

WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2013 - 2033

LOCAL GREEN SPACES – WINGRAVE VILLAGE



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Wingrave is in the Parish of Wingrave with Rowsham and is located in the Vale of Aylesbury district in rural Buckinghamshire, close to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire borders. Wingrave village is on the north side of the Vale of Aylesbury with extensive panoramic views over the vale and to the escarpment of the Chiltern Hills. Data from the 2011 census records that there are 598 dwellings with population of 1389. Historically, Wingrave residents worked on the Land. Currently, most economically active residents commute by car or rail, although there is local small scale employment at Upper Wingbury Business Park, Lower Windmill Farm, the village Schools, Garage, Shop and Post Office and there are a number of both Professional and Artisan home workers.

There are a number of sites around Wingrave that are considered to fall within the NPPF designation of Local Green Spaces. Some are already protected but they are included here.

1. The Village Green

The Village Green is at the historic centre of the old village. The Parish War Memorial is located here and this is where the annual Parish Remembrance commemorations are held. The area is historically significant for the village as an open space used for social congregation and is already a protected area. This Green Space of 891 sq metres is in character with the local area and is maintained by the Parish Council.

Local Green Spaces as defined in Paragraph 77 of the NPPF

The Local Green Spaces will not be appropriate for most green areas or open spaces. 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.



2 The Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground is bounded on the north by Church Street and on the southeast by Moat Lane. There are a substantial number of 19th Century Rothschild Cottages along this side of the Recreation Ground. The Recreation Ground is used for many sports events, including Football matches, Bowls and Croquet. The area already has protected status and is historically significant to the village as it is part of the Rothschild legacy from the 19th Century. The Recreation Ground is 18,224 sq metres and is maintained by the Parish Council. The Recreation ground is clearly in character with the surrounding 19th Century Rothschild Cottages



3 Wingrave Park, Sports Ground and Pavilion

Wingrave is particularly fortunate to have an extensive Sports Ground and Pavilion located adjacent to the Winslow Road, near to the northern entrance to the village towards Wingrave Cross Roads. The Sports Ground is on a long term lease from Pratts Charity and is used extensively for recreation purposes. Football and Cricket Matches are played here and the site is used for the Village Fete. Wingrave Park is 35,331 sq metres and is in character with the adjacent Chiltern Rd and bounding agricultural land.



4 Twelve Leys Green

The Twelve Leys area of the Village is mostly a 1970s development. It has a small green area near the village School which is an important recreational area for the children of that part of the village. Twelve Leys has a housing density of 25 dwellings per hectare with large and often extended homes with consequently small gardens and it is important that there is a small recreational space where children can play whilst under the eyes of parents. This



green space is already protected. The Twelve Leys Green is 1,489 sq metres and is maintained by the Parish Council. The area is in the character of the adjoining properties.

5 The Knolls – Church Street

The Knolls is a south west facing steeply sloping 1.4 hectare field on the northwest side of Church Street just past Coblers Wick. The field is used to graze a number of ponies but it has considerable recreational and amenity value to the village. It is used for dog walking and is part of a village jogging route. In summer it is used as a picnic site by both residents and non-residents. For over thirty years it has been the location of the village bonfire and firework display to celebrate November 5th. In winter it has been used for more than living memory as the village tobogganing and sledging field as it has the most appropriate slope for such activities in the village. The field has spectacular far reaching panoramic views over the Vale of Aylesbury to the Chilterns and on towards Chinnor.



