

## **APPENDIX 3: Local Green Space Designation Justifications**

### **Hurley**

#### **Knowl Hill Common:**

Knowl Hill Common is a local beauty spot comprising a hill from the top of which can be viewed the countryside for miles around. It is a tranquil and very pleasant site much enjoyed by families for games and picnics, dog walkers and horse riders. It backs onto beech woods covered with bluebells and other wild flowers in the Spring and provides a natural barrier against the noise and traffic of the A4. It is a recreation amenity for the surrounding houses as well as the wider village and others. The adjoining wood and pond, which is thought to be a horse pond, support wildlife including deer, ducks and moorhens.

#### **Land North A4 Knowl Hill** Opposite Knowl Hill Common

Located between the A4 and the original London to Bath Road the green enables parking for walkers and local businesses. This small parcel of green provides a popular local meeting point for walkers and cyclists who make use of National Cycle Network route 4 and woodland footpath up Bowsey Hill. Commonly known as the 7 Stars, the location is a landmark identified on pathfinder maps of the area. It was until recently the location of a popular pub that is now closed down, and due to be converted into housing. The green also represents an important green focal point marking the entrance of the Knowl Village that sets the character of the village. The green prevents development on the north side of the A4 from becoming strip-like in appearance and acts as a green buffer zone between the residential and commercial buildings and the A4. It defines the village to traffic passing through and has historic significance in that it is reputedly a place where hangings of highwaymen were carried out (once known as Hangman's Common) and also where prize fighting took place.