

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

LAND ADJACENT TO THE WEST OF THE A6, SOUTH OF THE URBAN AREA OF BOLTON LE SANDS UP TO ITS SOUTHERN PARISH BOUNDARY

Name

Lesley Bryan

Organisation (where relevant)

Submitted by The Friends of Lapwing Fields Green space Slyne-with-Hest and Bolton le Sands
on behalf of Bolton le Sands Parish council

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Name and address of proposed site*

Land to the West of the A6 to the South of Bolton le Sands (BLS). The eastern border is formed by the A6/ Slyne Road, the southern and western borders are formed by the Parish boundary between the Parishes of BLS and Slyne with Hest (SWH). The northern border is formed by the village of BLS.

Please attach a site plan showing boundaries below

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See Appendix 2

Drop file here or select file (pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, pptx, ppt, txt)

Landowner Details

Not known

Name & Address / Postcode (if known)

Please provide the following if known

Is the land owner aware of the proposal to designate their land?*

No

Is the land owner supportive of the proposals to designate their land?*

No

Site History*

What is the site currently used for?

The land is used solely for agriculture. It is assessed as good to moderate grade 3 agricultural land. Most is pastoral and some used for arable crops. The site is included in the North Lancaster Green Belt.

Is the site subject to a planning permission for development? (If yes please provide details)*

No, an outline application for the erection of up to 200 dwellings has been submitted recently (reference 25/00805/OUT).

Is the proposal to designate the space supported by any of the following? (If yes please provide details)

The proposal is supported by the following (see also Appendix 1):

Parish Council

BLS PC

SWH PC

Halton PC

Nether Kellet PC

Over Kellet PC

Friends groups

The Friends of Lapwing Fields Green Space SwH and BLS.

Local MP Lizzie CollingeLocal City and County Councillors

Paul Newton

John Wild

Russell Walsh

Local schools

Bolton le Sands C of E primary
Slyne With Hest St Lukes C of E primary

Uniform groups

BLS Brownies and Guides

Other

BLS tennis club
BLS Horticultural Society
SWH Tennis Club
SWH Bowling Club
SWH History Group
Lancaster Wildlife and Nature Group
Lancaster and District bird watching society
CPRE

Site Characteristics*

Is the site an extensive tract of land?

No, it is a clearly contained area with defined edges, bordered by houses in Bolton le Sands to the North, the A6 to the East, Slyne with Hest to the West and an ancient hedgerow marking the Parish boundary to the South.

(Please provide details of the size of the site)

The site is 11.92 Ha in area.

Is the site within reasonable close proximity to the community that it serves?*

Yes

The site is directly joined to SWH to the West and BLS to the North.

It's midpoint is approximately:

- 140 m to Pinewood Ave BLS to the Northeast;
- 165 m to Hatlex Drive SWH to the West;
- 225 m to Slyne Road to the East; and
- 260 m to SWH Conservation area to the South.

How does the site connect physically, visually and socially to the area?*

The land is directly physically connected to the local communities of BLS to the North and SWH to the West. To the East the site is bordered by the short stretch of the A6 that connects the villages of SWH and BLS.

The land is strongly visually connected to BLS village providing views into, out of and across the space. The land is linked without impediment to its wider landscape both eastward and westward, with rolling drumlin topography to the East and Morecambe Bay and Lakeland to the West. SWH recreation field lies to the Southwest. The land forms a strong and impressive backdrop to the

Eastern edge of SWH village at Hatlex Drive where its topography is clearly visible (Photo 1), this is important as the ancient place name Slyne means slope. The two villages are very clearly separated by the land from this public space and the land gives the area a strong sense of rural identity (Photo 2).

From the top of the land, views across it and beyond from Slyne Cemetery, the Conservation Area, Slyne Hall, Slyne Heights and Manor Crescent and Manor Lane, also emphasise the geographical location and geographical independence of both villages and their proximity to the local green space land under nomination (Photo 3 and 4).

Socially, the land is strongly connected to BLS village, it serves a vital purpose in facilitating the retention of a very solid sense of individual community spirit marked by the large number of social activities and clubs present within the village.

How is the proposed space of particular local significance in respect of its beauty?*

The land holds great local significance in terms of its beauty. Walking or driving around the local area, you are rewarded with extensive, long-reaching views to the West. These views reveal rolling agricultural land, a wonderful localised example of the typical topography of the wider area, giving way to a distant but clear and spectacular panoramic view of Morecambe Bay and the Lakeland Fells. You could not ask for a more aesthetically pleasing local view (Photo 4 showing the extent of the view right across this area).

The land is an important and cherished open undeveloped space to the South of BLS village. It provides the rural setting and sense of place by giving geographical locational confirmation through uninterrupted long views away from the obstruction of the village's residential areas.

The views afforded to the West when travelling between SWH and BLS are highly valued by locals evidenced by their comments (Appendix 1 and Photo 5 in Appendix 4) and have been formally acknowledged for their essential contributions to village setting, sense of place and local history.

A topographic profile (Appendix 2) following the parish boundary from West to East across the southern boundary of the site, demonstrates the land's key features. From the A6, a terrace of farmland sloping gently up to a crown that then falls away more steeply to the West to lower lying recreational fields and houses in Hest Bank. Consequently, from most angles, views across the site have very little evidence of development so the land contributes strongly to the sense of two independent villages (Photo 3). The topography of the land is therefore an integral part of why it provides such beauty and is so valued by locals.

How is the proposed space of particular local significance in respect of its recreational value?*

The recreational value of this land is provided by the beauty and views it provides and the wildlife it gives local people the opportunity to observe. The break from urbanisation and the peace provided while looking out over the land is very beneficial for locals in terms of mental health.

How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?*

The land has a calming effect when you pass by giving a tangible sense of peace to the south of BLS village, away from the bustle of more urban areas to the North of the village. It is a place where local

wildlife can be spotted away from traffic, noise and light pollution. The rural feel of this area is mentally comforting and relaxing.

How is the proposed space of particular importance in respect of its historic significance?*

The independence of the Domesday village of BLS is effectively retained by this space. This function is enhanced by the land's topography as detailed above. The land is absolutely vital to the village's independent existence. The proximity of this agricultural space also emphasises the rural roots of the village. Without the land, the historic roots of the village would be entirely lost (Photo 6).

Many of the existing main field boundaries have remained unaltered since formal mapping of the area was adopted (see Historical Ordnance Survey map in Appendix 3). Slyne Hall is a grade 2 listed building and as part of this designation the views from and to the building and its setting are protected. The land nominated for local green space forms a substantial part of the view and setting from Slyne Hall and strongly contributes to its historical and archaeological significance (Photo 5).

