

Cartographic Revisions to Green Wedges in the Proposals Map (2006)
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1. Introduction

1.1. The purpose of this document is to provide additional information on proposed revisions to green wedge boundaries outlined in the adopted 2006 Proposals Map, which are not explained within the Green Wedge Topic Paper. The Topic Paper gives the policy context for green wedges, summarises the purpose of the Green Wedge Review (2017) and Green Wedge Review Addendum (2020), and sets out justifications for de-designation of green wedges and revisions to the green wedge boundaries. However, in its sub-section titled 'The nature and extent of the de-designation of green wedges (or the loss of those parts of green wedge land where the boundaries are revised)', the Topic Paper focused solely on land proposed for de-designation from the green wedge in order to facilitate the Local Plan's proposed site allocations. The paper does not consider other minor proposed revisions to the city's green wedges. This document addresses those other minor proposed changes and outlines the reasoning behind them.

2. Proposed minor changes to the green wedges not addressed in the Green Wedge Topic Paper (2023)

Hamilton Green Wedge

Figure 1. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

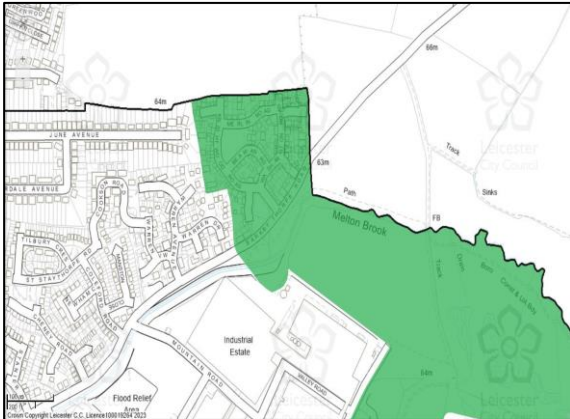
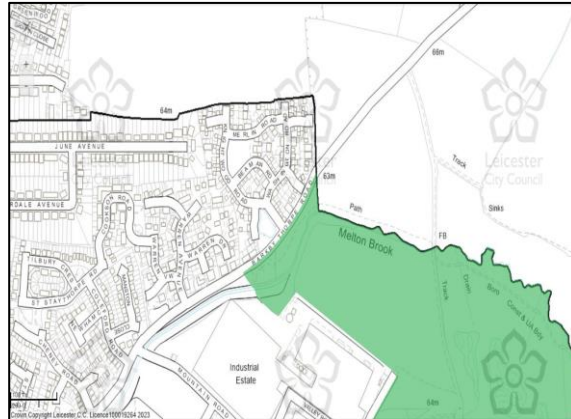


Figure 2. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



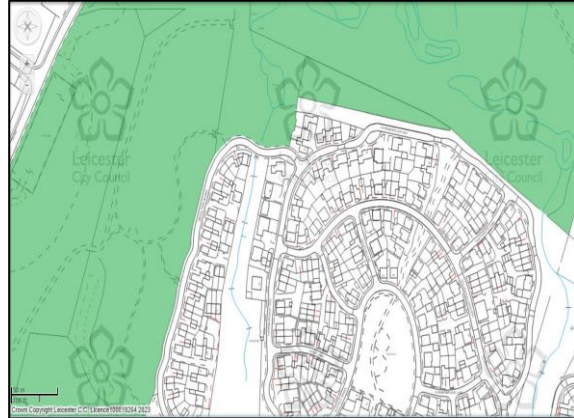
2.1. Figure 1 shows an extract of Hamilton Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 2 shows an extract of the same area of Hamilton Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.2. The proposed Policies Map removes Barkbythorpe Road and the land north of Barkbythorpe Road from the green wedge. This portion is named sub-area F within the Green Wedge Review (2017) and the Green Wedge Review Addendum Report (2020) which recognise that the sub-area has already been developed for residential development as a result of a decision made following a public inquiry (Planning Application 20111431). Both the Review and the Addendum Report appraise the site as providing no contribution to the four purposes of the green wedge. The land is therefore proposed for de-designation from the green wedge.

