
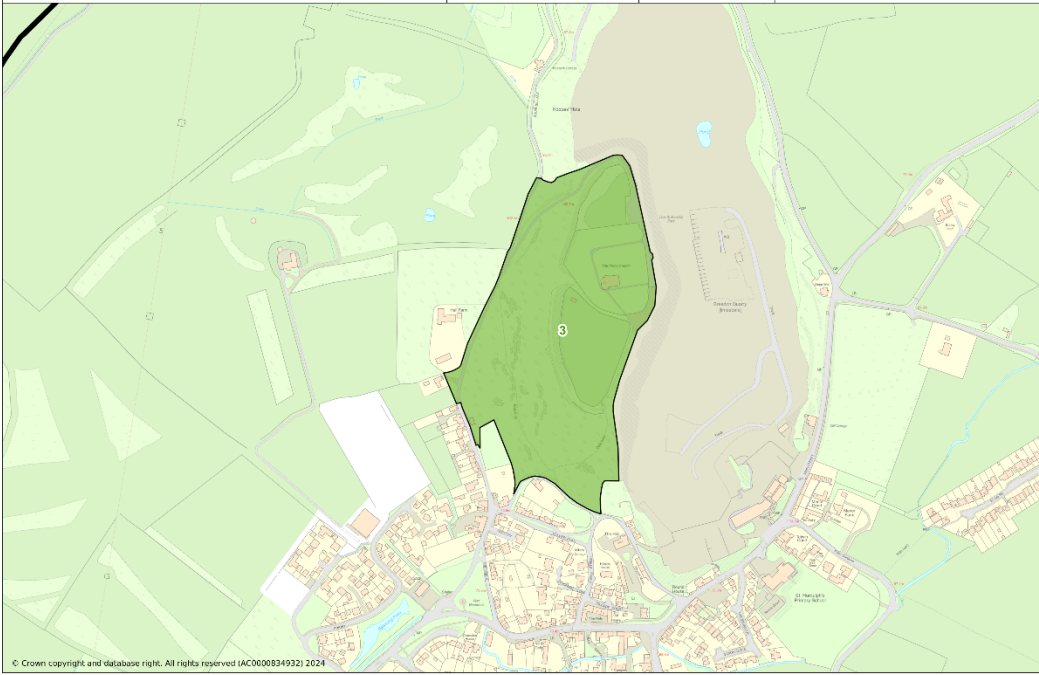

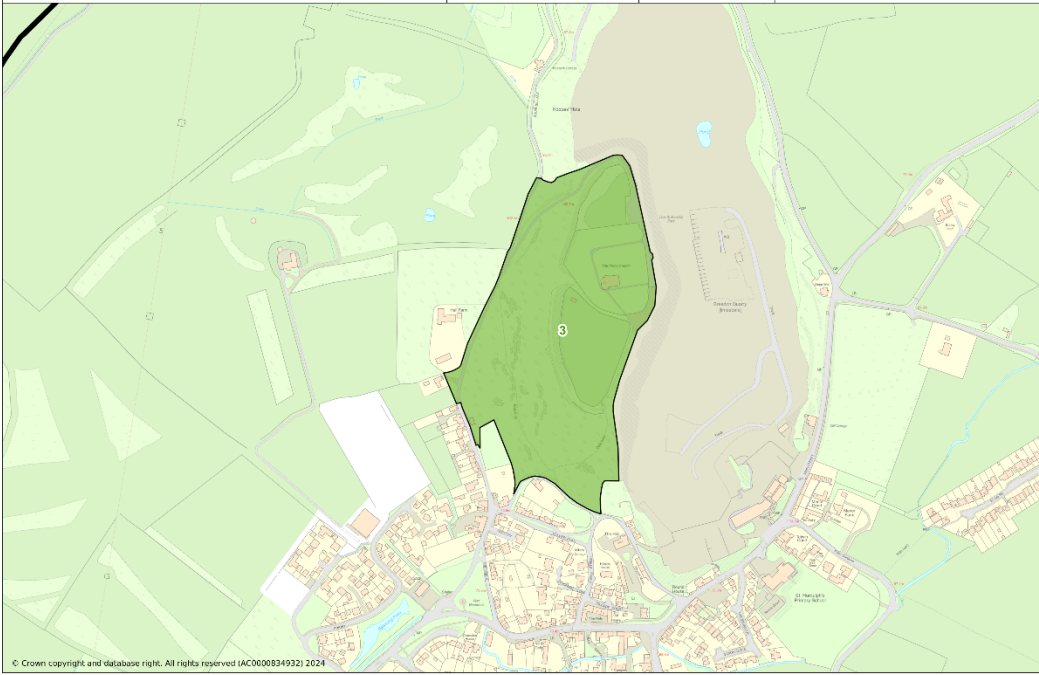

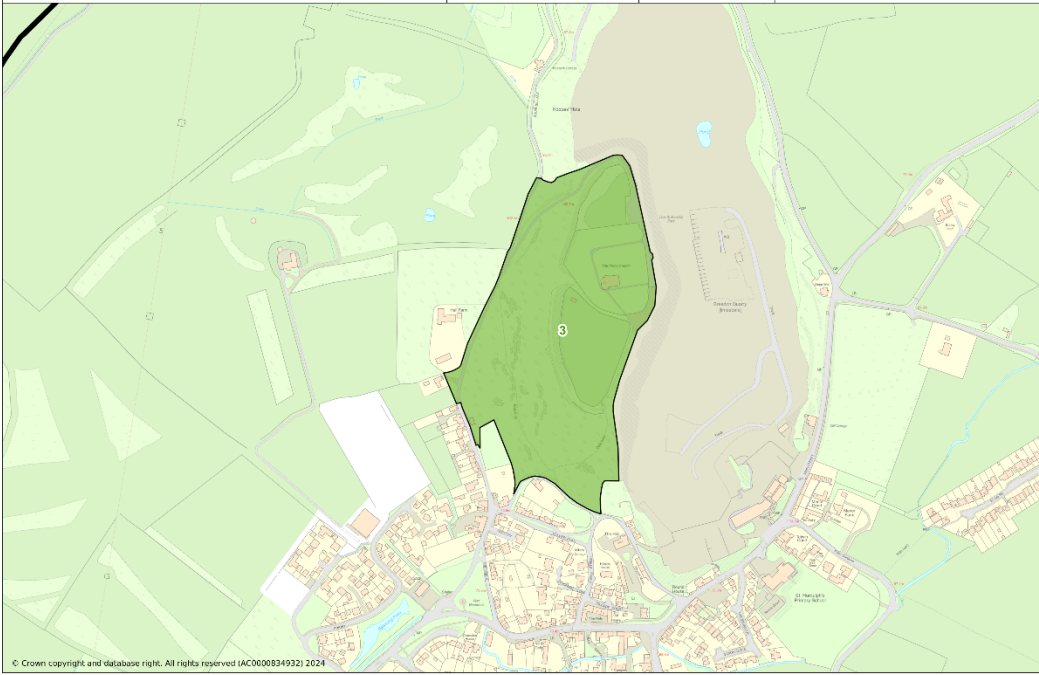



I General Information										
1.1	Name and address of site <i>Some sites have several names and all known names should be given</i>									
	Breedon Hill, Breedon on the Hill									
1.2	Site location plan <i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site.</i>									
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1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation <i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised</i>									
	Breedon on the Hill Parish Council									
1.4	Ownership of site if known <i>Information on land ownership can be obtained from the Land Registry. Some land parcels are not registered however local people may know the owner.</i>									
	Breedon on the Hill Parish Council. In 1965, under the terms of the Commons Registration Act, the Parish Council applied for ownership of the village green, the round house and penfold and the unenclosed areas of Breedon Hill. The hearings, appeals and registrations took over twenty years but the Parish was finally granted ownership of the village green and the round house and penfold, but only right of common on the unenclosed areas of Breedon Hill. Control over the church and land rests with the chancellor of the diocese.									
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation?									
	The Leicestershire Diocesan Board of Finance was consulted on the Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan.									

