



# Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan

## ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY



Sites scoring 25/36 or more (70%) are judged to be the most important environmental and community sites and are proposed as Local Green Space. Other inventory sites are proposed for protection or notice under other Policies.

	DESCRIPTION / EVIDENCE	NPPF 2012 Local Green Space (LGS) Criteria (marks out of 4)									Total score/36
		Access	Proxim.	Bounded	Special	Rec/Edu	Beauty (views)	Tranq.	History	Wildlife etc.	
01	<i>Town End Close</i> (surviving pre-Enclosure field name) Improved grazing land, access from footpath D35. Provides views across the valley toward Scraftoft from Coal Baulk and the houses in west end of the village. Well-used and highly valued open space.	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	27
02	Private garden south of Willowghyll. [Previously HDC Important Open Space.] Southern half is Natural England <i>priority habitat</i> : mixed habitats. Southern boundary hedge is additionally a <i>priority habitat</i> : deciduous woodland.	0	4	4	1	0	2	3	0	3	17
03	Private garden. HDC 'Important Open Space'; Natural England <i>priority habitat</i> : mixed habitats. Southern boundary hedge is additionally a <i>priority habitat</i> : deciduous woodland	0	4	4	2	0	2	3	0	3	18
04	<i>Vicarage Close</i> (part) <b>Hungarton Millennium Green, Playground and ball court.</b> Public Open Space (various leases from Quenby Estate) on private land: playpark, seating, grass; includes spinney either side of incised valley of Hungarton Brook. Part of <i>HER site</i> MLE1679: medieval village earthworks although none is visible on the ground here. HDC 'Important Open Space' and <b>OSSR</b> site.	4	4	3	4	4	2	2	1	1	[25] Existing OSSR
05	<i>Home Close / Vicarage Close</i> (part) <b>'The Paddock'</b> . South-facing semi-improved grass field with view to south and providing green open space as context for houses on Barley Leas, Main Street and Church Lane. HDC 'Important Open Space'. Biodiversity significance includes 3 BAP species birds and 1 bat. Visible in part from footpath D41 where it approaches Church Lane. Part of <i>HER site</i> MLE1679: medieval village earthworks (extant, well-preserved earthworks including house platforms	2	4	4	4	2	3	3	3	3	28

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	and hollow ways).										
06	<p><i>Bottom Green / The Green</i></p> <p>Open, semi-improved grass field on south side of incised valley of Hungarton Brook. The northern part, adjacent to the stream, is of geomorphological interest.</p> <p>A highly-valued open space, but with legal access only on the lines of public rights of way D40 and D41. It has a long tradition of recreational use by local people.</p> <p>Very well-preserved ridge &amp; furrow earthworks, in several lands. The site is <i>SHINE</i> designated for its historical landscape features. Hungarton is identified as one of the 43 most important parishes (medieval townships) in the East Midlands for its surviving ridge and furrow, and this is the judged to be best example in the parish (quality, proximity and accessibility).</p> <p>The site provides an important pre-Enclosure historical and landscape context for the Parish church and the village.</p>	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	2	30
07	<p>St John the Baptist parish church (<i>Listed Grade II</i>) <b>churchyard</b> and adjoining <b>Old Rectory garden</b>. Both are HDC 'Important Open Space'.</p> <p>Churchyard is well-maintained, on prominent mound (probably of pre- or early Christian origin) with ironstone retaining walls. Swithland Slate etc. headstones from late 17thC-on. <i>BAP species records</i> for birds, mammals.</p> <p>Rectory (<i>Listed Grade II</i>) garden provides historical and cultural context for the church. War memorial (<i>Listed Grade II</i>) of 1921 is located in SW corner. Garden has similar high biodiversity as churchyard, with which it forms a habitat unit.</p> <p>Important cultural, historical and wildlife site.</p> <p>HDC <b>OSSR</b> site.</p>	4	4	4	4	2	3	3	4	3	31 Existing OSSR
08	<p><b>Hungarton Spinneys</b>. Semi-natural and planted scrubby woodland in steep-sided valleys of two tributaries of Hungarton Brook. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i> site: deciduous woodland and listed in <i>National Inventory of Woodland and Trees</i>.</p> <p>Five BAP species (birds)</p> <p>Crossed by bridleway D39 and viewable from footpath D40, but there is no full formal access to the site.</p>	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	1	3	28
09	<p><i>Dovecote Close</i></p> <p>'<b>Church Farm paddock</b>'. Semi-improved grazing field on</p>	1	4	4	2	0	2	2	1	1	17

