

Important Open Spaces and Key Views

1.1 Many of the open spaces within and on the edge of the town are valued highly by local residents for a number of different reasons. This can be due to their recreational use, their historic significance, their wildlife value, or simply because they make such a really strong contribution to the character of the area. Many of these have been designated as Important Open and Wooded Areas in the 2003 Local Plan, and local communities are encouraged to review these and propose the most valued spaces as local green spaces, a status which is recognised in national policy.

May want to consider review of IOWAs and spaces adjoining the town in light of Local Green Space criteria. The Historic Town Study notes the following:

- > Bimport – large plots taken up by Holy Trinity Church, the abbey ruins and the hospital. The periphery of this area has a significantly open character, with open green spaces and parkland and a number of houses set in large grounds.*
- > St James – The grassed and wooded slopes of the spur, together with the mature trees and gardens at the west end of the area provide a significant green element to the character of the area. There are small but significant green spaces in front of the church and at the Roll Millennium Green.*
- > Barton Hill and Cockram’s Field – The recreational areas provide significant green open spaces within this area. The mature trees in the grounds of Barton Hill House also make a contribution to the green character of this area.*
- > Cann – There are extensive open green areas, particularly around the Royal Chase roundabout and the school playing fields. The trees of the Royal Chase Hotel and Butts Knap make a major contribution to the character of this area*
- > Enmore Green – There is a small triangular green in the centre of the village and further public green space and allotments at Enmore Green Gardens. The backdrop of the wooded green slopes of the Greensand plateau to the south, together with the views over the surrounding countryside, impart a semi-rural character*

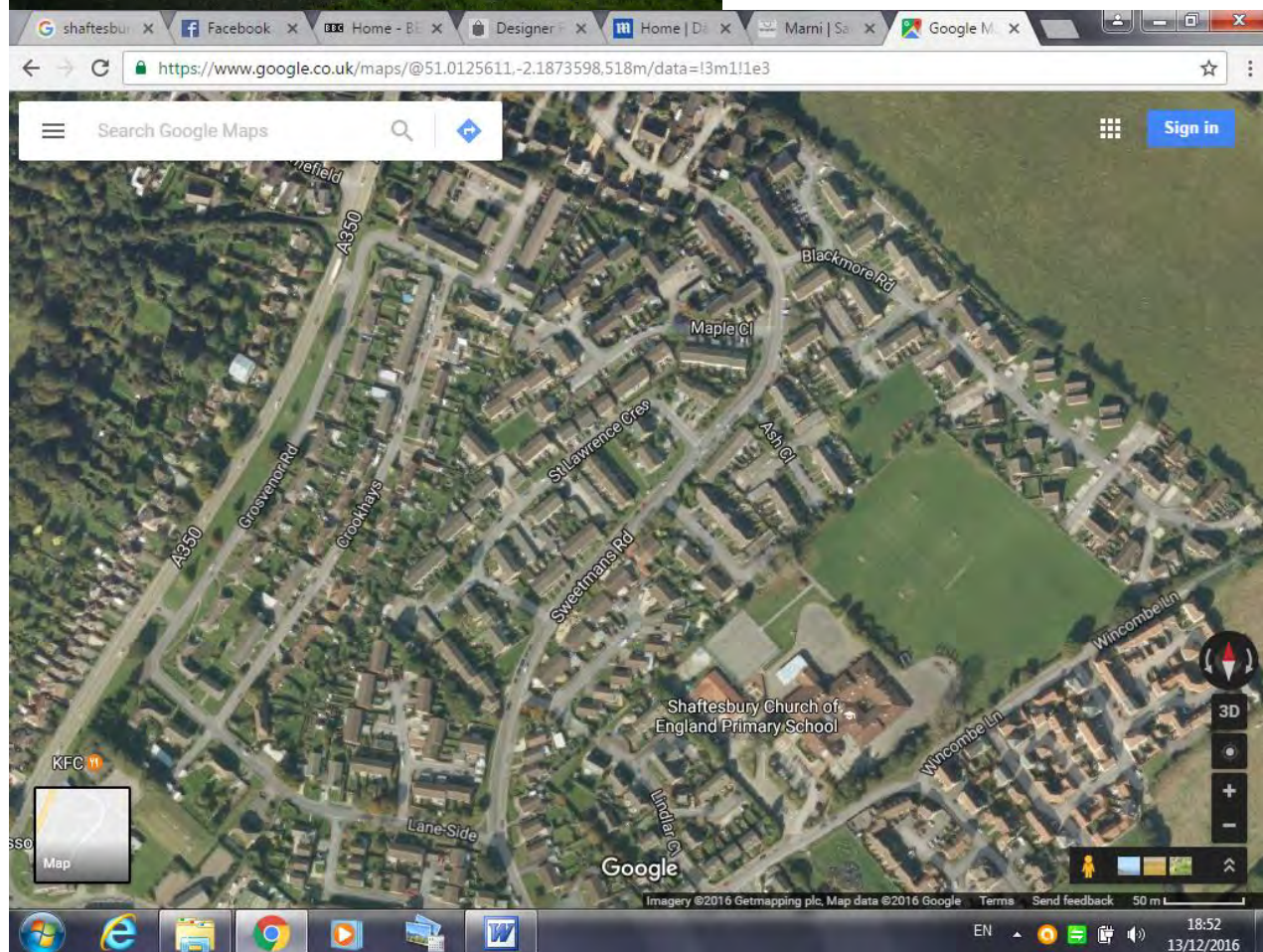
If it is possible to highlight important views on a map and describe these in a table, they can be protected in a similar fashion