1.6	Does the owner support the designation? <i>Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners</i>
	Unknown
1.7	Photographs of site
	
1.8	Community served by the potential Local Green Space <i>i.e. does the site serve the whole village/town or a particular geographic area or group of people?</i>
	Breedon Hill and the The Priory Church of Saint Mary and Saint Hardulph serves the whole community. There are Public Rights of Way across the site and right of common on the unenclosed areas of Breedon Hill.
2 Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? <i>If planning permission has been permitted could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?</i>
	There are no current planning applications for this site.
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local Plan? <i>If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?</i>
	No.
3 Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site
	8.5569ha
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”? <i>(Extensive tracts of land cannot be designated as Local Green Space) e.g. how large is it in comparison to other fields; groups of fields; areas of land in the vicinity etc.? Does the site “feel” extensive or more local in scale?</i>
	No.

3.3	<p>Is the proposed site “local in character”?</p> <p><i>e.g. does the site feel as though it is part of the local area? And why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? What is your evidence?</i></p>
	Yes. The Hill is a defining feature of the village.
4	Need for Local Green Space
4.1	<p>Is there a need for a local green space in this location?</p> <p><i>e.g. is there a shortage of accessible greenspace in the area? Is there a village needs survey or parish plan that provides evidence of that need. Further information – Natural England (Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard)</i></p>
	The Hill makes an important contribution to the form and character of the village.
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”
5.1	<p>How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community?</p> <p><i>Possible evidence – a map to show that distance</i></p>
	The Green lies to the north of Breedon on the Hill village with public footpath and highway access.
5.2	<p>Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?</p> <p><i>e.g. railway line; main road</i></p> <p><i>Possible evidence – a map to show any potential barriers and how those can be overcome.</i></p>
	No- although the hill is a steep climb.
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”
6.1	<p>Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council</p> <p><i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i></p>
	Breedon on the Hill Parish Council has approved the Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan that identifies the site as a Local Green Space.
6.2	<p>Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support; petitions; surveys etc.</i></p>
	In June 2021 a questionnaire was delivered to local households inviting residents to complete the survey. 92.5% of respondents supported the site’s designation as a Local Green Space.
6.3	<p>Evidence of support from community leaders</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc.</i></p>
6.4	<p>Evidence of support from other groups</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support from organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i></p>

7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty,” (if applicable)
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site? If ‘No’ go to section 8
	Yes
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.
	<p>Breedon is notable for its Carboniferous limestone hill that rises 122 metres above sea level in a generally low-lying landscape and affords distant views across several counties. Breedon Quarry is an important source of magnesium-rich dolomitic limestone or dolostone. The stone has had many uses, including as a source of lime and for mortar, but is now used across the East Midlands as an aggregate for road dressing. A large portion of the hill has been cut away by an active quarry now operated by the Breedon Group at such a scale that it has a significant impact upon the landscape character of the area.</p> <p>At the top of Breedon Hill, the grade I Listed Church of St Mary and St Hardulph is a prominent feature in the local landscape. There are other designated features associated with Breedon Hill which include another Grade II* listed building, Conservation Area and Iron Age Hillfort (Scheduled Monument).</p> <p>Today there are 360degree views from publicly accessible areas at the top of the hill, including from the church grounds, access road and footpaths. Breedon on the Hill is therefore a primary landmark of more than local importance and from our 2021 Questionnaire Survey we know that 98% of respondents want to protect views from and to the hill.</p>
7.3	Site visibility <i>e.g. is it easy to see the site from a public place? Are there long-distance views of the site? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</i>
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7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations? <i>e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; Conservation Area; Special Landscape Area</i> <i>Further information –Natural England</i>
	No.
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents? <i>Further information –Natural England</i>
	Yes. Breedon on the Hill Conservation Area Appraisal.
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?

