



Recommendations Report  
Local Green Space Designations  
Planning Policy and Environment & Design Team

**Somer Valley**

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## Introduction

The Local Green Space designation was introduced in national policy (NPPF, 2012 para 76-78). The policy enables local communities through Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans to identify, for special protection green spaces of particular importance to the local community. Designating sites as “Local Green Space” will rule out development other than in “very special circumstances”, however, it is proposed to include a specific caveat in the Placemaking Plan policy so that only development that would not conflict with the reasons for designating the land as a Local Green Space would not be permitted (unless there are very special circumstances demonstrated). This caveat will allow development where it is compatible with the use of the land as a Local Green Space – such as sports related development, café or allotment sheds.

### **National policy within the NPPF states that to be eligible Local Green Spaces must be:**

- In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
- Demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife
- Local in character and not an extensive tract of land

National Policy makes clear that blanket designation of all green space is not appropriate. Proposed designations must be supported by evidence that the green area is special to the local community. There are a number of specific exceptions, where designating a local green space would not appropriate:

- **Education sites** – Designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making. The NPPF makes it clear that Local Green Space designations should be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period (para 76). The NPPF (para 72) also states that the Government attaches great importance to ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities and states that local planning authorities should give great weight on the need for Schools and Colleges to expand or alter. Therefore, B&NES will be taking the approach that most schools and college playing fields will not be designated. Because of this, local green space designations within school ground including playing fields are very unlikely to be suitable for designation.
- **Highway Land/Verges** - Land adjoining the highway is subject to permitted development rights and may need to be utilised or reconfigured for highway works and is therefore not suitable for designation.
- **Sites with planning permission** – A green space within a site with extant planning permission (within the red line) cannot be designated until the development is complete e.g. green space within the Polestar site would not be eligible for designation at this stage. Potential sites within strategic allocations which have not been built out cannot be designated at this stage. Once the strategic allocations have been built out and during the next Plan review the potential green spaces can be nominated for designation.

Land cannot be excluded because there is an existing planning designation, although national guidance recommends that the bar is higher for land within the Green Belt/AONB or

with another national designation i.e. the added value of the designation needs to be demonstrated over and above the existing designation. On this basis it is very unlikely that land within the Green Belt/AONB or within a nationally designated Historic Park & Garden would be suitable for designation.

## Process

The process to date is outlined below:


Stage	Task	Notes
Placemaking Plan Issues & Options Consultation [Nov 2014 -Jan 2015]	Public and stakeholders asked to nominate Local Green Spaces for designation in the Placemaking Plan.	
Officer Assessment of Nominated spaces [April – July 2015]	Officer site visits, research, digitising maps and application assessment. Feedback of initial officer assessment to the LDF Steering Group for discussion and early steer in July 2015.	Interim Recommendations issued to LDF Steering Group for discussion in July 2015.
Finalise nominations for inclusion in the Placemaking Plan [August – November 2015]	Consideration of comments and steer from LDF Steering Group across a number of meetings and resultant finalising of assessment process/reports and mapping to inform Cabinet consideration of Draft Placemaking Plan in December 2015. (Note – resultant site assessments collated in this Report)  Identify and notify all landowners of community nomination for designation (including formal notification to Property Services/Parks) providing an opportunity for comment.	Summary report issued to LDF Steering Group and discussions with the LDF Group took place in September and November.


## Methodology

As the local green space designation is linked to community value, which must be demonstrated, it was decided that community nominations would be sought. An application form was prepared to make sure that an adequate level of information could be gathered. A guidance note setting out the methodology and exemptions was also prepared (please see appendix 1).


Each of the sites nominated for designation was then assessed against the 3 NPPF criteria and the other exceptions were considered (as summarised in the Introduction) were also considered.


**This Report is a collation of the assessments of each the nominated spaces against the NPPF criteria based on the methodology set out in the guidance note, which were used to inform the recommendations in the Local Green Space Designations Recommendations Summary Report (2015).**

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Midsomer Norton Allotments
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS1
<b>Landowner:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Well maintained allotments -There are 65 plots on a south facing slope bordered by trees and a brook on the south side
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: CF.8 (Allotments)</li> <li>• Protected Allotment (Draft Placemaking Plan Policy LCR8)</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Site is close to housing and community facilities
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The space is used by allotment holders on a regular basis to produce vegetables and fruit and flowers for family use</li> <li>• The space has been an allotment site for as long as the Town Council has been in place and for at least 30 years previously</li> <li>• The site is a well used allotment</li> <li>• There are many fund days and events held on at the allotments to share best practice and ideas-including cheese and wine evenings</li> <li>• Local gardening groups use the site</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small and well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Support from Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreation value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Charlton Park
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS2
<b>Landowner:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small green space surrounded by housing
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site is within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is adjacent to the Charlton Park housing estate
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are proposals for table tennis and other scale play uses</li> <li>• This is the only green space which gives children the opportunity to play in the area</li> <li>• Play is generally recognised as being a vital element in the development of all children. It helps children of all ages to learn, solve problems and work together in a fun environment. The provision of opportunities for play as part of this housing areas benefits current and future residents in terms of providing an attractive environment for all in addition to providing a valuable play resource</li> <li>• The green space areas is located within easy walking distance of homes and is safe, attractive and integrated into the residential area</li> <li>• The green space also has three rectangular wild flower seeded beds which provide flowers and colour in summer and provide foods for insects</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small and well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Support from Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreation value to the local community




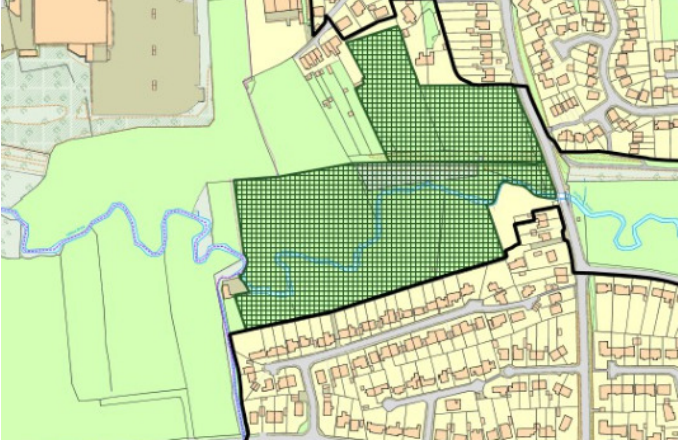
<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Midsomer Norton Cricket Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND1
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Cricket ground surrounded by hedgerows and trees
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to the community that it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land is boarded on the east by the River Somer/Steam Mills and on the west by Withies Lane-it provides a green area near to homes and is an important green space for recreational and sporting activities</li> <li>• The site is special as it provides sporting activities which are not linked to schools so is available for different age groups</li> <li>• The cricket club was established in 1878 and has thrived for decades</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site and not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	No comments received
<b>Recommendation</b>	These community facilities may need to be redeveloped or reconfigured on the site in the future to ensure that it can continue to function as a cricket ground. Therefore designation as a local green space designation would not be appropriate. The Cricket Ground will be protected by other polices within the Placemaking Plan.

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Hayes Park
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS3
<b>Landowner:</b>	Multiple private landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	T Mallon and Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green corridor surrounded by housing
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to the community that it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is footpath, road and cycleway access along its length as it passes through residential estates</li> <li>Mature trees, grass and wetland</li> <li>Well used for walking and nature watching</li> <li>It provides a quiet and interesting place within a bustling town</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The river corridors are key to maintaining species diversity and dispersal. Recent ecological studies associated with greenfield development have identified a wide variety of common, at risk and protected species that must be conserved and enhanced</li> <li>The Bristol Avon Rivers Trust uses innovative and natural ways to protect and improve river courses and actively encourage community involvement to reduce the impact of town expansion on our waterways. It is intended to seek their expertise to survey the river and corridor and advice on future management</li> <li>BART is undertaking a Wellow Brook Restoration Project with Environment Agency funding and had a good response to a call for volunteers to help. It is hoped that a more formal local river group will emerge from this initiative leading to a programme of conservation and educative work for years to come</li> </ul> <p><b>Character Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The town is located around two rivers, the River Somer and Wellow Brook. They are key to the town's character and setting – see the Snapshot Character Summary submitted in late 2013 at the start of the Placemaking Plan process</li> </ul>

<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Although it is a green corridor it is surrounded by housing and is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	No comments received
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreation value to the local community

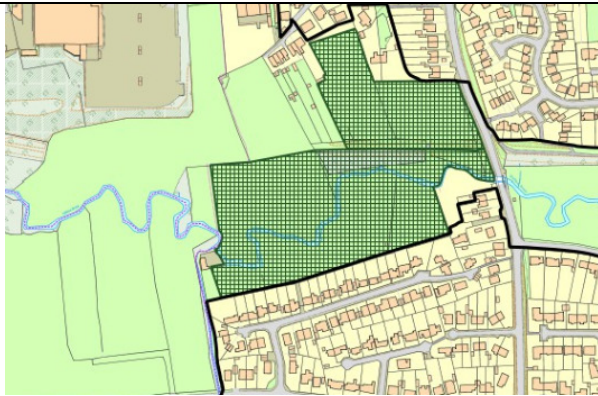
<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Hillside Recreational Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS4
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small, enclosed area comprising small pitch and play area. Backed by woodland and set behind houses
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to the community that it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site has a play area for children in the local area</li> <li>• This is the only green space which gives children the opportunity to play in the area</li> <li>• Play is generally recognised as being a vital element in the development of all children. It helps children of all ages to learn, solve problems and work together in a fun environment. The provision of opportunities for play as part of this housing areas benefits current and future residents in terms of providing an attractive environment for all in addition to providing a valuable play resource</li> <li>• The green space areas is located within easy walking distance of homes and is safe, attractive and integrated into the residential area</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquillity Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tranquil site when not in use</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small, well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	B&NES support the nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreation value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Holy Ghost Church
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS5
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	This is a rectangular lawned area surrounded by high walls behind the church close to the centre of town but largely hidden
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to the community that it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The space has significant cultural and recreational value and is attached to one of the oldest buildings in the town</li> <li>• It is significant as it contains a number of key town centre trees and a grotto which has historical value</li> <li>• The Town Council have acquired the lease to protect it as a green and tranquil area</li> <li>• Setting of the Grade II* Church of the Holy Ghost</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquillity Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is undoubtedly a quiet and calm space so close to the centre of town</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small, well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	No comments received from the landowner
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its Historic Significance value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Land west of Northmead
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND3
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map*</b>	 <p>*Northern site</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Comprises field of tall herbs and wooded rail embankment
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to the community that it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area forms a green boundary to the town and therefore has great significance to the visual aspect of the town</li> <li>• The site is prominent on the approach to Midsomer Norton from the west and provides a greens pace between settlements</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	No-this site is not local in character and relates more to the open countryside than to Midsomer Norton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-


**Recommendation**

While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space and recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character; therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance.