Policy 1. Local Green Spaces

The areas described in Table XX [NB this should include name and reason for importance] and shown on Map XX are designated as local green spaces. Development should not undermine their open nature or reason for designation.

Name of Local Green Space	Ash Close play area	
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Shaftesbury SP7 8RA	
Map / Photo reference	???????	
Reason why site selected for assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other Other reason:	
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]	
Current use and general description	A small and only area of public open space to serve the surrounding housing, with just enough spaces for informal ball games and furnished with some play equipment and picnic tables.	
Boundary changes (if proposed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change Reason for change:	
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	Medium	
Historic significance	Low	

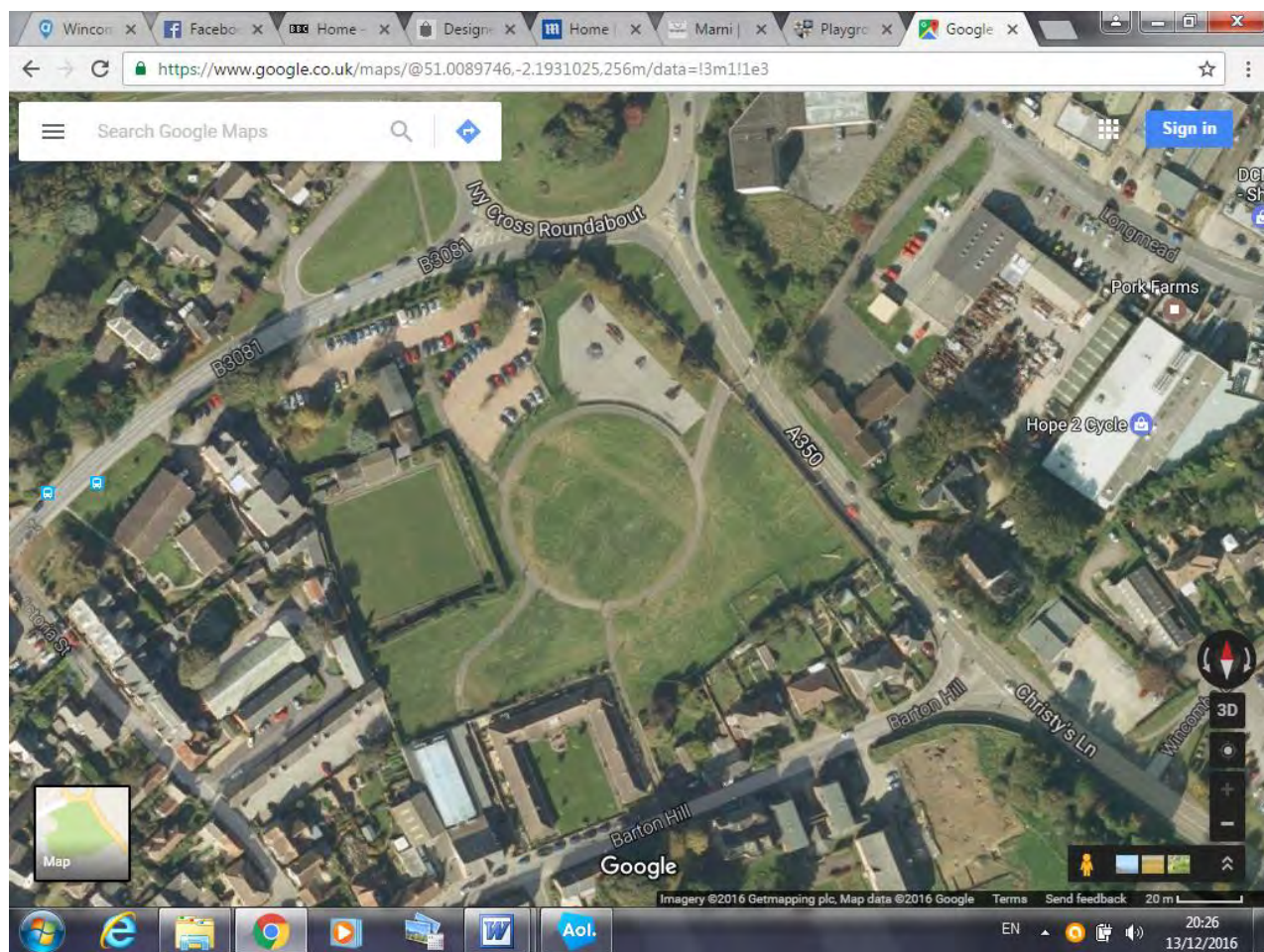
Recreational / amenity value	High	Used extensively by families who live near to the Play Area. Play Equipment for toddlers, 5-14 year olds and five a side football goal.
Wildlife value	unknown	
Any existing development consent?	No	Details:
Landowner details (if known)	<p>Landowner: Shaftesbury Town Council</p> <p>Consultation response:</p>	
Other notes eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,	Two gateways to access, one from a cul de sac the other from a residential parking area.	
Does the site meet LGS criteria?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Main reason: Yes, used extensively by all age group children living in the area, seen as a safe environment for families as overlooked by houses, fenced and gated.</p>	