The setting and views into and out of the Slyne Conservation Area have been identified as contributing to its character and appearance (Appendix 3). Section 1.7 of the Slyne Conservation Area appraisal (Reference 1) states that the special interest that justifies the designation includes its enhancement by the open pasture and woodland that forms the backdrop to most of the properties in the conservation area and the panoramic views westwards across Morecambe Bay to the Barrow-in-Furness peninsula. The undeveloped nature of this proposed Local Green Space contributes strongly to this.

In addition to sense of place and setting, the land's relief has also shaped the layout of BLS significantly and so has exerted a strong influence on how the settlement appears today.

How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its wildlife value?*

The land forms part of a wildlife corridor between the villages of BLS and Slyne. The agricultural land is classed as grade 3 (moderate to good). The fields provide habitat for Red listed Lapwings that are often heard and observed. (Photo 7). Along the north east boundary where water is often retained after rain, it offers an enhanced habitat for them that draws the Lapwings particularly to this area although they are also commonly observed in the wider area submitted for LGS nomination. Curlews and Oyster catchers are also seen on the land (Appendix 4 and are logged on ebird accounts). There are considerable lengths of mixed ancient hedgerows, which when combined with the open agricultural land provides habitat for birds and small mammals. Due to the plentiful supply of small mammals, owls are heard hunting at dusk. Deer also pass through this area and bats are commonly seen and have been recorded numerous times in local surveys recently.

Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? For example does the area play an important role in community cohesion? Is it registered on the asset of community value?*

The land is extremely important in terms of maintaining community cohesion. Without this land, the community feel of BLS village would be lost, it would be merged with SWH and the separate community clubs and social events would also merge. Loss of village community has been a common theme in public support of LGS designation (Appendix 1) as has the desire to preserve the land that protects such village community, strength of support is also importantly evidenced by a recent petition that has more than 1400 signatures (see link below).

Please provide any other information that you consider would be helpful to the assessment

The land makes a significant contribution to the setting of Slyne Conservation Area, a formally adopted document. Development of the area under consideration for LGS nomination would severely impact this setting.

References

Reference 1: Slyne Conservation area appraisal, Lancaster City Council December 2009

Reference 2: Slyne with Hest Neighbourhood Plan 2017 – 2031, Slyne with Hest Parish Council

Links

Local petition:

[ePetition - We the undersigned support the campaign both to preserve the green belt status of land \(land between Manor Lane, Slyne with Hest and Greenwood Drive/Avenue and Pinewood Avenue/Crescent , Bolton le Sands\), and to object to its use for development. - Lancaster City Council](#)

SWH Neighbourhood Plan:

<https://committeeadmin.lancaster.gov.uk/documents/s86293/Slyne%20with%20Hest%20Neighbourhood%20Plan%20Made%20Version.pdf>

Slyne Conservation area appraisal

<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/assets/attach/340/Slyne-CAA-Final-Dec09.pdf>
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APPENDIX 1: Letters of local support and local comments

Letter of support from Bolton le Sands Parish Council



BOLTON LE SANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Bolton le Sands Parish Council would like to formally support the application for the 'Local Green Space nomination' for the land between Bolton le Sands and Slyne with Hest, and note the following reasons for this request:-

1. Historically known as two separate villages with clearly defined boundaries.
2. Wildlife - Green spaces are necessary for bio diversity, acting as natural habitats for various species.
3. Green spaces - act as natural filters for absorbing pollutants including carbon dioxide which in turn mitigate the effect of climate change.
4. Water management - green spaces absorb rain water thereby reducing the risk of flooding.
5. Natural Beauty - positive impact on physical and mental health. Studies have shown that there is a link between access to green spaces and a reduced mortality rate.
8. Further urbanization will increase the strain on public services.

Kind regards.

Kim C Bennett
Parish Clerk, Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council
Email: clerk@boltonlesandsparrish.gov.uk
Mobile: 07751465369

Letter of support from Slyne with Hest Parish Council

Via Email
Lancaster Planning Office
Morecambe Town Hall
Morecambe

24/06/2025

Dear Lancaster Planning Office



I am writing on behalf of the Parish Council to express our full support for the nomination of the land on the A6 as a Local Green Space (LGS) under the current planning framework.

This area holds significant value to our community, not only for its natural beauty but also for its role in preserving the unique character and identity of our village. The green space in question forms part of the local green belt and is deeply cherished by residents for several key reasons:

- **Village Identity:** It serves as a vital buffer that maintains the distinct separation between our village and surrounding settlements, helping to preserve our rural character and prevent urban sprawl.
- **Historical and Agricultural Significance:** The land reflects the agricultural heritage of the area and contributes to the historical continuity of the village landscape.
- **Community and Environmental Value:** Although the land is not publicly accessible, it holds deep significance for the local community. Its open, agricultural character contributes to the rural setting and offers residents a cherished visual connection to the changing seasons, local wildlife, and natural beauty. The area supports a rich variety of birdlife, including species such as Lapwings, and provides an important habitat for other animals. Its peaceful setting is appreciated from nearby footpaths and roads, offering a sense of tranquillity.
- **Geographical Independence:** The space reinforces the village's sense of place and autonomy, offering a clear and valued boundary that defines our community.

We believe that designating this area as a Local Green Space will ensure its protection for future generations and uphold the values that make our village a special place to live.

Thank you for considering our support for this important nomination.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Ash
Parish Clerk or Chair of the Parish Council
07767 628999

Nether Kellet Parish Council letter of support for local green space

On Friday, July 4, 2025, 8:46 am, netherkelletpc@gmail.com <netherkelletpc@gmail.com> wrote:

Morning Lesley,

Sent on Behalf of Nether Kellet Parish Council

Nether Kellet Parish Council majority support the nomination for Local Green Space of the land lying along the A6 between Slyne with Hest and Bolton-le-Sands.

The Parish Council feel that the rural villages of Lancaster form an important part of the District's history. The nominated land strongly assists locally, in the retention of the history of Slyne with Hest and Bolton-le-Sands as independent settlements each with their own community groups, equally valuing their own identities.

Being in close proximity to both villages, the land also serves to provide locally attractive rural views and forms the immediate setting for the Slyne Conservation Area. The fields provide local habitat for wildlife, including red listed Lapwings, frequently seen and heard by both communities. The land also offers residents a very strong sense of place and tranquillity away from the heavily trafficked A6.