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Land west of Northmead (south)
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND4
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map*</b>	 <p>*Southern site</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	This site is adjacent to LGSND3 and really is part of a whole. Comprises tree lined Willow Brook corridor, wooded railway embankment and some paddock areas
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to the community that it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	No-this site is not local in character and relates more to the open countryside than to Midsomer Norton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	<p>Objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land to the rear of Somer Avenue has been in my families ownership for the past 50 years, it was originally bought in addition to our family home</li> </ul>



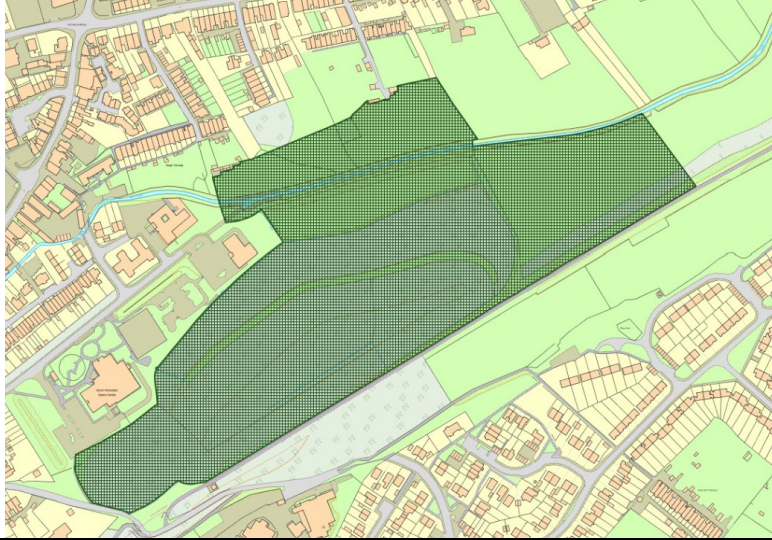
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have maintained the access and the land for all this time</li> <li>• This land has no historical significance, has no recreational value nor does it serve any community needs as it is a privately owned piece of land and access is only with permission of the owner</li> <li>• It does not hold any richness of wild life</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space and recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance</p>

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Staddlestones
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS6
<b>Landowner:</b>	Multiple Private Landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green corridor which includes children's formal play structures, a playing field and formal foot paths
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes – the space is adjacent to housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land is bordered to the east by the Staddlestones housing estate and on the west by the River Somer.</li> <li>• It provides a green space near to homes and is an important green space</li> <li>• The site is on the edge of existing housing and follows the line of the River Somer</li> <li>• The community already uses the space for recreation and there is a play park and numerous footpaths</li> <li>• The area is special as it provides a green area between two housing estates</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is evidence of badgers across the site</li> <li>• The wooded nature of this corridor will have high value for a range of wildlife, including bats which utilise such tree-lined watercourses as commuting and foraging flight routes</li> <li>• There is known bat activity in the area, and along this</li> </ul>


	watercourse, and this is likely to include use by horseshoe bats associated with the Bath & Bradford on Avon Bats Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is surrounded by housing
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its Recreational and wildlife value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	St Chads Well
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS7
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small green space surrounded by mature trees. There is a cenotaph in the centre as a memorial to the Crimean War
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is located within the Midsomer Norton town centre and is surrounded by housing and retail
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a small and historic site containing a Crimean War memorial</li> <li>• The space contains the original well for the town</li> <li>• It is significance as it contains a Crimean War Memorial and attractive trees and grassed areas</li> <li>• The surrounding garden and cenotaph was added as a personal memorial by Mrs Savage of Norton House, after the Crimean War</li> <li>• The decision to place the monument to her son in proximity of the spring, which had long been used by the people of Midsomer Norton, resulted from her son's letters home from the Crimean War. In these letters her son highlighted the problems the soldiers had in gaining access to clean water. It is a sad fact that more British soldiers died in the Crimea of waterborne diseases than were killed by the enemy</li> <li>• Although her son Major Frederick Stukely Savage did return from the war, he was an invalid and died 10 years later when he was still comparatively young. Evelyn Waugh, whose grandfather was the doctor in the town tells how, the distraught Mrs Savage visited the memorial daily. "Here, in the evenings, the pathetic, wizened Mrs Savage was conducted in her wheel chair, attended by her faithful henchman, Jonah Shearn</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The original grotto archway of Chilcompton Rough stone, similar to the one that stood in the Hollies gardens and the three William Evans' bollards, has disappeared. However, the elaborate enclosure railings and gate, installed by the Fry family of blacksmiths have survived</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small, well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Landowner supports the proposed nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its Historic Significance value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Park
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND5
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green corridor with the River Somer running through the corridor
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside of the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Centre and is surrounded by housing and retail</li> </ul>
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area is a natural corridor from, the eastern side of the town to the edges of the High Street</li> <li>• The area is an area of wild grassland with some meadow flowers and plants and at its bottom edge runs the River Somer that is a natural habitat for wildlife</li> <li>• There are several plants that are unique to certain areas due mainly to the old coal slag that has been deposited here when the batch was reduced in height slightly some years ago</li> <li>• The area is a natural wildlife corridor from, the eastern side of the town to the edges of the High Street. There are regular sightings of Deer, Badgers Foxes and numerous other wild animals as well as frogs and newts in the numerous little streams that are found in the area. The area is also a natural corridor for Bats which have been observed on numerous occasions. There have also been sightings of otters in the river</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area is adjacent to the local sports centre and play park and access to the area is easily reached from the High Street as well</li> </ul>

	<p>as being accessible from the local cycle path that has links from several local parishes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area is used daily for recreational use by dog walkers and is a safe and interesting route to the town centre for families with children. In the future it will be used for outdoor concerts/ Town Fayres, School activity programmes etc</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This area has been designated for a Town Park since the early 1980s.</li> <li>It is also the only green space between the parishes of Midsomer Norton and Westfield with a new cycle path running through the boundary that was once the site the old Somerset and Dorset Railway line. It also has on its top edge the Old Colliery spoil Batch that reminds the population of its Coal Mining Heritage</li> </ul> <p><b>Settlement Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This area has been designated for a Town Park for many years as it is the only open community green space left between the parishes of Westfield, Radstock and Midsomer Norton</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Yes-the proposed Midsomer Norton Town Park is a clearly defined space
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Excluded site: Sites with planning permission or sites which are in the process of determining planning permission cannot be designated a Local Green Space designation.

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Welton Green
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS8
<b>Landowner:</b>	Duchy of Cornwall
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Grass covered green space with the Wellow Brook running through. The site is adjacent to a highway which effectively divides the space into two smaller sections
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Within the Midsomer Norton and Welton Conservation Areas</li> <li>• Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is adjacent to housing, business and retail uses
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'green' is cited as a contributor to the setting of the conservation area. There are three Grade II listed buildings (Old Welton Farmhouse, Welton Manor House and its associated Large Barn) within close proximity</li> <li>• The adjacent Station Road terrace reflects our mining heritage. The Old Crown Public House has been converted sympathetically for residential and commercial use</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a particularly fine mature weeping willow in the middle of the space and next to the brook</li> <li>• Ducks feed and bask permanently on this space next to the river encouraged and cared for by one of the residents who is known locally as "the duck man"</li> <li>• Wellow Brook is an important wildlife corridor. The Bristol Avon Rivers Trust and the Wild Trout Trust have been undertaking habitat restoration work in the wider Wellow Brook catchment. They have acquired funding for a project focusing on the brook downstream of Thicketmead Bridge, through the open space area and towards the Welton Vale Culvert. The project is aiming to improve the in-river habitat for fish and other aquatic species and</li> </ul>




	<p>plants whilst engaging the local community in the work and the river network</p> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Station Road provides a pedestrian route to Stones Cross crossroads, MSN High Street, schools and local services, all within half a mile</li> <li>• A wooden bench has been installed for residents and passers-by to rest, watch and listen</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welton Village Group was formed to start the process of protecting, enhancing and promoting what is left within the Welton conservation area and to restore a sense of community identity and pride. Planning consultation, historical talks, litter picks and river clean-up have started the process. Advice to be sought from Bristol Avon Rivers Trust regarding river management</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	The site boundary must exclude the highway which runs between the two parts of the site
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its Historic Significance and wildlife to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Midsomer Norton
<b>Site name:</b>	Welton Vale
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND6
<b>Landowner:</b>	Duchy of Cornwall and Private Landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green corridor with the Norton Radstock Greenway Cycleway running through it. The Wellow Brook runs through the southern part of the site
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site is within the Midsomer Norton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The western part of the site is close to housing and employment land</li> </ul>
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wellow Brook is an important wildlife corridor and the valley itself supports a number of common and protected species (kingfisher, buzzard and other raptors, deer, badger, fox, otter, bats, other small mammals and owls are regularly observed examples)</li> <li>Of particular importance are the varieties of bat species that exist across Radstock and Midsomer Norton. They have strong legislative protection on their own merit but also through association with the Bath and Mells SAC</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves</li> <li>The space is immediately adjacent to housing and employment units. Access is facilitated via a network of public footpaths and the “Greenway”, a converted railway track joining the Welton and Radstock settlements. It is intended as a multi-use recreational path; it provides the opportunity for off-road travel to work, to the retail centres and further afield via the Sustrans network</li> <li>The disused railway track beds in and out of Midsomer Norton and Radstock form an important part of the National Cycle Network. The section of the Greenway running parallel to Wellow</li> </ul>