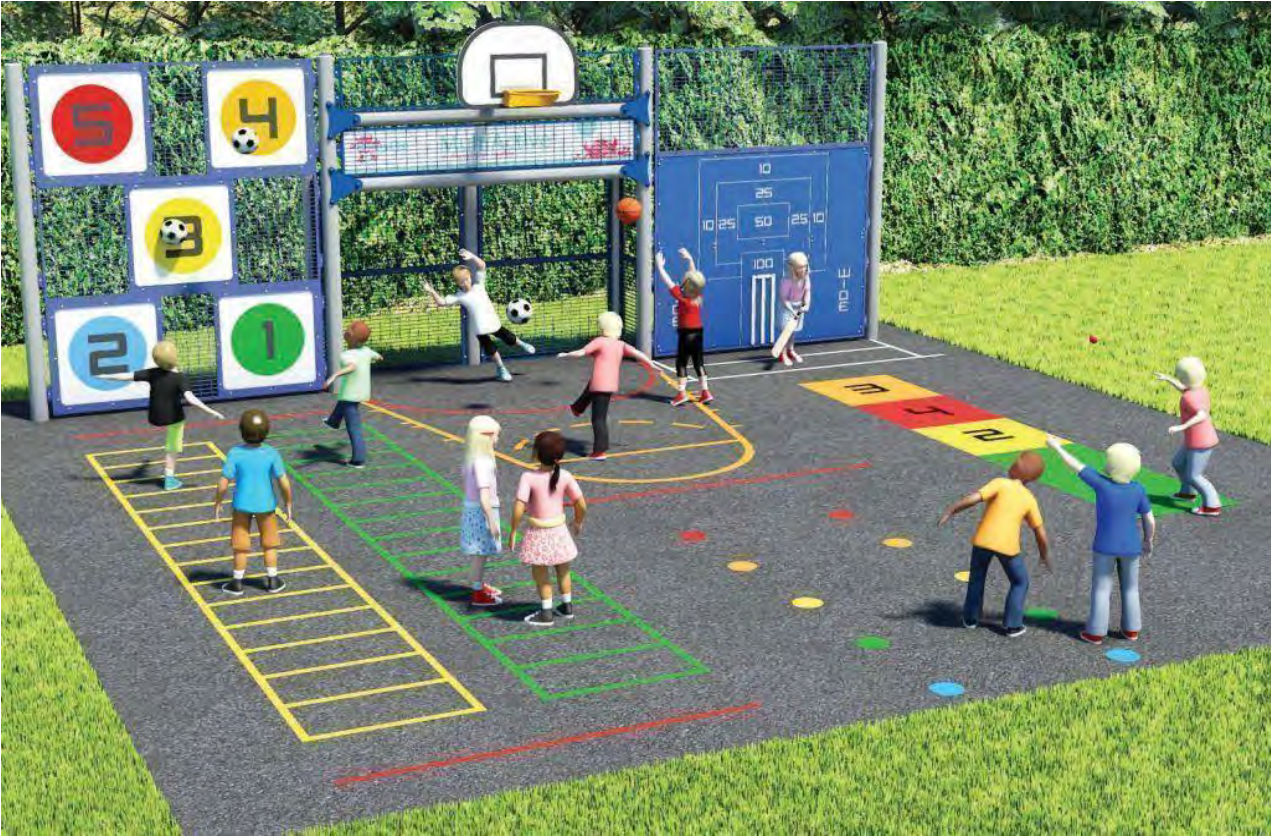


Name of Local Green Space	Barton Hill Recreational Grounds
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Shaftesbury SP7
Map / Photo reference	???????
Reason why site selected for assessment	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other </div>

