



APPENDIX C : Baildon Protected Green Spaces
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Baildon Town Centre				
1. Jenny Lane Fields and playground	<p>Between Heygate Lane and Moorside, BD17 6RS</p> <p>A rectangular piece of land, close to the village centre- the plot is clearly defined and bounded by houses, a lane to the Rugby Club and Jenny Lane itself.</p>	<p>The only open access recreation area in the village centre. It is used extensively every day for play and exercise.</p> <p>Baildon Carnival is held here every year.</p> <p>The Catholic Church, which bought the site for a primary school in the 1960s, still owns the land to this day. Jenny Lane is named after Jenny Milner, who lived in a cottage nearby.</p>	<p>The land nearest to Jenny Lane is used as a children's playground (recently refurbished) whilst the field behind it is used for sports, recreation and the annual Baildon Carnival. The site is bounded on two sides by mature trees, providing habitat for birds and woodland creatures. Views of Baildon Moor and Gill Beck valley open up as you walk further into the fields.</p>	<p>City Byelaws</p>
2. Pennithorne Common	<p>Off Pennithorne Avenue and Moorgate, BD17 5PP</p> <p>Green area linking the village centre with open moorland. Gateway to Baildon from Rombalds</p>	<p>The land reflects the unique moorland characteristic of the area. The land provides a transition from a busy village centre to the tranquil Moors beyond. Situated at the northernmost tip of the village, it is the only gateway into the village from the north.</p>	<p>Used extensively and consistently for recreation by walkers, dog-walkers and golfers</p> <p>The clubhouse of Baildon Golf Club is here, housed in the</p>	<p>Common Land</p>

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	Moor. Provides a natural landscape that transitions from Baildon Moorland to the old stone buildings of the village and gives a reminder of the historic appearance of the village	The land is bordered to the north by Baildon Moor and to the east by Moorgate. Housing sits to the west and the village centre is immediately to the south. This small annexe to the main Moor is dominated by the former waterworks filter house, today the green-keeper's store for the Golf Club. The Moor Beck passes through and then disappears into a culvert under the village centre, after which it is known as Barnsley Beck.	former waterworks building. Part of the land is used as a car park by the Golf Club; the remaining land is in constant use by walkers to access Baildon Moor or to just sit and reflect on the Jubilee Bench	
3. Baildon Community Garden, Hall Cliffe	Hall Cliffe, BD17 6ND A flat area very close to the village centre. The garden is central to the Baildon community and is accessed directly from Hall Cliffe.	Opened in 2004, this garden was created from the former children's playground of Baildon Church School. Previously a hard surface, a team of volunteers created several different planted areas including bog garden, wildflower garden, woodland area, a conifer bed, and heather, warm and cool beds. Children love the willow tunnel and log train. Maintained by local volunteer charity on land owned by Bradford Council. A calm and tranquil garden where locals like to sit and relax. Used by many as a safe outdoor space to meet during covid. Small play area for young children is highly valued by parents and grandparents. Garden has been used for cultural events, such as a musical afternoon for the late Queen's platinum jubilee and the King's Coronation	Half an acre and fully enclosed with one entry/egress. Local and partial views as surrounded by housing.	Conservation Area
4. Kellcliffe	Off Butler Lane, BD17 6NQ Central. Steep ravine on walking route from middle	This ravine below central Baildon was the valley of Barnsley Beck but is now partially filled-in thanks to modernization works in the 1960s, when several old cottages within the valley were demolished. The Beck	In the centre of Baildon.	Common Land Conservation Area

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	Baildon to the parish church	comes out of its culvert nearby. Trees are primarily sycamore and oak.		
Tong Park and River Aire				
5. Bartle Gill Green	Owned by Bradford Council This small green recreation area was included when the surrounding houses were built in the early 80/s It is surrounded on three sides by houses/ Bartle Gill Drive, and the fourth side backs onto Baildon CoE Primary school, with a gate providing a rear pedestrian entrance.	The area is very well used for informal recreation by children, many of whom pass through on their way home from school. It has a very large and old protected oak tree in the rear corner, and the stunning view opens out onto Gill Beck Valley.(The green should be protected for recreational value and also for the beauty of its setting	Green Belt
6. Gill Beck Valley & Spring Woods	Gill Beck Valley: Access via Lonk House Lane or Ladderbanks Lane, BD17 7QL	This is the collective name for the ancient woodland straddling Gill Beck and beyond, including Willy Wood and Birks Wood. There are stepping stones and footpaths through the woods, with many springs and rich wildlife: carpets of bluebells in spring, and other woodland flowers such as wood anemone and cuckoo	The site forms an integral part of local community life and is bordered on all sides (this was subject to a vigorous local action campaign against a	SEGI (Sites of Ecological or Geological Importance)

