

Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations



Open Space Designation Review

January 2017



What is the Preferred Options Open Space Designation Paper?

This paper on **open space designations, wildlife, and geological sites** forms part of the Council's Preferred Options consultation on the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2).

The Council is seeking your views on open space designations proposed within the parts of the Borough that lie outside the Lake District National Park. We welcome comments on the suitability of sites identified for designation, as well as any observations on those sites where designation has been judged unnecessary or inappropriate.

Associated documents to view as part of the Council's Preferred Options consultation are:

- The Preferred Options document
- Preferred Options Book of Maps
- Discarded Sites document (by locality)
- Settlement Boundary Review document

The Council is currently working on the Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) or Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) in which sufficient areas of land within the Borough outside the National Park will be identified or allocated for specific types of development and land uses such as housing, employment, and retail for the period up to 2029. Other sites will be safeguarded from development for purposes such as open space. This document follows on from the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) (*ALP Part 1*) adopted in July 2014 which sets out the Council's strategic and planning policies for the use and development of land outside the Lake District National Park.

The process of preparing the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) has now reached the Preferred Options consultation stage, following on from the Issues and Options consultations, which took place in July 2014 and January 2015.

In reaching this stage the Council has identified the sites that they consider to be the most suitable sites to allocate for development purposes, or designate for alternative uses. These preferred sites are identified in the Preferred Options consultation document. Sites that the Council has discarded during the site assessment and selection process are identified in the discarded sites documents prepared for each locality within the district. Revisions to the settlement boundaries of the towns and villages are

addressed in the Settlement Boundary review paper.

- This document relates specifically to open space which identifies all the open space sites that have been considered and discounted and the assessment methodology used.

What Happens Next?

The representations received in response to this discussion paper and the other consultation documents will help the Council select the final preferred sites and options, and will be the subject to a further consultation later in 2017 with the publication of a pre-submission draft; this will be the final draft version of the Local Plan (Part 2) that the Council intends to submit to the Government. This will be the final opportunity for comments on the draft Local Plan (Part 2) prior to its Public Examination by an independent Inspector.

The Council welcomes your comments on the open space designations in this paper.

Where to view the documents

You can view the Site Allocations DPD Preferred Options Open Space designation Paper and associated documents online:

www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations

Hard copies of the documents can be viewed at Council offices and Libraries during their usual opening hours:

- Allerdale House, New Bridge Street, **Workington**
- Town Hall, Senhouse Street, **Maryport**
- Customer Service Centre, Market Hall, Church Street, **Wigton**
- Customer Service Centre, Fairfield Car Park, **Cockermouth**
- Aspatria Library, The Brandshaw, **Aspatria**
- Cockermouth Library, Main Street, **Cockermouth**
- Maryport Library, Lawson Street, **Maryport**

- Silloth Library, The Discovery Centre, **Silloth**
- Wigton Library, High Street, **Wigton**
- Workington Library, Vulcans Lane, **Workington**

Consultation Events

We are running a series of drop in sessions during Spring 2017 at various locations around Allerdale. During these sessions staff will be available at the following locations to discuss the Preferred Options Consultation and sites identified, explain the Site Allocations process, and answer any questions you may have.

- Aspatria Locality: Aspatria Library . Wednesday 15 February 2017 2pm . 5pm
- Maryport Locality: Maryport Library . Thursday 02 March 2017 1pm . 5pm
- Cockermouth Locality: Cockermouth Town Hall . Thursday 09 February 2017 2pm . 7pm
- Silloth Locality: Silloth Library . Monday 06 February 2017 2.15pm . 5pm
- Wigton Locality: Wigton Local Links Centre . Friday 24 February 2017 2pm . 7pm
- Workington Locality: The Carnegie . Tuesday 28 February 2017 9am . 1pm
- Council Chamber, Allerdale House . Wednesday 08 March 2017 3pm . 7pm

How to Comment

The best way to submit your comments is electronically, using the prepared comments form. The form can be downloaded from our website: www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations and emailed back to: siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk

Alternatively, hard copies of the form can be obtained by either calling **01900 878703** or collected from one of the Council offices or libraries listed below. Hard copies of the comments form should be returned to the postal address below.

If you do not wish to use the form you can still submit your comments to the Council in writing or by email: siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk

Request a hard copy of the form from:

**Planning Policy
Allerdale Borough Council
Allerdale House
Workington
Cumbria
CA14 3YJ**

Or by telephoning **01900 878703**

Comments forms should be returned by post to the above address or handed in at the Council's offices at Allerdale House, Workington. Office opening hours are 8:45am - 5:00pm Monday to Thursday and 8:45am - 4:30 pm on Fridays.

Although it is preferable if comments are submitted on the comments form, emails or letters to the addresses listed above are also welcome.

If you would like more information on the consultation, help making a comment or you would like this document in an alternative format, please contact the Planning Policy team by email at: siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk or by telephoning **01900 878703**

All comments regarding the Preferred Options Open Space Designation Paper must be received by Friday 27th March 2017 no later than 4 pm.

Submitting Additional Sites for consideration

A large number of sites were put forward for various development purposes in response to our 2013 ~~Call for Sites~~ and following our Issues and Options consultation in 2014. The Preferred Options Consultation is a further opportunity for the submission of sites for consideration for allocation or protection.

However, should you wish to submit new sites for housing or employment purposes, you would need to outline how the site proposed is preferable to the sites identified in the Council's ~~Preferred Options~~ document. Sites for such purposes need to be

available, viable and deliverable.

For each site being put forward a Submission Form should be completed and must be accompanied by a map showing a clear site boundary. Download the form from our website: www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations, or request a hard copy from the Planning Policy Team. When considering submitting a new site consideration should be given to the strategy and policies within the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1), in addition to the Site Assessment Methodology. For further advice please contact the Planning Policy Team.

Introduction

In addition to identifying specific sites for housing and employment growth set out in the spatial strategy, the Site Allocations DPD involves an examination of open space and a review of associated designations saved from the Allerdale Local Plan 1999 (ALP 1999). These have to some extent been superseded by policies within the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1).

Only a small number of sites were put forward as open space in the call for sites undertaken in 2013, although subsequent consultation with the Parish/Town Councils in 2015 generated additional sites for consideration. These sites, along with those identified on the ALP 1999 proposals maps as REN1 within the local service centre and rural village tier of the settlement hierarchy have been reviewed.

REN1 Allerdale Local Plan 1999

Saved Policy REN1 in the ALP 1999 relates to undeveloped land within the village development limits defined on the proposal maps. Encompassing recreational open space and informal open space, this policy also includes private open space not accessible to the public. The policy recognises the visual impact of such open spaces and their contribution to village character.

The particular importance of certain sites to the character and amenity of villages was acknowledged, where development or change would only be considered in the most exceptional of circumstances. These sites were identified on the proposals maps and were designated for a number of reasons. Many are village greens protected as features essential to the character and amenity of the relevant village, some are play areas or sports pitches which are valued amenities and may also have some visual importance, whilst others are underdeveloped sites or areas without formal public access which are judged visually important.

Visual importance took into account the following considerations:

- *setting for listed or important historical buildings, archaeological monuments or other important features;*
- *providing an important visual element in the village scene, especially in Conservation Areas*
- *framing an important visual element in the village scene, especially in Conservation Areas*
- *framing or allowing an important view to exist*

- *Providing a buffer between conflicting uses*
- *Providing well defined visual relief in an otherwise built up frontage.*

Proposals materially and adversely affecting the visual function of a given site would be refused permission, although development might be appropriate on sites identified purely for their importance as a local facility subject to satisfactory compensatory provision. The text did emphasize that the identification of a site within a village does not necessarily mean that other unidentified sites in the same village would not be worthy of protection.

Policies in the ALP (Part 1) address many of the considerations encompassed by Policy REN1. The importance of Sports and recreation/ play areas is recognised in the strategic objectives of the development plan and principles of sustainable development set out in policy S2. More specifically Policy S25 seeks to safeguard existing areas of open space and land and buildings used for sports and recreational activities. Policy S27 sets out a framework for decisions that affect heritage assets and their settings, providing a presumption in favour of conserving heritage assets of listed buildings and conservation areas. The consideration of open/greenspace throughout the district and the issue of visual amenity is also embedded within the plan. The quality of the environment and amenity are referenced in the strategic objectives for the district and the sustainable development principles set out in Policy S2, and the design principles and development principles set out in Policies S4 and S5 reinforce the requirement for new development to respond positively to the character history and distinctiveness of its location and enhance protect and integrate effectively with the historic and natural environment, safeguarding environmental quality. The amenity value of sites is a consideration, and the contribution that it makes to the character of the settlement in its undeveloped state. Furthermore, in infill and rounding off villages, development must protect maintain or enhance local distinctiveness, character and landscape and historic setting of the settlement, and must not result in the loss of important historic green infrastructure or natural features which provide valuable local amenity.

Nevertheless, the Council is proposing to carry forward an amenity greenspace designation on those sites judged to make the most significant contribution to village character and appearance of the area or play an important community role, as set out in proposed Policy SA10 of the Preferred Options document. It is also the intention to identify Village Greens on the proposals maps in view of their function as important community space.

National Planning Policy Framework

The NPPF sets out how local communities can identify green areas of particular importance to them for protection by designating land as Local Green Space. This designation is not appropriate for most green areas or open spaces; they must be unique in the benefits they provide to local communities.

The NPPF sets out the criteria for identifying Local Green Space sites:

- The green space should be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- The green area should be 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;
- The green area should be local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

Methodology

Those sites identified on the proposals maps as REN1 within the local service centre and rural village tier of the settlement hierarchy have been reviewed, alongside those sites suggested by Parish Councils. A small number of sites were also suggested for consideration by Development Management Officers.

All of the sites have been visited, and a site visit proforma completed, designed to record essential site characteristics, appearance, accessibility, visibility as well as any other observations (appendix 1).

Although most of the sites have not been put forward specifically as Local Green Space by local communities (many being taken forward for review from the ALP 1999), they have also been considered against the NPPF and National Planning Guidance criteria for Local Green Space.

The proposed amenity green space designation is intended to apply to those sites judged to make a most significant contribution to

village character and appearance or play an important community role; it is not intended to apply to open space in Workington or the key service centres of Maryport, Cockermouth, Wigton, Aspatria or Silloth.

Sites that lie outside settlements in the settlement hierarchy set out in Policy S3 of the ALP (part 1), or wholly in open countryside have also been excluded from further consideration for designation.

Whilst acknowledging that very small areas of amenity greenspace on housing estates make an important contribution to the character and appearance of an area, these generally have been discounted from designation, with protection conferred through amenity policies within the ALP (part 1). Recreation facilities which are largely protected by Policy S25, but do not otherwise make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the immediate locality have also been discounted.

