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Site Reference	Riverside Gardens
Location/Address	Off New Brook St
Description of site	WW2 Memorial Park, park land
Existing use	Park
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	Pre 1950s was allotment gardens and residential/shop
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Serves Ilkley. Access from New Brook Street, Manor House, Old Bridge lane
Not an extensive tract of open land?	NK
Demonstrably special	War memorial, major recreation grounds including children's playground
Wildlife (Richness)	Low, but bordered by river
Views	Urban/rural
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	Yes
Scenic Beauty	Attractive
History	Adjacent scheduled ancient monuments – Old Bridge and Roman Fort
Culture	Adjacent Manor House. In conservation area
Other reason	Extensively used by residents and visitors-

Site Reference	East Holmes Field/Skateboard Park
Location/Address	Denton Road East
Description of site	Sports ground and Park
Existing use	Sports, recreation and venue for Ilkley Carnival
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	NK
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Access via Denton Road
Not an extensive tract of open land?	Yes
Demonstrably special	A scenic open space used for leisure and sport
Wildlife (Richness)	Some potential. Bats.
Views	Of moors and town.
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	yes
Scenic Beauty	Riverside is attractive.
History	Liable to flooding/waterlogging
Culture	Informal recreation
Other reason	Includes riverbank

Site Reference	West Holmes Field
Location/Address	Denton Road West
Description of site	Park with sports pitch
Existing use	Park and sports pitch
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	NK
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Ilkley via Denton Rd and Middleton Ave
Not an extensive tract of open land?	Yes
Demonstrably special	Extensive, well used sports ground and park. Riverbank on one side
Wildlife (Richness)	Bats, river is wildlife corridor
Views	Moors and town
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	yes
Scenic Beauty	Riverside
History	Used for military camps 1900-1914
Culture	Conservation area
Other reason	Enjoyed by residents and visitors

Site Reference	Abbeyfield grounds and Bandstand
Location/Address	The Grove
Description of site	Gardens with planted area, Bandstand and seating
Existing use	Gardens, live music and community events
Details of land owner (if known)	Abbeyfield Society
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	The lodge on Back Parish Ghyll Road was rebuilt in 2006.
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Access from The Grove, adjacent to Christchurch, local shops and residential streets
Not an extensive tract of open land?	Small
Demonstrably special	A place of calm, rest and play in the Town Centre that serves as a focal point for community events enjoyed by all ages
Wildlife (Richness)	Low
Views	Mostly local as site surrounded by houses.
Tranquillity	Has some peaceful areas
Recreation	Yes
Scenic Beauty	Attractive
History	The gardens have variously been used for growing vegetables / nursery garden but not in recent years.
Culture	Well used throughout the year
Other reason	Enjoyed by residents and visitors

Site Reference	Canker Well
Location/Address	The Grove
Description of site	Small shrub garden with well
Existing use	Garden and leisure
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	There has been a well here for 200 years.
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	On the Grove in the centre of Town
Not an extensive tract of open land?	no
Demonstrably special	Yes. Well used for treating eye-canker. The water has chemical properties which other wells in Ilkley do not.
Wildlife (Richness)	No
Views	Attractive end of the Grove
Tranquillity	no
Recreation	no
Scenic Beauty	Attractive garden
History	There has been a well here for 200 years.
Culture	-
Other reason	A good resting spot in the centre of Town

Site Reference	Sensory Garden
Location/Address	Parish Ghyll Road/The Grove
Description of site	Garden
Existing use	Leisure
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	Previously residential garden area
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	On the Grove in the centre of Town
Not an extensive tract of open land?	no
Demonstrably special	Planted with highly scented and textured plants, attractive and well maintained
Wildlife (Richness)	High trees attract waxwings to Town centre
Views	Of the Grove
Tranquillity	no
Recreation	no
Scenic Beauty	Attractive shrubs/planting
History	-
Culture	-
Other reason	An attractive spot with seating in the Town centre