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	<p>Spring Woods: Access on foot from Hawksworth Road or Lonk House Lane, BD17 7QL</p> <p>The valley lies immediately to the north of the east of Baildon. New & Old Housing forms the boundary to the south and west . With the east boundary following the railway line. To the north east it is bordered by a golf course.</p>	<p>pint. The fields too are rich in flowers, with spotted orchid, betony, yellow rattle, marsh marigold and bulrush. Glacial moraines, rich in limestone, explain the occurrence of these unusual plants. Late summer sees butterflies and dragonflies on the wing.</p> <p>One of the most picturesque cricket fields in the country nestles in a beautiful hollow in this valley at Tong Park, with views stretching up to Hawksworth Road. A large mill pond which once supplied Denby's dyeworks at Tong Park mill now provides a habitat for fish and water loving birds.</p> <p>At the top of the track from the dam is Tong Park war memorial with names of the dead from both World Wars.</p>	<p>proposed housing allocation in the local plan)</p>	<p>Bradford Wildlife Areas/Local Nature Reserves</p> <p>Ancient Wood</p> <p>Green Belt (SP5)</p> <p>Local Wildlife Sites (EN2)</p> <p>Countryside and Development (EN6)</p>
<p>7. Fennec Road and Halliway Banks Wood</p>	<p>Off Kirkfields, BD17 6SR</p> <p>Provides a pleasant green area and preserves links with the past.</p>	<p>These two adjacent sites were part of the grounds of two large houses: Kirkfield (demolished circa 1965) and Langley, which was latterly used as a school. When the school closed, the land was spared from housing development and contains many trees. The name Halliway Banks is something of a mystery, whilst Fennec is a kind of fox. Other large houses in the area, also demolished, were Fairfield (remembered in the name of the adjacent road) and Hawkswood.</p>	<p>A very small field surrounded by houses.</p>	<p>City Byelaws Listed Buildings</p>
<p>Charlestown and Low Baildon</p>				

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8. Charlestown Cemetery	Off Otley Road, BD17 7HU Situated on Otley Road which is the main road into Baildon	Opened in 1863 beside the River Aire, the cemetery with its small Victorian former chapel building is a quiet haven for peaceful walks and contemplation with some seats. Deer can occasionally be seen. Some of the mature broadleaved trees are protected by a reservation order and the cemetery contains 11 Commonwealth War Graves from both World Wars. The attractive gardens near the lodge are colourful throughout the year, together with numerous graves of local historic importance.	This cemetery is still used today for the community of Baildon.	City Byelaws Open Space (CO1) Settlement Boundary (SP3) Employment Zones (EC2D)
9. Hoyle Court Green	Kirklands Avenue. Also accessible from Hoyle Court Avenue, BD17 7EQ Central	This small field was set aside for public recreation when the second phase of the Hoyle Court housing estate was built in the 1970s. It was saved from development in 2013 and is now managed by the local residents' association in partnership with Baildon Town Council. It was once part of Hoyle Court Farm. Not far away, in the grass at the bottom of Hoyle Court Drive, is a large stone with 'cup and ring' markings associated with Bronze Age people.	Surrounded on three sides by railway banking.	Playing area at the corner of Kirklands Ave and Hoyle Court Ave
10. Small Green spaces in Charlestown junction Ada Street and Fyfe Lane.	Off Otley Road, Dewhirst Road or Fyfe Lane, BD17 7DL (25 in document) Central	Charlestown was so named after Charles Thompson who built and lived in the first house alongside the new turnpike road to Otley. Small green spaces can be found at St John's Court (see also page 1), Oxford Place, Rosemont Lane (where there is a small playground and community garden area) and Ada Street, where beautiful cherry trees blossom in spring over Fyfe Lane (see front cover). The haphazard development of the area combines old and new houses connected by a network of paths and side	Historic and essential greenspace surrounded by flats and terrace houses	City Byelaws