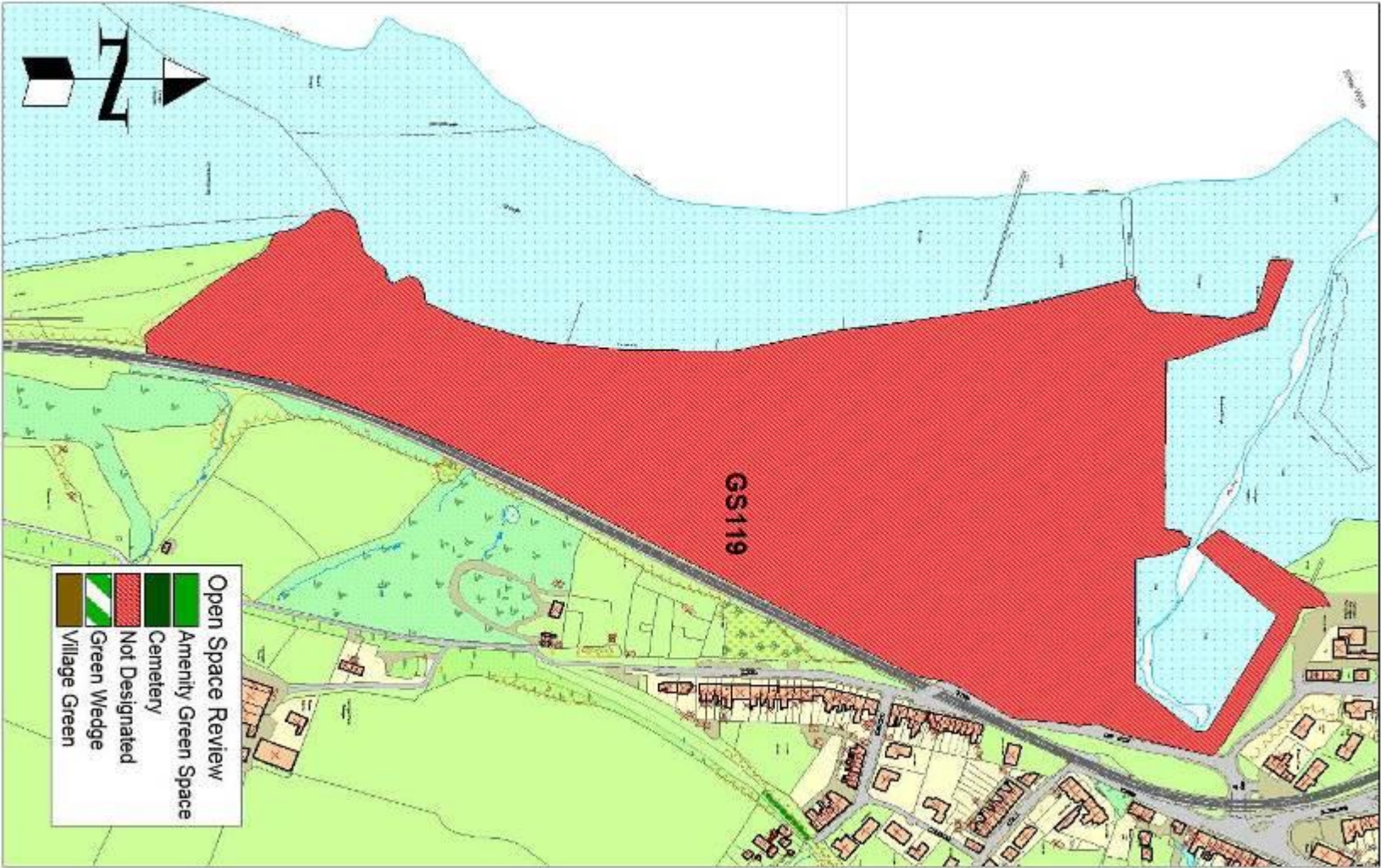
Many of the saved REN1 sites are already identified as Village Greens, and therefore require no further designation. It is the intention that Village Greens will be shown on the proposals maps which form part of the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2).

Three sites have been put forward to be reserved for future cemetery/burial site provision. These will also be identified on the proposals maps.

It is important to reaffirm that the fact that an open space is not on the proposals map does not mean that it is not important; it is just that the most significant sites have been identified.

The sites considered as part of this review are listed below with the accompanying map:

Workington



GS119	Land at Harrington harbour	Large coastal strip adjacent harbour used for informal recreation. Unsuitable for designation, although removed entirely from settlement limit for Workington.	Not designate
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Workington 2



GS122	Land at Salterbeck Cemetery	Open space adjacent cemetery reserved for future use	Cemetery provision
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Workington 3 (Seaton)



GS123	Seaton Village Green		Village Green
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Maryport



GS125	Ellenborough Village Green		Village Green
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Cockermouth



GS124	Limetree Crescent Village Green		Village Green
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Local Service Centres

Abbeytown

Allonby

Brigham

Broughton (Great Broughton & Little Broughton)

Broughton Moor

Dearham

Flimby

Great Clifton

Kirkbride

Prospect

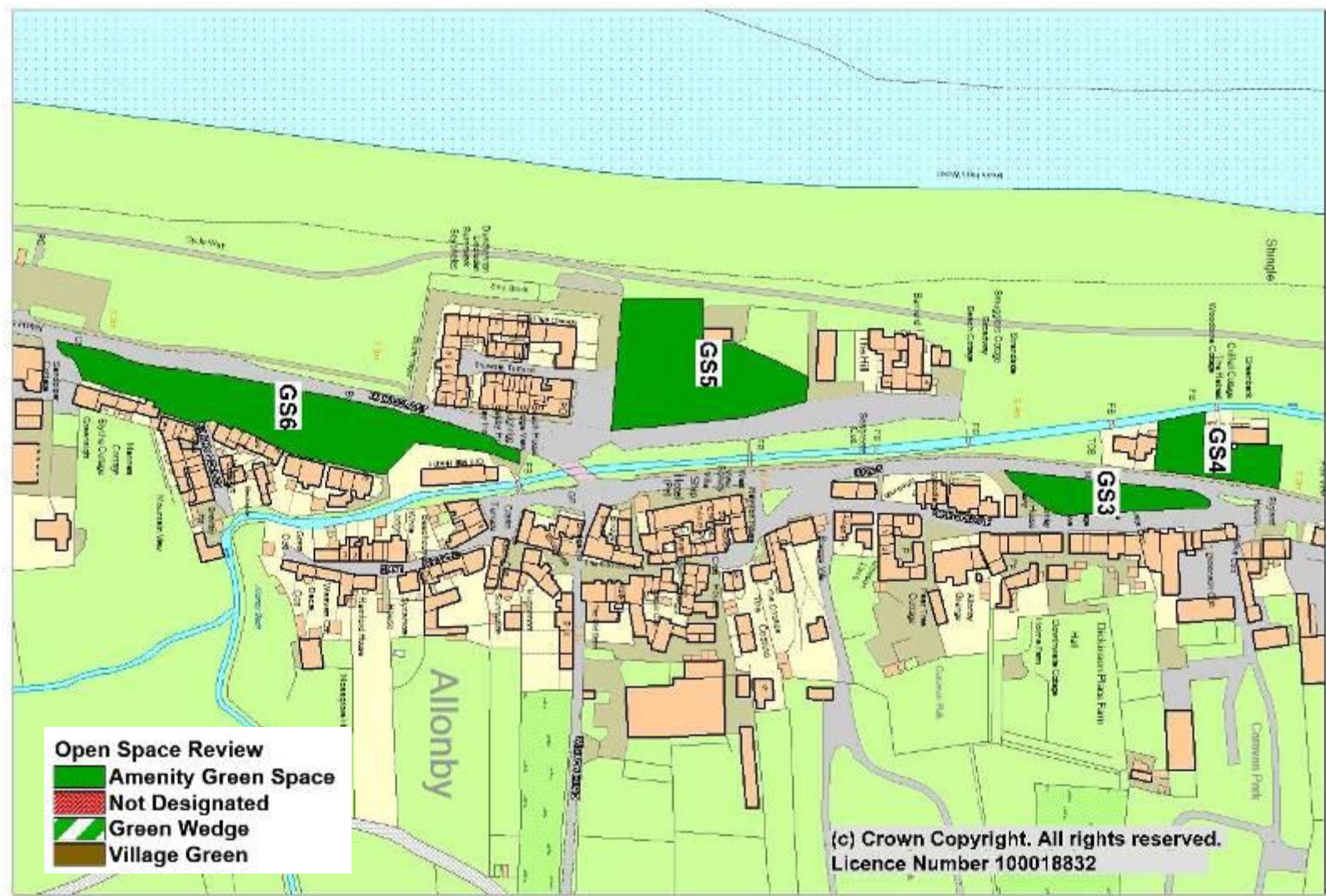
Thursby

Abbeytown



GS1	Land off Abbey Road (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Planning permission granted, not publically accessible or prominent from public vantage points	Not Designate
GS2	Abbeytown, Friars Garth (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Open space contributes to layout of estate and informal recreation	Amenity Green Space

Allonby



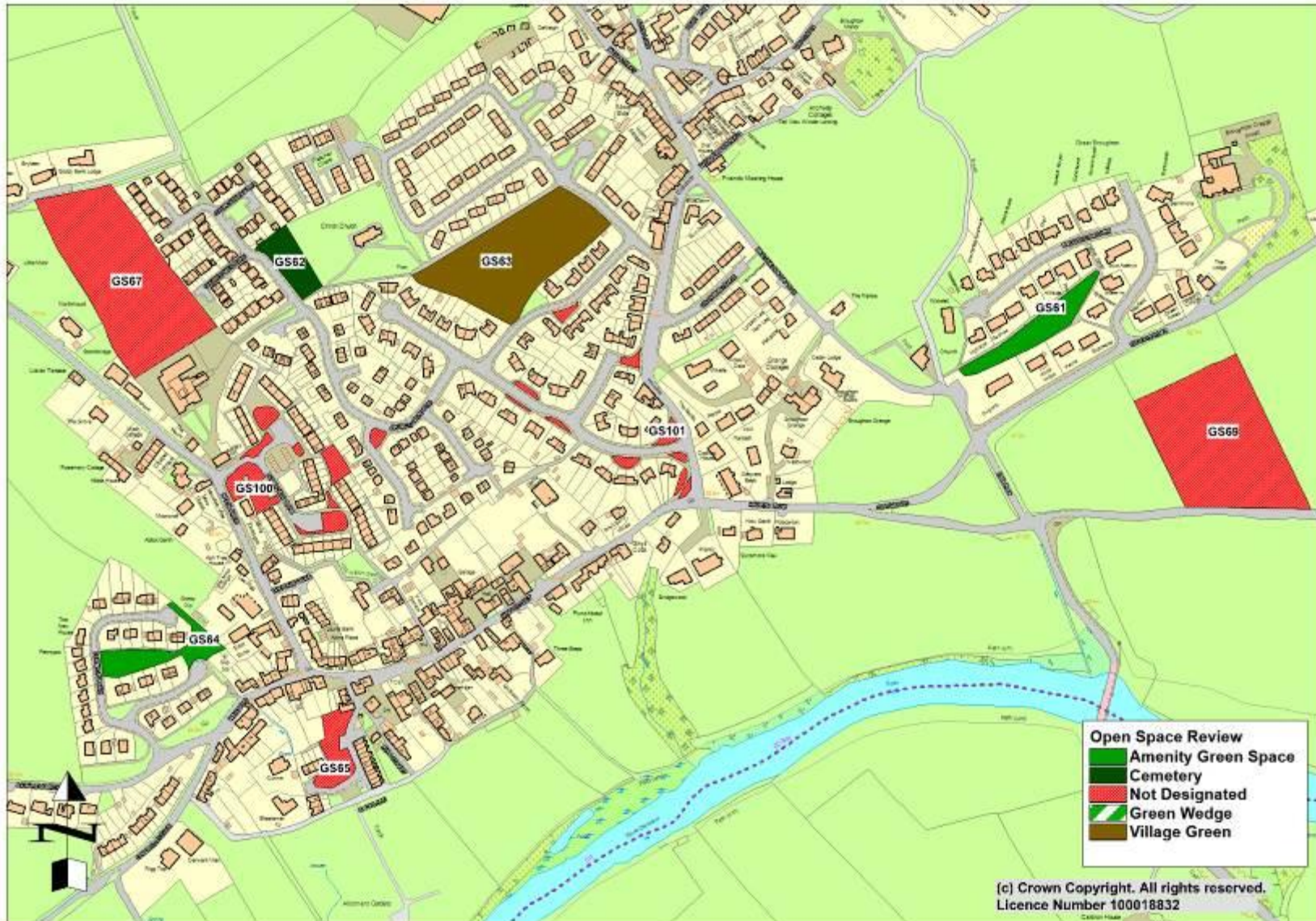
GS3	The Square (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important contribution to character of the village	Amenity Green Space
GS4	The Retreat (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important to the character and appearance of the village	Amenity Green Space
GS5	Allonby Play area (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Play area protected through policy S25, but space important to form and character of Allonby	Amenity Green Space
GS6	Brewery Street (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important contribution to character of the village	Amenity Green Space