	Other reason:	
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]	
Current use and general description	A well used town centre park with play equipment, a bowling club and green, skate board area, outdoor gym, Table Tennis, MUGA and outdoor swimming pool open from May through to September every year. Regularly used for visiting fair grounds and community events.	
Boundary changes (if proposed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change Reason for change:	
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	Medium	
Historic significance	Low	
Recreational / amenity value	High	Used extensively by families who live near to the Play Area. Play Equipment for toddlers, 5-14 year olds and five a side football goal.
Wildlife value	unknown	
Any existing development consent?	No	Details:
Landowner details (if known)	Landowner: Shaftesbury Town Council Consultation response:	

<p>Other notes</p> <p>eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,</p>	<p>Two gateways to access, one from a cul de sac the other from a residential parking area.</p>
<p>Does the site meet LGS criteria?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Main reason: Yes, used extensively by all age group children living in the area, seen as a safe environment for families as overlooked by houses, fenced and gated.</p>







Name of Local Green Space	East Green Maltings play area
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Green Acre, Shaftesbury, SP7
Map / Photo reference	???????
Reason why site selected for assessment	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other </div> <p>Other reason:</p>
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]
Current use and general description	A small area of public open space to serve the surrounding housing, with space for informal ball games and furnished with a fenced play area, equipped with swings, slides and springer for Toddlers only.
Boundary changes (if proposed)	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change </div> <p>Reason for change:</p>

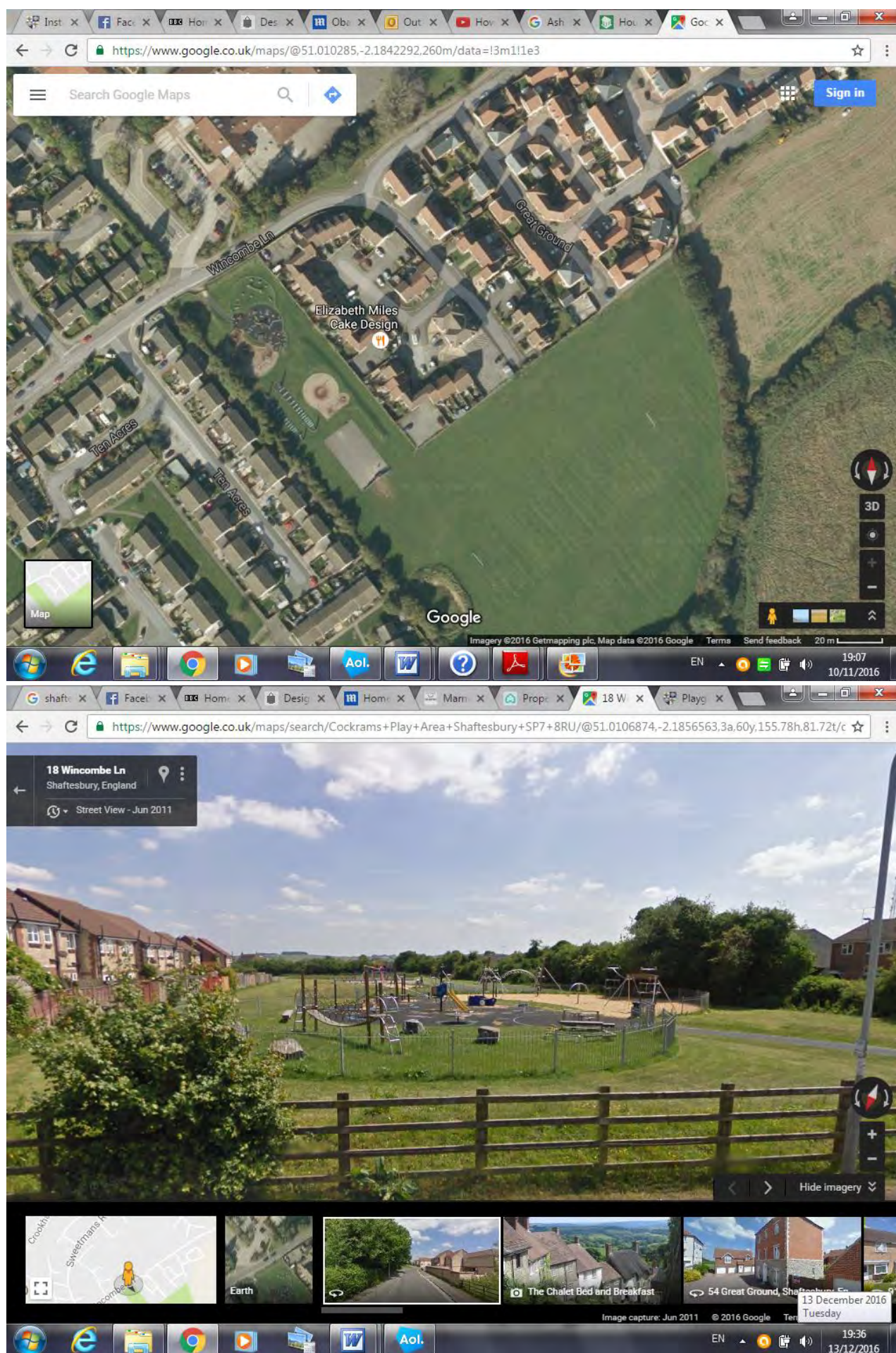
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	Medium	
Historic significance	Low	
Recreational / amenity value	High	Used extensively by families who live near to the Play Area. Play Equipment for toddlers and used by older children for a kick about area.
Wildlife value	unknown	
Any existing development consent?	No	Details:
Landowner details (if known)	Landowner: North Dorset District Council Consultation response:	
Other notes eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,	Located next to Allen Rd, Maltings, but also accessed by pathways in between houses.	
Does the site meet LGS criteria?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Main reason: Yes, used extensively by younger children living in the area, seen as a safe environment for families as overlooked by houses, the toddler play area is fenced and gated.	