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		streets. The Victorian Baptist chapel is being converted into two cottages.		
11. War memorial garden (Browgate)	Off Station Road or Baildon Road, BD17 6QB (taken from book no29) Central to Threshfield Land opposite the War Memorial House, between Morrisons and Cliffe House Nursery on Browgate	Until the 1960s, Browgate was a narrower, more awkward road. The demolition of roadside cottages and the building of large retaining walls created several garden areas, such as that at Bedlam Steps, so called because ninety residents created a great deal of noise in their clogs! A silver birch and flowering plum grow here and there are three memorials: to Ron Bairstow for his vision and hard work for Baildon; Baildon Flower Club marking 21 years (in 1990); and a seat commemorating loved ones. Note also the face in the wall!	Maintains a small pleasant green area on the hilly approach to Baildon Centre.	
12. Pocket park at junction of Netherhall Road / Station Road	In the centre of a neighbourhood of dense housing. Off Station Road or Netherhall Road, BD17 6NU	This small area was the site of Beck House, so named because Barnsley Beck passes nearby (see also Pennithorne; and Kelcliffe). It was later used as a council depot, before half of it was developed into three bungalows. What remains as open space is a sunken garden with trees and shrubs, notable for blossom in spring – a quiet place to sit.	Very small pocket of tranquillity	
13. Woodbottom Garden (Woodcot Avenue)	Accessed from Otley Road, BD17 7HH Central	Woodcot Avenue and surrounding roads (collectively named 'Ferniehurst Park') were built in the 1930s on land belonging to the Ferniehurst estate. Shops were also built, adjacent to which a flower garden was created, always providing colourful displays throughout the year. An important community noticeboard is situated here. The nearby railway banking and viaduct	Well defined gardens at junction of Woodcot Ave and Otley Road.	

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		run alongside Midland Road, which took its name from the railway company. The railway line provides an unbroken haven and corridor for wildlife between here and Baildon station, and beyond.		
14. Brook Hill Green	<p>Adjacent</p> <p>Off Station Road or Kirklands Road, BD17 7NS</p> <p>In the heart of the Station Road Conservation area and bordered on all sides by houses.</p>	<p>In Baildon Station Road Conservation Area and historically significant.</p> <p>Brook Hill is a collection of cottages which forms part of the hamlet of Low Baildon, once separate from the main village. It is also the name of an area of common land, the hill being the only area of open space remaining from the estate of the Brook family, whose house (now Brookhill Stores) was attached to a small brewery and weaving shed. Daffodils pop up in spring with many wildflowers in summer, and in the autumn numerous brambles. It is also a favourite sledging area for children.</p>	Steeply sloping self-contained green area used for general recreation.	<p>City Byelaws</p> <p>Conservation Area</p> <p>Common Land</p> <p>Listed Buildings</p>
15. Denso Marston Nature Reserve	<p>Off Otley Road, BD17 7QL</p> <p>A crucial corridor for Baildon, maintains community access to River Aire</p>	Created in 1991 by Denso Limited. This nature reserve along the riverside lies behind a large extension to the existing factory building. A warden is responsible for its care and leads regular guided walks. Recently an education building for visitors has been added. Habitats including pond, copse, grassland and hedgerow sustain a variety of wildlife,	This reserve is adjacent to the built-up corridor of Otley Road. It provides prime green space for all of lower Baildon community with extensive footpaths throughout.	<p>BWA (Bradford Wildlife Areas/Local Nature Reserves)</p> <p><u>Denso Marston Nature Reserve Home - AM (dm-</u></p>