Brigham



GS102	Brigham Village Green	Important contribution to character of the village	Village Green
GS103	Land adj village green	Important to the character and appearance of the village	Amenity Green Space

Broughton (Great Broughton and Little Broughton)



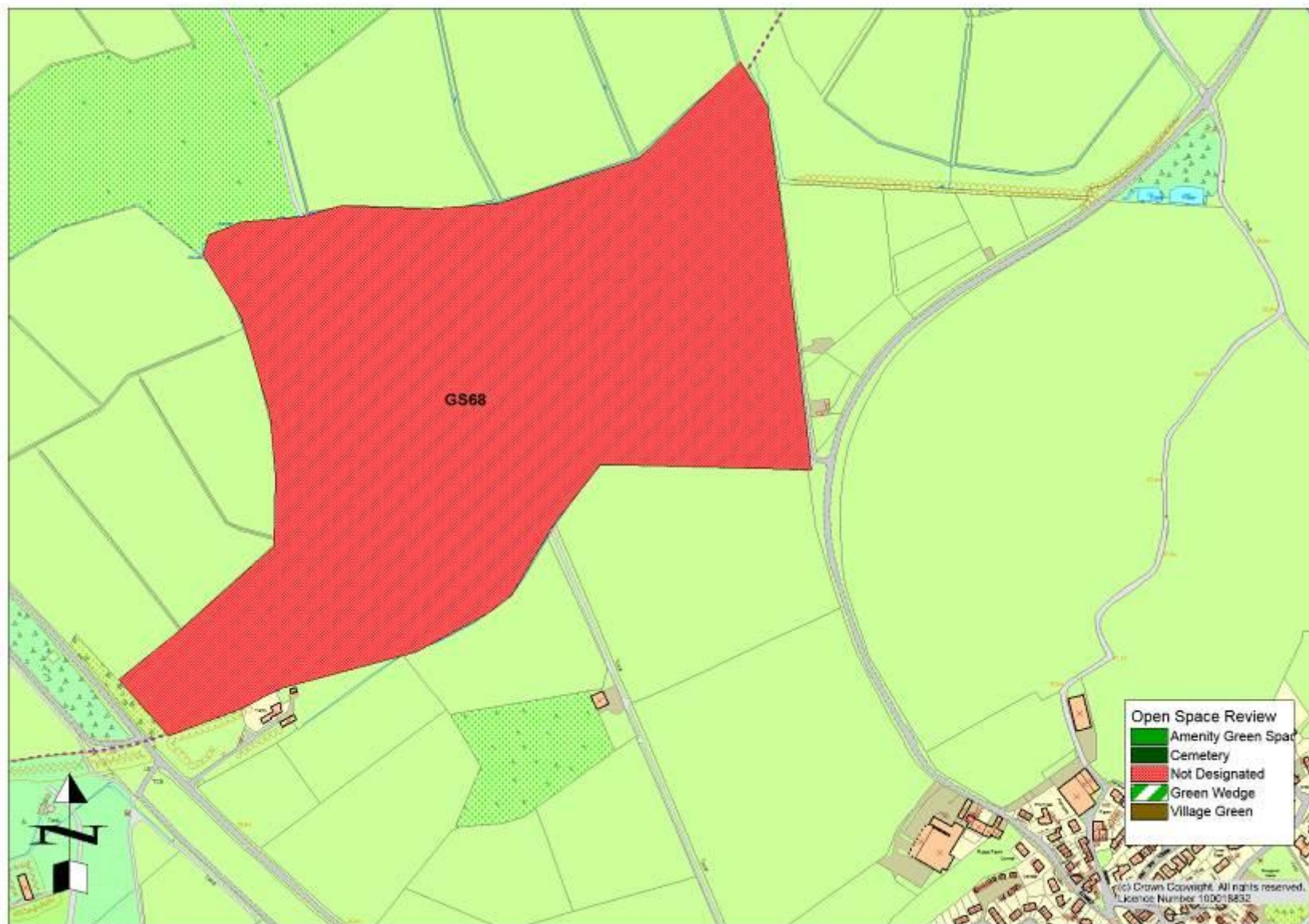
GS61	Broughton Park	Significant contribution to character of immediate locality	Amenity Green Space
GS62	Church Meadows	Retained for cemetery, also open space	Cemetery provision
GS63	Welfare Playing field (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green and adjoining play area.	Village Green
GS64	Derwent Park	Significant contribution to character of immediate locality	Amenity Green Space
GS65	The Nook	large area, protected through open space and amenity policies, but not so significant to warrant designation	Not Designate
GS67	School Playing field	Protection through Policy S25	Not Designate
GS69	Playing field	Protection through Policy S25	Not Designate
GS100	Moorfield Bank	Estate amenity land, protected through open space and amenity policies	Not Designate
GS101	Church Meadows	Estate amenity land, protected through open space and amenity policies	Not Designate

Broughton (Great Broughton & Little Broughton) 2: Broughton Craggs Quarry



GS66 (1/BRN/002/O)	Broughton Craggs Quarry	In open countryside outside settlement limit	Not Designate
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Broughton (Great Broughton & Little Broughton) 3: Soddy Gap



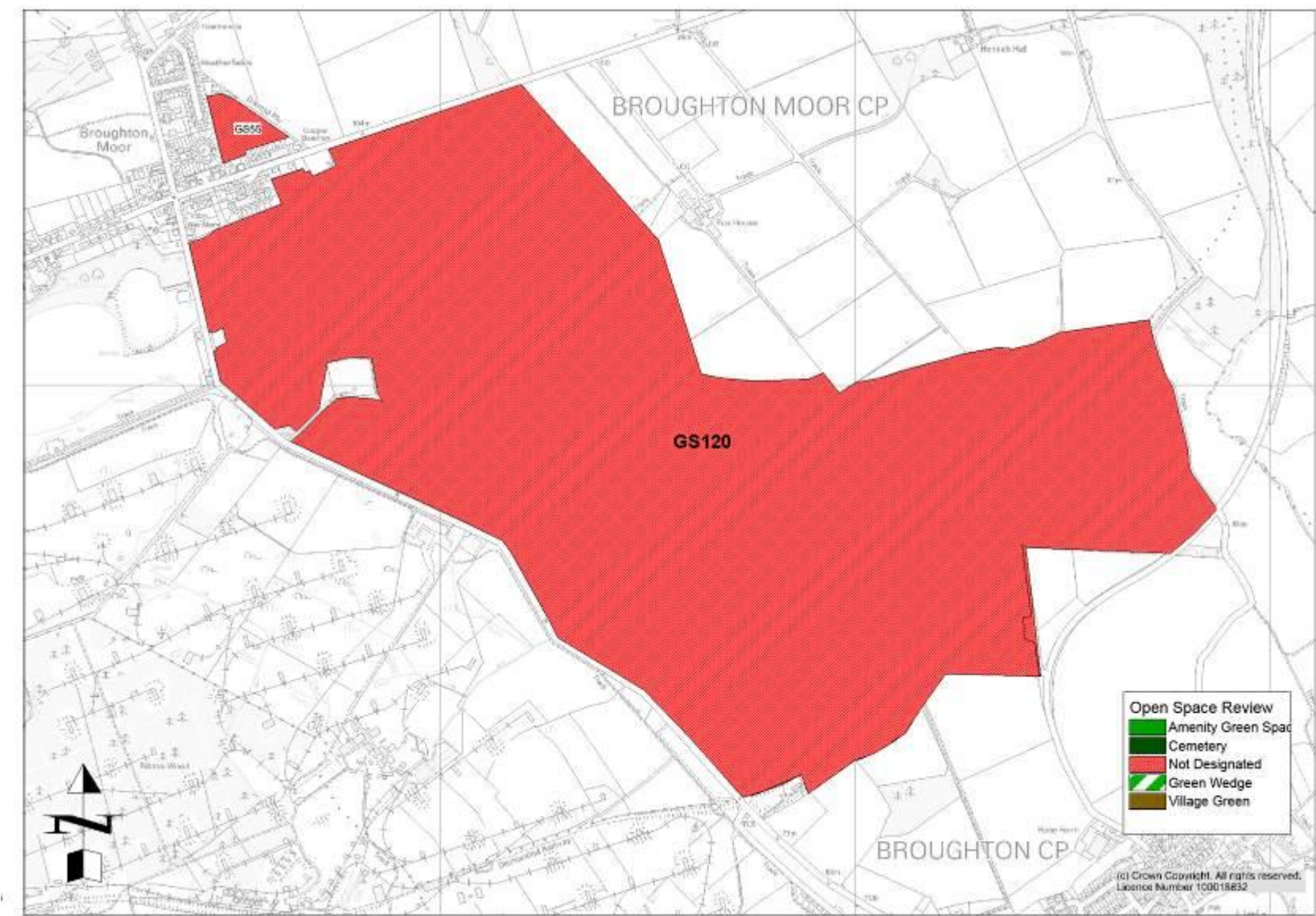
GS68	Soddy Gap	In open countryside outside settlement limit	Not Designate
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Broughton Moor



GS55	Broughton Moor Play area	Protection through Policy S25	Not Designate
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Broughton Moor 2



GS120 (1/BRM/006/0)	Land at Broughton Lodge	Large area of open countryside, unsuitable for designation	Not Designate
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Dearham



GS20	Playground off Main Street (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Play area protected through policy S25	Not Designate
GS104	Central Road green		Village Green
GS114	Land adjacent Row Beck		Village Green

Flimby



GS26	Flimby Green, Junction of Rye Hill Road (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Protected through general open space and amenity policies	Not designate
GS27	Flimby Playpark and school playing field (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Protection through Policy S25	Not designate
GS28	Playing field (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Playing field protected under Policy S25	Not designate
GS89	In front of Princess Royal	Central green area which makes significant contribution to the amenity of Flimby	Amenity Green Space

Great Clifton



GS90	Main Road site	Attractive amenity space at entrance to Bow Flatts	Amenity Green Space
GS105	Land at Carter Garth	Village Green	Village Green

Great Clifton 2



GS121 (1/GRC/004/O)	Land adjacent to Moor Road	Open Countryside divorced from village, unsuitable for allocation	Not designate
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Prospect



No existing sites in Prospect were subject to open space designations, and none were put forward. See ~~Doughterside~~ for details of green wedge (gap).