	<p>Brook is well used for walking and provides important access to bridleways and footpaths enabling multi-use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Local Planning Inspector has described Welton Vale as "an attractive area of open land which relates fully to the open countryside to the north of the built up area"</li> <li>• Recreational value would be diminished significantly if this open space was to be reduced or lost. The Greenway extension southwards from Five Arches opened in 2011</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Papers archived by the LPA, press and campaigners demonstrate the strength of feeling from local residents against the residential and industrial development that was threatened on Welton Vale in the late 1990s. Local residents and their elected representatives used the statutory process to advertise their unprecedented and sustained objection to any change of use from agricultural land with its associated public access. As a consequence, the designation in the Wansdyke Local Plan for a mixed use development was removed from the Bath and North East Somerset Local Plan Revised Draft Deposit at a Full Council meeting in July 2003 (final version adopted 2007)</li> <li>• Community tree planting took place in the early 2000s generating what is now healthy woodland on the northeastern slopes. A BTCV grant has been applied for recently to follow up the project, to manage and optimise the habitat for wildlife and for the wider community to enjoy</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are three Grade II listed buildings (Old Welton Farmhouse, Welton Manor House and its associated large barn) at the west end; these lie within the adjacent Welton Conservation Area</li> <li>• Known locally as Five Arches the original viaduct, built in the late 18th century and which carried the Bristol and North Somerset Railway over the Somerset and Dorset track, stands at the east end. It commemorates the historic railway network and its links to local industrial heritage; it now serves as an important landmark along the Greenway.</li> <li>• A limited archaeological survey has shown important remains of mining activity warranting preservation</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquillity Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those walking along the Greenway are struck by the quietness experienced despite the proximity of "real life" going on around. This relates to the fact that it is a natural environment and being low in the topography is naturally screened from noise only yards away</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a large tract of land which is not contained by development and relates more to the landscape than to the community of Midsomer Norton
<b>Exceptions</b>	The boundary needs to be reviewed to ensure that it does not include

	any of the employment area
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-this is a large tract of agricultural land and is not suitable for designation
<b>Recommendation</b>	While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space and recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Miners Welfare Recreational Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR37
<b>Landowner:</b>	This site is owned by a Charity (No. 304608) and managed by Paulton Parish Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Enclosed green space with a BMX track, sports pitches and bowls club. The space includes a designated wildlife area
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes – the space is close to the community it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <p>The site has historical links to the Somerset coalfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site offers a wide range of recreational facilities, including sports pitches, a bowls club and skateboard park. There is also a grassed open area for general recreational purposes. It is a link in the network of footpaths in the area</li> <li>• The site is bordered by hedgerows, whilst the south-east corner of the site is a designated wildlife area, offering good quality habitat for reptiles and birds. Recently used as an apiary</li> <li>• The site is a registered charity No. 304608 with the stated purpose of ‘The provision of a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Paulton’. The Parish Council acts as Trustee</li> <li>• The Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground (where the local junior football teams play at weekends during the season-there are three junior football pitches and 1 full sized football pitches</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained small site

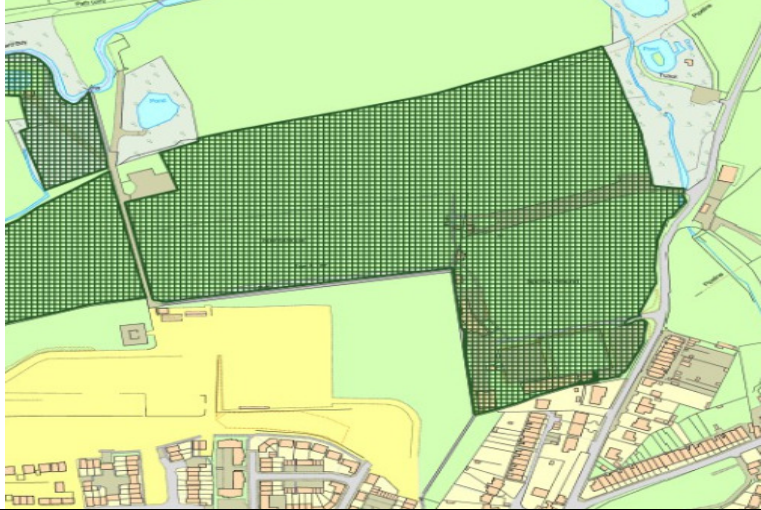
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Paulton Rovers Football Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND48
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*</b>	 <p>*southern section of the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Formal football pitch and training pitch with spectator facilities
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to housing and Paulton community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paulton Rovers were founded in 1890 and have occupied the present site for over 50 years</li> <li>• The site is a major recreational facility within the village</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objectio n</b>	Objection received from the landowner


**Recommendation**

These community facilities may need to be redeveloped or reconfigured on the site in the future to ensure that it can continue to function as a football ground. Therefore designation as a local green space designation would not be appropriate. The football Ground will be protected by other polices within the Placemaking Plan




<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Greyfields Sports Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND43
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	The site is composed of cricket pitches, outfield areas and football pitches
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to housing and Paulton community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is composed of cricket pitches and outfield areas, as well as a number of Football pitches, and is therefore a large area of 8.90 ha for the specific use of sports activities</li> <li>• The activities of the site are enjoyed by hundreds of children and adults from the village and the surrounding areas</li> <li>• This complex is home to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Purnells Cricket Club</li> <li>▪ Tennis Courts</li> <li>▪ Bowls</li> <li>▪ Football Pitch</li> <li>▪ Club House</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The activities of the site are enjoyed by hundreds of children and adults from the village and the surrounding areas, making it a special place where social and sports benefits can be found</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquillity Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is on the fringe of the village and as such it does have a special place in terms of its views out to the surrounding</li> </ul>


	<p>countryside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site is on the fringe of the village and as such it does have a special place in terms of its views out to the surrounding countryside.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whilst the site is open, the surrounding hedgerows and footpaths are important as ribbons of vegetation for wildlife habitats of rodents and birds</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	These community facilities may need to be redeveloped or reconfigured on the site in the future to ensure that it can continue to function as a sports ground. Therefore designation as a local green space designation would not be appropriate. The sports Ground will be protected by other polices within the Placemaking Plan


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Wallenge Open Space
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR31
<b>Landowner:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Oval shaped green space with formal children's play structure
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is surrounded by housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site provides a vantage point from which to enjoy views out into the countryside in the surrounding areas</li> <li>• The site has been used as a park and play area by the local community for decades</li> <li>• The site provides a large public open space, with recreational equipment for use of younger children</li> <li>• The Parish Council has plans in the near future to improve the play equipment in this park</li> </ul> <p><b>Historical Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site has links to and results from the historical coal mining activities in the area</li> </ul> <p><b>Character Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site supports support large mature trees which dominate the character area and are important in views from other parts of the village</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is featured in the Paulton Village Design Statement</li> </ul>

