

Site No. 1. St Michaels' and all Angels Churchyard	
Current Land Use	Public open space
Current Planning application on site?	No
Extant planning application on site?	No



Compliance with NPPF criteria	<i>Paragraph 100</i>
Reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves?	<i>Located right in the heart of the village. There are a number of access points along the space perimeter, ensuring that surrounding residents can easily access the area.</i>
Demonstrably special to the local community with a particular significance?	<i>Beauty- This area provides an attractive setting and from this elevated position, views of the wider countryside settings are available. Seating within this area allows the key visual assets to be appreciated. Tranquillity – The space provides a valued tranquil retreat for residents who seek to spend time remembering those who have passed on, and those who served in war time.</i>

	Historic significance - This area contains Clyst Honiton's most valued and recognisable building – the Church of St Michael, a grade II* listed building. The church, which is set back from the road, sits impressively in an elevated position overlooking the burial grounds and properties of the village which lie in front of it.
Local in character?	The space is well defined, integral component of the local historical character, with a strong physical and visual connection both in and out of the village.



Site No. 2 St Michael's Hill Green	
Current Land Use	Public open space
Current Planning application on site?	No
Extant planning application on site?	No

Compliance with NPPF criteria	Paragraph 100
Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Is edged on three sides by housing. Bordered on the western side by the terraced houses of St Michael's Hill, and to the north by Clyst House. Residents benefit from easy access to the space.
Demonstrably special to the local community with a particular significance?	<p>Recreational value – The area is extensively used by members of the community coming together around the village noticeboard and village seat. The location beside the widest road section in the village gives the area an open feel as the circular road design and the lower density of houses at this point creates an open space in the middle of the village. This in an area which provides informal recreation opportunities and a gathering place for young people.</p> <p>Beauty – This area provides an attractive setting in the village. It is an area where annual community spring flower planting takes place. The bank in spring is a yellow swathe of daffodils. The area also accommodates a line of trees. Combined, these characteristics form an attractive, semi natural space which makes a valuable contribution to the character and visual street scene in contrast to the terraced built form. This area is appreciated and valued by local residents.</p> <p>Wildlife – This area represents the only small woodland site in the village and its linear shape helps it provide a habitat network.</p>
Local in character?	The space is well defined, with a strong physical and visual connection with the local area.

Site No. 3	Site Name: Parish Field
Current Land Use	Public park and children's play area
Current Planning application on site?	No
Extant planning application on site?	No



Compliance with NPPF criteria	Paragraph 100
Reasonable proximity to the community it serves?	The Parish field lies within Character Area 3: Clyst Honiton Centre. (See Appendix 7A) This area and the Church are located at the heart of the village and is easily accessed by footpath along the village road. It was originally the school field and located neighbouring the local primary school and village hall.
Demonstrably special to the local community with a significance to?	<p>Recreational value – Due to its central location and historical community role, this space continues to host several community events a year. This site accommodates an informal field sports activity area, a children’s fixed play equipment area and a picnic area, all of which are well used by the local population. Future plans to install a fenced play area and equipment for toddlers will further enhance the spaces recreational value.</p> <p>Tranquillity- Despite its large scale, the parish field sits quite discreetly in the centre of the village and is largely screened by dense hedgerows which line its frontage along the village road and by tree lined borders on the other sides. This combined with an open and spacious character of the space provides the residents with a tranquil retreat. This is the only public space which backs onto farmland allowing the children and residents to appreciate the variety, richness and rhythms of agriculture, and providing value for residents who seek a break from the pace of working/ urban life.</p>
Local in character?	This space is well defined and a key recreational component for the village.

Site No. 4	Site Name: The Verges
Current Land Use	Linear planting areas
Current Planning application on site?	No
Extant planning application on site?	No