Name of Local Green Space	Wincombe Recreational Grounds
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Shaftesbury SP7 8PN
Map / Photo reference	???????
Reason why site selected for assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other Other reason:
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]
Current use and general description	<p>This is the only large open space in the eastern area of the town. It is laid out with all weather footpaths, groups of trees and has a comprehensive range of children's' play equipment. There is also an "outdoor gym" for adults, ball court and space for a 5 a' side football pitch.</p> <p>The site is very well used, particularly by the residents of the surrounding high density housing.</p>
Boundary changes (if proposed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change Reason for change:

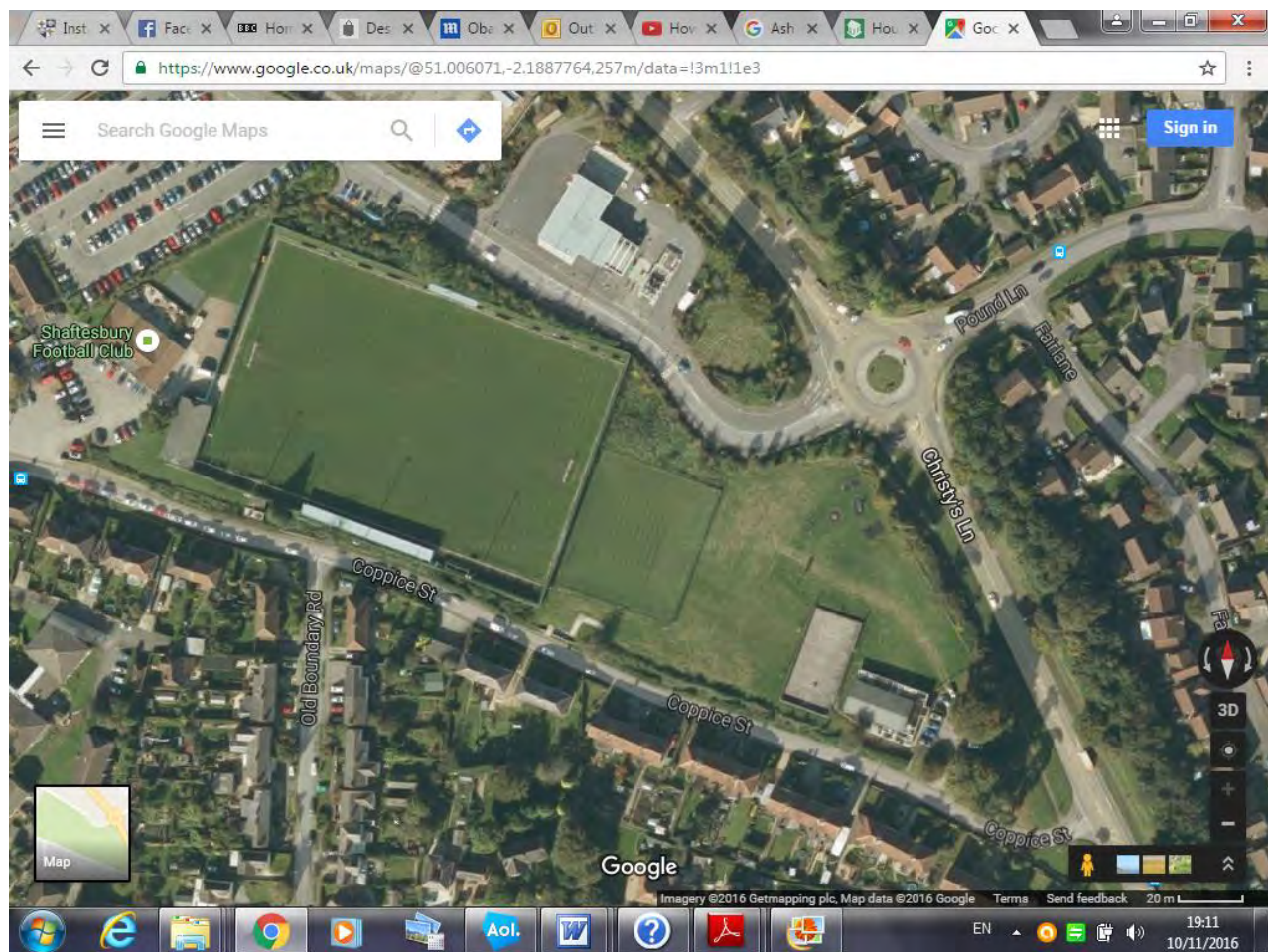
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	Medium	
Historic significance	Low	
Recreational / amenity value	High	Used extensively by families who live near to the Play Area. Play Equipment for toddlers, 5-14 year olds and five a side football goal. And Outdoor Gym
Wildlife value	unknown	
Any existing development consent?	No	Details: Only to add BMX track to the grounds. This is currently at proposal stage.
Landowner details (if known)	Landowner: Shaftesbury Town Council Consultation response:	
Other notes eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,	Directly opposite Shaftesbury Primary School, can also be accessed from the Maltings Shaftesbury by footpath.	
Does the site meet LGS criteria?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Main reason: Yes, used extensively by all age group children living in the area, seen as a safe environment for families as overlooked by houses, fenced and gated in the area for small children. Outdoor Gym is used extensively.	