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				naturereserve.org.uk Open Space (CO1) Settlement Boundary (SP3)
Baildon Green and Ferniehurst				
16. Temple Rhydding Drive	Accessible from Cliffe Lane West, BD17 5QH	<p>The bowling green, tennis courts and pavilion (together with a pitch-and-putt course, long since closed) were opened by the 1960s. The land was previously part of the Ferniehurst Estate and, it is said, had housed both a pond and rubbish tip over the years!</p> <p>Basketball hoops were added more recently. The football pitch beyond the bowling green is part of Ferniehurst Fields, which continue on the far side of the distant hedge.</p>	Bowling green, tennis courts and playing fields owned by Bradford Council.	City Byelaws Coal Minerals Safeguarding Area (EN13) Open Space (CO1) Typology: outdoor sports facilities
17. Fairbank Wood and The Knoll	Adjacent Between Green Lane and Bertram Drive, BD17 5JF	<p>The Knoll was a mansion house, now demolished, with beautiful grounds providing an interesting uphill walk through and around the top of Fairbank Wood. Laid out as a recreation area in 1948 with rules and regulations for its use. This is a long established and well used area which is surrounded on all sides by housing, links the flat Coach Road area with Baildon Green. The main</p>	The wood is in an enclosed location with clear boundaries, including a historic high stone wall to the west	City Byelaws Bradford Wildlife Areas/ Local Nature Reserves

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		<p>lodge house remains, opposite which is the Coach House, which served as an outer lodge for Milner Field, another lost mansion.</p>		
<p>18. Cliffe Avenue Field/Peace Garden</p>	<p>Accessible via Green Road, BD17 6NX</p> <p>In the heart of the community</p>	<p>Adjacent to Cliffe Avenue Playground this small field was recently a wildflower meadow with fruit trees. Before that it terminated at Sandals Pond, which was subsequently drained to create a recreation ground and play area. The current Baildon Community Link was constructed in 2011, replacing an earlier building nearby. Only play space for children in middle Baildon.</p>	<p>A valuable flat area of green space in this residential area.</p>	<p>City Byelaws</p>
<p>19. Ferniehurst Dell</p>	<p>Adjacent</p> <p>Between Baildon Road and Cliffe Lane West, BD17 6PP</p> <p>The Dell lies in the heart of “middle Baildon” linking through from Baildon Road to Baildon Green, & is surrounded by family housing</p>	<p>Ferniehurst Dell was originally part of the gardens belonging to a mansion called Ferniehurst. In the early 1930s the house was demolished and the gardens were sold to a quarrying company. Baildon Urban District Council bought the Dell in the 1940s and turned it into a recreation space for the people of Baildon. The Dell has information boards and an armed forces sculpture trail was opened in June 2014 as part of the Community Covenant.</p>	<p>The Dell has clear boundaries with a well-defined and well used path linking different neighbourhoods together</p>	<p>City Byelaws</p>

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Coach Road and Shipley Glen				
<p>20. Shipley Glen, Bracken Hall Green, Glen Woods and Crag Hebble Dam</p>	<p>Shipley Glen forms the western boundary of Baildon. It is absolutely essential to the extensive footpath network criss-crossing Baildon</p> <p>Bracken Hall Green Off Glen Road, BD17 5EA</p> <p>Glen Woods and Crag Hebble, Off Glen Road, BD17 5BN</p>	<p>For 200 years this has been Traditionally an area of recreation for Bradford and Shipley people, the Glen Tramway has long made it more accessible on busy weekends. There are sources of information and refreshments nearby, with guided walks from here with easy access to Baildon Moor.</p> <p>Close to Baildon’s Countryside Centre, this flat grassy area is dotted with rocks on which children love to play and there are several archaeological remains</p> <p>Paths through this ancient South Pennine clough woodland lead past Crag Hebble dam which provided water for the Salts Mill dyehouse. The western slope, known as Broadacre Wood, leads up to Eldwick and Gilstead on the Bingley side of the valley. Upstream, beyond Salts Bridge where the road leads to Eldwick, is the confluence of smaller streams: Eldwick Beck and Glovershaw Beck, near which runs the Dales Way. Trees growing here are primarily birch, oak and holly, although beech, hazel, rowan and maple can also be found.</p>	<p>Shipley Glen has well used footpaths links to all parts of Baildon and is largely popular and well used. The Glen is bordered on all sides by residential neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Common Land</p> <p>Ancient Wood</p> <p>SAF (Significant Archaeological finds)</p> <p>Green Belt (SP5)</p> <p>Local Wildlife Sites(EN2)</p> <p>Countryside and Development (EN6)</p> <p>Local Geological site (EN2)</p>