As the area to be nominated has clear boundaries between the two villages and forms the backdrop to the very popular recreation field, used by various community groups, the Parish Council feel it is of important local community value.

Kind Regards

Adrian

Adrian Osmotherley

Parish Clerk

Nether Kellet Parish Council

Telephone: 01524 419237 (Home); 07916 029265 (Mobile)

Over Kellet Parish Council letter of support for local green space

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

Derek Whiteway, Clerk to the Council
122 North Wing, The Residence
Kershaw Drive
Lancaster
LA1 3TF

Tel: 01524 64908 (Home)
Email: clerk@overkelletpc.org

Website: <http://www.overkellet.org/>

23rd July 2025

Local Green Space Nominations:

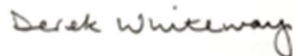
Land Adjacent to the West of the A6, South of the Urban Area of Bolton Le Sands up to its Southern Parish Boundary

Land to the North of Manor Lane, Slyne with Hest

Over Kellet Parish Council unanimously and whole-heartedly supports the above two Local Green Space nominations prepared by The Friends of Lapwing Fields on behalf of the Slyne with Hest and Bolton-le-Sands Parish Councils.

The nominations propose an extremely strong case for the two areas to be designated as Local Green Spaces, in terms of their historic, ecological and recreational value and the wide community benefit derived. Over Kellet's Councillors are highly supportive of the objective and need to protect community identity in the District's rural areas and villages.

The geographical positioning of the nominated areas is clearly of critical importance to the historical and contemporary identity of the two villages and parishes and ought to be preserved. Over Kellet Parish Council is pleased to offer its backing for these proposals.



Derek Whiteway
Clerk to the Parish Council

Email of support from Local MP Lizzie Collinge

Local Green Space nomination (Case Ref: LC00612)

On Friday, July 11, 2025, 3:37 pm, Lizzi Collinge MP <lizzi.collinge.mp@parliament.uk> wrote:

Dear Lesley,

Thank you for providing the further information. I am happy to support your application and would encourage the local authority to carefully consider all the evidence submitted before making their decision.

Best wishes,

Lizzi Collinge MP

Labour MP for Morecambe and Lunesdale

Letter of support from Halton Parish Council



Halton with Aughton Parish Council

c/o Luke Mills
28 Forgebank Walk
Halton
Lancaster
LA2 6FD
01524 881 499

clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk

16 July 2025

Re: Green Space between Slyne-with-Hest and Bolton-le-Sands

Halton-with-Aughton Parish Council believe that protecting green spaces between and within settlements is very important to preserve the character of villages. Once those green spaces are lost, they are lost forever, hence Halton-with-Aughton would support the protection of the green space to the west of the A6 between Slyne-with-Hest and Bolton-le-Sands, either as a Local Green Space or as an Area of Separation.



Luke Mills
Clerk to the Parish Council

Email of support from local County Councillor

On Sunday, June 8, 2025, 12:43 pm, Walsh, Russell (Cllr) <russell.walsh@lancashire.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Lesley,

Thank you for your email.

Yes I'm in support of this.

Regards, Russell.

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: > lesleyfear@yahoo.co.uk

Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 1:22:40 PM

To: Walsh, Russell (Cllr) <russell.walsh@lancashire.gov.uk>

Subject: Support for Local Green Space nomination

Dear Russell,

Further to our conversation regarding a nomination of our green belt land as a Local Green Space, could I ask you to e mail me to confirm that you support our nomination?

The form asks who is supportive and we need written proof. We have quite a few local groups and hopefully schools (we're chatting with them next week) supporting us.

I have read the criteria and the land meets them.

I will of course e mail you with our final copy of the nomination bid before we send it in

Many thanks,

Lesley

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Letter of support from Lancaster Wildlife and Nature Group

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 9:44 am, Dave Mudd <kawacruisa99@hotmail.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Lesley.

Lancaster Wildlife and Nature Group, are fully in support, of the Nomination for Local Green Space, of the Green belt land between Slyne with Hest and Bolton le Sands.

Best Regards,

Dave (Senior Admin, Lancaster Wildlife and Nature Group)

Letter of support and evidence regarding the importance of this habitat to Lapwings from Lancaster and District Bird Watching Society

Lancaster and District Birdwatching Society (LDBWS) is grateful to Lesley Fear for contacting our charitable club (active since 1959) with reference to a potential housing development between Slyne and Bolton-le-Sands and breeding Northern Lapwings (*Vanellus vanellus*).

Over the decades LDBWS has kept track of all bird species within its recording area including conducting and publishing Breeding Bird Atlases. In the 1990s, this census revealed the beginning of a continued decline in the area of both Lapwing pair numbers and breeding sites. At a tetrad level (SD46T), Lapwings were confirmed breeders in this area in the 1980s and 1990s. Records collected for the latest instalment (due to be published in 2026) show that the land parcels flagged up by Lesley still form a breeding area for Lapwings, with probable breeding in seasons 2022 -24 and confirmed breeding in 2025. While more numerous and widespread in decades past, this area is now one of just five quite discrete locations (at least sixteen in the 1990s Atlas) where Lapwing choose to breed within the ten-kilometre square of SD46.

Against this background, any loss of nesting habitat, further fragmenting and potentially reducing the local breeding population, would be regrettable and injurious to any potential recovery for this now Red-listed species.

With Biodiversity Net Gain now being a requirement for such developments, LDBWS strongly believes that the needs of breeding Lapwings should be at the fore with regard to this site and across the wider area, and companies, bodies, landowners and other individuals need to push for positive outcomes for these and other key species locally.

LDBWS Secretary July 2025

Letter of support from local Lancaster City Councillor

On Thursday, June 12, 2025, 10:47 pm, Newton, Paul <pnewton@lancaster.gov.uk> wrote:

Hello Lesley

Sorry for the tardy response.

I am happy to support this.

Thank you for your efforts and hope you are successful.

Regards

Paul

From:

Sent: 07 June 2025 13:07

To: Newton, Paul <pnewton@lancaster.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Nomination of green belt as local green space

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Hello Paul,

Further to our conversation regarding a nomination for Local Green Space for our Green Belt land, I have looked into this more.

You can definitely nominate Green belt designated land as a Local Green Space. You can also nominate land even if the land owner is not supportive. The land fulfils most of the listed criteria in order to be considered for a successful designation.

