# Appendix 1 Local Green Space assessment**[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| **No.** | **Site name & location** | **Local Plan Ref** | **Area in hectares** | **Special characteristics of the site.** |
| 1 | Old Bank recreation ground | UG237 | 2.57 | Field surrounded by shops & houses parallel to Old Bank Road. A significant resource used for informal play by children and dog walkers. Unlawfully used by Travellers who regularly descend on the site |
| 2 | Crossley Lane recreation ground | UG239 | 1.02 | Bordered by houses adjacent to open fields on the northern outskirts of the town. Containing open space and a playground. A significant resource used by children and dog walkers. |
| 3 | Westfield Mills Playing Field | UG240 | 4.59 | Large sports field on the outskirts of Mirfield bordered by the River Calder and Huddersfield Road. Used regularly and extensively by Battyeford Sporting Club who have an on-site clubhouse. Space also used for galas and other on-off events. Prone to flooding |
| 4 | Community of the Resurrection | UG241 | 8.23 | This world-renowned Mirfield landmark is surrounded by fields, and includes a quarry which is like an amphitheatre. Ambitions to convert it into an open-air theatre have been under consideration for many years. The fields are used on the Community’s Commemoration Day as well as by Mirfield people for playing and walking. |
| 5 | Land at Jackroyd Lane | UG255 | 1.07 | This field is bordered by Jackroyd Lane and Hopton Lane; and is used as Livery Stables |
| 6 | Stocksbank recreation ground | UG242 | 0.81 | Also known as Rocket Park. It is opposite the Community of the Resurrection; and is surrounded on the three other sides by houses. This has a children’s playground and open play space. |
| 7 | Mirfield Showground | UG245 | 2.2 | Possibly the most significant open space in Mirfield. Used to host the annual Mirfield Agricultural Show, the Round Table Bonfire, fairs, circuses, horse shows and galas. Being on the outskirts of the town centre, bordered by Crowlees J& I School, houses & the main Huddersfield Road, it is the hub of the community. When not functioning as an important venue, it is used as a playing and dog walking field |
| 8 | Knowl Park | UG 246 | 3.33 | Extensive public open space bordered by Knowl Crowlees Roads, edged by a Community Orchard. It contains a children’s playground & MUGA including a Skate Park installed by Mirfield Town Council in consultation with local youth. This is used by dog walkers as well as youngsters. |
| 9 | Ings Grove Park | UG247 | 1.12 | Bordered by King Street & Huddersfield Road in the town centre, this is the site of Mirfield’s War Memorial; and is the venue for one of the largest Remembrance Parades outside of London. Also contains a children’s playground and has a pathway that leads to Ings Grove House, a care home which can support up to 40 people. This provides intermediate care, which supports hospital discharge through rehabilitation. Many of the residents have rooms overlooking the park. |
| 10 | Mirfield Memorial Park | UG249 | 5.3 | Large open space at the edge of the town centre, north of the canal; and bordered by mature trees. It is home to Mirfield and Moorlands Cricket Clubs; both of which have Clubhouses, a Tennis Club, a Petanque Club and a Bowling Green. There is a children’s playground. It is the hub for leisure activities |
| 11 | Nab Lane Allotments | UG250 | 1.22 | Much sought after Allotments surrounded by houses near a cluster of shops on the outer area of Mirfield. Important for local growing |
| 12 | Francis Street Allotments | UG251 | 1.71 | Much sought after Allotments surrounded by houses near a cluster of shops on the outer area of Mirfield. Important for local growing |
| 13 | Lowlands Allotments | UG252 | 1.76 | Much sought after Allotments bordered by the River Calder, Back Station Road and Hopton New Road. It is subject to flooding; but is important for local growing |
| 14 | Open Land south of railway Hurst Lane | UG253 | 2.01 | Wooded scrub bordered by the railway line, and an industrial park. It is not significantly used by the public |
| 15 | Public open space Wilson Terrace | UG254 | 0.5 | Fenced off green area with trees at the head of Littlemoor Grove bordering the length of Wilson Terrace. It is not significantly used by the local community |
| 16 | Wellhouse Lane Football Ground. Also known as Gilder Hall Fields | UG256 | 1.18 | The Gilder Hall Youth Club dates back to 1898 and the land was gifted to the people of Mirfield by founder Annie Robinson in 1912. The youth club closed in 1996 and was demolished in 2004 after damage through vandalism, theft and fire. The environs of the building have now reverted to nature, making it a wild-life haven; but the field is regularly use by Norristhorpe Junior Football Club. |

The following sites are not featured in this assessment because they are already identified in the Local Plan:

*Local Plan ref UG243 Battyeford Primary School*

*Local Plan refUG245 Castle Hall Academy Trust*

*Local Plan ref UG236 Crossley Fields J&I School*

*Local Plan ref UG248 Crowlees J&I School*

*Local Plan ref UG238 Mirfield Free Grammar School Fields*

*Local Plan ref UG257 Mirfield Free Grammar School Sports Ground*

*Local Plan Ref UG244 Mirfield Parish Cricket Club*

*Local Plan ref UG235 Old Bank J, I & Nursery School*

*Local Plan Policy LP31 (Strategic Green Infrastructure Network) Pinfold Lane Wooded Walk*

*Local Plan Policy LP31 (Strategic Green Infrastructure Network) St Paul’s Gardens*

*Local Plan Policy LP31 (Strategic Green Infrastructure Network) Sunny Bank Ponds, The Coppice*

*Local Plan Policy LP61 (Urban Green Space) The Pastures Play Area, Spinners Way also known as ’Up Park’*

*Local Plan ref UG234 Upper Hopton Cricket Ground*

1. **SORRY I CANNOT RELOCATE THIS FOOTNOTE**

   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.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)