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<p>21. The rural setting of Shipley Glen Tramway (includes Midgeley & Walker Woods & Thompson Lane Fields)</p>	<p>Adjacent</p> <p>Central Continuous area of ancient woodland from Baildon Bank to Shipley Glen.</p> <p>Off Higher Coach Road, BD17 5RH</p> <p>Thompson Fields accessible from Higher Coach Road, BD17 7LT</p>	<p>Extensive ancient woodland with footpaths. This is a vitally important setting for Shipley Glen Tramway, the track runs directly through the woodland providing heritage transport for the many Tramway customers. In winter festive lighting provides a magical route for the Santa Special, and other special event throughout the year. This ancient woodland is the backdrop to numerous historic pedestrian routes climbing the steep bank and well used today- see also above re SGT</p> <p>Midgeley and Walker woods (named after Baildon families) climb the hillside between Coach Road and Lucy Hall Drive. Dominated by native species including oak and holly, a carpet of bluebells appears in spring, and they give undisturbed haven for wildlife. They stretch from Baildon Green to the Glen Tramway, beyond which is Trench Wood and the valley of Shipley Glen. Near the top of the Tramway is a monolith fancifully called, from its shape, Robin Hood's Chair</p>	<p>The woodland itself forms a discreet area based on the steep topography (former location of quarries) – bounded by housing, allotment gardens, school land and the settlement of Baildon Green.</p> <p>These woods lie between “upper” Baildon and “lower” Baildon and hence are central to the community</p> <p>Thompson Fields are bounded on three sides by housing, a school car park and a road</p>	<p>City Byelaws Ancient Wood</p> <p>Green Belt (SP5) Countryside and Development (EN6) Coal Minerals Safeguarding Area (EN13) Local Wildlife Site (EN2) Open Space (CO1).- Thompson Field</p> <p>Near Trench Meadows SSSI</p>
<p>22. Shipley Glen Tramway Setting and upper approaches.</p>	<p>Prod Lane, Baildon BD17 5BN Land within 1k of the entrance to the Tramway. The approach to the Tramway upper entrance is along Prod Lane</p> <p>It is adjacent to the boundary of Baildon with Shipley Glen and is well</p>	<p>The Tramway is a historic funicular tramway built in 1895, and still in operation today. Due to a lack of adequate protection, the approaches have been to a degree overshadowed by newly built housing. This listing seeks to preserve and if possible, enhance the approach at the upper entrance. The Victorian setting is of immense charm.</p>	<p>Shipley Glen Tramway is part of the heritage of Bradford district for well over 100 years, and is still treasured for current enjoyment and happy memories.</p>	

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	used by residents of Baildon and visitors.			
23. Shipley Glen Tramway Setting and lower approaches.	Thompson Lane BD17 7LY. Open fields which sit between two school sites, and along with them, was bought for public use. This field lies to the western boundary of Baildon, directly below the steep Baildon Bank. It is adjacent to a large secondary school, a primary school, and directly opposite Roberts Park – part of the World Heritage site.	The footpath and adjacent field area has been used for over 100 years to access the Tramway. Open recreational area and walking, access to historic Shipley Glen Tramway and Museum. A valuable space for wildlife. Football, cricket and other activities are regularly held on the fields.	The site is clearly bounded by the bank and the roads.	
24. Playing fields adjacent to Baildon Recreation Centre	Accessed from Green Lane, BD17 5JH	This land lies between Coach Road and the River Aire. It can flood during high waters and has therefore escaped development. Two cricket clubs play on the flat ground; in former times tennis courts could also be found here. Riparian trees include alder and willow. The nearby former barracks building provides indoor recreation facilities for sports including table tennis and badminton. Not far downstream is Baildon Bridge, the only remaining vehicular crossing point between Baildon and Shipley.	Bounded to south by the river and to the north by housing.	Subject to flooding

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West Lane and the Moor				