle) and mammals (Muntjac Deer and Otter). Three BAP species of bat (Common and Soprano Pipistrelle and Noctule) hunt in the area. One of only four areas of woodland in the Parish, and the only one with public access, albeit currently 'permissive'. A network of paths criss-cross the whole area. Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation); also crossed by Local Wildlife Site LWS55410 Rothley Brook; remainder is national Forest Inventory deciduous woodland (also Natural England) | Y | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 16 |
| 6-15 | Jubilee Park Recreation ground, children's play area, sports court. Wildflower and native tree planting areas. Bordered by mature, species-rich hedgerows on all four sides CBC-owned OSSR, 25-year lease to T&C PC. Managed by T&C PC | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 15 |
| 6-16 | Recently re-seeded grassland (June 2023). Includes old sand/gravel pit, already out of use on 1884 Ordnance Survey, presumed to be 18 th century; this is historic Local Wildlife Site 10290 for scrub woodland, rough grass, open water etc. Pond in-filled in April 2023 and ground levelled by land owner with permission of CBC on condition that a new pond is created on the same site in mitigation. | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 6-17 | Private pasture field, in same ownership as 6-16. | | | | | | | | |
| 6-18 | Pasture field with pond. Bordered by Rothley Brook (LWS), along length of eastern side, with mature hedgerows. Land subject to frequent flooding. | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 6-19 | Arable field bordered by houses to the southwest, Rothley Brook to the northeast and mature hedgerows to the northeast and southeast. | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |

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| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| | <p>Subject to frequent flooding adjacent to Mill Road.</p> <p>Accessed via two popular footpaths (J54 and bridleway J59), which link to a wider informal recreational area, highly valued by the community.</p> <p>An important area of open countryside to rear of houses on Leicester Road. Footpath J54/1 runs along southwest boundary</p> <p>Farmland birds, including Yellowhammer (BAP), House Sparrow (BAP), Starling (BAP), Bullfinch (BAP) and Skylark (BAP)</p> <p>Area directly behind houses hosts a variety of plant species, insects and butterflies.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 6-20 | Continuation of 6-16 above. | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 7-01 | <p>Arable field, bordered by Great Central Railway embankment (LWS) and unofficial footpath to the north-east, Rothley Brook to the north-west, mature hedgerow to the south-west and bridleway J59.</p> <p>Highly valued by the community for informal recreation as part of the network of footpaths and for beautiful views along valley and from the embankment path across to Thurcaston and Cropston / Charnwood hills beyond. Footpath J57/1 runs along western boundary and provides access; an unofficial footpath also runs along the boundary with the railway (top of the cutting), connecting J57/1 with bridleway J59/2 and continues around the field to form a popular circular route. <i>[NB This route has been in use for over 20 years and should be designated as an official footpath.]</i></p> <p>Area supports many species of plants birds and bats. Particular stronghold of the Yellowhammer (BAP), Bullfinch (BAP), Starling (BAP), Greenfinch and hirundines.</p> <p><i>Designate 7-01 as Zone of Separation now that fields 7-04, 8-04 and 8-05 are now being built upon as part of the wider Broadnook Development.</i></p> | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 7-02 | <p>Part of Rothley Golf Course.</p> <p>Bounded by GCR to south-west, Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Boundary to north-east and new Broadnook development to south-east.</p> <p>Comprises mixed woodland surrounded by golfing greens</p> <p>Bridleway J59 to Rothley village borders south-eastern side.</p> <p>Highly valued by the community.</p> | Y | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| 7-03 | <p>Arable field bordered by GCR embankment (LWS) to the north-east, bridleway J59/2 leading from Thurcaston to Rothley to the north-west.</p> <p>Highly valued by the Community for informal recreation around network of footpaths and for beautiful views along valley and from the embankment path across to Thurcaston and Cropston / Charnwood hills beyond.</p> <p>Forms integral part of the wider Green Wildlife Corridor and recreation area defined by the railway embankment and Thurcaston village.</p> | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 7-04 | Arable land, designated for new Broadnook Housing Development | | | | | | | | |