Thursby



GS44	Central Green (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Central focal point in village	Amenity Green Space
GS45	Church Lane (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Surrounded by development on three sides, not publically accessible	Not designate
GS46	The Old Vicarage (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Existing burial ground	Not designate
GS91	Land adj East View & Craglands House	Important contribution to character and appearance of village	Amenity Green Space
GS92	Jubilee Playing Field	Protected under Policy S25	Not designate
GS107	Land to north of churchyard (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	To be designated for burial ground provision	Burial Ground

Rural Villages

Limited Growth Villages

Blencogo

Blitterlees* No designations proposed or removed

Branthwaite

Bridekirk* No designations proposed or removed

Bolton-Low Houses* No designations proposed or removed

Bothel

Crosby

Dean

Eaglesfield

Fletcher town

Glasson

Gilcrux

Greysouthen

Ireby

Kirkbampton

Little Clifton/Bridgefoot* No designations proposed or removed

Mawbray

Newton Arlosh

Plumbland * No designations proposed or removed

Skinburness

Tallentire

Blencogo



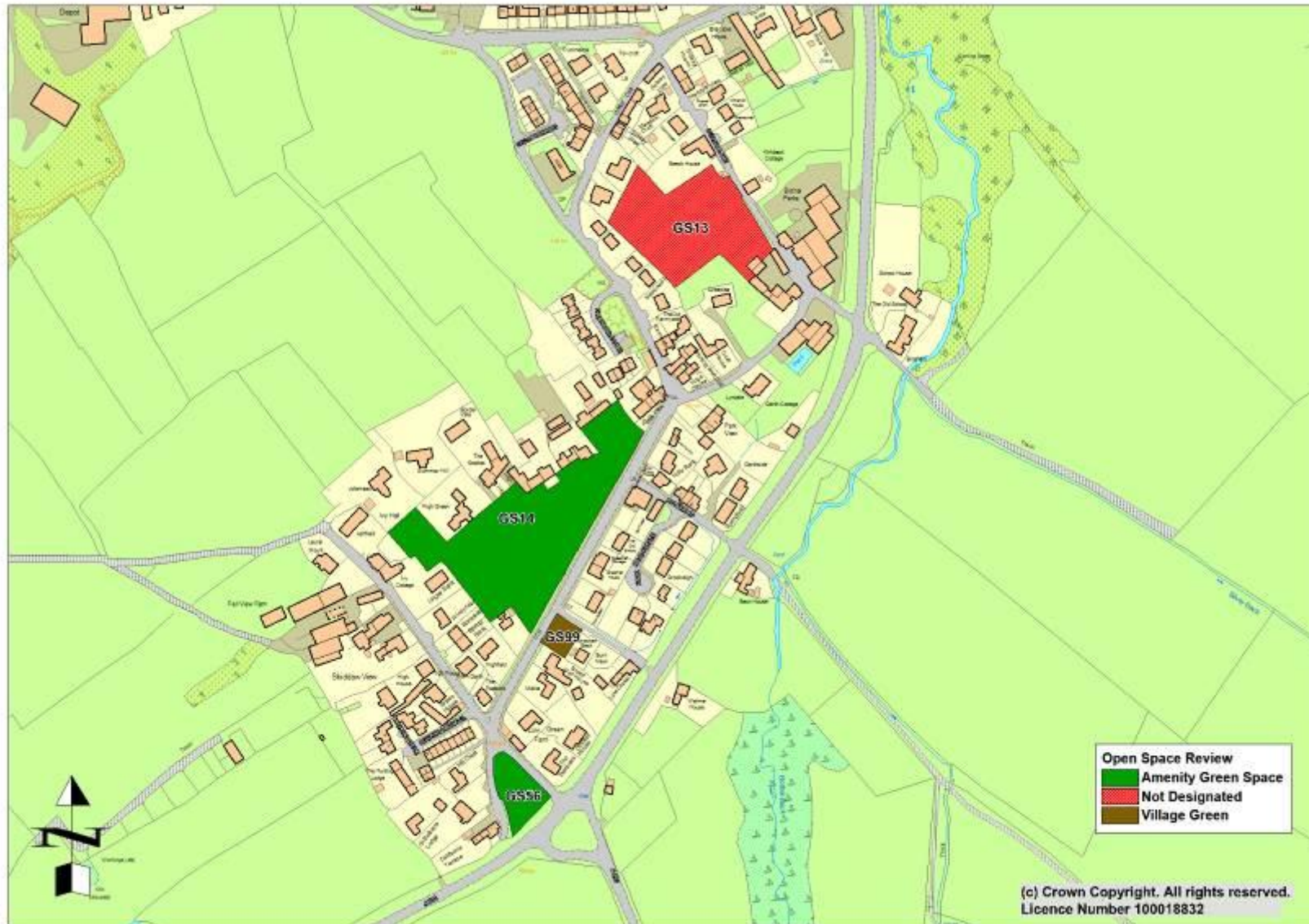
GS11	Land opposite Blencogo Farm (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Field, removed from settlement limit	Not designate
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Branthwaite



GS15	Branthwaite Brow Bottom (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Significant Contribution to character and appearance of village	AGS
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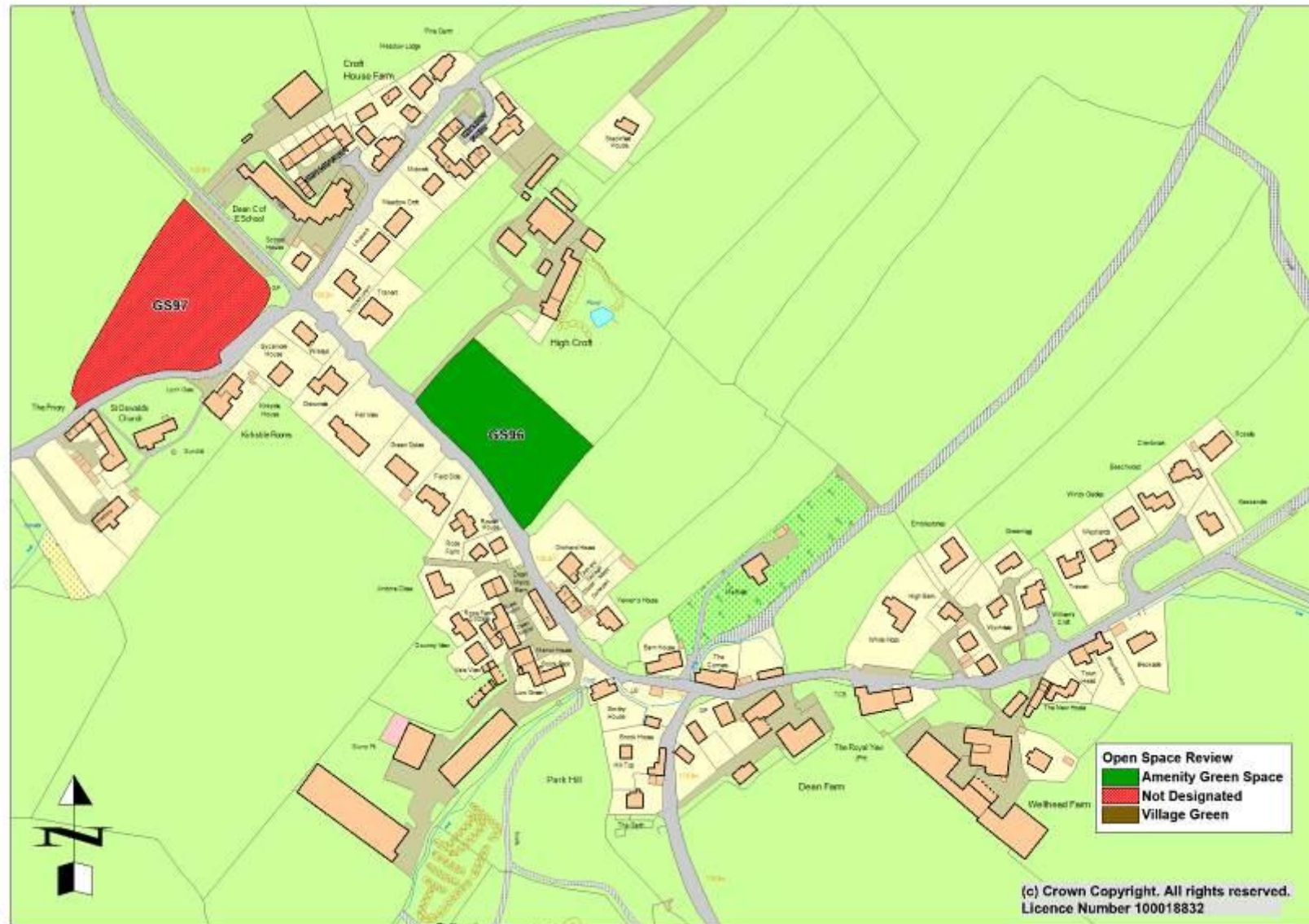
GS13	Bothel Parks (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Planning permission granted for dwelling. Only visible from school lane; not so significant to character of village. No public access.	Not designate
GS14	High Green (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Significant contribution to the character and appearance of this part of the village	AGS
GS56 (1/BTH/003/O)	Pinfold Green, A595	Very important contribution to village character	AGS
GS99	Broad Well	Village Green	Village Green

Crosby



GS16	Parkside (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village green, significant to character and appearance of village and community value	Village Green
GS18	Main village green (part REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village green, significant to character and appearance of village and community value	Village Green

Dean



GS96	High Croft	Intrinsic to the rural character of the village	Retain
GS97	Opposite St Oswalds Church	Part burial ground, and field in attractive countryside	Not designate

Eaglesfield



GS21	Barkers Meadow (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Attractive amenity greenspace for informal recreation, contributing to character and appearance of village	Village Green
GS22	Land adj Moore's Terrace (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village green, significant to character and appearance of village and community value	Village Green
GS23	Land opposite Spring Bank House (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village green, significant to character and appearance of village and community value	Village Green
GS53	Rear of Barker's Meadow (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Playing field protected through Policy S25.	Not Designate

Fletchertown



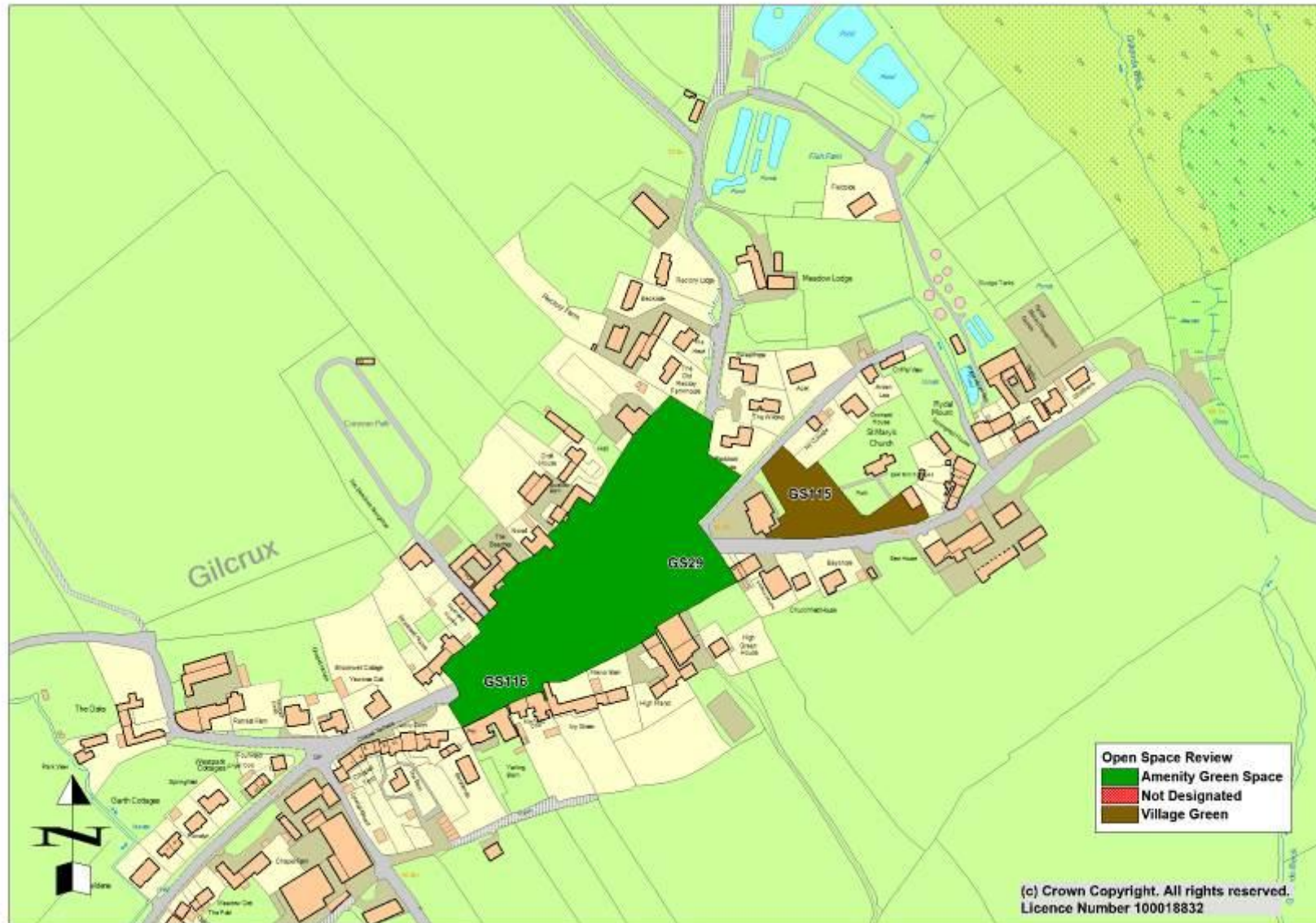
GS24	Play area adjacent George Moore Industrial Estate (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Play area protected through Policy S25	Not Designate
GS25	Adjacent Crummock Close (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Protected through general open space and amenity policies, removed from settlement limit	Not Designate
GS59	Fletchertown playing field	Protected through Policy S25	Not Designate

