

Site Name: Follifoot Road Wet Meadows with Reeds	
Location	North of Follifoot Road, beside Spacey Houses Whin and small holding by the railway. Defined path runs along the western side of the site, from near upgraded railway crossing. OS GR SE 317 519
Size	4.6 hectares
Proximity to community served (ref NPPF 100a))	0.9 km north from Pannal Village houses.
Local in character/extensive tract of land? (ref NPPF 100c))	Local in character
Landscape significance, e.g. beauty, tranquillity (ref NPPF 100b))	Open elevated site affording views across the Crimple Valley Special Landscape Area. Area is also Green Belt. Limited areas of trees, mostly along roadside and field edges. Tranquil, attracts grazing Roe Deer.
Historic significance (ref NPPF 100b))	Site just north of the old railway junction, from when one track ran under the viaduct.
Recreational value (ref NPPF 100b))	You can overlook this site from a footpath and the Follifoot Road pavement. Open views of the wet meadows and across the valley are attractive. The Harrogate Borough Council Land is tenanted by a local farmer. The fields a managed in a way that makes the attractive and different to most grass fields. Limited additional access could develop more public enjoyment of the area
Wildlife richness (ref NPPF 100b))	These fields appear just to have a late summer grass cut which gives wild flowers and reeds a chance to grow and get more established. This attracts more wildlife than a traditionally earlier summer commercial mown field. This form of management provides tussocks which are attractive to Lapwings and other ground nesting birds. (Lapwing currently nest in the nearby HBC fields earmarked for commercial development). There appears to be a partnership of HBC and the farm tenant to gain government grants for the site. Local community/parish support for such works could assist the scheme secure public funding in the future.

Summary Assessment/Basis for Recommendation	The space is local in character, as well as serving a wider constituency of visitors using local paths. It holds particular local landscape and recreational significance, as well as having some special wet meadow wildlife value. Its ease of access indicates that it is demonstrably special to some within 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.
Recommendation	Designate as Local Green Space