












Appendix 2 - Local Green Spaces

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| <p>1. 'Hillside', High Street, Silkstone (opposite the Bells Bar & Kitchen)</p>  | <p>In the centre of Silkstone village, this small area of land is immediately in front of a row of three bungalows, effectively providing a "front lawn" for those properties.</p> | <p>The land is the last remaining area of green space on the lower end of High Street. It emphasises the rural setting of Silkstone and preserves the tranquillity of the Hillside bungalows, acting as a buffer from traffic. It is the setting for the "Silkstone" village name stone. Together with the Waggonway stone at Silkstone Cross, is an important gateway marker for those entering the village from the A628 at the south of the village.</p> | <p>0.043 Ha</p> <p>As small area of land providing the "front lawn" to the Hillside cottages, this is particularly local in character.</p> |
| <p>2. 'Ribbon' open-space along Silkstone Waggonway from Silkstone Cross to the Parish boundary</p>  | <p>The Waggonway runs for approx. 1.5 km from the centre of the parish at Silkstone Cross out toward the parish boundary with Cawthorne. The green space 1 or 2 metres either side of the Waggonway adds to its attractiveness not just for local people but also for walkers / riders, joining other paths towards Silkstone Common, Cawthorne, Barugh Green and beyond.</p> | <p>The Waggonway itself is of significant local historical importance. The green space provides a rural setting for what was once a site of industrial activity, acting as a reminder for how nature can re-establish itself. The presence of plants and shrubs, and the wildlife they support, provides an enhanced experience for people using the Waggonway. It adds to the tranquillity of the area by providing a natural acoustic buffer for noise from the M1 just over a mile to the East.</p> | <p>2A 0.951 Ha 2B 0.130 Ha</p> <p>This long linear area of green space provides the setting for what is a landmark of great significance to industrial heritage of the local area.</p> |