The form asks for who is supportive of the bid. Please would you e mail me to confirm your support, I hope we can count on you to assist in this matter,

Many thanks,



The countryside charity
Lancashire, Liverpool City Region
and Greater Manchester

Acres Brook, Sabden Road,
Higham, Lancashire, BB12 9BL
Tel: 01772 378831
Email: info@cprelancashire.org.uk
www.cprelancashire.org.uk

Planning Department
Lancaster City Council

21st July 2025

Group President
Nick Thompson
Group Chair
Debbie McConnell

Dear Lancaster City Council Planning Department,

**SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACE AT LAND TO THE
NORTH OF MANOR LANE SLYNE WITH HEST OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
LAPWING FIELDS**

1. I am writing on behalf of the CPRE, The Countryside Charity in Lancashire, Liverpool City Region, and Greater Manchester in order to express our support for Slyne-with-Hest Parish Council's application for designation of land to the North of Manor Lane Slyne-with-Hest, otherwise known as Lapwing Fields as Local Green Space.

About CPRE

2. We are CPRE, The countryside charity. We want a thriving, beautiful countryside for everyone. We believe in countryside and green spaces being accessible to all, rich in nature and playing a crucial role in responding to the climate emergency.

CPRE and Local Green Spaces

3. CPRE support the idea of Local Green Spaces in general as they have a role to play in enhancing Health and Wellbeing, promoting Nature Diversity and tackling Climate change. where needed new development goes. They represent an excellent way for people to get involved in the Planning system in a way that means they can actively influence their local environment.
4. Research by CPRE into Local Green Spaces has shown their value to both people and nature. <https://www.cpre.org.uk/news/local-green-spaces-new-research-proves-their-value-to-people-and-nature/>

Designation Of Local Green Space at Land to the North Of Manor Lane Slyne With Hest

5. In this case the proposed Local Green Space would enable the space to continue contributing to the beauty of the surrounding environment and supporting local wildlife.
6. For a field to be designated as Local Green Space it has to meet criteria set out in paragraph 107 the National Planning Policy Framework December 2024 which states.

The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - 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
 - local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
7. The proposed field is in close proximity to the community it serves being adjacent to the residential area of Slyne-with-Hest Parish.
 8. The application from Slyne-with-Hest demonstrates clearly the value of the field to local people including, as it does, a number of letters of support from various organisations in the area and local representatives as well as documentary evidence in the form of photographs and reference to the Conservation Area Appraisal. The field clearly holds recreational historic and wildlife value that is important to local people.
 9. The field is local in character, it is very much part of Slyne-with-Hest lying wholly within the parish boundary.
 10. For the above reasons, CPRE Lancashire, Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester branch support Slyne-with-Hest's application for the designation of the land the North of Manor Lane, Slyne-with-Hest as Local Green Space.

Yours sincerely

Eddy Taylor MRTPI MCD MA Urban Design FHEA
Planning Director, CPRE Lancashire, Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester

Letter of support from Local Floral and Horticultural Society

On Friday, June 13, 2025, 2:52 pm, Judith Slater <judithslater@rocketmail.com> wrote:

Dear Lesley,

I am writing to let you know that Bolton le Sands & district Floral & Horticultural Society are supportive of The Friends of Lapwing Fields Green Space.

If there is anything the Society can help with please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone.

Very best wishes,

Judith Slater

Honorary Secretary

Support from Local Lancaster City Councillor

On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 4:18 pm, Wild, John <jwild@lancaster.gov.uk> wrote:

Afternoon Lesley

put me down to support the cause

Anything else do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

City Councillor John Wild

Mob tel. 07792 216 454

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: lesley fear <lesleyfear@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 7:01:09 AM

To: Wild, John <jwild@lancaster.gov.uk>

Subject: Local green space nomination follow up

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Dear John,

I e mailed previously to talk about our group's forthcoming nomination for Local Green Space Designation.

As mentioned before, the form requires us to note who is in support of our bid. Paul Newton has formally said that he will support our nomination. I did e mail Keith with no response but presume that he cannot openly support us due to his position on the planning board. It would be good to have your support. We have backing from various local community groups and uniform groups.

If you are in support and we hope you are, please would you e mail me a message to that effect? The clock is ticking for us to get all our paper work together.

I have checked the criteria for nominating a valid bid and the fields do meet these.

Many thanks

Lesley Bryan

The Friends of Lapwing Fields Green Space, Slyne with Hest and Bolton le Sands.

Letter of support from Slyne with Hest Local History Group

On Saturday, June 21, 2025, 9:06 am, janet westwell <nwjw@live.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Lesley

This is our contribution to the campaign

Hope it is what you want, I am secretary of the group Heather Wakelin is chair

I am writing to you and the Friends of the Lapwing Fields Group to offer Slyne with Hest Local History Group's support for both the Save the Green Belt Campaign and Proposal of the Lapwing fields be designated as a Local Green Space.

The History Group meets Monthly and attracts an average of 35 local residents per meeting.

Slyne with Hest has historically been a village relying on agriculture as its main occupation for its residents, this is no longer the case. Most residents now travel outside the village for work to larger towns but at the moment like their predecessors still have the benefit of open fields, big skies and magnificent views across the Bay from these fields, when either out for a walk, bird watching running or driving back into the village.

Extract - Point b taken from the Green Space Designation Document

- b) 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;

The fields certainly meet this criteria.

The benefits of Green Space to Mental Health are clearly set out in the National Institute for Health and Care Research and these fields offer people with busy lives a chance to improve their well being.

Letter of support from Bolton le Sands Brownies and Girl Guides

On Friday, June 27, 2025, 9:29 am, Darcenia Teasdale <blsguidesandbrownies@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Lesley

I'm the Leader of 1st Bolton-le-Sands Guides, 2nd Bolton-le-Sands Brownies and 1st Bolton-le-Sands Rainbows as well as Girlguiding District Commissioner for Lunesdale. As District Commissioner, I support the units at Slyne-With-Hest as well as Bolton-le-Sands.

I personally drive past Lapwing Fields several times a week as I go between Slyne-With-Hest and Bolton-le-Sands, and the fields and beautiful green space separating the villages is always a genuine breath of fresh air as a real green space separating the two villages, and seeing the beautiful established trees and hedgerows.

Having this green space to naturally divide two very old villages is important for their identities, and their communities. Seeing the loss of our green spaces around our villages in the area is very worrying for our future generations who will not have the experience and access to biodiversity the fields provide.

When I talked about the lapwings with our Guides, they immediately wanted to help. Please find attached two images of the lapwings which two guides were inspired to create. The Brownies are very upset at the potential loss of wildlife as they learn about the importance of the bees, insects and animals and birds. Our Brownies particularly love foxes and talk about seeing the foxes that live around the outskirts of Bolton-le-Sands - by Lapwing fields.