<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Support from Paulton Parish Council
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Paulton Memorial Park
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR36
<b>Landowner:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space enclosed by a large boundary wall. There is a tennis court and a children's play structure on the site
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> <li>• Paulton Conservation Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is surrounded by housing and is within the heart of Paulton village
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Memorial Park provides a large public open space, with recreational facilities including tennis and basketball courts, together with fitness equipment</li> <li>• The site is a registered Charity No 304609 with the stated purpose of "The provision of a park for the benefit of the residents of Paulton"</li> <li>• The park is used for 'Toddle Waddles' and the annual 'Party in the Parks' event</li> <li>• There are basketball courts on the site</li> <li>• There is outdoor gym equipment in the park which is used by adults and older children</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Memorial Park has a boundary wall built of squared white lias stone with cock and hen capping</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site supports support large mature trees which dominate the character area and are important in views from other parts of the village</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	The parish council support the nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Paulton Car Park Wildlife Area
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR35
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small copse of scrubby woodland with some substantial trees. Largely inaccessible site right in middle of built up centre of Paulton. Visually prominent in landscape when centre of Paulton is viewed from higher ground
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Site is within the centre of Paulton
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees, bushes and dense undergrowth provide habitat for many forms of wildlife</li> <li>• Site is covered in trees which provide opportunities for breeding birds</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributes to openness in a high-density housing locality</li> <li>• Visually prominent in landscape when centre of Paulton is viewed from higher ground</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	The car park hard standing area is not to be included in the site boundary
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its landscape and wildlife value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Brookside Valley
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR32
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Steeply sloping area of part woodland and part tall herb grassland forming visually important hillside backdrop to residential area below and in winter also an important landscape screen to the houses which break the skyline along the top of the hill
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes the space is close to the community it serves
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site has a wild beauty and is highly visible from public spaces such as the cemetery and elsewhere within the village</li> <li>• The ecological report on this site references the existence of bats and reptiles, and there is local evidence of the site being visited by deer and badgers</li> <li>• Trees on the site contribute towards the green infrastructure in the locality and are readily visible to the general public</li> <li>• At the east of the site is a steep bank which has scattered early mature trees including sycamore and ornamental pine and conifer species</li> <li>• The site offers good foraging habitat for bat species; along the tree lined ridge as bats often prefer linear features and moderate foraging opportunities above open vegetated area</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This site is one of the few previously undeveloped sites within the central village, and is therefore important from an historical point of view</li> <li>• Enhances the rural setting when viewed from the opposite valley slopes</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an important hillside site. It is a valuable local open green space (i.e. open in that it is undeveloped). It is also a valuable part of the local green infrastructure and has value that benefits both people and wildlife</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many local children and adults use this space for recreational purposes and it is important to the local community</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site and local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its landscape and wildlife value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Chivers Knoll
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR34
<b>Landowner:</b>	Woodland Trust
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small woodland on a knoll
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes the site is close to housing and community facilities
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part of the Woodland Trust, this tiny woodland is located on a 'knoll' on the edge of Paulton, and, despite being surrounded on all sides by housing, it offers wonderful views from the site</li> <li>• There are wild flowers, butterflies, birds and small mammals</li> <li>• This tiny site is located on the edge of Paulton, and is surrounded on all sides by housing. The site was already established woodland when given to the Woodland Trust in 1980</li> <li>• There is an adjoining piece of woodland which is under separate ownership. It is on top of a steep 'knoll' which was originally a coal tip</li> <li>• Many of the original Scots Pine (believed to have been planted, along with other species, in the 1920's) were blown down at the beginning of the 1980's. The Wildlife Trust carried out some replanting of broadleaved trees in 1984 to fill in the gaps</li> <li>• The under storey and ground flora contains some shrubs, but is mostly composed of nettles, ivy and snowberry</li> <li>• This tiny wood contains Scots Pine and larch planted approximately 1920's. In 1984 ash, willow, oak cherry and hazel were planted to fill the gaps created where many pines had been blown down</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access is available from a public footpath which skirts the site and is accessible at two points either end of a hawthorn hedge</li> <li>• There is a very short looping path within the site. This track is informal and occasionally used by local children as a play area</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bench is located at the bottom of the site on the footpath</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is associated with historic coal mining activity</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wood will form a back drop to many views around the town and is likely to be highly prized even by people who do not walk in the wood</li> <li>• The main trees are protected with a Tree Preservation Order in acknowledgement of their landscape value</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its wildlife value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Orchard adjacent to Brittons Hill
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND54
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small orchard surrounded by stone walls
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is close to housing and the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is a large orchard forming a significant part of the garden to a house which has historical links to the coal mining activities in the area</li> <li>• The property was once thought to be owned by the Manager of the New Pit Mine</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Yes – clearly defined space
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a local green space designation. This is a private garden with an orchard. The garden has no public right of way and the site cannot be viewed from the public highway and therefore this site is not recommended to be designated as a local green space designation


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Oxlease Meadow
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND55
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space will be a part of the Polestar redevelopment
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the red line boundary of a planning application</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	N/A
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site will be managed by Paulton Parish Council as a recreational facility</li> <li>• A fitness trail is planned</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	N/A
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. Excluded site: Sites with planning permission – A green space within a site with extant planning permission (within the red line) cannot be designated until the development is complete

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	New Allotments and Pool
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND53
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space will be a part of the Polestar redevelopment
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the red line boundary of a planning application</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	N/A
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This site forms part of the Polestar development site and has been designated in the Masterplan as public open space, and its intended use as allotments will satisfy part of the current demand for allotments in the village</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	N/A
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. Excluded site: Sites with planning permission – A green space within a site with extant planning permission (within the red line) cannot be designated until the development is complete


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Paulton Cemetery
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR33
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*</b>	 <p>*Northern part of the site</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Cemetery with a lodge and chapel
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Paulton Conservation Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is close to housing and the residents of Paulton
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is within the village conversation area</li> <li>• The cemetery contains a lodge and chapel built from squared coursed white lias rubble with oolitic limestone dressings The cemetery also has oolitic limestone gate piers</li> <li>• The site boundary to the north (Bath Road) is built from local stone</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foxes and badgers have been seen on the site</li> <li>• Cemeteries are important for wild flowers and invertebrates</li> <li>• The cemetery is rich in bird life, both resident and seasonal visitors</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquillity Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site provides a place of solace</li> <li>• The cemetery provides interment for local residents</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land

<b>land</b>	
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its wildlife and tranquillity value to the local community




<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Paulton Paddock
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR38
<b>Landowner:</b>	Unknown
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small paddock surrounded by mature hedgerows and trees and adjacent to housing
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is used as grazing and beautiful views can be seen from the site towards the hills across the Cam Valley to the north, together with further views to the east</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is now used as open grazing, but it has historical links to the coal mining activities in the area</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site has good ecological connectivity with the wider landscape, via a continuous hedgerow network</li> <li>• The site is rich in wildlife being adjacent to open countryside, particularly owls</li> <li>• The habitats offer the potential for bats and nesting birds</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	The site is well contained by trees and hedgerows
<b>Exceptions</b>	None


<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its wildlife and landscape value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Paulton Allotments
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR29
<b>Landowner:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*Southern section of the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Well maintained allotments
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Paulton Conservation Area</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: CF.8 (Allotments)</li> <li>• Protected Allotment (Draft Placemaking Plan Policy LCR8)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is within the heart of the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site provides a source of biodiversity</li> <li>• Allotments are significant to our green spaces and provide habitats for many forms of wildlife</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are nine allotments on this site which provide the local residents with the opportunities to grow their own fruit and vegetables</li> <li>• The allotments provide valuable recreational opportunities involving healthy activity and social contacts</li> <li>• The allotments provide enhancements to both physical and mental health, and can provide a source of low cost food</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposite valley slopes frame the village, giving it a rural setting with views across open fields</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character</b>	Small well contained site

<b>and not an extensive tract of land</b>	
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Paulton Parish Council support the nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its wildlife and recreational value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land at Bath Road/Coal Pit Hill
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND42
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*Western site on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Steeply sloping area which is a visual hillside backdrop to residential area below
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes/No-The site is situated on the edge of the village and is separated from the village by a road
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• The site contributes to the general views out from the village and it is clearly visible from adjoining roads and publicly accessible areas such as the Cemetery</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	The site relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations

	<p>need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance</p>
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<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	The Old Vicarage
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND52
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*Eastern site on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Steeply sloping area which is a visual hillside backdrop to residential area below
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes/No-The site is situated on the edge of the village and is separated from the village by a road
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• The site contributes to the general views out from the village and it is clearly visible from adjoining roads and publicly accessible areas such as the Cemetery</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This site is not local in character and it relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations

	<p>need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance</p>
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<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land south of Ham Lane
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND48
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map:</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Large space consisting of several fields
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within and outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes/no-the site is bordered by housing to the west and north. The southern boundary is adjacent to the Paulton Football club
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is 7.5 Ha but in multiple ownerships</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• The site contributes to the general views out from the village and it is clearly visible from adjoining roads and publicly accessible areas such as the Cemetery</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site has direct access from Ham Grove and provides access to a network of footpaths which are well used by residents for exercise and dog walking</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat.</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This site is not local in character and it relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	The farmhouse buildings and curtilages would be excluded from designation

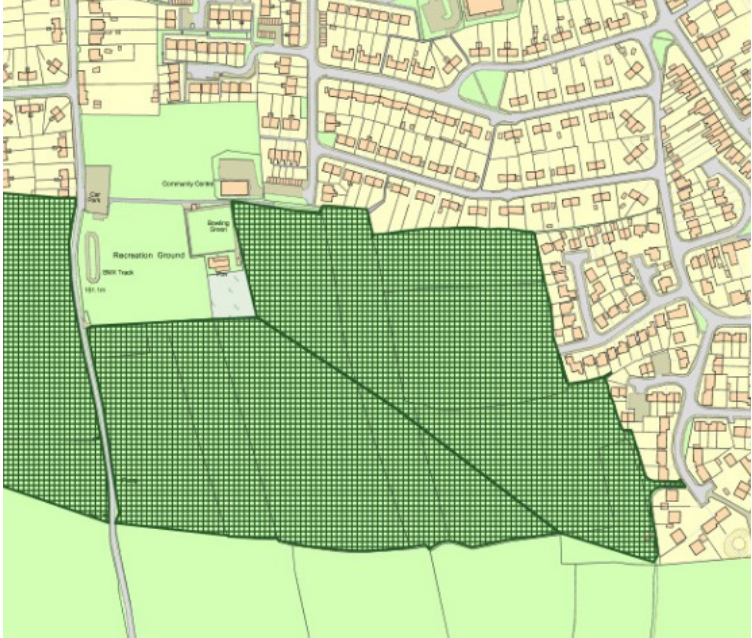
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land north of Alpine Close
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND47
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map:</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	The site consists of three fields that are roughly elongated rectangles running east west. Boundaries to the west and south consist of hedges forming demarcation with rear gardens of adjacent houses which all have fine views into the fields. To the north and east are hedges forming boundaries with adjacent fields and woodland
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is surrounded by housing on two sides
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is clearly visible from adjoining higher ground and publicly accessible areas such as Simon's Hill and parts of Springhill Farm to the east</li> <li>• The site is also overlooked by all of the existing properties to the south and west boundaries and as such use of this field for housing would result in a significant loss of amenity for the occupants of these houses due to the loss of rural views</li> <li>• medieval field patterns and intimate scale</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• The site contributes to the general views out from the village and it is clearly visible from adjoining countryside and hillside locations</li> <li>• The site is clearly visible from adjoining higher ground and publicly accessible areas such as Simon's Hill and parts of Springhill Farm to the east</li> <li>• The site is also overlooked by all of the existing properties to the south and west boundaries and as such use of this field for housing would result in a significant loss of amenity for the</li> </ul>

