



# **Newmarket**

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

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*LOCAL GREEN SPACES*

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## INTRODUCTION

Newmarket has a number of small 'local green spaces' that are distributed throughout the town. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) identifies the possibility of identifying green spaces that meet certain characteristics as "Local Green Spaces". The paragraph states:

99. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

100. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

101. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts

*National Planning Policy Framework  
February 2019 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government*

A study of the accessible natural green space in Newmarket was carried out by Forest Heath District Council, published in January 2017.

## LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Site	Grid Ref	Location	Purpose and Quality of Facility
The Severals	TL646636	Bury Road	Good quality grassed area with limited use before 1pm due to Horse Movements
The War Memorial and Gardens	TL645636	Clock Tower Roundabout	A prominent open space in the town centre which provides an attractive setting for the town's War Memorial and surrounding garden
Yellow Brick Road Linear Park (see also Policy NKT17)	TL642643	Yellow Brick Road	An important green/blue corridor running across the town
Greville Starkey Avenue Green and playground (FHDC LEAP)	TL639643	Greville Starkey Avenue	Much used and have great recreational value
George Lambton Playing Fields	TL637649	Fordham Road	This 9.18-hectare site is of great value to local people. It is used for pitch sports but is also a space for informal recreation. It includes a skate park which is which is currently being rejuvenated by a community led project.
Studlands Park Green, on either side of Parkers Walk	TL631655	Parkers Walk	An attractive outlook and valuable recreation space for the stud lands estate)
Hyperion Way Open Space, including the Emerald Orchard (Community Orchard), the BMX track, MUGA (FHDC LEAP) and Studlands Park Playground (FHDC LAP)	TL631657	Hyperion Way	A grass and tree area Providing an attractive outlook and recreational value for the surrounding estate
Area to the rear of Suffolk Way	TL633639	Suffolk Way	This provides an attractive outlook for residents
Allotments at Field Terrace Road	TL636643	Field Terrace Road	Of great recreational value to residents and allowing food to be grown locally

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Heasman Close Green and Playground (FHDC LAP)	TL639642	Heasman Close	Much used and have great recreational value
Field Terrace Road and Heasman Close Green and Playground (FHDC LAP)	TL638643	Field Terrace Road	Much used and have great recreational value
Lady Wolverton Playing Fields and Pavilion (see also Policy NKT11) and playground (FHDC LEAP)	TL634637	Adastral Close	An open expanse of grass which provides a much-needed open space for the residents of neighbouring roads
Princess Way Green	TL631635	Princess Way	This provides an attractive outlook for surrounding houses
Southfields Close Green	TL633636	Southfields close	This provides an attractive outlook for surrounding houses
Bahram Close Green	TL634635	Bahram Close	This provides an attractive outlook and a green cut-through for this estate)
Portland Green	TL631633	Portland Road	This provides an attractive outlook and a green cut-through for this estate
Windsor Road Green	TL635634	Windsor Road	These provide an attractive outlook for this estate and allow pedestrian access to a well-used short-cut
Manderston Road Green	TL634631	Manderston Road	This provides an attractive outlook for this estate)
Manderston Road and Rowley Drive Green and Playground (FHDC LAP)	TL633630	Rowley Drive	Much used and have great recreational value
Green Square at Rowley Court	TL622625	Rowley court	This area provides an attractive setting and outlook for this estate
Churchill Court Open Space	TL638633	Churchill Court	A grassed area with trees which allows many links between adjacent green

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			areas for pedestrians and wildlife
St. Mary's Churchyards (see also Policy NKT3)	TL641634	St Marys	Attractive settings for these listed buildings, both with benches and both adjacent to busy roads; see also Policy NKT2)
St. Mary's Churchyard (railed) (see also Policy NKT3)	TL641634	St Marys	Attractive settings for these listed buildings, both with benches and both adjacent to busy roads; see also Policy NKT2)
St Mary's Square (see also Policy NKT3)	TL641634	St Marys	A grassed and treed area which the remaining part of the historic Fairstead, the site of Newmarket's medieval fairs; see also Policy NKT2
Memorial Hall Gardens and playground (NTC LEAP)	TL641633	Memorial Hall, High Street	A much-loved recreational area, recently refurbished following consultation with local children
Birdcage Walk, extending along the High Street from Hamilton Road up to and including the Cooper Memorial	TL635628	Hamilton Road up to and including the Cooper Memorial	An area of trees and grass which acts an attractive setting for the statue of the Queen and the Cooper Memorial, and forms part of the western gateway to the town
The area in front of Newmarket Town Council Cemetery, extending along the High Street from Dullingham Road to opposite Hamilton Road	TL636628	Dullingham Road to opposite Hamilton Road	An area of trees and grass which creates a tranquil setting for the Cemetery)
Newmarket Town Council Cemetery	TL637628	High Street	This is a peaceful area, frequently visited.
All Saints' Churchyard	TL644632	All Saints Road	Attractive settings for these listed buildings, both with benches and both adjacent to busy roads; see also Policy NKT2)

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Hodgkin's Yard and Hodgkin's Yard Playground (FHDC LEAP)	TL646631	All Saints Road	A grassed area surrounding a playground; this allows pedestrian routes away from the roads and is an attractive setting for a much-loved walnut tree
Green Road Green and Playground (FHDC LAP)	TL645628	Green Road	Much used and have great recreational value
Granby Street Playground (FHDC LEAP)	TL646629	Granary Road	Much used and have great recreational value
Allotments at New Cheveley Road	TL648629	New Cheveley Road	Of great recreational value to residents and allowing food to be grown locally
New Cheveley Road Play round (FHDC LEAP)	TL650629	New Cheverly Road	Much used and have great recreational value
New Cheveley and Cheveley Road corner		New Cheveley Road	A grassed area with several mature trees, a well-used bench and a path which takes pedestrians away from the busy road; it is planted extensively with daffodils)
Greens on either side of Sheathbill Road at junction with Cheveley Road	TL651632	Heathbell Road	These areas provide an attractive setting and outlook
Whitegates Green	TL650631	Whitegate	These areas provide an attractive setting and outlook for this estate
Greenfields Green	TL650632	Greenfield	These areas provide an attractive setting and outlook for this estate
Newmarket Academy Playing field	TL636635	Rowley drive	School playing fields that are not accessible by the public.