As part of Girlguiding, doing activities outdoors, respecting the countryside, finding out about our local area, and campaigning to keep our green spaces for future generations are all part of the ethos. The girls from Bolton-le-Sands absolutely love being outside in our green spaces. It's the first thing they say when they arrive "Are we going outside today?"

Having the green space of Lapwing Fields designated for their generation and the next is vital for their experiences and education as well the separation of the two historic villages.

My regards

Darcenia Teasdale

Picture drawn by a Bolton le Sands Girl Guide



Letter of support from Slyne with Hest Tennis Club

On Friday, June 27, 2025, 5:08 pm, martin brownjohn <mbrownjohn@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Lesley

I am writing on behalf of Slyne with Hest Tennis Club to say that we fully support the proposal to designate the fields between Slyne with Hest and Bolton le Sands as a 'Local Green Space.'

Members of the club share your concern that any development on this land would be detrimental to the character of the area and destroy the separate identities of the two villages.

I wish you the very best in your efforts to protect this amenity on behalf of local residents,

Martin Brownjohn

Chairman, Slyne with Hest Tennis Club

Letter of support from Slyne With Hest St Lukes CofE Primary school



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Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Lesley,

I am writing on behalf of Slyne-with-Hest St Luke's CE Primary School in support of the work the Friends of Lapwing Fields are doing to protect the natural environment close to our school. We are pleased to offer our support for the nomination of the green space separating Bolton-le-Sands and Slyne-with-Hest as a designated Local Green Space.

The land in question serves a vital role in preventing the urban sprawl between the two villages and allowing both communities to retain their individual identities. For centuries these villages have been part of the rural area between the two urban areas of Lancaster and Camforth - they provide important space for nature and humans alike and allow the area to retain its natural beauty. If the land is acquired for building on, there is real danger that not only will the natural environment be damaged but the area will be changed forever - eventually creating one large urban area with no open green spaces. The impact on natural habitats will not be able to be reversed.

The linked concern is the impact that this proposed development would have on the local schools. We are at capacity at present and would not be able to accommodate a significant increase in children. This would ultimately result in parents transporting children further afield creating another impact on the wider environment.

Please include our full support for the local green space designation in your submission.

Yours sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. A. Bowden'.

Paul Bowden

Headteacher

'Listen, learn, love and laugh as part of God's Family'





Slyne-with-Hest Bowling Club

Hanging Green Lane
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07/07/2025

To Whom it may concern,

Local Green Space (LGS) designation.

Slyne with Hest Bowling Club fully supports the nomination for Local Green Space of the land lying along the A6 between Slyne-with-Hest and Bolton-le Sands.

Slyne Bowling Club feels that the village forms an integral part of the community and particularly the protection of local green spaces is of utmost importance.

All our community groups in the local area strongly support the LGS designation.

Our fields and green spaces in the surrounding area provide the local people places to enjoy the surrounding recreation fields and enjoy the local wildlife thriving in the local habitats. Particularly the effected lapwings.

We would want to protect all this for future generations going forward.

Best Regards,

Stephen Watkinson

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18 June 2025

Subject: Support for Lapwing Fields Local Green Space Designation

Dear Lesley

Thank you for your email and for the work that the Friends of Lapwing Fields are doing to preserve and protect such a valuable part of our local environment.

On behalf of Bolton-le-Sands Church of England Primary School, I am pleased to offer our support for the nomination of the green space separating Bolton-le-Sands and Slyne-with-Hest as a designated Local Green Space.

As a school, we are proud of our local area and make full use of its natural beauty as part of our curriculum offer. Our children benefit greatly from outdoor learning opportunities that include walks along the canal (and water activities on the canal!), visits to Thwaite Brow Woods, enjoyment of the community green spaces, and enjoyment the stunning views over Morecambe Bay and the Lake District beyond.

Lapwing Fields plays a valuable role in the life of our community. As children grow older, they begin to explore the area more independently, walking and cycling between the two villages, developing a greater appreciation for the natural world and their place within it.

Preserving this land as a Local Green Space would help maintain the distinct character of our village, provide safe and tranquil recreational opportunities, and protect local wildlife habitats. It would also act as a vital buffer against further overdevelopment in the area.

As highlighted in a recent letter I submitted regarding local planning applications, the village infrastructure, including school places, access, and parking, is already under considerable pressure. Our school is nearing capacity, and the narrow roads and limited access surrounding the site are a growing concern. Safeguarding green spaces such as Lapwing Fields, not only nurtures community wellbeing but also ensures that development across our area remains measured, sustainable, and appropriate to local need.

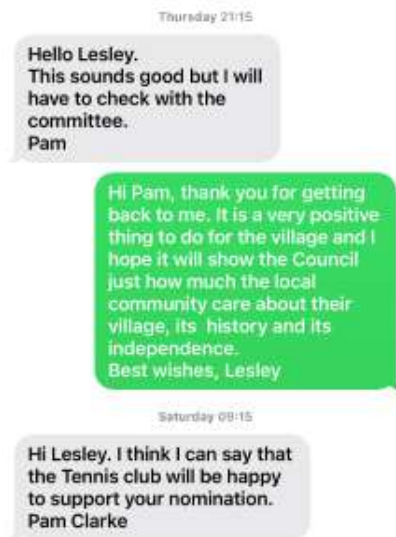
Please include our full support for the Local Green Space designation in your submission, and thank you again for your commitment to protecting this important part of our shared environment.

Kind regards

Mr. Daniel Hargreaves
Headteacher



Confirmation of support from Bolton le Sands Tennis Club



Quotes from the public:

"What a quiet and peaceful place this is to come to stay, the fields next door are like breathing space for the head!"

"We chose to move to Bolton-le-Sands because of the peace, greenery, and open countryside surrounding it. If we had wanted to live in a busy urban environment like Lancaster, we would have moved there. Instead, we were drawn here by the rural setting and the sense of space—something that's becoming increasingly rare."

"Our home, where we've lived for the past eight years, is right next to one of the last remaining green fields in the area. This space has not only provided us with a beautiful view and fresh air, but it plays a vital role in our family's health and wellbeing."

"We have a child with sensory processing difficulties, and the quiet environment is essential to his daily functioning. The thought of ongoing construction noise, traffic, dust, and disruption from a large housing development right outside our home is deeply distressing. It is not something you can just adapt to or "get used to"—especially when sensory issues are involved."

"This isn't just about our family. It's about the wider impact on the community:

- The increase in pollution.
- The permanent loss of a green belt field.