	Yes- At the top of Breedon Hill, the grade I Listed Church of St Mary and St Hardulph is a prominent feature in the local landscape. There are other designated features associated with Breedon Hill which include another Grade II* listed building, Conservation Area and Iron Age Hillfort (Scheduled Monument).
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art? <i>e.g. is the site mentioned in a well-known poem or shown in a famous painting?</i>
	Yes. The Green features in Hand-me-down-Hearsays- an album of photographs stories and anecdotes from parents and grandparents, friends and neighbours in the Parish of Breedon cum Worthington during the summer of 2002. The hill features in many photographs of the area.
8	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its historic significance” (if applicable)
8.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site? <i>If ‘No’ go to section 9</i>
	Yes
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site? <i>e.g. listed buildings; scheduled ancient monuments; registered parks and gardens; war memorials; other historic remains or structures.</i> <i>Further information –English Heritage; local history society</i>
	Yes- At the top of Breedon Hill, the grade I Listed Church of St Mary and St Hardulph is a prominent feature in the local landscape. There are other designated features associated with Breedon Hill which include another Grade II* listed building, Conservation Area and Iron Age Hillfort (Scheduled Monument).
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site? <i>e.g. old hedgerows; ancient trees; historic ponds or historic garden features</i> <i>Further information –English Heritage; local history society</i>
	Yes, including Mesolithic/Neolithic/Bronze Age finds.
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? <i>e.g. the old site of the town railway station; the old garden for the manor house etc.</i>
	Breedon on the Hill village is notable for its Carboniferous limestone hill that rises 122 metres above sea level in a generally low-lying landscape and affords distant views across several counties. Breedon Quarry is an important source of magnesium-rich dolomitic limestone or dolostone. The stone has had many uses, including as a local source of lime and for mortar.

8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?
	The war memorial on The Green commemorates the fallen from the First and Second World Wars.
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site? <i>e.g. well-dressing; maypole dancing etc.</i>
	The Hill has been used to commemorate national events.
9	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for example because of its recreational value (including as a playing field)", (if applicable)
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site? <i>If 'No' go to section 10</i>
	Yes
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport? <i>If so what sport? How long has it been used for sports provision? Is this sports provision free or is a club membership required?</i>
	No
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site? <i>e.g. are there any public rights of way across the site? Or adjacent to the site? Has access been allowed on a discretionary basis? Is there public access to the whole site or only part? Is there good disabled access to the site? (A site can still be designated even if there is no public access.)</i>
	Yes
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when? <i>e.g. dog walking; sledging; ball games etc.</i>
	The site is used for informal recreation by the local community.
10	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for example because of its tranquillity" (if applicable)
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site? <i>If 'No' go to section 11</i>
	Yes
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil? <i>e.g. are there are any roads or busy areas close by?</i>
	Hand-me-down-Hearsays: "The visitor to Breedon Church has first to ascend the Hill either from the north, south or east side, but once on the plateau, a grand view of the majestic buildings may be obtained. Sublime in its loveliness, peaceful in its surroundings, no sound of busy life is there and nothing seems to disturb the solemnity of this sacred spot except an occasional bleating of the sheep, or the blasting of rock."

10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area? <i>e.g. within the Campaign to Protect Rural England's tranquillity maps</i>
	No
11	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for example because of the richness of its wildlife"; (if applicable)
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ? <i>If 'No' go to section 12</i>
	Yes
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value? <i>e.g. as a site of special scientific interest; a key wildlife site etc Further information - Natural England</i>
	Yes- Breedon Hill is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Hill is also a Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Site (RIGS).
11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site? <i>e.g. habitats and species listed in the UK priority habitats and species lists or in Biodiversity Action Plans or protected species or on the red/amber lists of birds of conservation concern.</i> <i>Further information - Natural England; National Biodiversity Network; RSPB</i>
	Yes- Breedon Hill SSSI comprises the largest area of species-rich Carboniferous Limestone grassland in Leicestershire and is representative of such grassland habitat in the English Midlands.
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Further information - Natural England; National Biodiversity Network</i>
	It is a place for geology and geomorphology.
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community? <i>e.g. long-term monitoring of breeding birds.</i>
	Unknown
12	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for any other reason"; (if applicable)
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site?
	no
12.2	What are the other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?