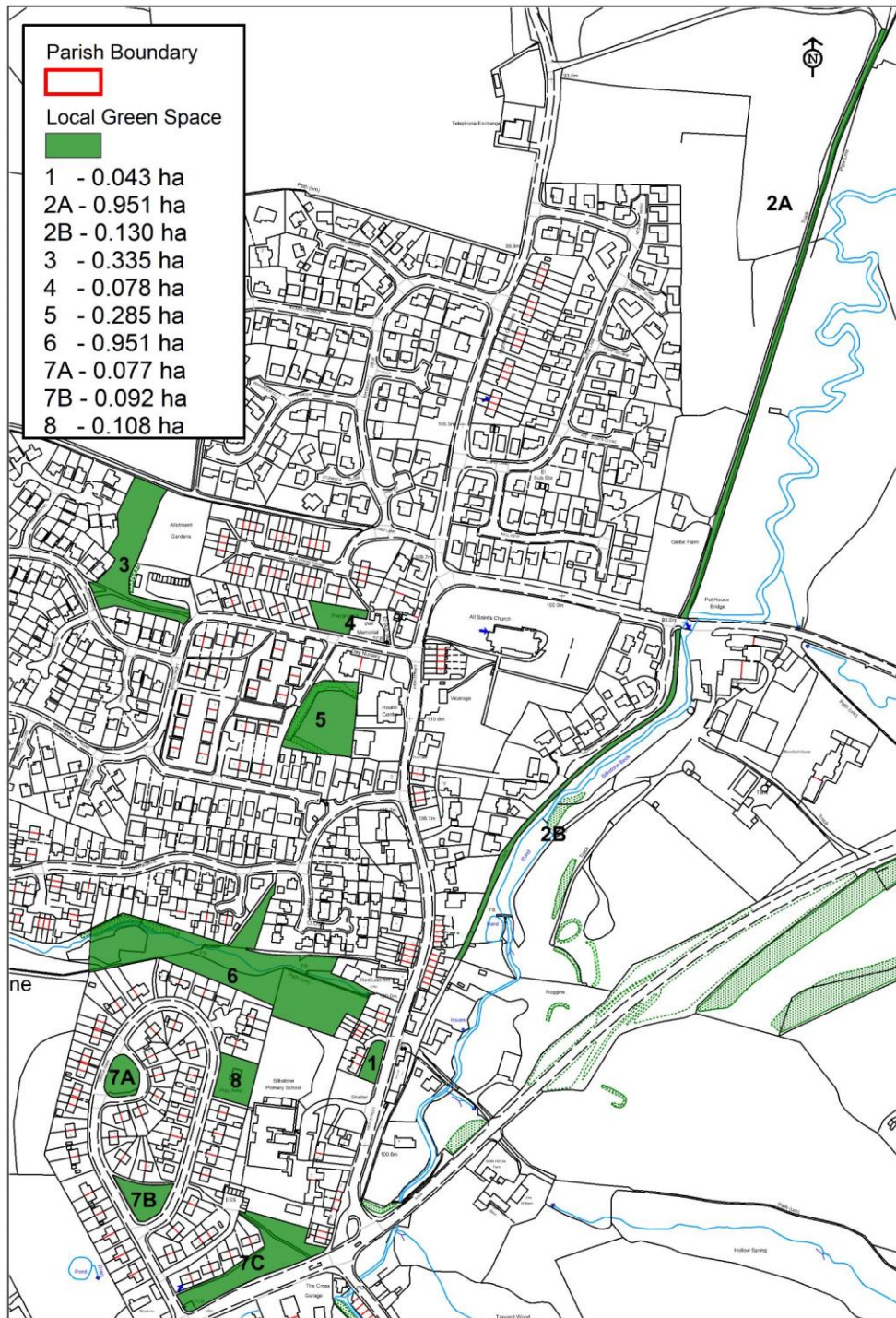
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| <p>3. Broad Gates play area, Silkstone</p>  | <p>This grassed area within the Broad Gates estate was provided for local young people as part of the residential development in 1993/4. It is immediately adjacent to houses, with the estate to its South and West.</p> | <p>It is particularly important to local people as the only piece of land close to these houses suitable for informal ball games. This was enhanced when small goal posts were provided and it was separated from the dog walking area. The benches located at the top of the site provide a quiet spot where local people and sit and chat.</p> | <p>0.335 Ha</p> <p>The site is mainly used by local people who live in the estate immediately adjacent to it.</p> |
| <p>4. Martin Croft playground adjacent to the war memorial, Silkstone</p>  | <p>This playground serves the Pack Horse Green estate immediately to its North. It is also relatively close to the Broad Gates estate and the Mayberry Drive / Whinmoor development.</p> | <p>This is the only playground with equipment near to Broad Gates, Martin Croft and Pack Horse Green. It's particularly important to parents picking up their children from the nearby nursery, as well as house living in nearby housing. Parents can sit and socialise on the benches here and next to the war memorial whilst their children play in safety.</p> | <p>0.078 Ha</p> <p>This site is of great important to people in the local area, although a number of parents using the nursery are from other nearby villages.</p> |
| <p>5. The Chestnuts, Martin Croft, Silkstone</p>  | <p>The Chestnuts site is just off Martin croft behind the doctor's surgery. It is immediately adjacent to the older persons bungalows on Martin Croft, and most people in the area will pass it daily as they head down hill to the High Street. As the name suggests, there are several mature Chestnut trees around its perimeter.</p> | <p>It was developed from a disused quarry and provides a quiet, secluded area, particularly for the older people living nearby. They consider this to be a very special area, the only green space in this part of the village "designed" just for sitting quietly.</p> | <p>0.285 Ha</p> <p>The existence of this space is probably not widely known to people from outside this part of Silkstone, let alone more widely.</p> |