| 8-01 | <p>Group of 4 small grazing fields (mainly equestrian use).</p> <p>Ridge and Furrow</p> <p>Access via footpath J54/1</p> <p>North boundary is historic Local Wildlife Site 10295 for watercourse, tributary of Rothley Brook</p> | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 13 |

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| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| 8-02 | <p>Arable field bordered by mature hedgerows and railway embankment to the northeast, mature hedgerow to the north-west and houses to the south-east. Accessed via bridleway J59/2 and footpaths J54/2.</p> <p>Highly valued by the community for informal recreation and the beautiful rural views along and across the valley.</p> <p>Crossed by Local Wildlife Site historic Local Wildlife Site 10295 for watercourse, tributary of Rothley Brook, supporting a wide variety of species.</p> <p>Site of local biodiversity significance: mature hedgerows are a particularly significant feature of this site, supporting farmland birds, including Bullfinch (BAP), Greenfinch, Yellowhammer (BAP) and House Sparrow (BAP). Also hunting ground for three BAP species of bat, Common and Soprano Pipistrelles and Noctule.</p> | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| 8-03 | <p>Narrow strip of arable land bordered by GCR embankment (LWS) and field 7-03 to north-east, bridleway J59/2 leading from Thurcaston to Rothley to the north-west and mature, species-rich hedgerow to south-west.</p> <p>Highly valued by the Community for beautiful views along valley and from the informal embankment path.</p> <p>Forms integral part of the wider Green Wildlife Corridor and recreation area defined by the railway embankment and Thurcaston village.</p> | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 8-04 | Arable field designated for new Broadnook Housing Development | | | | | | | | |
| 8-05 | Arable field designated for new Broadnook Housing Development | | | | | | | | |
| 9-01 9-02 | <p>Brooky Lane Fields</p> <p>Two arable fields, bordered by houses to the northwest, mature hedgerows to the south-west, south-east, mature hedgerow and public footpath J60 from Latimer Road to Sandham Bridge to the north-east and Rothley Brook to the south. (Brooky Lane).</p> <p>These developer-owned fields were pasture with good <u>Ridge and Furrow</u> until c.2016, when they were ploughed and converted to arable while the 2018 Neighbourhood Plan, which sought to protect these features, was at a late stage of preparation. Hedgerows, a field pond and margins of rich habitat however remain. In 2023, the land was left uncultivated and has produced a wide variety of wildflowers, some of which are valuable meadow indicator species including Lady's Bedstraw and Common Knapweed.</p> <p>Supports many species of plants, insects and birds including Linnet (BAP), Yellowhammer (BAP), Starling (BAP), Bullfinch (BAP), Skylark (BAP), Grey Heron, Little Egret and Kingfisher and three BAP species of bat (Common and Soprano Pipistrelle, Noctule).</p> <p>The land slopes south-eastwards to Rothley Brook and the large field pond provides food and mud for nesting hirundines, and breeding habitat for other species including Mallard.</p> <p>J62/1, one of most popular footpaths in the Parish, traverses the area. Highly valued by the Community for its beauty, tranquillity and historical significance of ancient lane. Fine views are afforded to each settlement and along the valley of the Rothley Brook. Together with adjacent fields, these provide a highly valued area of separation between the rural and historical identities of both villages.</p> <p>Includes parts of Leicestershire Historic Environment</p> | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |

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| | Record site MLE20877 for <i>Sandham Bridge Road, old road, Thurcaston</i> . Medieval track between Thurcaston and Cropston, crosses two medieval bridges; still a Public Right of Way. Visible feature and earthworks. Rothley Brook (on south boundaries) is a Local Wildlife Site (LWS 55140) and both Otter (BAP) and White-Clawed Crayfish (BAP) have been recorded here. | | | | | | | | |