Site Reference	All Saints Church/Manor House Land
Location/Address	Church Street
Description of site	Land surrounding All Saints Church and adjacent Manor House
Existing use	Grassed area. Emergency evacuation area for church and Manor House
Details of land owner (if known)	All Saints Church/ CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	NK Church since Saxon period
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	via Church St / New Brook St
Not an extensive tract of open land?	no
Demonstrably special	Graveyard/ Scheduled Ancient Monument (Roman Fort)
Wildlife (Richness)	No
Views	Towards river and moor
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	No
Scenic Beauty	Attractive flower beds
History	- Gravestones removed in 1960s, now in cemetery
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground
Location/Address	Wheatley Lane
Description of site	Recreation ground
Existing use	Recreation ground
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	Part has already been sold off for housing
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Via Valley Drive and Wheatley Lane
Not an extensive tract of open land?	No
Demonstrably special	Only open access recreation area in Ben Rhydding
Wildlife (Richness)	No
Views	To the moors on both sides of the valley
Tranquillity	no
Recreation	Yes
Scenic Beauty	No
History	No
Culture	no
Other reason	<p>Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground is used as the venue for the very popular annual Ben Rhydding Community Fete. (Established 2006).</p> <p>There are no other suitable local green spaces that are located centrally within Ben Rhydding that would enable this large community event to take place with the space and safe open access that the Ben Rhydding Community Fete requires.</p>

	<p>The Fete "grew from a desire to provide a new opportunity for the community to get together, have some fun and celebrate life in Ben Rhydding" See 'About' on www.benrhyddingfete.co.uk</p> <p>The field is setup and used regularly for football matches during the season; i.e. it is a playing field</p> <p>The field is also home to the new Ben Rhydding Community Orchard (est. 2019)</p>
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Site Reference	St Margaret's Woodland/Panorama Stones
Location/Address	Queens Rd
Description of site	Woodland
Existing use	Woodland – open access
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	
Planning History	Laid out as a public park in 1897. Now mature trees. No longer maintained as a park
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	via Queens Rd, Parish Ghyll Drive and St Margaret's Terrace
Not an extensive tract of open land?	no
Demonstrably special	Some specimen and commemorative trees Wildlife corridor and recreation amenity
Wildlife (Richness)	Owls roost
Views	No
Tranquillity	Yes
Recreation	Yes – there are footpaths through
Scenic Beauty	Appreciated by St Margaret's Terrace residents. Some concern at any site management (undertaken voluntarily). ITC investigating.
History	The Panorama Stones are on display here at the southern edge of the wood.
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Darwin Gardens Millennium Green
Location/Address	Wells Rd
Description of site	Park
Existing use	Park, including carpark
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	-
Planning History	Park during the late C19 but reverted to moorland edge. Re-established as Darwin Gardens with a trust organisation, about 15 years ago.
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Via Wells Rd and other surrounding streets.
Not an extensive tract of open land?	
Demonstrably special	Yes Leisure amenity and fine panoramic views
Wildlife (Richness)	Yes – birds and moorland species via the beck
Views	Yes – to the moor and extensive across the valley
Tranquillity	In part
Recreation	yes
Scenic Beauty	Yes
History	Yes
Culture	Managed and maintained by Ilkley Town Council
Other reason	

Site Reference	Spence Gardens and War Memorial Park
Location/Address	Kings Road
Description of site	Borders of the Ewecroft Beck planted with shrubs. Formal gardens in War Memorial Park
Existing use	Gardens and ceremonies
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	Grazing land until became garden
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Surrounded by residential streets
Not an extensive tract of open land?	Small
Demonstrably special	Probably covenanted, has historic significance and a place of quiet calm very close to the Town centre
Wildlife (Richness)	Low
Views	Quite enclosed
Tranquillity	Peaceful area
Recreation	No
Scenic Beauty	Attractive
History	Donated to the town by Dr Spence.
Culture	Probably under-used as a park
Other reason	Setting for Remembrance services