Figure 3. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)



Figure 4. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.3. Figure 3 shows an extract of Hamilton Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 4 shows an extract of the same area of Hamilton Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.4. The proposed Policies Map adds land to the north of Moulton Road to the Hamilton Green Wedge as this land is of the same type and quality as the green wedge land by it. Furthermore, including this land rationalises the green wedge boundary so that it tracks the edge of Moulton Road, whereas in the 2006 Proposals Map the boundary arbitrarily cuts through green open space.

Figure 5. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

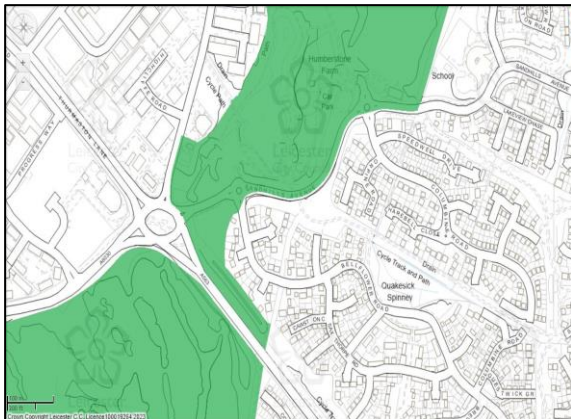
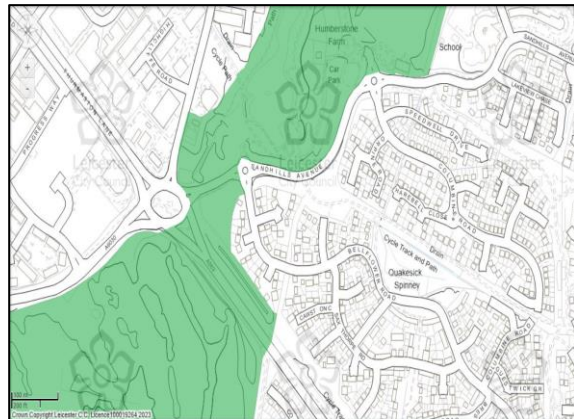


Figure 6. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.5. Figure 5 shows an extract of Hamilton Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 6 shows an extract of same area of Hamilton Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.6. The proposed Policies Map removes Sandhills Avenue from the Hamilton Green Wedge as the road does not contribute to meeting the four purposes of the green wedge and does not provide continuity with other parts of the green wedge. The proposed Policies Map adds part of the A563 / Thurmaston Lane to the Hamilton Green Wedge as this provides continuity of the green wedge.

Figure 7. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

Figure 8. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.7. Figure 7 shows an extract of Hamilton Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 8 shows an extract of same area of Hamilton Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.8. The proposed Policies Map removes Thurmaston Lane from the eastern border and Gypsy Lane from the southern border of the part of Hamilton Green Wedge displayed in Figures 7 and 8 as the roads do not contribute to meeting the four purposes of the green wedge and do not provide continuity with other parts of the green wedge.

Evington Green Wedge

Figure 9. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

Figure 10. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.9. Figure 9 shows an extract of Evington Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 10 shows an extract of same area of Evington Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.10. The proposed Policies Map rationalises the green wedge boundary so that it tracks the boundary of green open space within the Judgemeadow Community College campus. This corrects technical mapping errors in the 2006 Proposals Map where the green wedge boundary is shown to cut through hardstanding and several of the Community College buildings.

Figure 11. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

Figure 12. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.11. Figure 11 shows an extract of Evington Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 12 shows an extract of same area of Evington Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.12. The proposed Policies Map removes the land north of Evington Lane from the green wedge. This land is named sub-area A in the Green Wedge Review (2017) and the Green Wedge Review Addendum Report (2020). Sub-area A is assessed as contributing strongly towards guiding development form but is limited in its purpose as a recreational resource. When considered in conjunction with sub-area B, it contributes moderately to preventing the merging of settlements and is a strong green lung into the urban area.

2.13. Sub-area A mainly succeeds in meeting the purposes of the green wedge only when considered in conjunction with sub-area B, which is a much larger parcel of land. Sub-area A is separated from sub-area B by a busy road (Evington Lane). Sub-area A is a narrow and long strip of land with roads running either side of its length, which limit its ability to fulfil the purposes of the green wedge when it is considered in isolation from sub-area B. It is appropriate to remove sub-area A from the green wedge and re-classify it as open space in the local plan because of its constrained size and shape and because it is not contiguous with the rest of the Evington Green Wedge.