	<p>occupants of these houses due to the loss of rural views</p> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This site is not local in character and it relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land at Phillis Hill
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND45
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map:</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Undulating green space with long views into Midsomer Norton
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes/no-the site is adjacent to a care home and the Paulton Memorial Hospital
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main point in favour of the quality of this site in terms of its existing contribution to the local environment is its rural nature, its pleasantly sloping and undulating landform and its visibility from adjacent countryside and public space</li> <li>• The overall feeling is that its contribution to the local character of the landscape is important</li> <li>• The site has an amenity value to the residents of the Care Home who overlook this site and the further view towards Midsomer Norton</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• The site contributes to the general views out from the village and it is clearly visible from adjoining countryside and hillside locations</li> <li>• The southern boundary of the site forms the limit of the village development boundary of the and is therefore important in maintaining the open space between Paulton and Midsomer Norton</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This site is not local in character and it relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land at Rudgeway Road
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRD46
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*Northern site on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	This site is on a plateau to the south of which lies the slopes of Wellow Brook Valley
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes/No-the site is bordered by housing to the north and north east of the site
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main point in favour of the quality of this site in terms of its existing contribution to the local environment is its rural nature, its pleasantly sloping and undulating landform and its visibility from adjacent countryside and public space</li> <li>• The overall feeling is that its contribution to the local character of the landscape is important</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• The site contributes to the general views out from the village and it is clearly visible from adjoining countryside and hillside locations</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is bordered by mature hedgerows and there also mature trees located within this</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mature boundary hedgerow and also mature hedgerow within the site as it is divided into three fields, wildlife corridor approximately 8 feet wide established around the perimeter of part of the site</li> </ul> <p><b>Character Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A traditional dry stone wall forms part of the boundary to the west of the site</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This site is not local in character and it relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance




<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land south and south west of St Julian's Close
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND49
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*Site to the south on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Fairly large area of pasture fields
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	No-the site is remote from Paulton village
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is adjacent to the Miner's Welfare Field which is administered by a Charity for the benefit of the local community</li> <li>• The site is used as a local amenity as an extension of the Miner's Welfare field</li> <li>• A number of public footpaths cross through this site. These are well used by local residents and walking groups</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main point in favour of the quality of this site in terms of its existing contribution to the local environment is its rural nature, and its visibility from adjacent countryside and public spaces</li> <li>• The overall feeling is that its contribution to the local character of the landscape is important</li> <li>• The site's location immediately south of the Miner's Welfare field provides an open vista in that direction out from the Miner's Welfare field</li> <li>• It is also important to protect this sites location because it is also important in terms of the view from the south and to define the escarpment edge</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public</li> </ul>

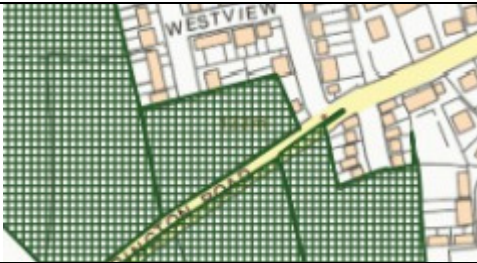
	<p>perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</p> <p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a wrought iron gate giving access to the site which is typical of this type of heritage asset</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to</li> <li>• open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife</li> <li>• habitat</li> <li>• Mature boundary hedgerow and also mature hedgerow within the site as it is divided into three fields, wildlife corridor approximately 8 feet wide established around the perimeter of part of the site</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This site is not local in character and it relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Paulton Parish Council supports the proposed nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

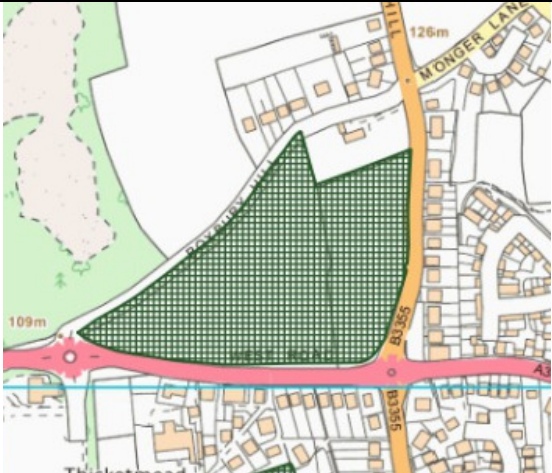
<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land west of Old Mills Lane
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND50
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*western site on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Fairly large area of pasture fields which overlooks a wartime monument which remembers a transport glider crash in 1944
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	No-the site is remote from Paulton village
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site wraps around then western side of the Specklemead estate in Paulton and provides views and amenity value for some of the most vulnerable residents of Paulton.</li> <li>• The site is rural in nature, and it is visible from adjacent countryside and public spaces</li> <li>• The overall feeling is that its contribution to the local character of the landscape is important</li> <li>• A number of public footpaths cross through this site. These are well used by local residents and walking groups</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 17 September 1944 a glider on route to Arnhem, Holland crashed killing all 23 soldiers on board. There is a Memorial on land owned by HRH Prince of Wales and he has assigned the</li> </ul>

	<p>land for its purpose of Remembrance for as long as it can take place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Memorial is valued by the village of Paulton and there is an annual memorial service and parade assembling at the memorial</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This site is not local in character and it relates more to the open countryside than to the village of Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	The site boundary is not clear- should it be following the field boundaries? Boundary as drawn does not include the memorial however it is referenced in the justification
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Abbots Farm Close
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND40
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*North eastern site on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space surrounded by hedgerows and adjacent to housing
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is adjacent to housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2014 a planning application for 47 homes was made and BANES refused the application</li> <li>• At the time of writing this, the proposal is the subject of a Planning Appeal and the result is not expected known before the submission date</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site extends along the western side of the Specklemead estate in Paulton and provides views and amenity value for some of the most vulnerable residents of Paulton</li> <li>• The site provides views and amenity value for some of the most vulnerable residents of Paulton</li> <li>• The site is rural in nature, and it is visible from adjacent countryside and public spaces</li> <li>• The overall feeling is that its contribution to the local character of the landscape is important</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" and contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• The site is a high point in the village and is clearly visible from the</li> </ul>


	<p>Cam Valley Ridge, Timsbury, Hallatrow, High Littleton, Clutton and Greyfield Woods</p> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hedges surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	No not local in character-the site is a large agricultural space which relates more to the open countryside than to Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. Excluded site: Sites with planning permission or sites which are in the process of determining planning permission cannot be designated a Local Green Space designation

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land at the junction of Farrington/Downsway
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND44
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Map:</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space adjacent to housing on the edge of Paulton
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is adjacent to housing and has housing on two sides
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is at the top end of Downsway and provides a suitable open aspect to this busy road junction</li> <li>• Channelled view to the south west due to the topography of the land</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	No not local in character-the site is a large agricultural space which relates more to the open countryside than to Paulton
<b>Exceptions</b>	The site boundary would need to follow natural features on the ground-therefore this site would be considerably larger than drawn on the submitted map
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local value, local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Boxberry Hill
<b>Site number:</b>	LGRND41
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Paulton Parish Council and Midsomer Norton Town Council
<b>Map:</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space which forms the setting of the Boxberry Hill spoil tip
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is subject of a High Court Legal Challenge with regards to the outcome of an appeal</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is close to housing and Midsomer Norton town centre
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site lies on southern edge of the Paulton Parish Boundary remote from the main habitation of Paulton, but it is immediately north of the HDB of Midsomer Norton, and the site fronts on to West Road A362</li> <li>• The site is rural in nature, and it is visible from adjacent countryside and public spaces</li> <li>• The overall feeling is that its contribution to the local character of the landscape is important</li> <li>• The local community consider this site to be iconic in nature and one which must be protected</li> <li>• This site is a significant landscape feature at the gateway entrance to the village from Midsomer Norton</li> <li>• Although not formally designated as Greenbelt, the local public perception is that this site has all of the attributes of being "Greenbelt" an contributes significantly to the character of the landscape</li> <li>• This is site is of enormous significance to the whole local community of the Somer Valley and further afield. It represents that most important green open space outside of the northern boundary of Midsomer Norton before entering the parish of Paulton</li> </ul>



	<p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site has an historic landscape significance, and provides a setting for the important non-designated heritage asset of the old batch</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The hedges and mature trees surrounding this site, and its close proximity to open countryside makes it a particularly important wildlife habitat</li> <li>Coal tips or batches such as found at Old Mills, Paulton are important for wildlife because they have acidic soils not usually found in the area</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	N/A
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. Excluded site: Sites with planning permission or sites which are in the process of determining planning permission cannot be designated a Local Green Space designation. This site is currently subject to a High Court Legal Challenge and therefore cannot be considered at this time