Site Reference	Backstone Way Playground
Location/Address	Backstone Way
Description of site	Open Space
Existing use	playground
Details of land owner (if known)	CBDMC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	-
Planning History	-
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Yes via Backstone Way
Not an extensive tract of open land?	no
Demonstrably special	Recreational amenity and public use
Wildlife (Richness)	No
Views	no
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	yes
Scenic Beauty	No
History	NK
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Backstone Way Open Space
Location/Address	Backstone Way
Description of site	Open Space plus play area
Existing use	Open space plus play area
Details of land owner (if known)	Incommunities?
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	-
Planning History	-
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Yes
Not an extensive tract of open land?	no
Demonstrably special	Scenic open space
Wildlife (Richness)	Wildlife meadow sections established – provides interest to sheltered housing opposite.
Views	no
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	yes
Scenic Beauty	No
History	NK
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Wheatley Lane Garden
Location/Address	Wheatley Lane
Description of site	Wide grass verge with trees and flowerbeds.
Existing use	Open space
Details of land owner (if known)	-
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	Small
Planning History	Nk
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	yes
Not an extensive tract of open land?	no
Demonstrably special	Public amenity
Wildlife (Richness)	Some bird life
Views	no
Tranquillity	no
Recreation	No
Scenic Beauty	Attractive setting
History	Originally an extension of the raikes used for grazing
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Woodland Trust Riverbank, West Ilkley
Location/Address	Next to tennis club
Description of site	Scrub woodland
Existing use	Washlands
Details of land owner (if known)	Woodland Trust may own it.
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	NK
Planning History	
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Highly valued
Not an extensive tract of open land?	-
Demonstrably special	Developing woodland, civic amenity
Wildlife (Richness)	Yes
Views	Yes of valley
Tranquillity	Yes
Recreation	Yes
Scenic Beauty	Yes
History	NK
Culture	
Other reason	

Site Reference	Ashlands Field
Location/Address	Leeds Rd
Description of site	Open Space
Existing use	Multi use. But not fenced on A65 boundary and therefore under-used. Designated for housing but potential flooding problem from adjacent Backstone Beck.
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	
Planning History	Designated for housing for over 20 years
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Surrounded by residential access from Leeds Rd and Valley Dr
Not an extensive tract of open land?	-
Demonstrably special	Used as amenity for School and local community
Wildlife (Richness)	Backstone Beck is a wildlife corridor
Views	To the moors
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	Informal use
Scenic Beauty	-
History	Previously grazing land
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Ben Rhydding School field
Location/Address	Bolling Road
Description of site	Open Space
Existing use	School playing field, some community use. Safe open space fenced and hedge from main road
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	
Planning History	
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Surrounded by residential access from Bolling road
Not an extensive tract of open land?	-
Demonstrably special	Used as amenity for School, some community use
Wildlife (Richness)	
Views	To the moors
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	Informal use
Scenic Beauty	-
History	Previously grazing land
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Beanlands Parade Open Space
Location/Address	Beanlands Parade
Description of site	Green Space
Existing use	Local community use
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC?
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	
Planning History	
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Adjacent to Ilkley Cemetery with residential access from Beanlands Parade
Not an extensive tract of open land?	-
Demonstrably special	In close proximity to the community it serves and holds particular local significance due to its recreational value (including some use by local scout and air training corps groups). It is local in character and not an extensive tract of land. In addition it borders the cemetery plus a number of mature trees and is also adjacent to a chapel of rest.
Wildlife (Richness)	
Views	To the moors
Tranquillity	No
Recreation	Informal use
Scenic Beauty	-
History	-
Culture	-
Other reason	

Site Reference	Ilkley Cemetery and woodland Green Space
Location/Address	Ashlands Road
Description of site	Cemetery and wooded area between Cemetery and riverbank/suspension bridge
Existing use	Cemetery
Details of land owner (if known)	CBMDC
Consultation	-
Size (hectares)	
Planning History	
Local - proximity to the community it serves (describe access)	Residential area bordered by (and with access from) Ashlands Road, Beanlands Parade and riverside path
Not an extensive tract of open land?	-
Demonstrably special	Cemetery and quiet area
Wildlife (Richness)	Woodland home to varied wildlife
Views	To the moors and riverside
Tranquillity	Yes
Recreation	Formal and Informal use
Scenic Beauty	-
History	Cemetery opened in 1878. Northern and Southern Chapels in Cemetery are Grade II listed buildings
Culture	-
Other reason	