Figure 13. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

Figure 14. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.14. Figure 13 shows an extract of Evington Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 14 shows an extract of same area of Evington Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.15. The proposed Policies Map rationalises the green wedge boundary so that it tracks the rear boundaries of properties 193 to 203 Evington Lane. This corrects technical mapping errors in the 2006 Proposals Map where the green wedge boundary is shown as a straight line cutting through the back gardens of properties 193 Evington Lane and 203 Evington Lane, as well as dividing the site at Land rear of 193-197 Evington Lane between green wedge and non-green wedge land.

Aylestone Meadows Green Wedge

Figure 15. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

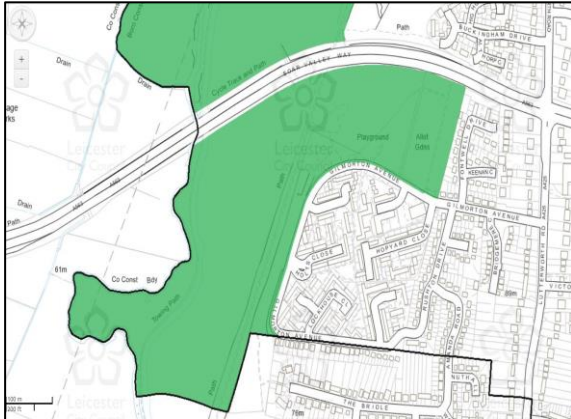


Figure 16. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.16. Figure 15 shows an extract of Aylestone Meadows Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 16 shows an extract of same area of Aylestone Meadows Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.17. The proposed Policies Map adds part of the A563 / Soar Valley Way to the Aylestone Meadows Green Wedge as this provides continuity of the green wedge.

Figure 17. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

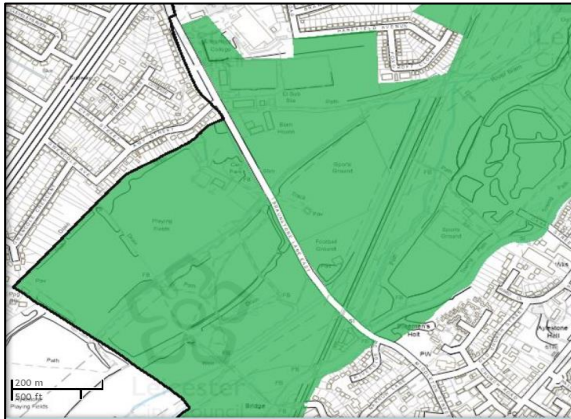


Figure 18. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.18. Figure 17 shows an extract of Aylestone Meadows Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 18 shows an extract of same area of Aylestone Meadows Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.19. The proposed Policies Map adds part of Braunstone Lane East to the Aylestone Meadows Green Wedge as this provides continuity of the green wedge. It also removes

hardstanding within Ellesmere College grounds from the green wedge (visible at the top of the green wedge extracts depicted in Figures 17 and 18) and adds Freemans Holt Allotment Gardens (visible at the bottom of the green wedge extracts depicted in Figures 17 and 18) to the green wedge.

Watermead Park Green Wedge

Figure 19. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

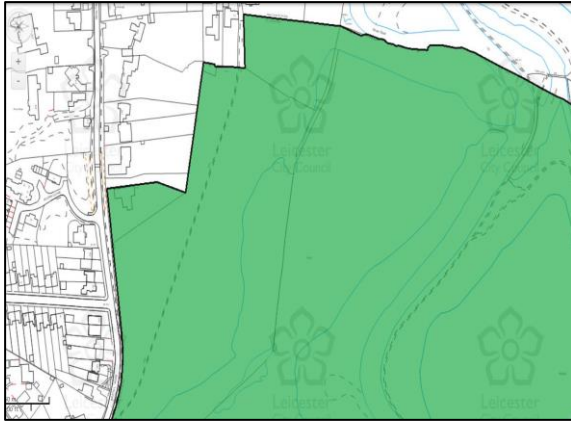
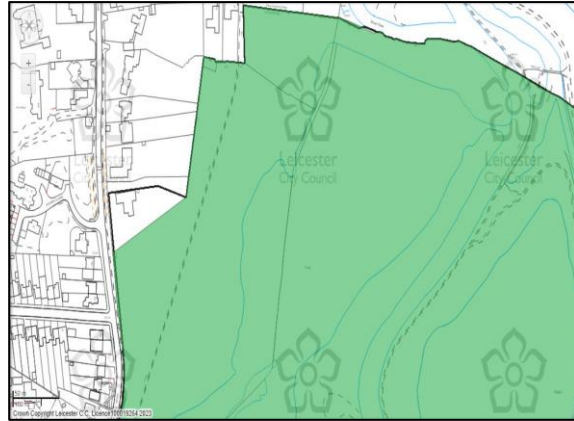