- The destruction of natural habitats for cows, birds, rabbits, and other wildlife we see and appreciate daily.
- The erosion of what makes Bolton-le-Sands special—a rural village with space to breathe.”

“It is disheartening to see that despite all the talk of sustainability and protecting nature, decisions are still being made that prioritize short-term development over long-term community wellbeing and environmental responsibility.”

“It is a sad day when a cherished piece of green land—land that was meant to be protected—is handed over to development, seemingly for the benefit of a few, rather than for the good of the many.

We urge you to reconsider this development and to listen to the voices of those who actually live here. The wellbeing of families, the needs of vulnerable individuals, and the preservation of our environment should not be sacrificed so easily.”

“Look out of our bedroom windows in any direction and we see houses but in one direction beyond the houses we see fields – green fields.

Fields that form part of the 3% of our area that has been retained for nature and wild life.

Fields that are threatened with destruction.

Green belt spaces were created to preserve nature and help in man's battle against environmental pollution – they must be preserved.”

“The views afforded by our local green fields are second to none. Away from the housing they give us a wonderful treat, so lucky to live in this beautiful village.”

“Blessed to live here, wildlife, peace, lovely long views, great social opportunities, these fields are so important to this community.”

“We moved to HB in Summer 21 having lived in rural Cumbria for 16 years. What struck us was the tranquility of the village & the beauty of its setting despite being well populated. All of the houses have a unique, intrinsic charm & birds and other wildlife thrive in the carefully cultivated setting and surrounding green spaces. The roads & bridges through the village are narrow with some dodgy bends - not suitable or sustainable for anymore than the current traffic that pervades. To build 200 + soulless houses would completely destroy the uniqueness & fabric of the area.”

Children's comments:

"As a young teenager who has suffered with certain mental health issues, having a green open space to visit and relax around, listening to the wildlife and rustling of the trees has really helped me in the past relax my mind and refocus."

"I enjoy the local green open space as I get to learn all about the wildlife and greenery that surrounds us."

"Having a local open green space will encourage young people to enjoy and educate themselves with the nature that we live in".

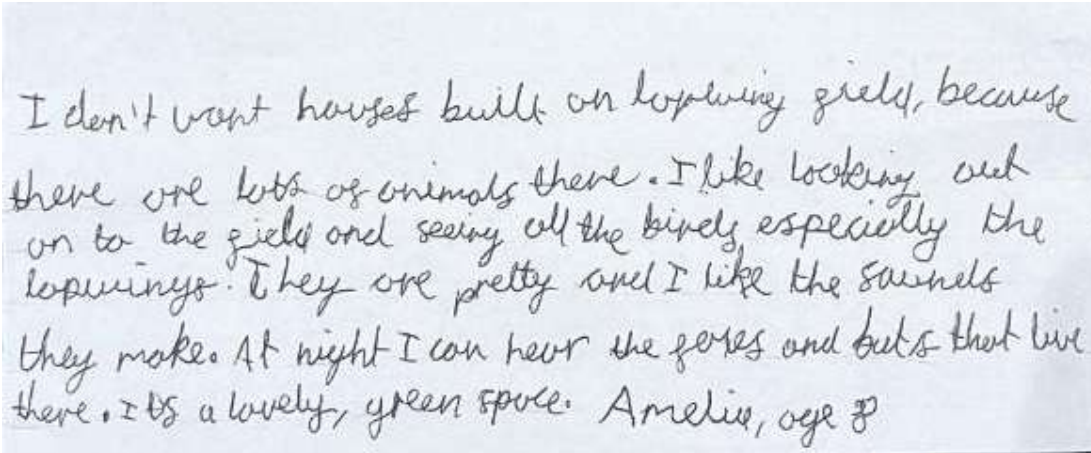
"It's nice to stay at Nana's because she lets us stay up to see the bats flying round the hedges."

"It isn't fair to destroy the home of so much nature just to build houses."

"Lapwings are beautiful, unique in their noise, special and a rare part of nature...Save the fields as we would be taking away their special habitat."

"Don't destroy the birds' homes and nesting grounds to build human homes."

"This is a special part of Morecambe Bay."



I don't want houses built on lapwing fields, because there are lots of animals there. I like looking out on to the fields and seeing all the birds, especially the lapwings. They are pretty and I like the sounds they make. At night I can hear the geese and bats that live there. It's a lovely, green space. Amelia, age 8