| 9-03 | Brooky Lane Narrow parcel of land between two hedges, possibly part of the original (wider) Sandham Bridge Road ('Brooky Lane') no longer part of the Right of Way. Scrub and small pond; site of local biodiversity significance for farmland and hedgerow birds, invertebrates, etc. | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| 9-04 | Sandham Bridge area Group of small pasture fields, bordered by mature hedgerows and bisected by Rothley Brook. Crossed by public footpath J60 ('Brooky Lane'), a medieval, or older, ancient track. The bridge is a 16-17 century packhorse bridge, Listed Grade II , of which the site is part of the <i>setting</i> . Includes part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE20877 for <i>Sandham Bridge Road, old road, Thurcaston</i> . Medieval track between Thurcaston and Cropston, crosses two medieval bridges; still a Public Right of Way. Visible feature and earthworks. Flood plain, wild flower-rich wet meadow, supporting many insects and birds. Mature specimens of Crack Willow and Oak along the Brook. Part of a locally-significant wildlife corridor supporting many species of plants, insects and birds including Linnet (BAP), Yellowhammer (BAP), Starling (BAP), Bullfinch (BAP), Skylark (BAP), Grey Heron, Little Egret and Kingfisher and three BAP bat species (Common and Soprano Pipistrelle, Noctule). Local Wildlife Sites LWS 91383 and part of 55140 (Rothley Brook); both Otter (BAP) and White-Clawed Crayfish (BAP) have been recorded in this area. Highly valued by the community for spring wild flowers, historical significance, beauty and informal recreation. | Y | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 17 |
| 9-05 | Small pasture field. Privately owned. Annually harvested for hay. Bordered by public footpath J60 (Brooky Lane) | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 9-06 | Small pasture field Includes part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE1038 for <i>medieval village earthworks south-west of Latimer's House, Thurcaston</i> . Deeply cut hollow way and closes. Visible features (earthworks etc.) and possible buried archaeology. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| 9-07 | Small pasture field including Thurcaston end of public footpath J60/1. Bordered by mature hedgerows on two sides, houses to the east. Historic significance: the deeply sunken lane provides evidence of over 1000 years of use of 'Brooky Lane', the ancient way from Thurcaston to the northeast. Includes part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE20877 for Sandham Bridge Road, old road, Thurcaston. Medieval track between Thurcaston and Cropston, crosses two medieval bridges; still a Public Right of Way. Visible feature and earthworks. Also includes part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE1038 for <i>medieval village earthworks south-west of Latimer's House, Thurcaston</i> . Deeply cut hollow way and closes. Visible features (earthworks etc.) and possible buried archaeology. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |

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| | | | | BEAUTY 0-3 | TRANQUIL 0-2 | REC. VALUE 0-5 | HISTORY 0-5 | WILDLIFE 0-5 | |
| | Highly valued by the community. Beautiful views toward Cropston from Thurcaston. A tranquil area immediately adjacent to the historic centre of Thurcaston village. | | | | | | | | |
| 9-08 | Small pasture field Northwest section includes part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE20875 for <i>Medieval enclosures (manorial site?), north-west of the church, Thurcaston</i> . Two embanked fishponds, prominent embanked enclosure and terraces of other enclosures to the south and west. Visible feature and earthworks. Northern tip runs adjacent to Rothley Brook (LWS) | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| 9-09 | Pasture field Access via footpath J56/6 on south boundary Includes part (as mapped) of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE20875 for <i>Medieval enclosures (manorial site?), north-west of the church, Thurcaston</i> . Two embanked fishponds, prominent embanked enclosure and terraces of other enclosures to the south and west. Visible feature and earthworks. Borders Rothley Brook (LWS) to south. Highly valued by the community. Fine views across to the Charnwood Hills. | Y | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| 9-10 / 9-11 | Two adjacent pasture fields with hedgerow and fence boundaries. Bordered to north-west by Rothley Brook (LWS) Both fields comprise remnant Ridge and Furrow Access via footpath J56/6. Field 9-11 is crossed by part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE20876 for <i>Old road to Cropston, Thurcaston</i> . Medieval track, crosses