Figure 20. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.20. Figure 19 shows an extract of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 20 shows an extract of same area of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.21. The proposed Policies Map removes land along Birstall Road from the green wedge as this is the site of a privately owned residence.

Figure 21. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)



Figure 22. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.22. Figure 21 shows an extract of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 22 shows an extract of same area of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.23. The proposed Policies Map rationalises the green wedge boundary so that it tracks the rear boundaries of Land at 510 Melton Road, 512 Melton Road, and 514 Melton Road. This corrects technical mapping errors in the 2006 Proposals Map where the green wedge boundary is shown as a straight-line cutting across Land rear of 510 Melton Road and thereby dividing it between green wedge and non-green wedge land.

Figure 23. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)



Figure 24. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



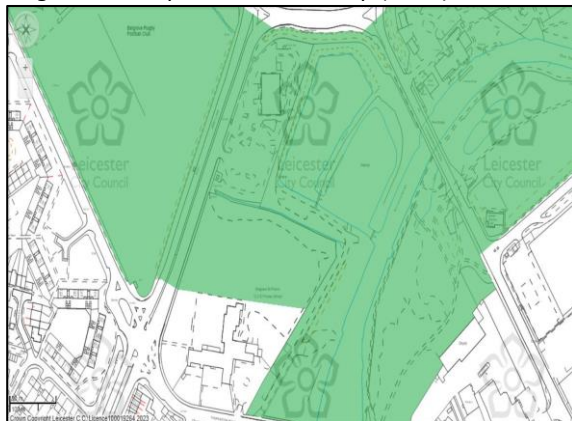
2.24. Figure 23 shows an extract of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 24 shows an extract of same area of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.25. The proposed Policies Map adds part of the A563 / Watermead Way to the Watermead Park Green Wedge as this provides continuity of the green wedge.

Figure 25. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)



Figure 26. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.26. Figure 25 shows an extract of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 26 shows an extract of same area of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.27. The proposed Policies Map adds parts of Loughborough Road and the A6 / Abbey Lane to the Watermead Park Green Wedge as this provides continuity of the green wedge.

Figure 27. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

Figure 28. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.28. Figure 27 shows an extract of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 28 shows an extract of same area of Watermead Park Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.29. The proposed Policies Map adds land at the end of Vann Walk to the Watermead Park Green Wedge as this land is of the same type and quality as the green wedge land by it.

Thurcaston Road Green Wedge

Figure 29. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

Figure 30. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



2.30. Figure 29 shows an extract of Thurcaston Road Green Wedge from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 30 shows an extract of same area of Thurcaston Road Green Wedge from the proposed Policies Map (2024).

2.31. The proposed Policies Map adds part of the A563 / Red Hill Way to the Thurcaston Road Green Wedge as this provides continuity of the green wedge. Land to the west of the A6 / Loughborough Road is proposed to be de-designated from the green wedge to facilitate the allocation of Site 575 – Land adjacent Great Central Railway, which [under Policy CT04 ‘Great Central Railway Museum’](#) is proposed for leisure/tourism uses associated with and supporting the Great Central Heritage Railway. De-designation and allocation of this land is considered to be justified due to the economic benefits arising from investment in and promotion of the Great Central Heritage Railway.