APPENDIX 2: Site plan and additional information

Figure 1: Site plan

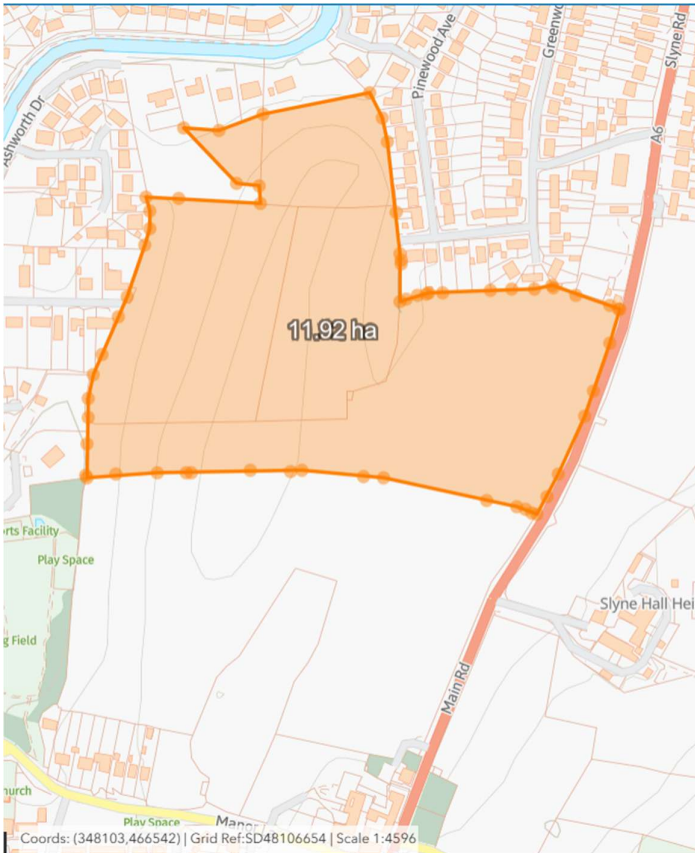
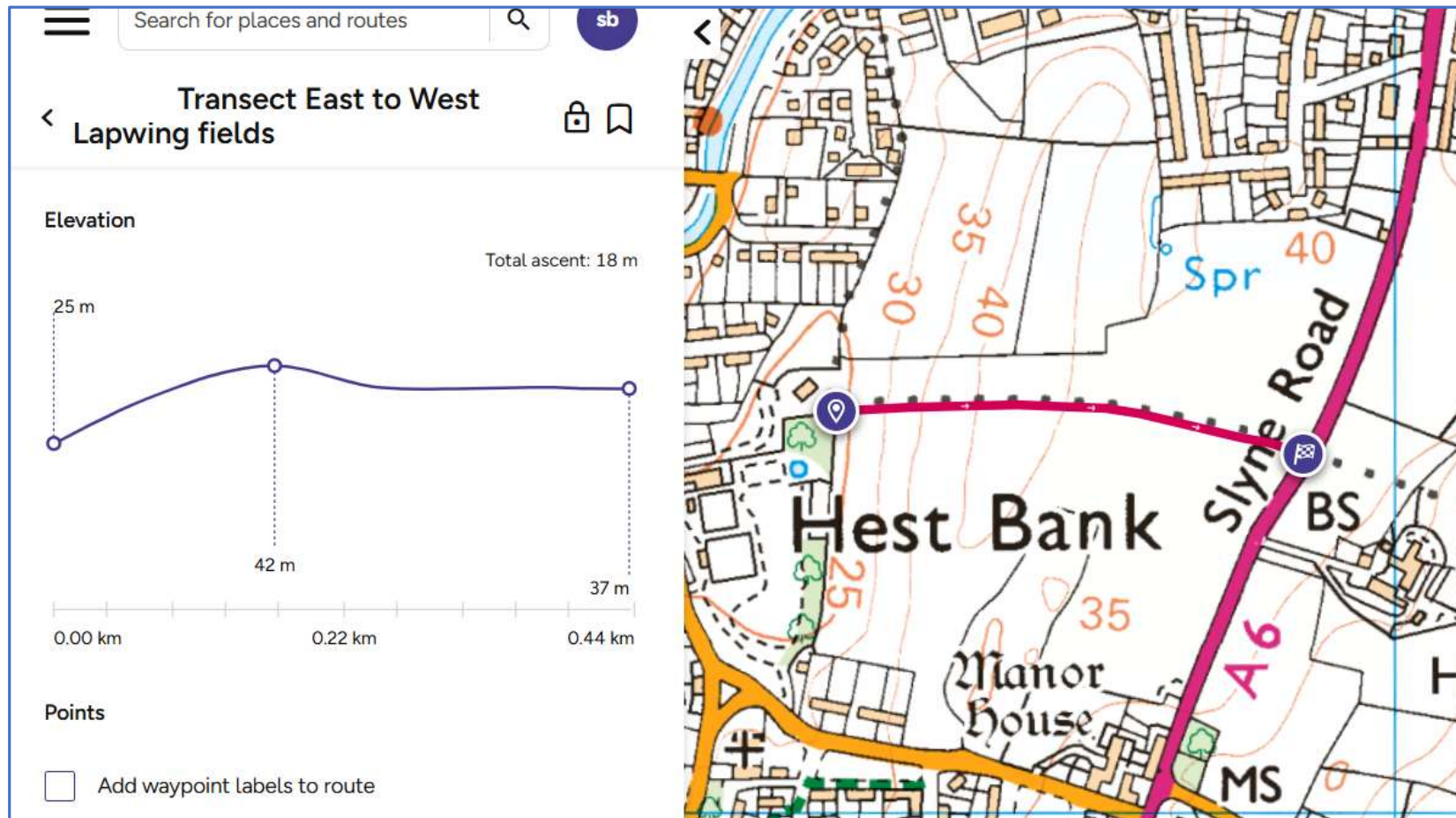


Figure 2: Transect along the Parish boundary between Slyne with Hest and Bolton le Sands.



APPENDIX 3: Historical and conservational evidence

Figure 1: Slyne With Hest Conservation area (taken from Reference 1) showing important views to the North and North-West across the proposed LGS area (highlighted in green at the top of the picture)