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Paulton Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Boxberry Hill Spoil Tip
<b>Site number:</b>	LGR30
<b>Landowner:</b>	Not Known
<b>Nominated By:</b>	C Ripper
<b>Map:</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Recolonized spoil tip with a mature woodland
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing development Boundary</li> <li>• Regionally Important Geological Site</li> <li>• Sites of Nature site</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes-the site is within the heart of the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This site is readily used by local people for recreational activities (e.g. dog walking and socialising), providing physical and mental health benefits. They often provide the only open-access areas for local people to get outdoors with nature</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultural Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Boxberry Hill Spoil Tip is an important part of our cultural identity and our mining heritage</li> </ul> <p><b>Historical Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The spoil tip offers a visual reminder of our rich coal mining history that helped create and shape Great Britain</li> <li>• It also tell stories and family landscape links</li> <li>• Paulton basin was the terminus of the northern branch of the Somerset Coal Canal and was a central point for at least 15 collieries around Paulton, Timsbury and High Littleton, which were connected to the canal by tram roads</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Paulton Village Design Statement also refers on page 8 to the legacy from the mining era and the distinctive character of the Old Mills Colliery site</li> <li>• Archaeological – historic structures and remains can be found amongst the spoil</li> <li>• The batch forms a part of the Paulton historical walk</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The spoil tip forms a visible features which are significant in the local landscape and have strong cultural resonance</li> <li>• It is used in regional and local interpretation (i.e. they tell a ‘landscape story’)</li> <li>• The Batch is a visual landmark in this area</li> <li>• The Rural Landscapes of Bath and North East Somerset: A Landscape Character Assessment 2003 states that the Batch is an important landscape characteristic. It states that of particular note is the widely visible and distinct conical shape of the Old Mills Batch with its generally un-vegetated surface</li> </ul> <p><b>Geological Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geological – they provide access to fossils and minerals</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coal tips or batches such as found at are important for wildlife because they have acidic soils not usually found in the area. These sites should be designated because of their wildlife interest and value for industrial archaeology</li> <li>• It is a priority habitat in the BNES biodiversity action plan- Post-industrial Sites</li> <li>• There are areas of impenetrable scrub at the base, of great value to nesting birds and important feeding sites for winter thrushes. The several small patches of grassland have different species composition, indicating the varied nature of the substrate</li> <li>• Over 70 bird species have been seen on or around the Batch and 21 species of butterfly</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its wildlife and historic significance value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Beacon Hall Playground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS9
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Landscaped green space with a children's play structure adjacent to the village hall
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is within the heart of the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Community Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land on which Beacon Hall stands and the finance for the construction of the Hall and of the nearby children's play area, were provided for the village of Peasedown St John by the Westbury Homes/Beazer Homes consortium in relation to the construction of over 1000 new homes in the village</li> <li>• Peasedown party in the park, founded in 2008 is held in June on Beacon Field. Growing in strength year on year hosts live music, entertainment from local groups, stalls, attractions and food and drink vendors. Including the ever popular Peasedown Diamond cider</li> <li>• The space is used for the annual 'Christmas in the park event'</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The space has play equipment for toddlers to young people</li> <li>• Boot Camp Fitness Training are held regularly in the field which helps to improve people's fitness</li> <li>• The population of Peasedown St John has undergone a</li> </ul>


	<p>substantial increase in the last ten years and recent census data (2011), indicates that nearly 25% of the local population is aged between 5 and 25 years This percentage is higher than both the national figure and that for the B&amp;NES Council area which, along with the increase in population in recent years, supports the idea that there is a strong local need for facilities aimed at young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of such facilities sits well with the Government’s strategy to encourage youngsters out of an indoor and on-line gaming environment, and into real outdoor physical activity. With 25-30% of children in the area overweight or obese, open green spaces and play areas are needed to encourage local children to exercise regularly</li> <li>• Beacon Field has excellent play facilities and is used daily for outdoor recreation throughout the year. The tarmac pathways around its perimeter also means it can be easily used by those with push chairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters making it an inclusive open space</li> <li>• It has been used on a regular basis by ‘boot’ camps and play organisations providing opportunity for exercise for various age groups. Plus a recent £120,000 play equipment installation has been a huge success in encourage young people to play and exercise</li> <li>• It also provides an important space for some major community events, such as Party in the Park</li> <li>• The following comments received in response to our on-line survey highlight the importance of this area as a recreational space for all members of the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “The children can play safely while we walk the dogs, and this summer will be old enough to play there on their own”</li> <li>▪ “In a high-density estate, it is essential to have some green areas to offer some space to the residents. It also offers a less strenuous option for dog walking than the adjoining fields, which is also much appreciated”</li> <li>▪ “A safe place to exercise and socialise the dog away from traffic. A place to meet other dog walkers” “This is an absolutely critical green recreational space used by all the community for essential physical activities: walking for the elderly; football and other sporting effort for the young; play of all sorts for the very young. It is horrifying to think that we even need to claim this, which should be legally protected for all time for the very extensive community that surrounds it”</li> <li>▪ “A place for my children to play, in fact our grandchildren often come and use not only the excellent play area but run around with footballs, etc. on the green space” #“This is already a very built up area with too few green spaces for children to play, for walking the dog or just relaxing”</li> <li>▪ “A place for my children to play” “A place peaceful place to sit and relax – a nice place to sit and meet people without traffic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None

<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Peasedown St John Parish Council support the nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational and community value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Ecewiche Green
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS10
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Secluded linear greenspace area. Grass and hedgerows between bypass and housing. Hedgerows give a sheltered feel. Small remnants of medieval field system
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is within the heart of the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Community Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area was originally labelled a public open space way back in the 1980s when the master plan for the new estates was first put to the public</li> <li>• There are benches and picnic areas for residents to use</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecewiche Green lies on the site of a medieval settlement (which is how it got its name)</li> <li>• In 1988 a number of earthworks were fully excavated in advance of the development of the Peasedown St. John bypass which was scheduled to cut through much of this ancient settlement. The finds included Saxon cooking pots, animal bones, foodstuff remains, iron knives, medieval spindle whorls, coins etc. all of which provided a good insight into the lives of the community that lived here. Full details of this excavation can be found in a booklet entitled 'Eckweek Medieval Settlement Peasedown St. John' which was published by the Parish Council</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It provides a wildlife haven and is an area of open space that all</li> </ul>

	<p>can enjoy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are lots of hedges bordering and within the site which have been retained for many years, well before the Orchard Way estate was built, many of them being classed as Ancient Hegerows</li> <li>• A programme of hedge-laying works has been established to help manage/maintain the site (the photographs provide some examples)</li> <li>• There are several veteran tree species with Ash and Oak being over 150 years old</li> <li>• The site is laid out and managed in such a way to provide distinct areas and corridors whilst showcasing different areas of interest at different times of the year; whether this is the more mature and established trees, the wildflower areas, blossom in the spring etc</li> <li>• Several wildflower areas are being encouraged; we now have several species growing on the site including Cowslip, Birds Foot Trefoil, Speedwell, silverweed, plantain, clover. We are also trying to encourage different varieties of trees for year-round interest and a food source for birds</li> <li>• Cam Valley Wildlife Group has over three hundred records for the area, where they have carried out regular botanical surveys. Species found include Bath Asparagus – <i>Ornithogalum pyrenaicum</i> – which is a nationally scarce plant and the South West is one of the few places that the plants can be seen in Britain</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	B&NES support the nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its wildlife and historic significance value to the local community




<b>Parish/Town Council:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Eckweek Lane Play Area
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS11
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Enclosed landscaped green space with a children's play structure
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is within the heart of the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The play area has equipment for toddlers to young people to socialise and play</li> <li>• This site was established in the 1990s as part of the Orchard Way estate development. Being a smaller and enclosed area it is particularly liked for those with younger children, especially as it is generally dog-free</li> <li>• The population of Peasedown St John has undergone a substantial increase in the last ten years and recent census data (2011), indicates that nearly 25% of the local population is aged between 5 and 25 years. This percentage is higher than both the national figure and that for the B&amp;NES Council area which, along with the increase in population in recent years, supports the idea that there is a strong local need for facilities aimed at young people</li> <li>• The provision of such facilities sits well with the Government's strategy to encourage youngsters out of an indoor and on-line gaming environment, and into real outdoor physical activity. With 25-30% of children in the area overweight or obese, open green spaces and play areas are needed to encourage local children to exercise regularly</li> <li>• Comments in support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Our son/young person (who is severely disabled), loves this play area as it is a safe space with lots of grass to wander around in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is also quiet and dog free, as he cannot access Beacon Field. It is also en-route to a lovely walk down Eckweek Lane and leads to some lovely quiet circular walks. It is a good place to sit and rest</li> <li>▪ Our son loves the space and we can sit at the picnic table while he wanders around exploring the trees and bushes and sensory experiences that the space offers at all times during the year” “A peaceful place to sit and relax. Another essential little area of green space within the overspill sprawl of development. Please keep this”</li> <li>▪ “A place for my children to play. I often walk here with my children in the summer and we spend quality time together.”</li> <li>▪ “A place for my children to play. It’s close enough to walk to with my little girl and she enjoys playing there”</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	B&NES support the nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreation value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Frederick Avenue and Albert Avenue
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS12
<b>Landowner:</b>	Social Housing Provider
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Elongated greenspace with housing on three sides. Well-used community space with fitness trail and seats
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is within the heart of the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fitness trial allows children to take part in physical fitness and activities</li> <li>• The population of Peasedown St John has undergone a substantial increase in the last ten years and recent census data (2011), indicates that nearly 25% of the local population is aged between 5 and 25 years This percentage is higher than both the national figure and that for the B&amp;NES Council area which, along with the increase in population in recent years, supports the idea that there is a strong local need for facilities aimed at young people</li> <li>• The provision of such facilities sits well with the Government's strategy to encourage youngsters out of an indoor and on-line gaming environment, and into real outdoor physical activity. With 25-30% of children in the area overweight or obese, open green spaces and play areas are needed to encourage local children to exercise regularly</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of</b>	Well contained site which is local in character

<b>land</b>	
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection-
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreation value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land between Pippin Close and Russett Way
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS13
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Smallish greenspace between edge of housing area and busy road but on raised ground above road. There are some orchard trees which have been recently planted
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is within the heart of the community
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Community Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an informal recreation space in and around housing, with a primary purpose of providing opportunities for informal activities close to home</li> <li>• Our online survey shows that residents still enjoy using this area. We received the following comments in support of making this a designated green space: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “A peaceful place to sit and relax. Research has demonstrated that trees mop up traffic pollutants potentially harmful to residents as well as helping to alleviate global warming gasses and providing psychological well-being.”</li> <li>▪ “A place to walk the dog, watch the wildlife and just relax”</li> <li>▪ “A different place to walk the dog occasionally. Good place for blackberries, too!”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recently, a community orchard has been planted on the site, to commemorate the Great War</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This triangle of land remained undeveloped when the surrounding estates were built, to preserve the ancient hedgerows that run along two of its sides</li> <li>• Historically, this area formed part of an orchard (after which Orchard Way was named), that was used by families for picnics in the summer months</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its community and Historic Significance to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Camerton and Peasedown St John Cricket Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND7
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*Southern site on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Traditional cricket Club and field. Secluded and surrounded by trees and woodland
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is on the edge of Peasedown St John
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None