Thurcaston Road and Castle Hill Green Wedges

Figure 31. Adopted Proposals Map (2006)

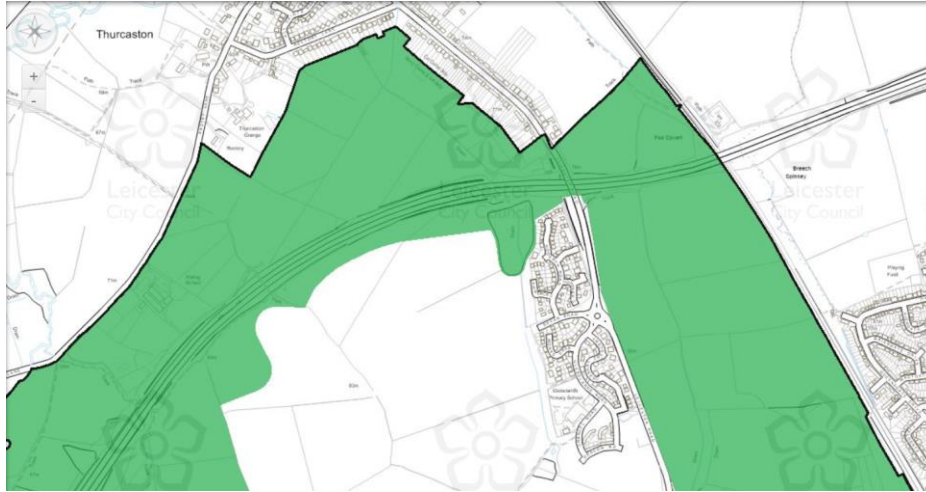
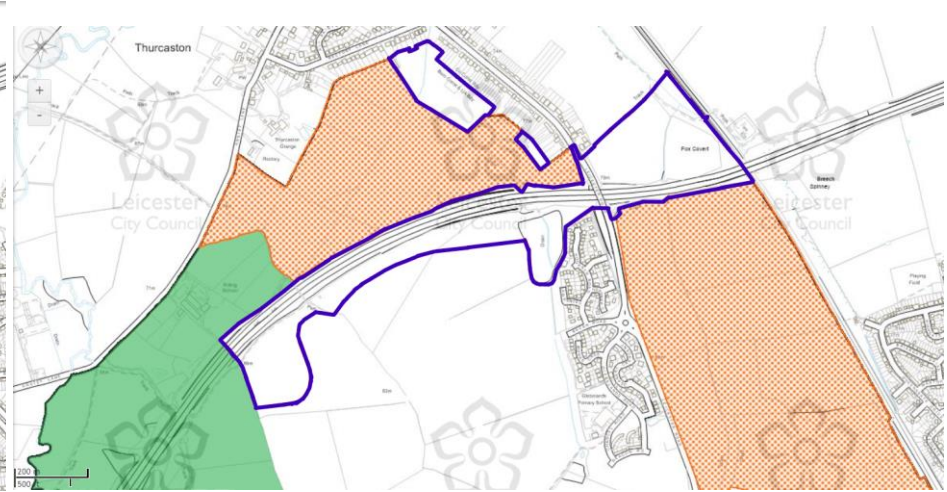


Figure 32. Proposed Policies Map (2024)



- 2.32. Figure 31 shows an extract of Thurcaston Road and Castle Hill Green Wedges from the Adopted Proposals Map (2006), and Figure 32 shows an extract of same area of Thurcaston Road and Castle Hill Green Wedges from the proposed Policies Map (2024).
- 2.33. The proposed Policies Map proposes to de-designate the orange stippled areas in Figure 32. This is to facilitate allocation of two strategic sites – Site 261 ‘Land North of A46’ and Site 262 ‘Ashton Green East’. Justifications for de-designation of these strategic sites from the green wedge and their allocation as strategic sites in the local plan are provided in the main Green Wedge Topic Paper.
- 2.34. The proposed Policies Map also proposes to de-designate the land outlined by the blue boundaries in Figure 32. This is because de-designation of the orange stippled areas to facilitate their allocation as strategic sites means that the land outlined by the blue boundaries will then fail to prevent the merging of settlements, fail to guide development form, will not provide a green lung into the urban area, and will not provide a recreational resource. Therefore, the land will not meet the purposes of the green wedge and consequently it is also proposed for de-designation from the green wedge.