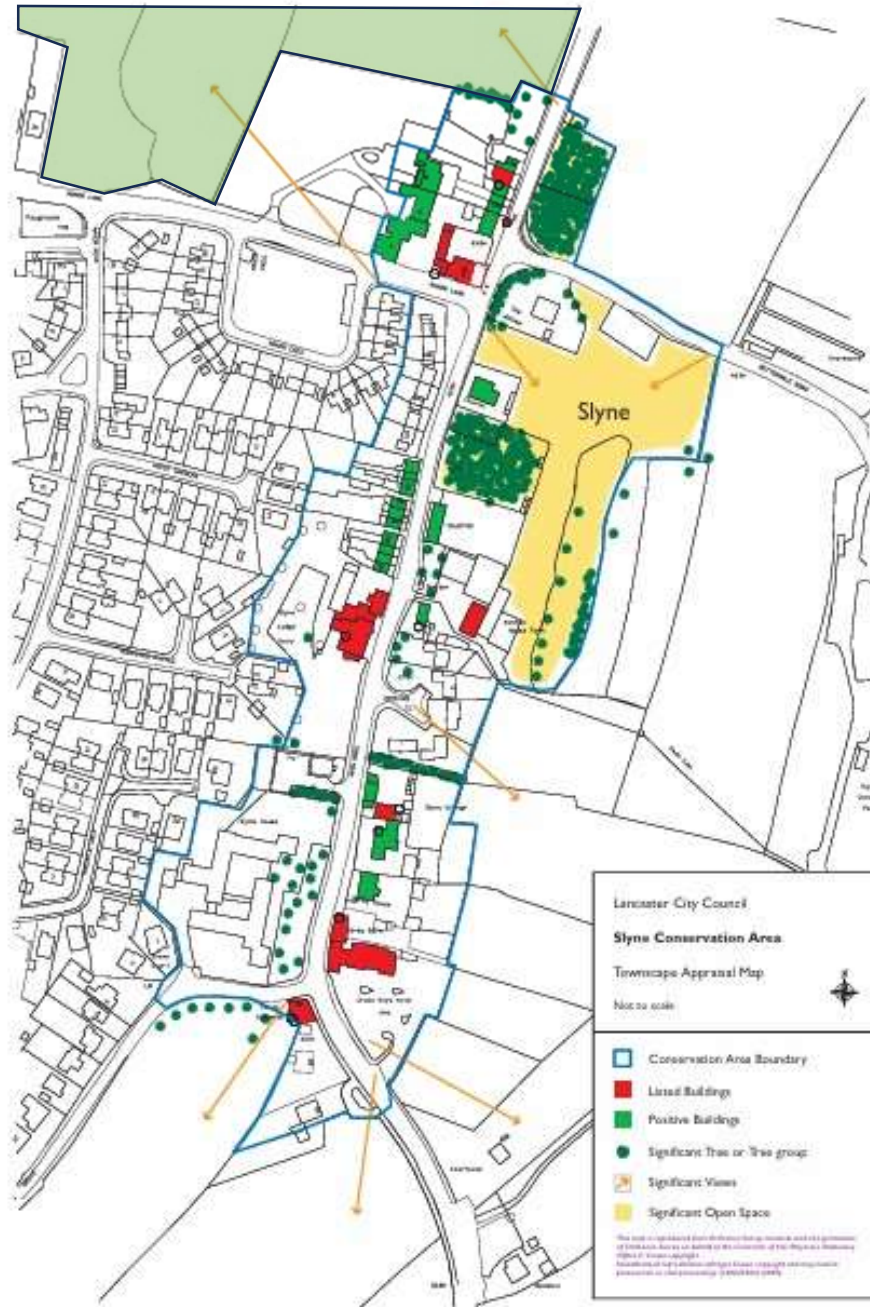
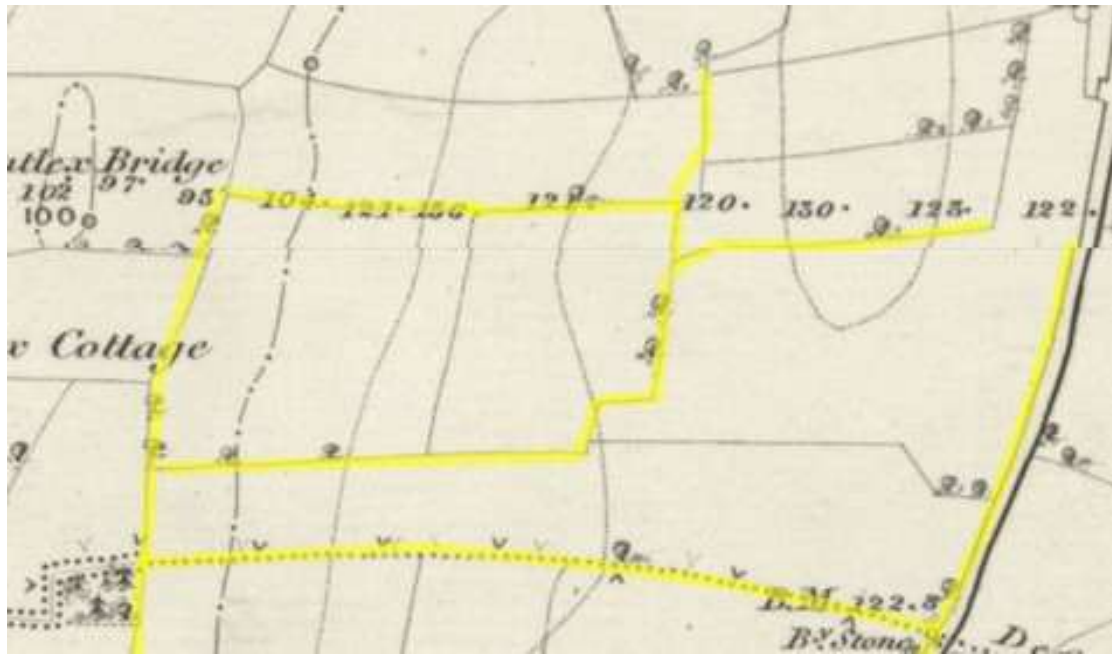


Figure 2: Extracts from historical Ordnance Survey Maps



APPENDIX 4: Photographic evidence of geographic setting and wildlife on the site.

Photo 1: View across the SWH Recreation Field showing the steeply sloping land behind the trees which mark the South and Western edge of the proposed LGS.



Photo 2: Looking from Manor Lane to the North East showing the area's natural topography and rural roots (the proposed LGS is highlighted and the northern boundary (A6) lies immediately behind the hedge behind the tractor).



Photo 3: Long uninterrupted view from land behind Slyne Hall. The edges of SWH and BLS are evident as is the relief of the land rising to a central ridge, masking urban areas to the South.



Photo 4: Beautiful long view of the Lakeland Fells from Manor Lane.



Photo 5: Beautiful sunset taken from Slyne Hall. Long views, rolling agricultural land and local topography. Foreground is privately owned land, the A6 lies behind the first hedge and the proposed LGS Southern boundary is the prominent hedgerow cutting from mid right to upper left of the picture.

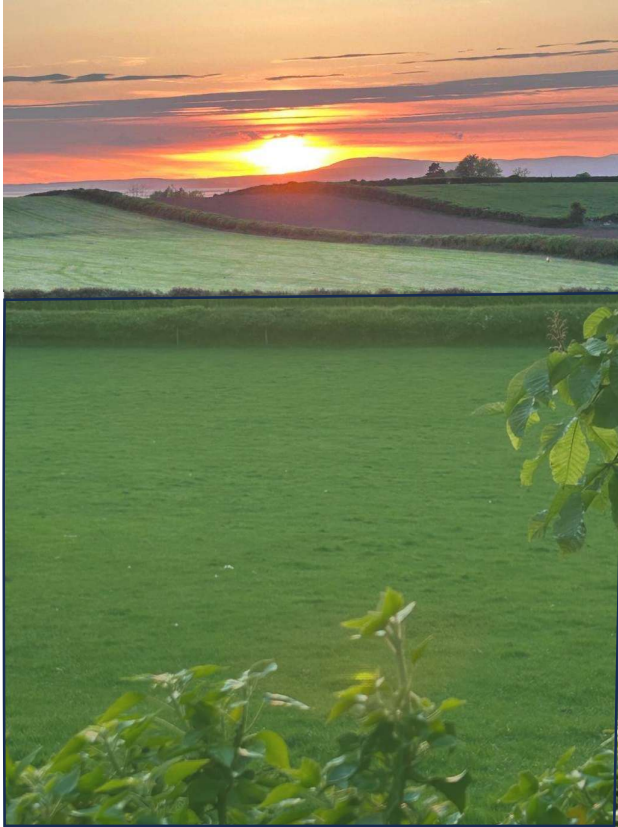


Photo 6: From the boundary of SWH Conservation Area.



Photo 7: Lapwing in the fields