medieval bridge; this was the coffin path between Cropston and the parish church at Thurcaston. Visible features, earthworks. Still followed for most of the route by a Public Right of Way. Highly valued by the community. Good range of farmland birds, including three BAP bird species and bats. | Y | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| 9-12 | Small pasture field bordered by church grounds and mature hedgerow to the north, mature hedgerow to the south-west and Anstey Lane to the east. Public footpaths J56/6 and J56/7 from Cropston Road to Anstey Lane and the parish church cross this site, which is swathed in buttercups in springtime. Historically significant site with earthworks (medieval house platforms and sunken lane). Crossed by part of Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE20876 for <i>Old road to Cropston, Thurcaston</i> . Medieval track, crosses medieval bridge; this was the coffin path between Cropston and the parish church at Thurcaston. Visible features, earthworks. Still followed for most of the route by a Public Right of Way. Also Leicestershire Historic Environment Record site MLE1023 for <i>Medieval village earthworks south of the church, Thurcaston</i> . Closes, probable house platforms and the old lane to Cropston, all as visible earthworks Beautiful views over the Rothley Brook valley to Cropston and beyond to the Charnwood Hills, setting Thurcaston in the wider rural context. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| 9-13 | Arable field. Bordered by public footpath J56 and parish boundary to south-east. Beautiful rural views across to Cropston and beyond to Charnwood Hills. Highly valued by the community. | Y | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 |

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| 9-14 | Wet pasture bordered by Rothley Brook (LWS) to the west. Immediately adjacent to bridleway J56/4, which crosses 'Coffin Bridge', a medieval or older packhorse bridge, Listed Grade II . Semi-improved grassland/pasture with species-rich hedgerows to the east and south. Part of Rothley Brook wildlife corridor (see 9-04) Supports many birds including hirundines, Grey Heron, Little Egret, Kestrel, Buzzard, Linnet (BAP), Starling (BAP) and three BAP bat species (Common and Soprano Pipistrelle and Noctule). Highly valued by the community for its historical and ecological significance and for its rural beauty. | Y | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 9-15 | Pasture with small copse near to west side. Immediately adjacent to bridleway J56/4 One of the best examples of extensive Ridge and Furrow in the Parish. | Y | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| 9-16 | Wet pasture bordered by Rothley Brook (LWS) to the west. Continuation of 9-14 | Y | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 9-17 | Wet pasture bordered by Rothley Brook (Local Wildlife site, LWS) to the west. Continuation of 9-14 | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 9-18 | Arable field bordering Rothley Brook Southern area is Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation) and other woodland (this Plan) | Y | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 9-19 | Large arable field, bordered by Rothley Brook and mature streamside woodland to the south-west, (also parish boundary), low hedgerow to the west, Anstey Lane to the south-east and the bridleway J56 from Anstey lane to Cropston Road to the north-east. Beautiful, panoramic views from Anstey Lane over this field across to Cropston and beyond to the Charnwood Hills. Rothley Brook is a designated Local Wildlife Site (LWS). Area support birds including hirundines, Kestrel, Buzzard, Linnet (BAP), Starling (BAP) and three BAP species of bat, Common and Soprano Pipistrelle and Noctule. Highly valued by the community for its historical and ecological significance and for its rural beauty. | Y | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 10-2 | Site of old gravel workings, now within golf course. Now Priority Habitat deciduous woodland (Natural England designation) | Y | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| T2 | All Saints Churchyard Setting for Grade II Listed Building . Swithland Slate headstones. The churchyard is almost certainly the site of an early medieval (9 th century AD?) religious and settlement centre. Mature trees, including large hollies, mown and rough grass. Good range of birds and mammals (bats), including BAP species, invertebrates, lichens. OSSR in CBC Local Plan | Y | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 20 |