6 Winslow Road

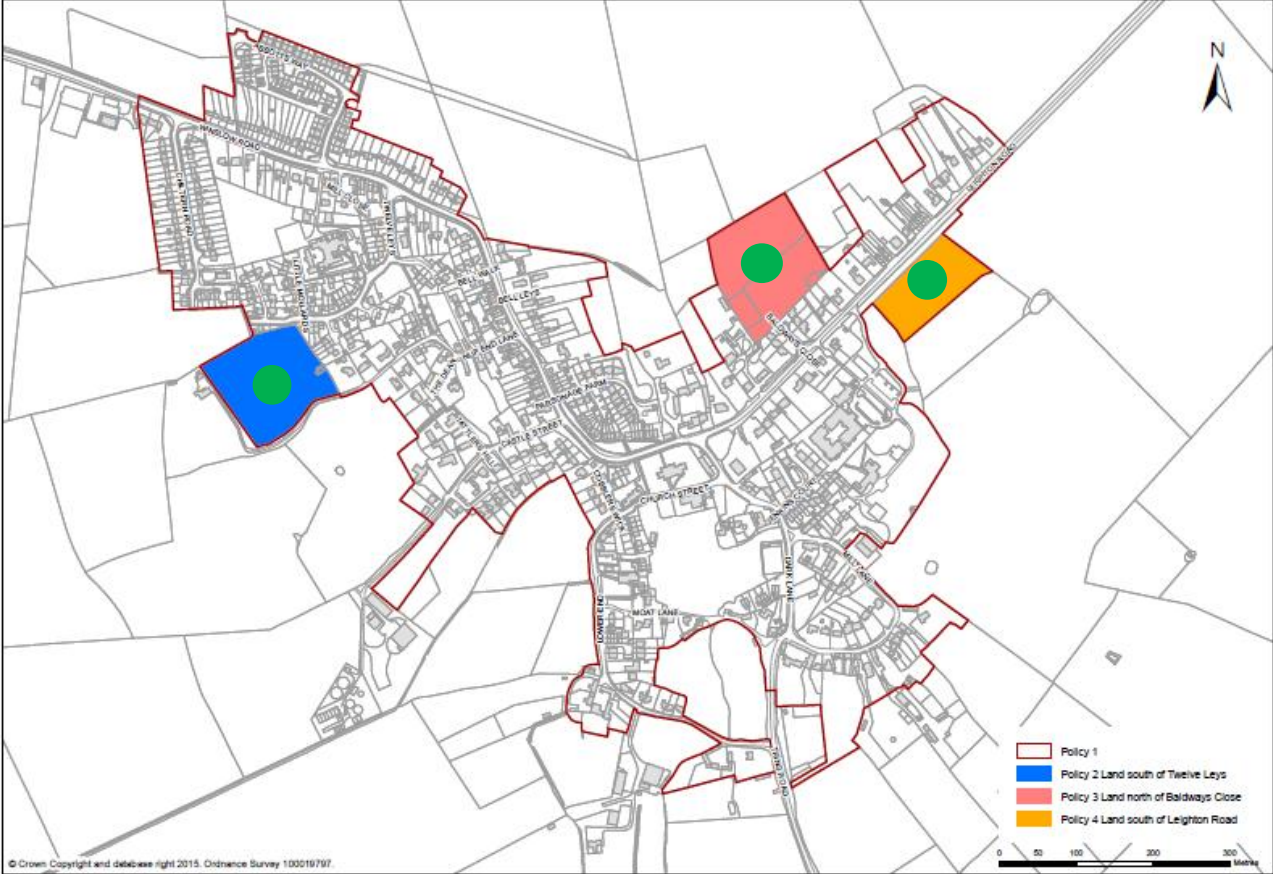
Green space on Winslow Road near Ravens Walk (876 sq metres). A stone menhir donated by La Bouxiere with which Wingrave is twinned has been erected on this site and land is maintained by the Parish Council



This Neighbourhood Plan will result in development in the village and the Parish Council wishes that the developments include their own new Green or Amenity spaces. This is required to preserve the rural village nature of the village, to protect where appropriate, adjacent listed buildings and conservation areas and to provide amenity space for the residents of the new dwellings.

The location of the new Green Spaces is shown on the map below.

New Green Spaces 



Map of existing Green Spaces