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| <p>6. Woodland and grassed area between Towngate and Manor Park, Silkstone</p>  | <p>This area is immediately surrounded by residential areas, Towngate to the North and Manor Park to the South. Footpaths run through it, North-South and East-West.</p> | <p>Anyone walking with their children to Silkstone Primary school from the Broad Gates and Towngate estates will pass through it every day. Children can explore the wild area and the shallow stream. The area is also important for walkers as part of a circular route around the North and West of the village. It provides a quiet area away from the busy High Street.</p> | <p>0.951 Ha</p> <p>As the buffer between the Towngate and Manor Park estates, it is essentially of local character and importance.</p> |
| <p>7. Manor Park, Silkstone – areas within the estate and fronting bungalows facing on to Barnsley Road at Silkstone Cross</p> <p>A</p>  <p>B</p>  <p>C</p> | <p>These grassed areas are within and around the Manor Park estate. The area between the bungalows and the A628 Barnsley Road provide a front lawn for those properties.</p> | <p>They enhance the character of the estate by giving a sense of space. The area in front of the bungalows provides a buffer between them and the busy A628, enhancing the quality of life of those residents. It also provides an important gateway marker for those entering the village from the Penistone and Manchester direction.</p> | <p>7A - 0.077 Ha 7B – 0.092 Ha 7C - ?</p> <p>As these areas are within and around a residential area, they are essentially local in character and importance.</p> |

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| <p>8. Manor Park playground, rear of Silkstone Primary School</p>  | <p>This playground serves the Manor Park estate immediately to its West.</p> | <p>It provides the only playground with equipment in this part of the village. It's particularly important to parents picking up their children from the nearby primary school, as well as those living in nearby housing. It provides an excuse for parents to socialise whilst their children play in safety.</p> | <p>0.108 Ha</p> <p>This site is of great important to people in the local area, although some of parents using the primary school are perhaps from other nearby villages.</p> |
| <p>9. Orchard Wood and meadow, off Moored Lane, Silkstone Common</p>  | <p>Orchard wood and meadow can be accessed from either Moored Lane or from Woodland View. It is surrounded by residential areas on all sides, apart from Silkstone Common Junior & Infants School to its South-East.</p> | <p>Orchard Wood is one of the few woodland areas in the village that it easily accessible to local residents. The wood includes a small meadow area which is home to a PALS memorial stone. Local volunteers have worked for many years in the wood improving the footpaths and creating wildlife habitats. In the centre of the wood, there is a sense of tranquillity, the only disturbance coming from the occasional dog walker or squirrel.</p> | <p>0.1396 Ha</p> <p>As this area is surrounded by mainly residential areas, it is essentially local in character and importance.</p> |
| <p>10. Silkstone Common Recreation Ground, Holroyd Walk, Silkstone Common</p> | <p>Silkstone Common Recreation Ground is immediately adjacent to the South-East of the residential area of the village. It is a former miners'</p> | <p>As well as a large grass sports field, it incorporates a play area ("Mike's Place") and a multi-games area. At one time, the ground will have hosted team sports,</p> | <p>1.936 Ha</p> <p>The recreation ground is used mainly by local</p> |

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|   | <p>welfare scheme, transferred in trust to Barnsley Council in 1996. The object of the Trust is “The provision and maintenance of a recreation ground for the use of the inhabitants of Silkstone and the neighbourhood thereof with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.”</p> | <p>although now it is mainly used for informal recreation and dog walking. Hall Royd Wood can be accessed from it South-East corner. It is important to local residents as the only space of its type in the village.</p> | <p>people, particular those living in neighbouring residential areas. Walkers using the circular route of the village will also pass through it</p> |
| <p>11. Jay's Wood, Hall Royd Lane, Silkstone Common</p>  | <p>Jay's Wood is on a circular walk out from the station towards Falthwaite and back, taking in interesting and historic elements the village. Owned by Silkstone Parish Council, it is more-or-less in the centre of the parish, so is important to local people from both villages.</p> | <p>The wood was planted by miners on the site of the old Hall Royd pit to screen it from the view of villagers. Whilst it is mainly of silver birch, there are numerous oak saplings, due to roosting Jays bringing acorns as food. First opened to the public in 2016, a path leads through stone pillars to a bench where walkers can rest. Far from any main road, the wood is a tranquil natural environment, providing many wildlife habitats, including for adders, the UK's only venomous snake.</p> | <p>0.353 Ha</p> <p>The site is on the edge of Silkstone Common, but its history makes it an area of importance to local people.</p> |

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