Glasson



GS108	Glasson Village Green	Village Green	Village Green
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Gilcrux



GS29	Central (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Amended to remove main village greens, and garden of Paddock House Brookwell House. Village Greens Plotted separately	AGS
GS115	Gilcrux Village Green - St Marys Church (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green	Village Green
GS116	Gilcrux Village Green . central (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green	Village Green

Greysouthen



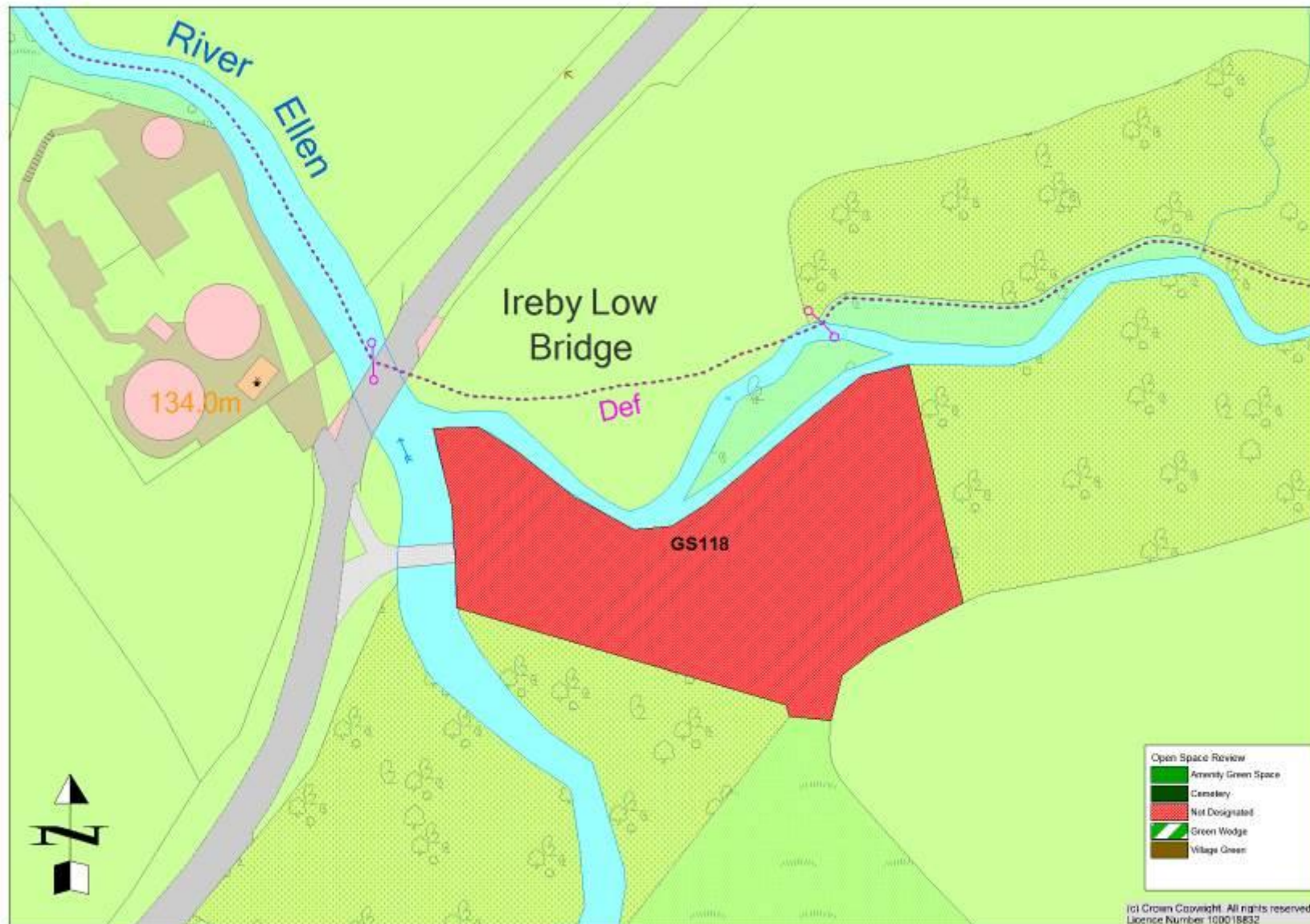
GS86	Adjacent 23 Main Street	Public garden	AGS
GS87	Playground and Recreation field	Playing fields/ground protected through Policy S25 - identified in KPP Study	Not Designate
GS88	Allotments	Allotments protected through Policy S25 - identified in KPP Study	Not Designate

Ireby



GS31	Hemp Garth, Ellenside House (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Removed from settlement boundary. Protection through listed properties adjacent	Not Designate
GS109	Land near Ireby Cross	Village Green	Village Green

Ireby 2



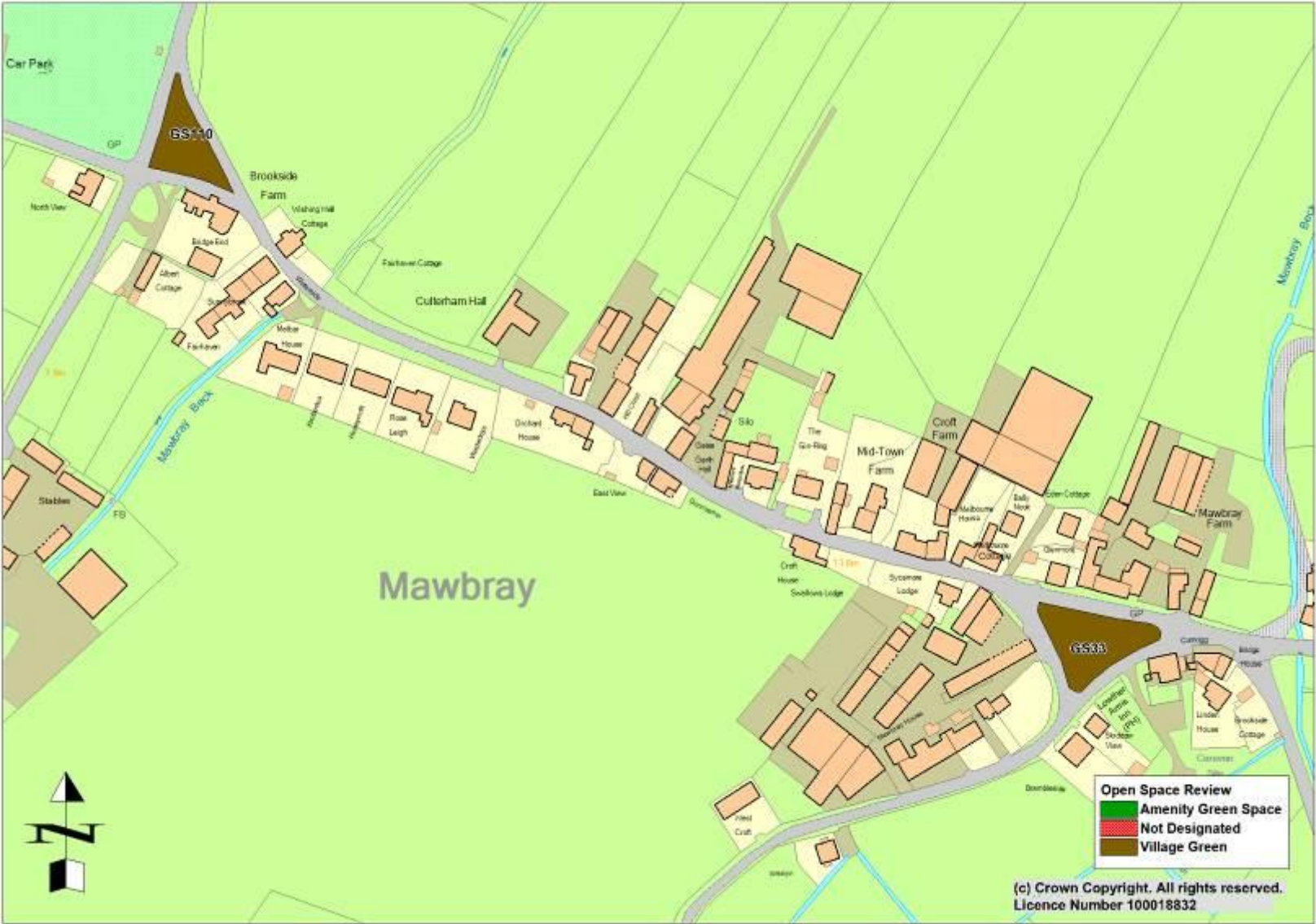
GS118	Land at Ireby Low Bridge	Land in open countryside outside settlement, put forward as open space or wildlife site.	Not designate
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Kirkbampton



