

LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Map ref	Site name/location	Characteristics of the site	Close proximity to community? Describe.	Local significance? Describe	Area in Hectares	Land owner/maintenance
	Village Green	<p>On entering Roecliffe the road splits into the main road and the back lane, which merge again on leaving the village. The greater part of the Green lies between the two, though there are smaller areas beyond, at the north-east and south-west ends, and extensive verges to the north-west and south-east.</p> <p>There was formerly a large pond in the village to the north of the school but it began to drain away in 1947. Unsuccessful attempts were made to re-line it but, when the Boroughbridge by-pass was built in the early 1960's, surplus spoil from its construction was used to fill it in. The site now forms part of the Green.</p>	Houses have been built all around the village green.	There are now 39 trees that have been planted on the village green, some over 120 years old, and others much more recent. There is a good spread of different variety tree. Also a vast number of spring flowers. But overall the village green is an important landscape feature as one enters the village from either Boroughbridge, or Bishop Monkton.		Both the village green and the trees on it are maintained by the Roecliffe & Westwick Parish Council.
	Roecliffe Common	Roecliffe Common on the northern periphery of the village provides a backdrop and helps to soften the impact of park homes at this end of the village. The Common sits on the right hand side of the road as one leaves the village towards Bishop Monkton. A footpath has been set between the trees which leads to a pond which contains different fauna and flora. This new path now forms part of the Roecliffe	Roecliffe Common is on the northern end of the village and so is close to the Village Green and residencies to the north of the village.	Roecliffe Common is common land and so protects this part of the village from any building. It also affords residents with a pleasant walk through the woods as an alternative to walking on the Bishop Monkton road. The only vehicles allowed to cross the Common via Sheaflands Lane, are Johnson of Whixley vehicles accessing their Nurseries, where they nurture plants and small bushes.		Maintained and owned by Roecliffe & Westwick Parish Council.

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Note NPPF describes Local Green Space as follows:

The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

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