<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. These community facilities may need to be redeveloped or reconfigured on the site in the future to ensure that it can continue to function as a cricket ground. Therefore designation as a local green space designation would not be appropriate. The Cricket Ground will be protected by other polices within the Placemaking Plan




<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Camerton and Peasedown St John Croquet Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND8
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Peasedown Parish Council
<b>Map*:</b>	 <p>*Northern site on the map above</p>
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Traditional croquet club and field. Secluded and surrounded by trees and woodland
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is on the edge of Peasedown St John
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. These community facilities may need to be redeveloped or reconfigured on

	the site in the future to ensure that it can continue to function as a croquet ground. Therefore designation as a local green space designation would not be appropriate. The Croquet Ground will be protected by other polices within the Placemaking Plan
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<b>Parish/Town Council:</b>	Radstock Town Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Tynings Allotments
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS15
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Dr V Williamson
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Small allotments
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: CF.8 (Allotments)</li> <li>• Protected Allotment (Draft Placemaking Plan Policy LCR8)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	Yes/no – the space is on the edge of Radstock and is close some housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotment gardening is a recreation which provides exercise, fresh food and a sense of wellbeing</li> <li>• The Tynings Allotments can improve people's quality of life, increase physical exercise and, support mental health</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotment sites are rich in insect, invertebrate and bird life. Deer, badgers and foxes are not uncommon on the site</li> <li>• Apart from attracting insects such as hoverflies, bees and lacewings, hedges and brambles are a favourite nesting site for birds like robins, wrens, song thrushes and blackbirds.</li> <li>• Many of the invertebrate species that live in compost heaps actively contribute to the compost process while others, such as ground beetles and centipedes, will use it as a temporary refuge</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small contained site which is local in character
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	

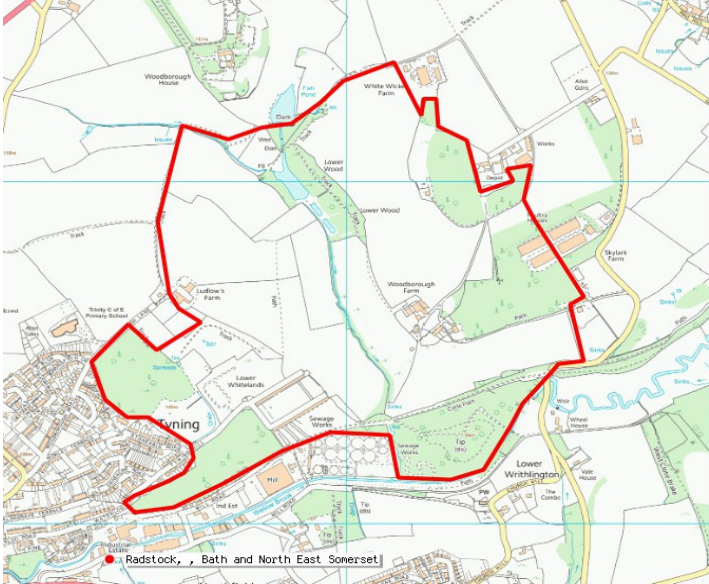
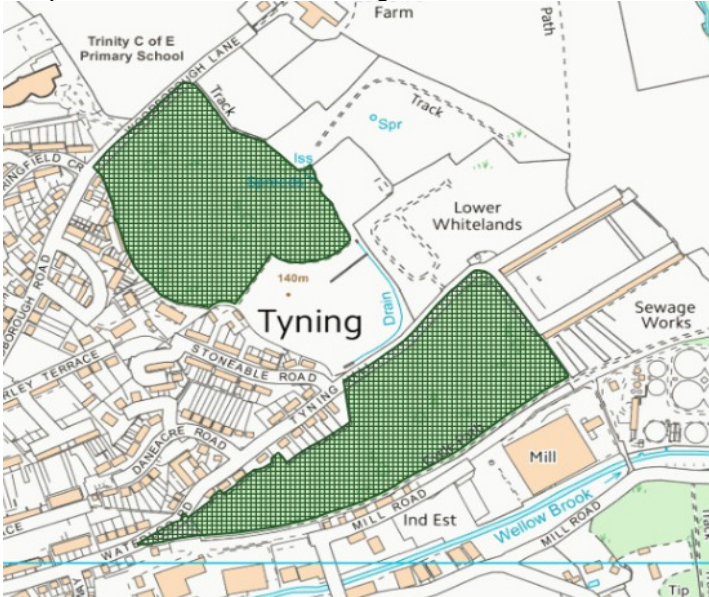
**Recommendation**

Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council:</b>	Radstock Town Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Radstock Memorial Garden
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS15
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Radstock Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Formal memorial garden with a structural framework formed by paths, stone walls and formal tree planting
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is within the heart of Radstock, close to housing and retail
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1926, Radstock was given a piece of land by the Great Western Railway, on which to erect a War Memorial. Since that time, the site, including the memorial itself, has been maintained, for over 80 years, on behalf of the people of the town, by Radstock Urban District Council and its successor, Radstock Town Council</li> <li>• In 2005, the memorial cross was moved to another site in the town, but the original site, between the Victoria Hall and the Post Office, retains special significance for the people of Radstock and continues to be maintained as a public, civic space</li> <li>• The design of the garden reflects Radstock's past coal mining and railway heritage, provide a new location for its war memorial as well as forming a vibrant and multifunctional focus to the town</li> <li>• The Miners memorial, an artwork structure designed and created by Sebastien Boysen forms an integral part of the garden as a landmark feature for the town. This incorporates an old coal pit winding-wheel (or sheaf)</li> <li>• The new Memorial Gardens incorporate the war memorial which was moved from Victoria Square as part of the project. The planting employs a naturalistic style with broad drifts of herbaceous perennials and grasses providing colour through a long season, extending through the winter with dry stems and seed heads</li> </ul>

<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	B&NES supports the proposed nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its historic significance value to the local community


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Radstock Town Council
<b>Site name:</b>	The Tom Huyton Play Area
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS16
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Radstock Town Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space with children's play structures
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located close to housing and retail and is in the heart of Radstock
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The play park was always very popular and the addition of a refreshment kiosk at busy times has only added to the attraction</li> <li>• Some of the equipment in the play area is accessible to children with disabilities, including a wheel chair accessible roundabout, wheelchair swing and cradle swing</li> <li>• Tom Huyton Park, with its extensive range of play equipment for a variety of ages, draws children from far and wide</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	B&NES supports the proposed nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Radstock Town Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Whitelands Batches
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS18
<b>Landowner:</b>	Multiple private landowners
<b>Nominated By:</b>	G Wall and other residents
<b>Map*</b>	 <p>*Map showing the extent of the original nomination</p> <p>Proposed batches to be designated:</p> 
<b>Description of green space:</b>	The area covered is effectively topographically coherent in the sense that it comprises largely of a tributary valley of the Wellow Brook somewhat modified by mining activity and now with two wooded coal batches which modify the topography. The area also encroaches onto plateau land to the west and east of the valley
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Regionally Important Geological Site</li> <li>• Part is within the Radstock Conservation Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably</b>	Yes/no – the space is on the edge of Radstock and is close to some

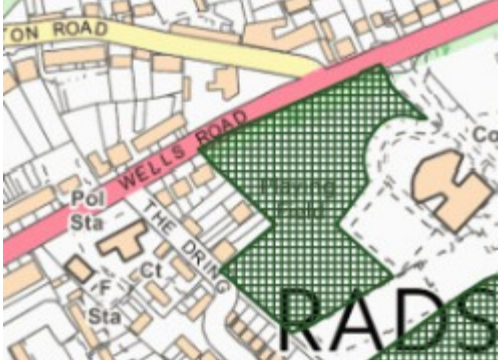


<p>close proximity to the community it serves</p>	<p>housing</p>
<p><b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b></p>	<p><b>Summary of submission:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The combination of linked spaces is small in landscape terms and is topographically coherent – it is not an extensive or sprawling tract of land. We do not consider any of the individual spaces to be large in their individual context</li> <li>• Each of these spaces has its own distinct character and function, but together they form a well-defined area with a distinctly local character that reflects well both the cultural and natural heritage of the town and, in particular, the special local character found here at the north-eastern limit of Radstock</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each of these spaces has its own distinct character and function, but together they form a well-defined area with a distinctly local character that reflects well both the cultural and natural heritage of the town and, in particular, the special local character found here at the north-eastern limit of Radstock</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Radstock Conservation Area Assessment refers to the “distinct landscape backdrop with the countryside encroaching close to the centre of the town” - encroachment by the countryside is a distinct characteristic of Radstock</li> <li>• This space is an attractive mix of grassland, scrub, trees and hedges with upwelling springs/seeps and associated wet habitat on a moderate south-facing slope. It sits above Lower Whitelands and complements the buildings below by providing an open natural space that has the look of a recreational space associated with this standalone settlement</li> <li>• The Tynning batches (The Green Batch and The Big Batch) form an attractive and dramatic backdrop for Tynning and Whitelands</li> <li>• These batches serve to clearly demarcate the boundary between the urban and rural areas, giving a distinct physical edge to the north-eastern section of Radstock. Lower Writhlington batch is an attractive and distinctive feature that can be seen from many angles, including from Lower Writhlington. Braysdown and Woodborough batches are both also attractive features in an otherwise rural setting</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two Tynning batches have a RIGS designation</li> <li>• The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife batch, Braysdown batch and a woodland area in the valley are designated as SNCI</li> <li>• Part of Lower Writhlington batch is a RIGS SSSI and part of it is a SNCI</li> <li>• The section of the Wellow Brook south of Lower Writhlington</li> </ul>