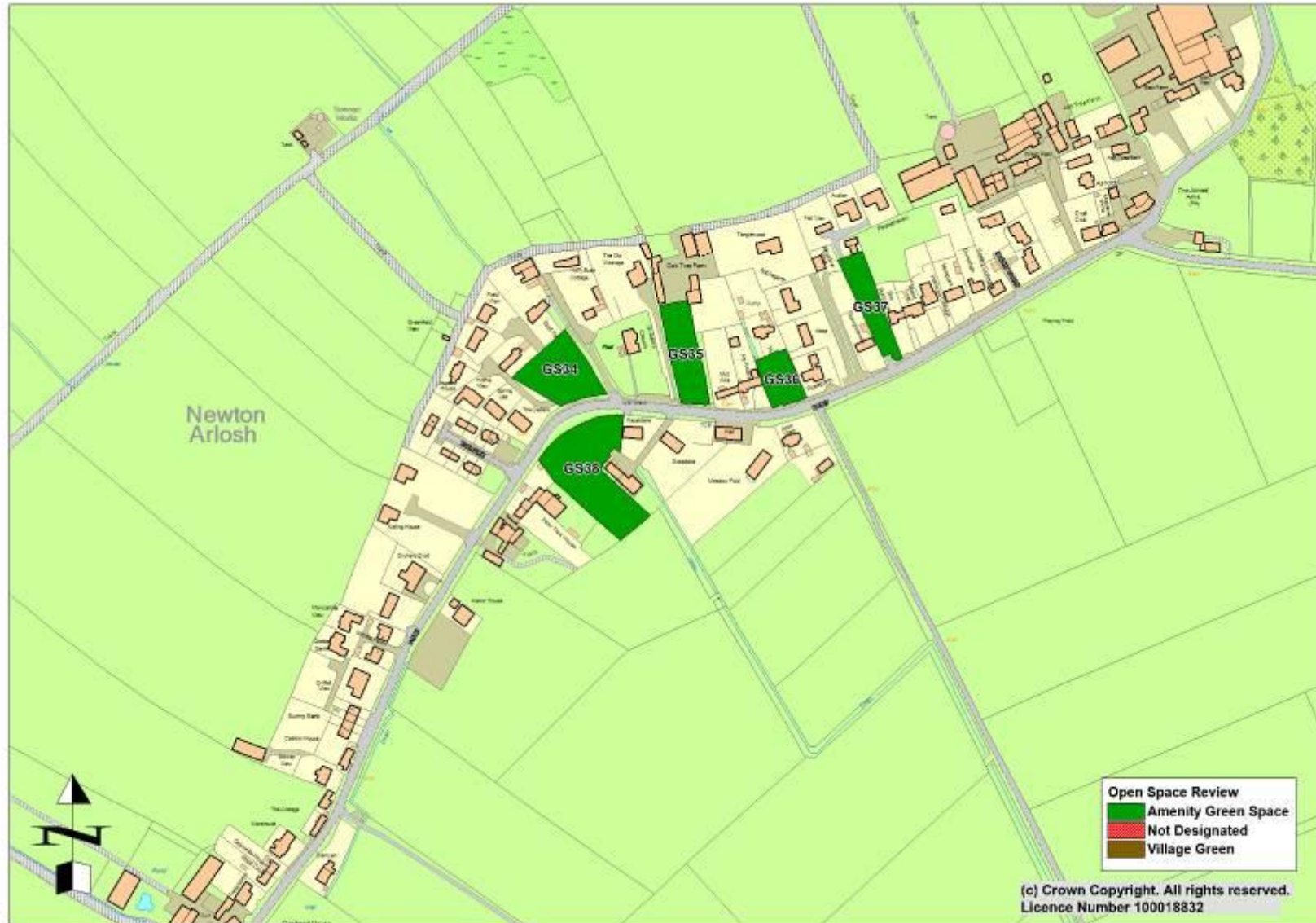
GS57	Land adjacent to Solway View	Important in retaining separate identity of Kirkbampton	Green Wedge
GS58	Land between Kirkbampton and Thurstonfield, to south of B5307	Important in retaining separate identity of Kirkbampton	Green Wedge

Mawbray



GS33	Opp Lowther Arms, Mawbray House (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village green and play area, significant to character and appearance of village and community value	Village Green
GS110	Adj Brookside Farm	Village Green at entrance to village	Village Green

Newton Arlosh



GS34	East Farm (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important contribution to character and appearance of the village	AGS
GS35	Oak Tree Farm (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important contribution to character and appearance of the village	AGS
GS36	The Arches (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important contribution to character and appearance of the village	AGS
GS37	Adjacent Sunnymead and The Bungalow (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important contribution to character and appearance of the village	AGS
GS38	Church View (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Important contribution to character and appearance of the village. Re-sized to frontage.	AGS

Skinburness



GS42	Central field, skinburness Road (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Contributes to the distinctive rural character of Skinburness	AGS
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Tallentire



GS43	Meadow Lodge (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Developed for housing	Not designate
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Infill and rounding-off Villages

Anthorn

Blennerhasset

Bowness-on-Solway* No designations proposed or removed

Broughton Cross* No designations proposed or removed

Camerton

Crosby Villa

Deanscales

Dovenby

Hayton

Langrigg

Little Bampton

Mockerkin

Oughterside

Oulton

Papcastle

Pardshaw* No designations proposed or removed

Parsonby* No designations proposed or removed

Port Carlisle

Torpenhow

Ullock

Waverton* No designations proposed or removed

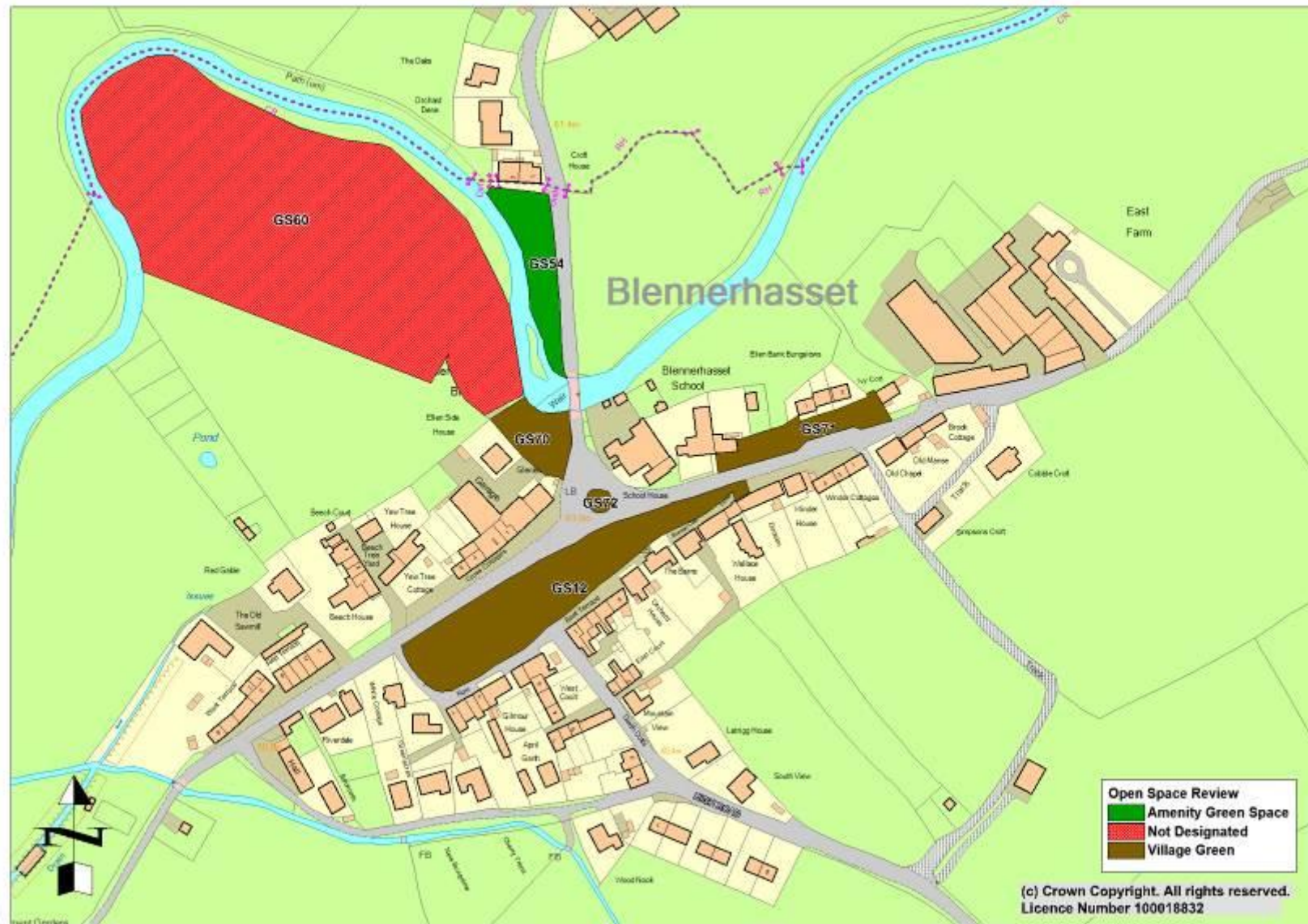
Westnewton

Anthorn



GS7	Moricambe Crescent (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Play and recreation area protected through policy S25, but significant contribution to character and appearance of village	AGS
GS8	The Island (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Significant contribution to character and appearance of estate	AGS
GS9	Hadrians Avenue (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Significant contribution to character and appearance of estate	AGS
GS10	Waver Road (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Less significant than GS7, GS8, & GS9. Protected through open space and amenity policies	Not designate

Blennerhasset



GS12	Blennerhasset central green (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village green, significant to character and appearance of village and community value	Village Green
GS54	Blennerhasset adj Ellen	Flood zone unsuitable for development	Not designate
GS60	Blennerhasset Playing Field	Playing field protected through Policy S25	Not designate
GS70	Blennerhasset adj Bridge and playing fie	Part Village Green	Village Green
GS71	Blennerhasset adj Ellenbank Bungalows	Part Village Green	Village Green
GS72	Blennerhasset Green	Village Green	Village Green

Camerton



G111	Village Green adj The Mount	Village Green	Village Green
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Crosby Villa



GS79	Recreation field	Recreation field protected in ALP	Discard
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Deanscales



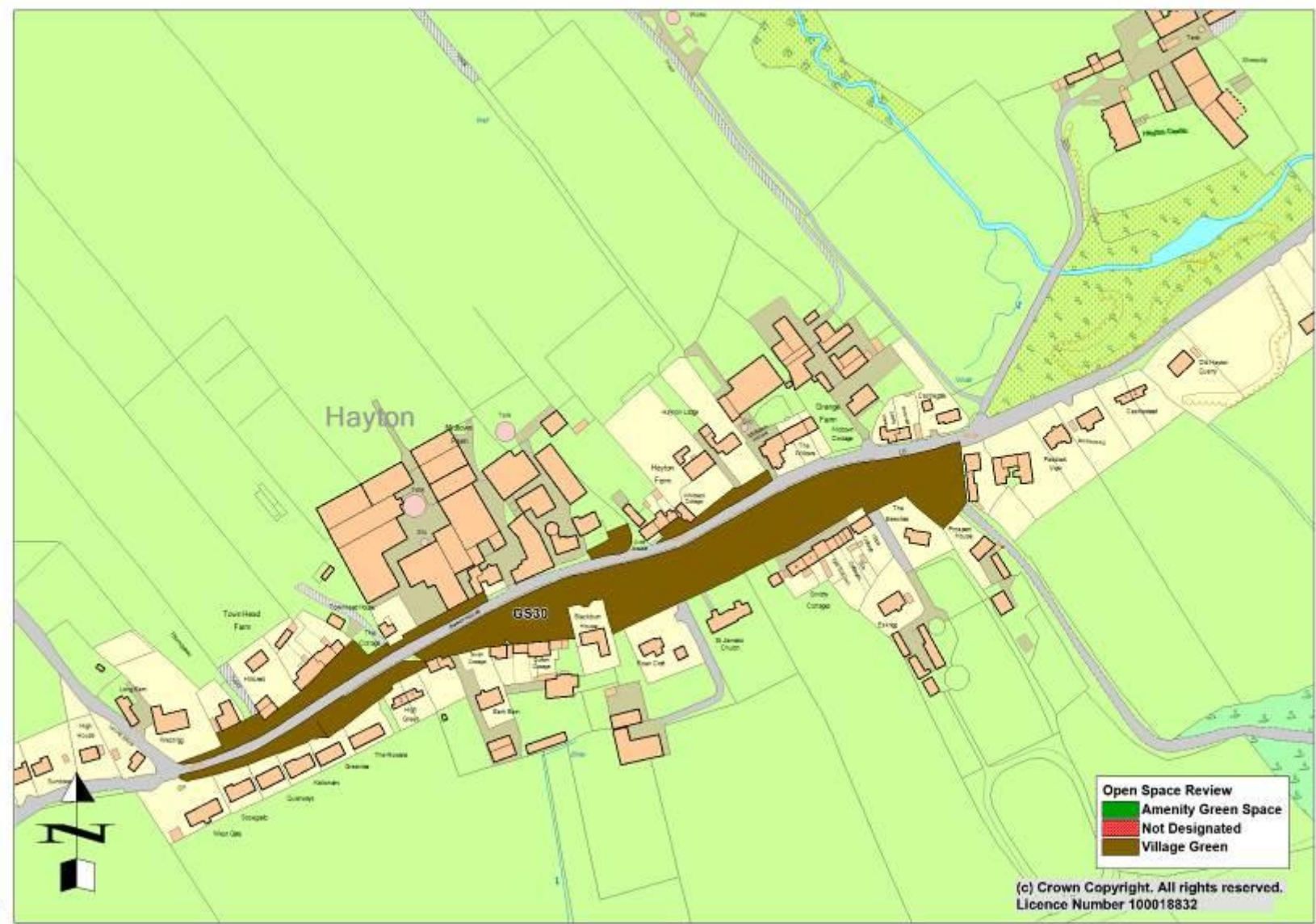
GS19	Deanscales adj Home View & Kingsthorpe (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village green, significant to character and appearance of village and community value	Village Green
GS98	Deanscales Green	Village Green	Village Green