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	steep south-facing hillside with views over Spinneys (08) to open country.										
10	Small paddock or croft opposite old post office. One of a number of important open spaces within the village (part of the 18 <sup>th</sup> century planned layout) and highly valued as a characteristic feature of Hungarton's built environment; in particular provides spatial context for Listed buildings on south side and cottages to the west. Well at north end. No formal access, but visible from public spaces.	2	4	4	4	2	3	3	3	1	26
11	<i>Gilbert's Close</i> 'Paddock behind Swedish houses'. Improved (but not intensively maintained) grazing field with views eastward out of the village. Earthworks, unknown origin.  Crossed by footpath D37. Start of footpath out of village, well-used by dogwalkers and other local people and valued as open space and for views..	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	28
12	<b>New Covert.</b> Wood with standards and understorey, presumed planted 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i> site: deciduous woodland.	0	0	4	0	0	1	3	1	2	11
13	<b>Prince of Wales Covert.</b> Mixed plantation with rides. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i> site: deciduous woodland, with NE quarter and eastern margin listed in <i>National Inventory of Woodland and Trees</i> .	0	0	4	0	0	1	3	1	2	11
13.1	<i>Nether Rough Close</i> Small grass field on parish boundary and adjacent to natural course of Queniborough Brook. Ridge & furrow.	1	0	4	0	0	3	3	2	1	14
14	Ridge & furrow field, part of Baggrave Park; visible from public road and part of a popular local rural landscape.  Part of <i>Registered Parks &amp; Gardens</i> listed site, also part of Natural England <i>Woodpasture and Parkland BAP Priority Habitat</i> site.	1	0	4	2	0	3	3	2	1	16
15	Ridge & furrow field	0	0	4	0	0	2	3	1	1	11
16	Ridge & furrow field, part of Baggrave Park; visible from public road and part of a popular local rural landscape  Part of <i>Registered Parks &amp; Gardens</i> listed site, also part of Natural England <i>Woodpasture and Parkland BAP Priority Habitat</i> site.	2	2	4	3	1	3	3	3	3	24
17	Central area of Baggrave Park surrounding ( <i>Listed Grade II</i> )	2	2	4	3	1	3	3	3	3	24

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	<p>Baggrave Hall. Visible from public road and part of a popular local rural landscape.</p> <p>Part of <i>Registered Parks &amp; Gardens</i> listed site, also part of Natural England <i>Woodpasture and Parkland BAP Priority Habitat</i> site.</p> <p>Ornamental grounds to north of house, with shrubberies and lawns etc. running down to Queniborough Brook, accessible via footpath D36.</p> <p>Open lawn/grazing to south, with well-preserved ridge &amp; furrow earthworks surrounding the site of Baggrave medieval village (<i>Scheduled Monument</i>, designated to protect the village earthworks and the adjacent parts of its ridge &amp; furrow field system). The site also includes two areas of ornamental trees, each with a small pond (Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i>: deciduous woodland).</p>										
18	<p>Streamside, valley bottom woodland, part of the extended landscaping of Baggrave Hall but not within the protected area. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i>: deciduous woodland, and (in part) listed in <i>National Inventory of Woodland and Trees</i>.</p> <p>Likely to be of high biodiversity value (woodland, open and streamside habitats).</p>	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	3	13
19	<p>Watson's Spinney. Small covert woodland. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i>: deciduous woodland.</p>	0	0	4	0	0	1	3	1	1	10
20	<p>Grass field. Part of Baggrave Park. Visible from public road and part of a popular local rural landscape.</p> <p>Part of <i>Registered Parks &amp; Gardens</i> listed site, also part of Natural England <i>Woodpasture and Parkland BAP Priority Habitat</i> site.</p>	2	2	4	3	1	3	3	3	3	24
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	Natural England <i>Woodpasture and Parkland BAP Priority Habitat</i> site.										
24	Small covert woodland or ornamental spinney. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i> : deciduous woodland.	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	9
25/26	Grass fields on steep north-facing side of Queniborough Brook valley with the brook and Parish boundary forming its northern edge. Ridge & furrow.  Two parcels, divided only by small tributary stream arising from spring at south boundary, features of geomorphological significance.  Accessible from bridleway D39, part of the 'Midshires Way' long-distance path.	2	0	4	1	1	3	3	1	2	17
27	Grass field, ridge & furrow.	1	0	4	1	0	3	3	3	1	16
28	Grass field on side of Queniborough Brook valley. Ridge & furrow.	1	0	4	1	0	3	3	3	1	16
29	Wet hillside hollows and small valley in area of good quality semi-improved grassland. Natural springs at head of the valley; the water flows into Queniborough Brook. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i> : lowland fens, a rare habitat type (probably of District-level importance) in Leicestershire. The grass field is a <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LWS).	1	0	3	2	2	3	3	1	4	19
30	Small covert woodland or ornamental spinney on the south bank of Queniborough Brook. Natural England <i>Priority Habitat</i> : deciduous woodland.  Visible from bridleway D38	2	0	4	1	1	3	3	1	3	18
36	[part] Farm pond on field boundary. <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LGS)										
42	<i>Sauce Moor Sick (or Sike)</i> and field to south  'Sike' is a medieval term for a permanently uncultivated strip of land, usually aligned on a ditch and/or track.  Well-preserved ridge and furrow in at least 9 lands and gores, with clear linear earthwork on the north boundary of the modern field (aligned on bridleway D39, which is evidently on the line of a medieval or older track.	3	2	4	1	1	3	2	3	1	21
97	<i>Chamberlain's Wong, Carter's Leys and Half Croft</i>	1	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	16
98	<i>Coal Bauk</i>	1	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	16
99	<i>Abel Meer Close / Dove Cote</i>	1	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	16

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100	<i>Barley Leas Close</i>	1	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	16
101	Village Farm ornamental lake HDC OSSR site (semi-natural greenspace)	0	2	2	1	1	2	3	0	2	13
102	[part] Farm pond. <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LWS)	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	6
103	[part] Farm pond surviving in middle of arable field. <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LWS)	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	6
104	[part] Farm pond surviving on hedged boundary of arable field. <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LWS)	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	6
105	Reedpool Spinney (part). Wet woodland and small field with tributary stream forming southern boundary. <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LWS)	0	1	4	1	0	1	2	0	4	13
106	Three species-rich grass fields, now amalgamated, on hillside between disused railway and tributary stream. Surviving fragments of larger fields isolated by construction of the railway and effectively unaltered since. Ridge and furrow with headland adjoining never-ploughed floodplain with traces of previous courses of the watercourse. <i>Local Wildlife Site</i> (LWS)	0	1	4	1	2	2	3	3	4	20