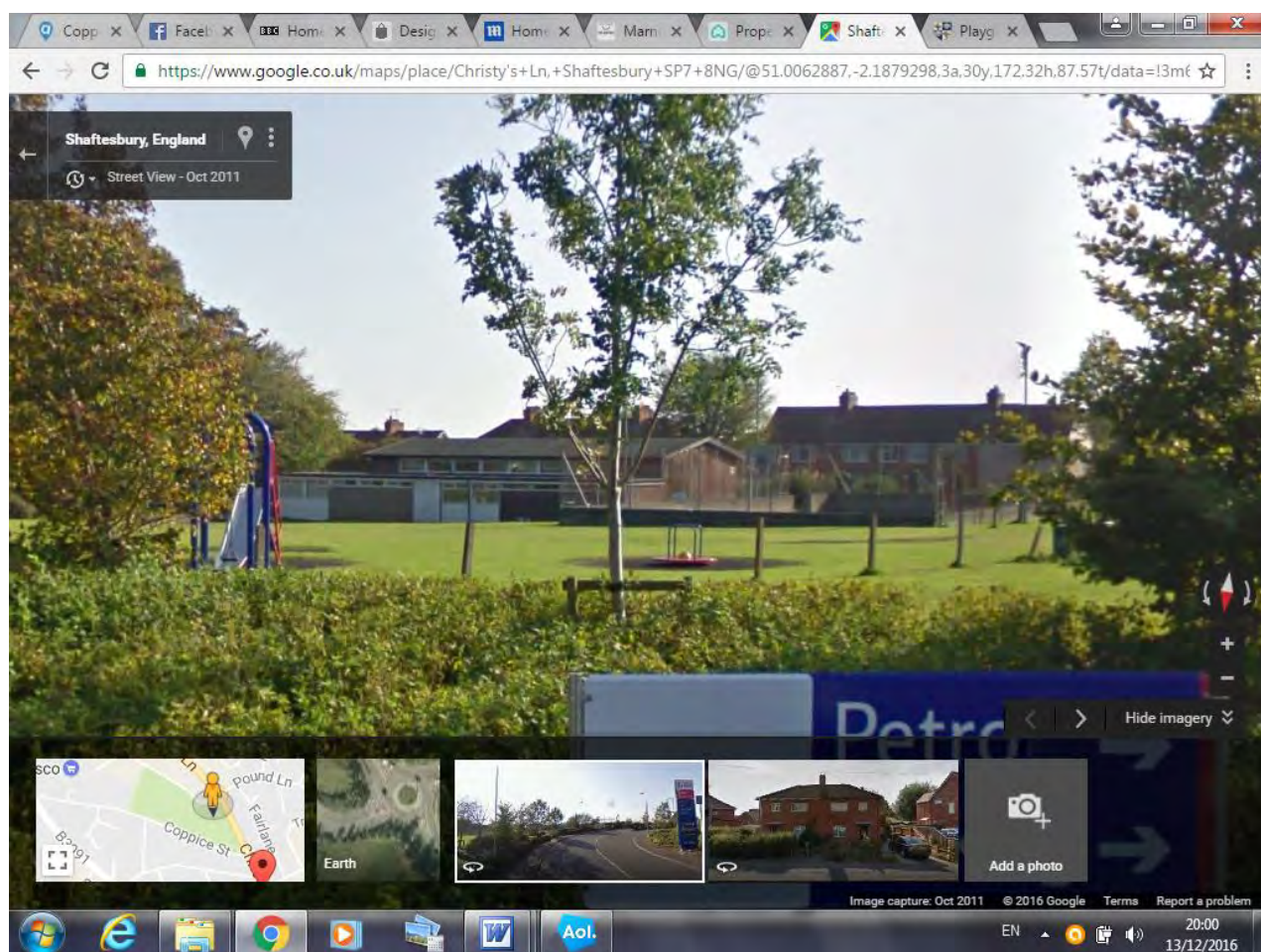
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Name of Local Green Space	Cockrams Play Area and Football Club	
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Shaftesbury SP7 8RA	
Map / Photo reference	???????	
Reason why site selected for assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other Other reason:	
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]	
Current use and general description	Set close to the town centre this strip of green space forms an important link between the town centre and the major housing areas to the east. As well as being the base for the thriving town football club it includes a well equipped play area, a basketball court, a youth club and an important copse of mature trees at the junction with Christy's Lane.	
Boundary changes (if proposed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change Reason for change:	
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	Medium	
Historic significance	Low	
Recreational / amenity value	High	Football Club. Play Area open to the public and another play area within the Youth Club. These are to be retained