Dovenby



GS112	Dovenby Village Green	Village Green	Village Green
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Hayton



GS30	Hayton Village Green	Village Green	Village Green
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Langrigg



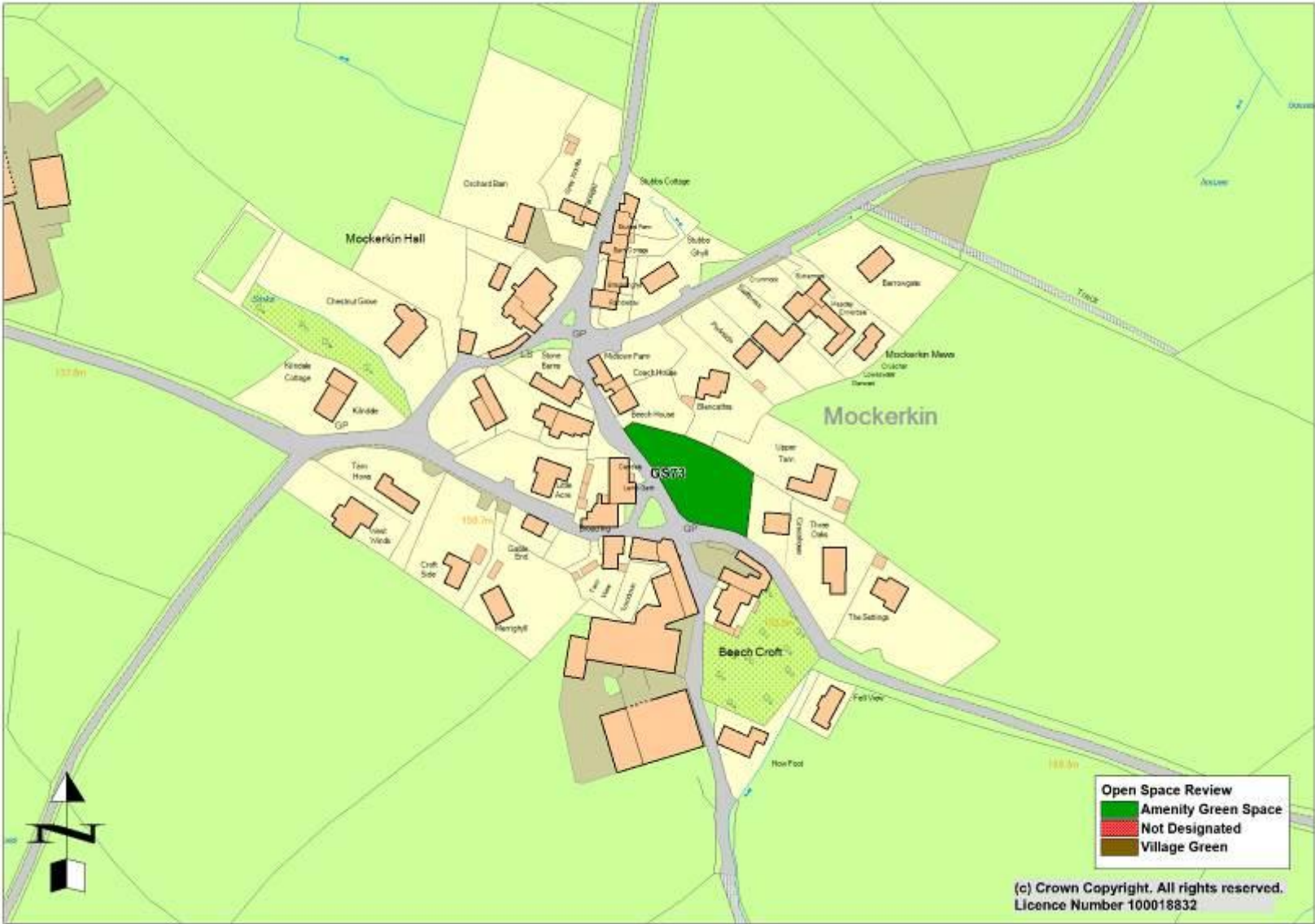
GS32	Langrigg House (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Protected by virtue of listing	Not designate
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Little Bampton



GS113	The Green, Little Bampton	Village Green	Village Green
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Mockerkin



GS73	Mockerkin Tarn Banks Farm	Only open amenity space in village	AGS
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Oughterside



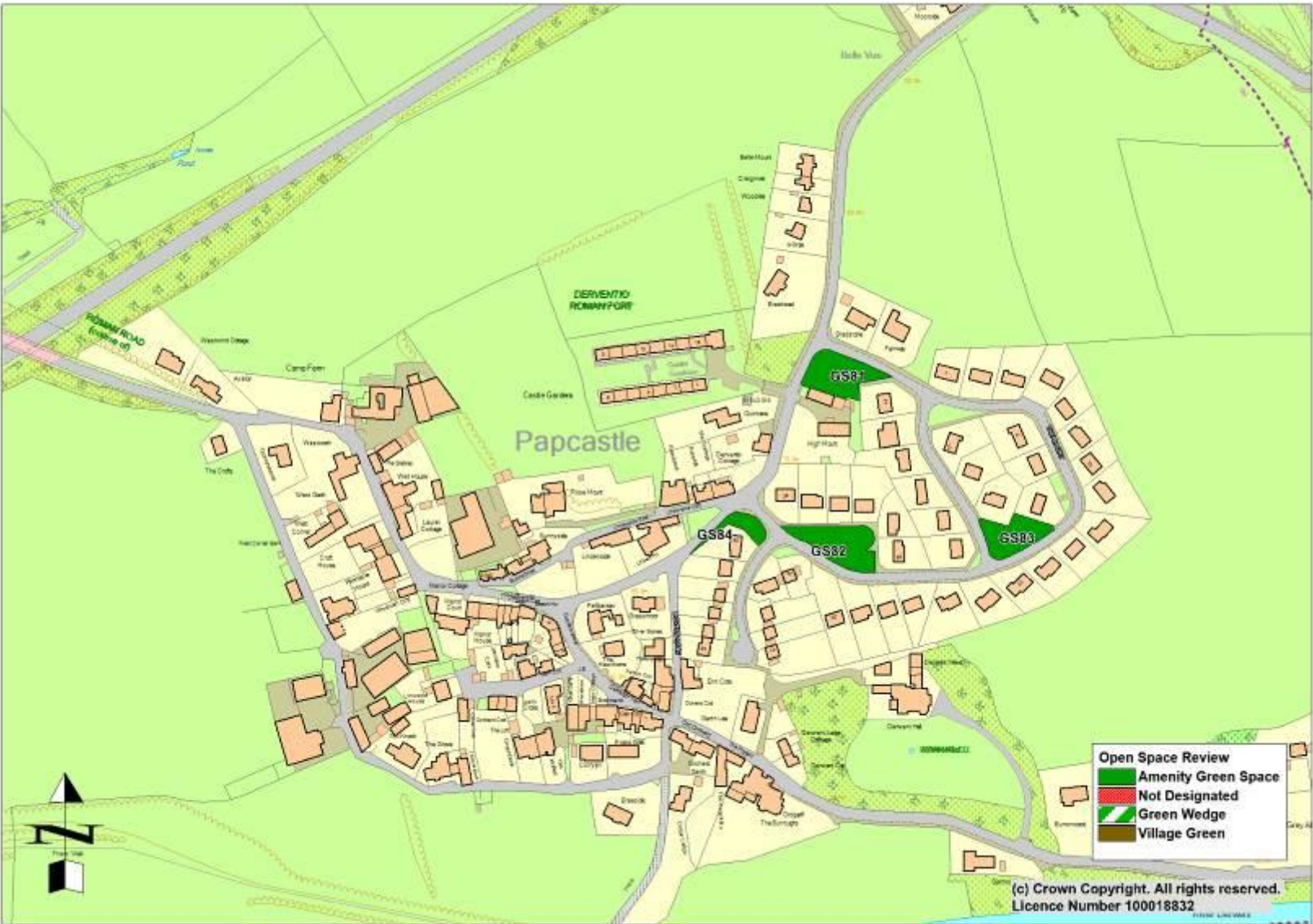
GS39	Oughterside play area (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green protection	Village Green
GS40	Oughterside primary school (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	School playing field, protected through Policy S25	Not designate
GS80	Oughterside - Prospect	Green gap to retain identity between Prospect and Oughterside	Green Wedge

Oulton



GS41	Oulton playing field (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Playing field protected through Policy S25	Not designate
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Papcastle



GS82	36-26 The Mount	Important contribution to character and appearance of the area	AGS
GS83	6 - 8 The Mount	Important contribution to character and appearance of area.	AGS
GS84	The Mount, 59	Important contribution to character of area	AGS
GS81	High Mount	Important open space at entrance to village	AGS
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Port Carlisle