Compliance with NPPF criteria	Paragraph 100
Reasonable proximity to the community it serves?	These areas can be easily accessed by residents of the village. The pavement along York Terrace allows easy access to the verges. Both of the Villages bus stops are in this area, as well as the only Rights of Way footpath in the Plan Area.
Demonstrably special to the local community with a significance to.	<p>Recreational value – These spaces are very well used by local residents. The green verges, trees, flower boxes and wishing well at the entrance and alongside York Terrace are a community asset. Different families in the community are responsible for the planting and maintenance of the more formal spaces of the verges. This is an important community asset that enhances community spirit, responsibility and enterprise. The verges are landmark features, providing a sense of character and an attractive approach to the village. Planting events at these sites are enjoyed by locals and are a greatly valued physical activity by the whole community.</p> <p>Beauty – These areas are unique to the Neighbourhood plan area and represent an attractive and distinct feature along the main road which makes a significant positive contribution to the character of the area for walkers, cyclist, road users and the locals.</p> <p>Historical value: In this area are two significant reminders of Clyst Honiton’s history and its link to London. The Trafalgar Way identification sign indicating that news of the battle of Trafalgar passed through this village on route to Greenwich, London. There is also a listed milestone showing that in the past it was the main route to London with the miles to London etched into the stone.</p>
Local in character?	This space has become an integral component of the village with a strong visual, historical and community connection.

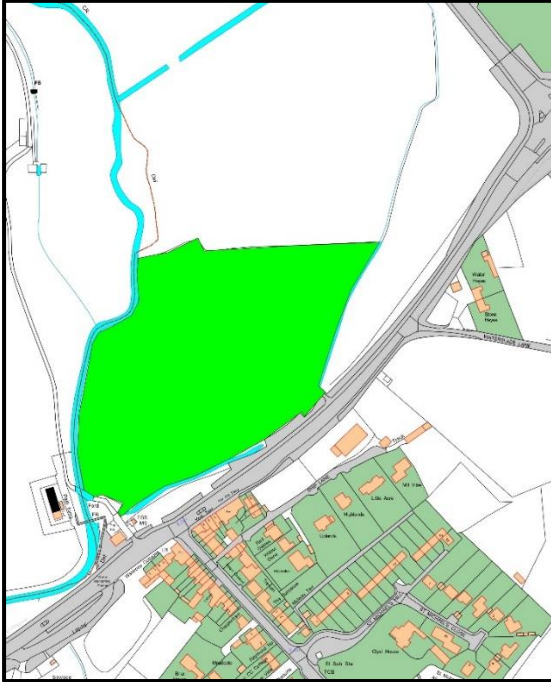
Extra section:

This assessment was carried out only to show the potential of this site as a local green space. This site is not being allocated as it presently has no public access but it is being safeguarded for public access in policy NE3 of the Clyst Honiton Neighbourhood Plan.

This site has been assessed in relation to the criteria of NPPF (2021) Paragraph 100- 101.

Site Name	River Clyst Park in Policy NE3
Current Land Use	Agriculture and designated as part of Clyst Valley Park (EDLP strategy 10) Safeguarded in policy NE3

Current Planning application on site?	No
Extant planning application on site?	No



Compliance with NPPF criteria	Paragraph 100
Reasonable proximity to the community it serves?	This area can be easily accessed by residents of the village. The toucan crossing on York Terrace allows easy access to the Park. Both Villages bus stops are very close to this area, as well as the only Rights of Way footpath in the Plan Area.
Demonstrably special to the local community with significance to?	<p>Recreational value – This space is already used by local resident, despite no official right of access is allowed. The future designation of this space as a community Local green space would provide a much more expansive recreational and leisure area to be used by the community of this area. When public access is provided this space will become a key community asset to both Clyst Honiton, Tithebarn and Blackhorse residents enhancing physical and mental well-being, community spirit, responsibility and enterprise.</p> <p>Beauty – This large green area for community use will create a unique asset to the Neighbourhood Plan Area and represent an attractive and distinct feature along the main road which makes a significant positive contribution to the character of the area for walkers, cyclist, road users and the locals. The green space provides a sense of character and an attractive approach to the village creating a change from increasing urban landscape.</p> <p>Richness of wildlife: The area is bordered on one side by the River Clyst providing a water habitat, while the rest of the area consists of wetland, floodplain and meadow land habitats. The border along the London road has been landscaped with trees as part of the Lidl 106 arrangement to provide screening for Clyst Honiton.</p> <p>Historical value: Just outside the Park lies the old route to London, identified by the listed granite milestone and the Trafalgar Way identification sign, which indicates that news of the battle of Trafalgar passed through this village on route to Greenwich, London. Historically there has always been a green space in this location.</p>
Local in character?	This space has become an integral component of the village with a strong visual, historical and community connection.

