

Site Name: Crimple Meadows Valley Side near Stone Rings Beck Grass and mature hedgerows with trees.	
Location	South of Stone Rings Beck Footpath, East and below of Bridle Path OS GR SE307 523
Size	3.13 hectares.
Proximity to community served (ref NPPF 100a))	Site east of bridle path and on south side of Footpath beside Stone Rings Beck, toward parish boundary with the Harrogate suburban edge. Land and defined paths well used by the village community and by Harrogate residents. The site is linked by extra paths from the village. The Harrogate Ring Way recreational route passes close to the area
Local in character/extensive tract of land? (ref NPPF 100c))	The site is local in character.
Landscape significance, e.g. beauty, tranquility (ref NPPF 100b))	Prominent site from many parts of the surrounding area/village. The site is attractive countryside and a significant part of Crimple Valley Special Landscape Area (SLA). Elevated paths afford good views of other parts of the SLA The land is low grade farmland forming a green buffer/corridor between Pannal village, and suburban South Harrogate.
Historic significance (ref NPPF 100b))	Mixed/Dairy farming history of the site, but since the Council's redevelopment of Clark Beck Farm on Main Street. Dairy apparently is no longer feasible. Remnants of old drystone walls and hedges. Land held by Harrogate Borough Council, tenanted as part of a larger holding of 31.5 hectares which extends down to Crimple Beck.
Recreational value (ref NPPF 100b))	Currently both informal routes and defined foot and bridle paths are valuable public assets in this attractive area. For use by horse and cycle riders, ramblers and dog walkers, out for some exercise. The area is popular with bird watchers and those with an interest in observing other forms of nature. This publicly owned site has the potential to enable local residents to undertake nature conservation activities in partnership with the owning Council and tenant farmer, to benefit the local environment.
Wildlife richness (ref NPPF 100b))	These two small fields towards Harrogate are cut for grass feed, apparently with low chemical inputs, providing an open semi natural grassland. The adjacent path/gardens etc. beside Stone Rings Beck form the edge of Harrogate are a well treed habitat which softens the urban edge. The identified land is a valuable element of a green corridor.
Summary Assessment/Basis for Recommendation	The space is both local in character and in close proximity to the residential area of Pannal, as well as serving a wider constituency of visitors from Harrogate. It holds particular local landscape and recreational significance, as well as having wildlife value. Its use and the presence of desire line

	<p>paths, indicates that it is demonstrably special to the local community. The site's LGS designation would secure its additional landscape, recreational and wildlife benefits to the local community over and above the safeguards to its open status afforded by the existing Special Landscape Area designation.</p> <p>Potential to improve multipurpose sustainable transport linkage between Pannal and Harrogate.</p> <p>Recognition of its value to the community as a LGS may help landowner and tenant access grants for further improvements to biodiversity. This site is currently seen to be of lower value than the adjacent proposed LGS which is already has more diverse habitats for wildlife including scrub and wetlands.</p>
Recommendation	Designate as Local Green Space