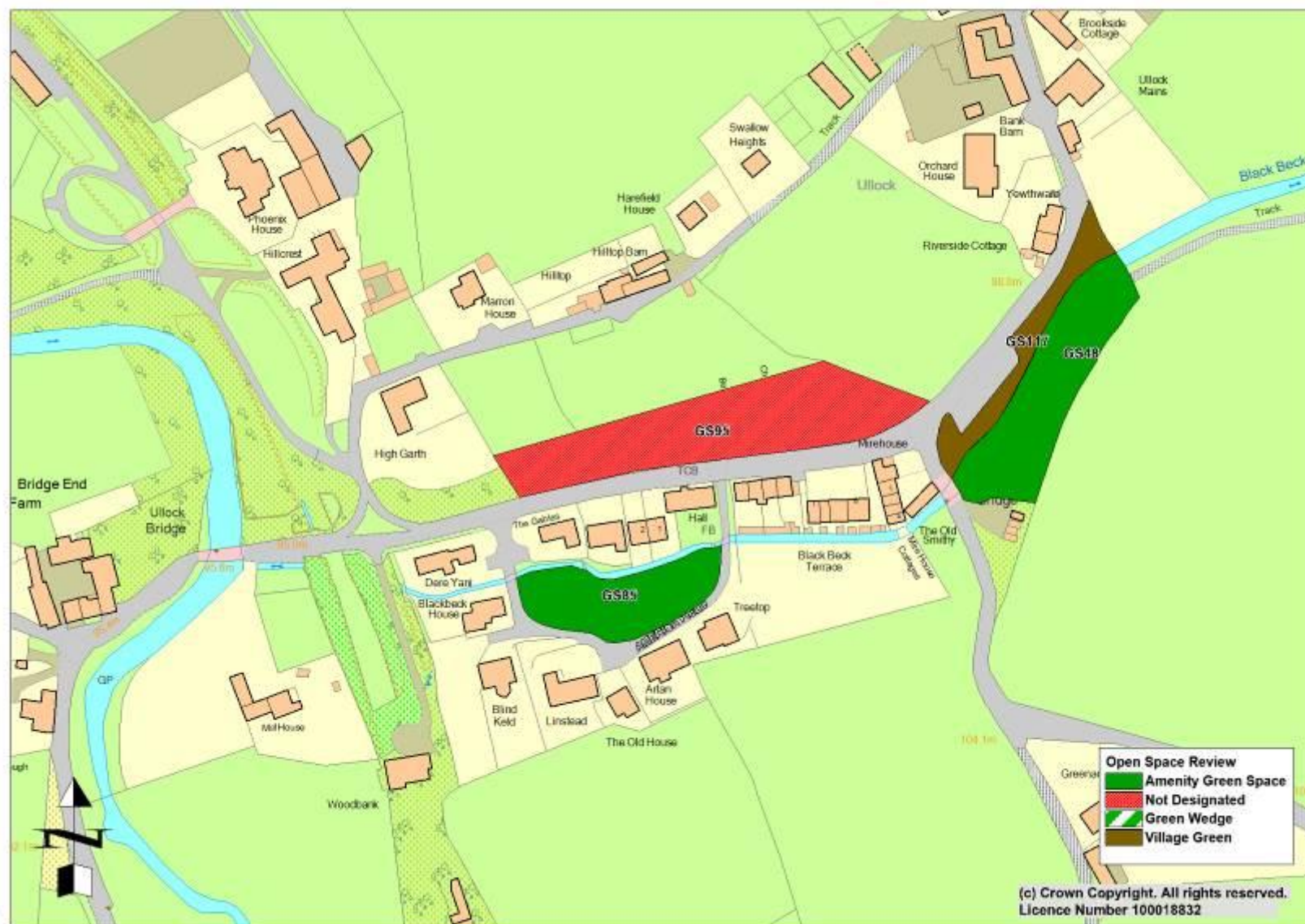
GS78	Adjacent to Custom House	Recreation area / playground under protection of Policy S25	Not designate
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Torpenhow



GS47	The Vicarage (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Part village green	Village Green
GS74	Croftlands	Village Green	Village Green
GS75	Highfold	Village Green	Village Green
GS76	Wakegreen	Small area with bus shelter parish notice board - contributes to character of Conservation Area.	Not designate
GS77	Harley Cottage	Village Green	Village Green

Ullock



GS48	Smithy Bridge (REN1 site in ALP 1999)		Village Green
GS95	North of village hall	Sloping field which is not infilling/rounding off - unsuitable for development, and not suitable for development	Not designate
GS85	America Field	Significant contribution to character of this part of the village.	AGS
GS117	Smithy Bridge (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Woodland adjacent to village green	AGS

Westnewton



GS49	Home Farm & Ghyll Farm (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green Protection	Village Green
GS50	Yew Tree Farm, Brookside Cottages (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green Protection	Village Green
GS51	St Matthews Cottages, Chapel House (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green Protection	Village Green
GS52	Bridge End Farm (REN1 site in ALP 1999)	Village Green Protection	Village Green

Local Geological Sites

A number of sites were put forward in the site allocations process as important geological sites by Cumbria GeoConservation. These Local Geological Sites (LGS), formerly identified as RIGS (Regionally Important Geological Sites), are identified on the Council's mapping system. Most are in rural and coastal areas with limited development pressures.

Policy S35 in the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1), *Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity*, prioritises the conservation and enhancement of Geodiversity interests within the plan area consistent with paragraph 117 Of National Planning Policy Framework. Development schemes are expected to maintain and where appropriate enhance recognised Geodiversity assets.

No additional planning policies in the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) are proposed in respect of LGS, which will not be shown on the proposals map. Their identification as a locally recognised Geodiversity asset, and the application of Policy S35 is sufficient.

Records and information on Local Geological Sites are held by the Local Environmental Records Centre for Cumbria, the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre (CBDC): www.cbdc.org.uk

The following sites put forward are recorded as Local Geological Sites in Allerdale, (outside the Lake District National Park):

Site Allocations ref. number	LGS Site No.	Site name	Description	Parish	Grid ref.
1/ULL/003/G	2.001	Mockerkin Tarn	Kettle Hole	Loweswater	NY 082232
1/MAW/003/G	2.003	Mawbray Bank submerged forest	Buried forest by sea level change	Holme St Cuthbert	NY 086484
1/WES/001/G	2.005	Overby Sand Pit	Fluvio-glacial delta	Holme St Cuthbert	NY 125470
1/PLU/001/G	2.006	Moota Quarry	Yoredale cycles, 4th and 5th Limestone	Blindcrake	NY 148362
1/LBA/001/G	2.007	Thornby Beck, Wigton	Liassic shales	Aikton	NY 290525
1/BGH/004/G	2.008	Brigham Quarry	Hensingham Grit of Namurian age	Brigham	NY 084302
1/ULL/002/G	2.009	Branthwaite Edge, Workington	Red rocks of the U. Carboniferous (Upper Coal Measures)	Dean	NY 059229
1/CBY/006/G	2.011	Swarthy Hill, Allonby	Drumlin, near Saltpans	Crosscanonby	NY 069403
1/GLA/002/G	2.016	Glasson Point, Bowness on Solway	Eroded drumlin	Bowness	NY 260609
1/MAW/001/G & 1/MAW/002/G	2.019	Mawbray Banks & Dubmill Point	2 Viewpoints of raised beach	Holme St Cuthbert	NY 077453 & NY 087487
1/MAR/022/G	2.021	Maryport Foreshore (three areas)	Sherwood Sandstone (St. Bees)	Maryport	NY 034375
1/THU/012/G	2.022	Denton Side, Sebergham	Upper Carboniferous cyclothems	Sebergham	NY 364408
1/LCB/004/G	2.023	River Derwent river cliffs near Broughton	Imbricated pebbles in river cliffs	Greysouthen, Broughton & Little Clifton	NY 057304
Not submitted, but notified LGS	2.024	River Caldew & Caldew Beck * Part within Carlisle City Council area	River bar at confluence	Sebergham (Part), Dalston (Part)	NY 366443
1/THU/002/G	2.025	Chalk Beck Quarry, Thursby * Part within Carlisle City Council area	Triassic Sherwood Sandstone & Eden Shales	Westward (Part), Dalston (Part)	NY 339475

Wildlife Sites

A number of sites were put forward to be safeguarded as Wildlife Sites; in some instances these sites were also put forward for other purposes.

The sites were visited and assessed in the same way as other sites in the site allocations process, but also underwent more significant ecological assessment in order to understand their value. Several are already designated as County Wildlife Sites.

Policy S35 in the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) *Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity*, affords a high priority to the protection of locally identified biodiversity or ecologically valuable assets, seeking to conserve and enhance biodiversity within the plan area, consistent with part 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

No additional planning policy designation is proposed in the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) on the proposals maps for wildlife sites specifically, but the identification of recognised local designations such as Local Wildlife Sites (County Wildlife Sites), in combination with sites designated for their international and national importance, is important in securing net gains in biodiversity and establishing ecological networks. Many of the sites put forward provide important route corridors between identified sites and for locally important species such as the Blue Butterfly. These sites have been incorporated in the green infrastructure network is shown on the proposals maps.

Records and information on Local Wildlife Sites, species and habitats are held by the Local Environmental Records Centre for Cumbria, the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre (CBDC): www.cbdc.org.uk

The following sites were put forward as wildlife sites in the site allocations process:

Ref	Site Name	Comments
1/WOR/065/W	Ex-Tesco North	Planning permission granted for re-development, with mitigation measures for the blue butterfly to be incorporated.
1/WOR/066/W	Between A596 & railway line	Most northerly part lies within County Wildlife Site, and forms important route corridor and link with Siddick Ponds. It is intended to remove the most southerly part of the site from the settlement limit for Workington, but the site has been identified as potentially suitable as a Gypsy and Traveller Site subject to further ecological assessment. Identified as part of green infrastructure network
1/WOR/067/W	Lakes road to Chapel Bank	Identified as part of green infrastructure network
1/WOR/068/W	Ex-corus steelworks railway corridor	Permission granted as part of Corus re-development, but identified as part of green infrastructure network
1/WOR/069/W	Oldside windfarm site	Largely County Wildlife Site, to remain outside settlement limit as part of green infrastructure network. Part put forward for employment purposes - see 1/WOR/032/E, but not included in employment allocation.
1/WOR/070/W	Old gasworks	Now developed
1/WOR/071/W	Old coal yard	Northern part of site developed as carpark, remainder to be included in green infrastructure network.
1/WOR/072/W	small area off Pow Road	Isolated piece of land, to be included in green infrastructure network
1/MAR/027/W	Maryport Coastal Park (south)	Part of County Wildlife Site, to remain outside of settlement limit, and as part of green infrastructure network.

1/MAR/028/W	Maryport Harbour bowl	Part of County Wildlife Site, to remain outside of settlement limit, and as part of green infrastructure network.
1/MAR/029/W	Hutton Place	Part of County Wildlife Site and adjacent to SSSI, to remain outside of settlement limit, and as part of green infrastructure network. Employment Allocation removed.
1/MAR/030/W	Maryport Coastal Park (north)	Majority of site lies within County Wildlife site, and remains outside settlement limit. Part, to east of footpath, outside CWS, to be allocated for employment purposes. (see 1/MAR/009/E in Preferred Options document)
1/MAR/031/W	Ellenborough Place, Maryport	Part of Green Infrastructure adjacent to River Ellen, partly at risk from river and sea flooding. Also put forward for mixed used purposes as part of 1/MAR/018/M. Land not to be designated.
1/IRE/001/W	South of Old Mill, Whinnie Tip	Lies within Lake District National Park . not considered
1/IRE/005/M (ref. inadvertently ending in M q rather than a V q	South of Ireby Low Bridge	Woodland adjacent to River Ellen. Site lies in open countryside outside village; designation unnecessary

Appendix 1 Open space Site Visit Proforma

Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Assessment Proforma – Green Amenity space		
Site Reference:		
Site Name:		
Settlement:	Westnewton	Locality:
Name of assessor:		Date:
Criterion	Questions	Comments
Location	Is the site centrally located within settlement, within housing estate, or on settlement periphery?	
Public Access	Is the site accessible to the public or is it private?	
Public Visibility	Is the site publically visible, or is the view of the site obstructed in any way? by what?	
Site Characteristics . manmade and natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic tables • Benches • Litterbins/ dog fouling bins • Any buildings/artifacts • Pathways • Signage • fencing • Flowerbeds/shrubs/landscaping belts • Trees • Hedges • Ponds <p>Please comment on whether they appear maintained or not, indicate location on plan.</p>	

General Site description and observations		
Overall maintenance and cleanliness.	General appearance. Is it well kept or neglected. Any particular Issues. Any suggestions for improvement (ecologically, provision of equipment)?	
Character and appearance of the settlement/Visual Impact	Does the site make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the village? All of the site? How and why Is it important visually, attractive	
Listed Building/Conservation Area	Does the site make a contribution to the setting of a listed building or conservation area	
Any additional site benefits	<p>Could cultural events take place on the site?</p> <p>Does the space helps meet needs of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elderly • Junior • Teenagers • Disabled • Families <p>For example, providing an informal recreation area, somewhere to sit.</p>	

Please take some photographs of the site

Any other information that you may wish to add?

Any other sites in the village?