Wildlife value	unknown	
Any existing development consent?	Yes	Details: The open space is to be converted into Car Parking and Three Buildings for the new Community Hall for Shaftesbury
Landowner details (if known)	<p>Landowner: Shaftesbury Town Council</p> <p>Consultation response: Came out to be the most popular location for the New Community Hall in Shaftesbury.</p> <p>Football Club and football grounds are to be retained.</p>	
Other notes eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,	<p>Directly opposite Shaftesbury Primary School, can also be accessed from the Maltings Shaftesbury by footpath.</p>	
Does the site meet LGS criteria?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The site has been identified for the development of the new Community Hall for Shaftesbury. The Hall is to consist of 3 interconnecting buildings and surrounded with laid lawn and a public car park.</p>	



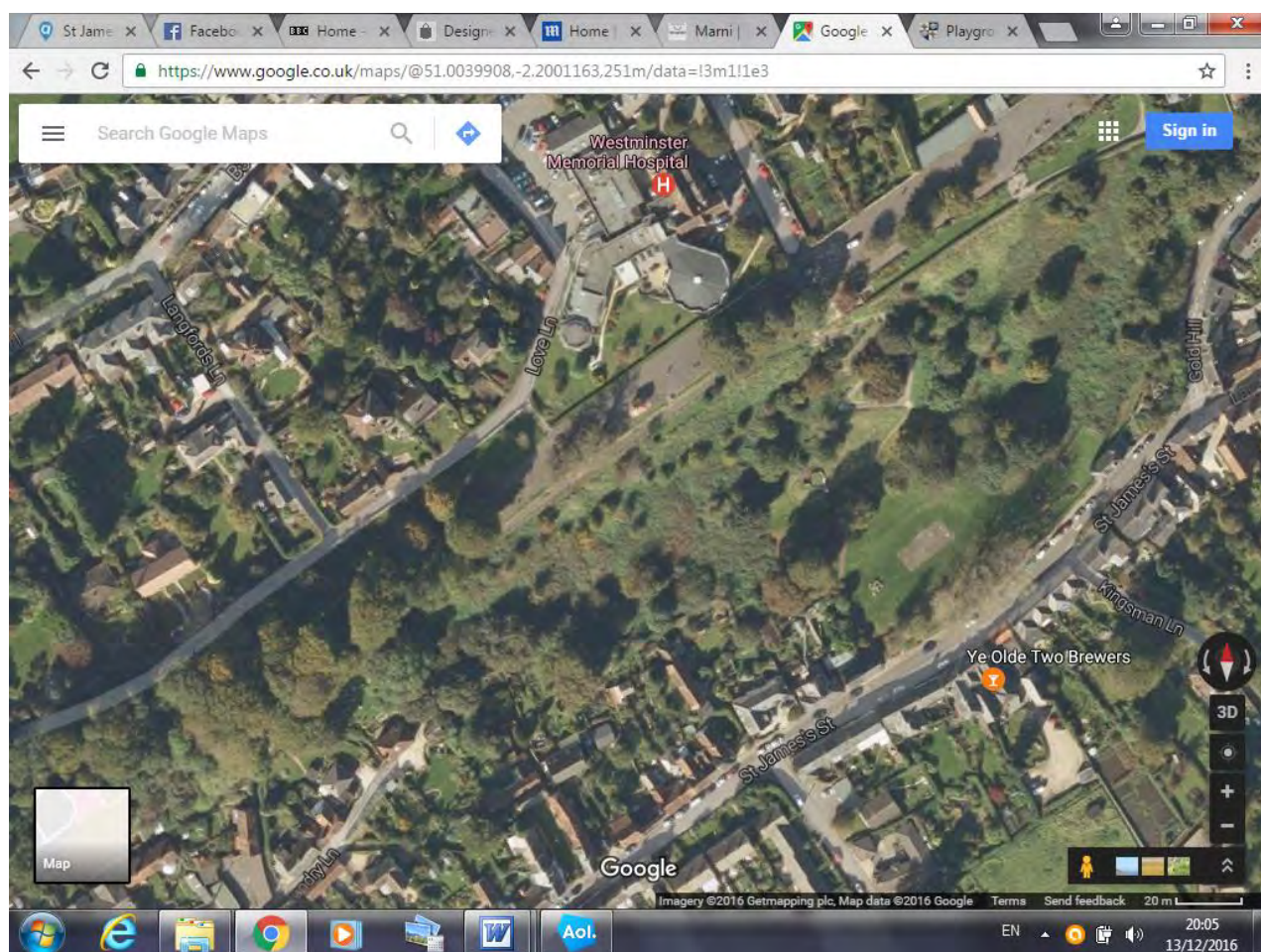


Name of Local Green Space	St James Park and Play Area
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Shaftesbury SP7 8HE
Map / Photo reference	???????
Reason why site selected for assessment	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other </div> <p>Other reason:</p>
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]
Current use and general description	Large area of Open Space starting from Park Walk, going down Jubilee Path to St James Road. Contains a network of paths and large grassed area with two play areas. One for infants with swings, seesaw, sprinter and climbing frame. The other for older children with slide on a hill and swing tyres.

Boundary changes (if proposed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change Reason for change:	
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	High	Views starting from the top are breathtaking.
Historic significance	High	??????
Recreational / amenity value	High	Used extensively by families who live near to the Play Area. Play Equipment for toddlers, 5-14 year olds.
Wildlife value	High	Wildlife and fauna extensive as walking down Jubilee Path. Includes badger runs and many birds plus wild flowers.
Any existing development consent?	No	Details:
Landowner details (if known)	Landowner: Shaftesbury Town Council Consultation response:	
Other notes eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,	Access from Park Walk from the top of the slope and also from St James Street.	
Does the site meet LGS criteria?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Main reason: Yes, used extensively by all age group children living in the area, seen as a safe	

environment for families as overlooked by houses, fenced and gated.





Name of Local Green Space	Castle Hill Close, Enmore Green play area
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Shaftesbury SP7 8LE
Map / Photo reference	???????
Reason why site selected for assessment	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other </div> <p>Other reason:</p>
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]
Current use and general description	A small and only area of public open space to serve the surrounding housing and furnished with some play equipment and a picnic table.
Boundary changes (if proposed)	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change </div>

	Reason for change:	
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	Medium	
Historic significance	Low	
Recreational / amenity value	High	Used extensively by families who live near to the Play Area. Play Equipment for toddlers, 5-14 year olds.
Wildlife value	unknown	
Any existing development consent?	No	Details:
Landowner details (if known)	Landowner: Shaftesbury Town Council Consultation response:	
Other notes eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,	Gateways to access, one from a start of a cul de sac.	
Does the site meet LGS criteria?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Main reason: Yes, used extensively by all age group children living in the area, seen as a safe environment for families as overlooked by houses, fenced and gated.	



Name of Local Green Space	Gower Road play area
Location (and settlement to which it relates)	Shaftesbury SP7 8LE
Map / Photo reference	???????
Reason why site selected for assessment	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> IOWA <input type="checkbox"/> SNCI </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other </div> <p>Other reason:</p>
Size (in hectares)	??????[can be calculated from mapping systems]
Current use and general description	A small area of public open space to serve the surrounding housing and furnished with some play equipment, two small football goals, a area of lawn and a picnic table.
Boundary changes (if proposed)	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Change </div>

	Reason for change:	
Value / Significance	High / Med / Low	Notes / Explanation
Landscape quality / importance (eg in significant public view)	Medium	
Historic significance	Low	
Recreational / amenity value	High	Used extensively by families who live near to the Play Area. Play Equipment for 5-14 year olds and football, kick about area.
Wildlife value	unknown	
Any existing development consent?	No	Details:
Landowner details (if known)	Landowner: Shaftesbury Town Council Consultation response:	
Other notes eg links to footpath network, boundary definition etc,	Gateways to access from the road	
Does the site meet LGS criteria?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Main reason: Yes, used extensively by all age group children living in the area, seen as a safe environment for families as overlooked by houses, fenced and gated.	



Policy 2. Key Views

Key views described in Table XX [NB this should include name and description of view] and shown on Map XX should be respected and their enjoyment not infringed upon.

More Open Spaces to be added and Views

Evidence Base referenced in the Neighbourhood Plan