	<p>batch is a SNCI The three compartments function well together as a biodiversity resource. They have a very interesting and rich range of plants, having several different soil types and range of conditions in what is a small area in landscape terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are an important part of the green infrastructure enabling the dispersal and favourable status of species of flora and fauna</li> <li>• They have the capacity to provide greater biological functionality as a whole than they do individually and provide a mosaic of habitats that provides a good range of microhabitats</li> <li>• The spaces support red list and amber list birds and UK BAP species of moth, bird, mammal, reptile and butterfly</li> <li>• Observations of birds demonstrates that it is used by a good percentage of amber and red list birds. Larger mammals such as badgers, foxes and otters use this area, as well as small mammals such as shrews and voles that provide food for raptors and owls including Kestrel and Barn Owl</li> <li>• Bats frequent the area, including UK BAP Priority species</li> <li>• Greater horseshoe bat and Soprano pipistrelle have been recorded (radio tracking and Anabat) - these species are UK BAP priority species</li> <li>• Otter and Brown Hare are also UK BAP priority species</li> <li>• The Tying pit head area and Writhlington Batch (in Area C) are recorded Greater Horseshoe bat foraging areas. Greater Horseshoe bat requires dark commuting corridors, which they have here</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	The nominated site is a large tract of land which is not local in character. The batches to the south west of the site could be suitable for designation as they are in close proximity to housing however the remainder of the site relates more to the open countryside rather than to Radstock
<b>Exceptions</b>	All the land except the two wooden batches should be excluded from the designation
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objections from several landowners
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate the batches as a Local Green Space Designation for its wildlife value to the local community however the remaining site is too large to be designated as it is not local in character and is an extensive tract of land

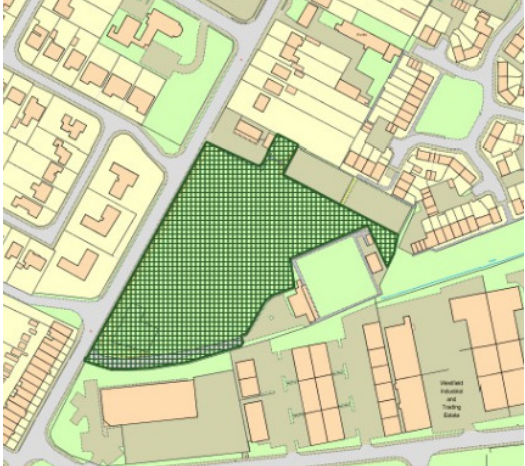
<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land north of Fosseway Gardens
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND14
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Section of a strategic green corridor
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This area is close to the community it serves, is demonstrably special to the community given the regular use of the ground by local people. It has historic significance in that it backs on to the former Wells Way Pit and was once part of a Roman Road. Wells Way Pit is a significant part of the social and economic history of Westfield</li> <li>• This area has historic significance in that it backs on to the former Wells Way Pit and was once part of a Roman Road. Wells Way Pit is a significant part of the social and economic history of Westfield. The Radstock Conservation Area Assessment, 1999 describes the predominant feature of the Wellsway area being the Wellsway batch, the dismantled Somerset and Dorset Railway and the unlisted miners terracing to the south west. “The planted spoil tip constitutes a picturesque focal point and historical marker and is designated an area of Local Landscape/Nature Conservation Interest. To the north is the now grassed over line of the railway and earlier tramway.” This characteristic and somewhat unique survival of the former communications route is of immense significance having played a valuable role in the success of Radstock and the growth of Westfield. It is vital to maintain the historical integrity of this area</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The landscape of this area is stunning, hence its regular use by local people</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This space gives easy access to the new cycle path which runs from Radstock to Midsomer Norton</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquillity Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a tranquil place to be, with the trees sheltering the noise from the adjacent Radstock Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is part of a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest. It has significant natural wildlife including 8 species of bat, two of which are protected. As such it is a significant wildlife corridor</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a part of a large green strategic corridor which is an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space, recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Radstock College Playing Fields
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND15
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Playing fields within the curtilage of Radstock Collage
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is surrounded by housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This space connects directly with the community it serves</li> <li>• This is well used walking and dog walking area for local people</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a historic playing field, with recreational use. It is used by the local community</li> <li>• This area has historic significance in that these former playing fields were part of Westfield's history. It was originally a dedicated football pitch used by Minders in the Somerset Coal Mining era</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This area is beautiful, with extensive views of the Waterside Valley</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection

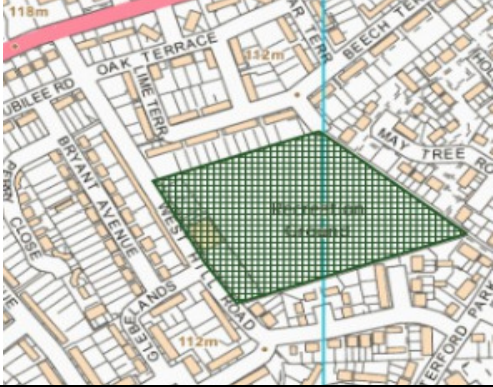
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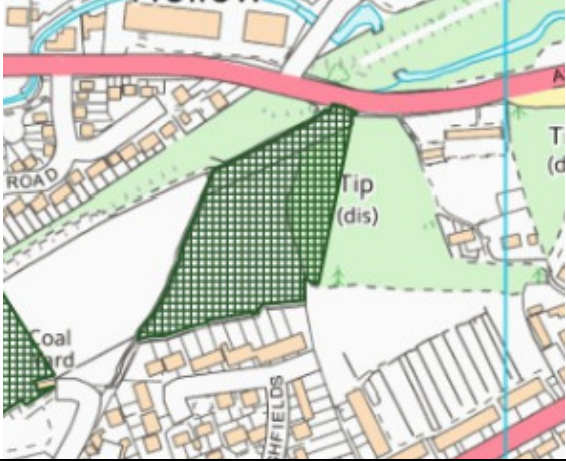
It is not appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development. The site is part of a larger planning application and therefore the boundary of any potential Local Green Space cannot be determined at present. Further school and college playing fields and grounds are not normally suitable for designation. This is because national guidance states that the space designated as 'local green space' must be capable of enduring beyond the plan period. In order to address future needs for school places there may, on some school sites, be a need to reconfigure the arrangement of school buildings and playing fields. The NPPF states that local planning authorities should give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools. Therefore, given this priority educational sites (grounds and playing fields) are not suitable for designation

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Westfield Playing Field
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS21
<b>Landowner:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space which includes a formal children's play structure
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is surrounded by housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This space connects directly with the community it serves</li> <li>• As above, this ground is a major recreational area for Westfield residents</li> <li>• It is an area for sports, play area and dog exercise</li> <li>• This area was gifted to the local community by the Miners Welfare Trust and is a much used public asset offering recreational facilities such football, play area, outdoor table tennis, tennis court, basketball area, pavilion and boules court</li> <li>• It is a much used facility on a daily basis offering a play area, football pitch (full size), bowling club, basketball area, boules court, outdoor table tennis table, tennis court and pavilion</li> <li>• The play area has a small fenced area with pre teenager play (swings, rockers, multi-use play area, climbing frame, carousel etc) and an unfenced area for teenagers with equipment such as birds nest swing seat</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small and well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None

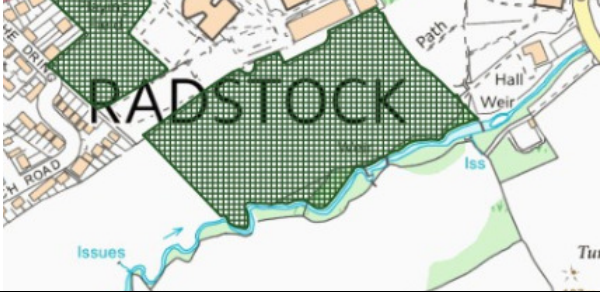
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Westfield Parish Council support this proposed nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community



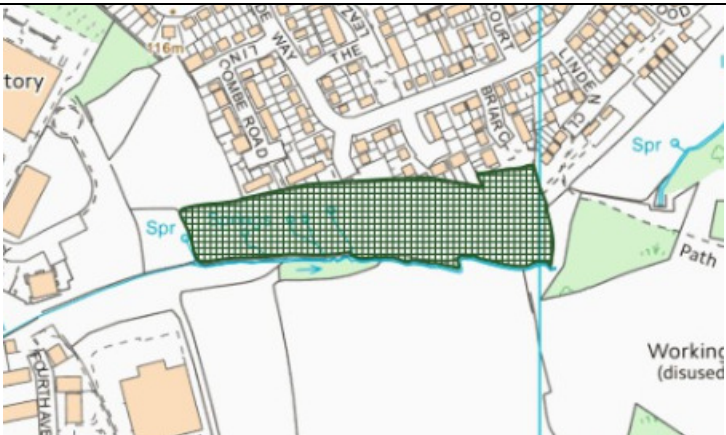
<b>Parish/Town Council:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Westhill Recreational Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS22
<b>Landowner:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Recreational ground surrounded by housing
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is surrounded on all sides by housing
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This area is in the heart of the Westfield residential area</li> <li>• This space connects directly with the community it serves</li> <li>• This ground is a major recreational area for Westfield residents</li> <li>• It is an area for sports, play area, dog exercise, wildflower garden</li> <li>• This area was gifted to the local community by the Miners Welfare Trust and is a much used public asset offering recreational facilities such as football, play area, bmx track, social club and hosts the annual Westfield Fun Day</li> <li>• It is a much used facility on a daily basis offering a segregated pre teenager play area, youth shelter, football pitches (one full size and a smaller one for youngsters), seats dotted around the area, bmx track, wildflower garden, social club and it hosts the annual Westfield Fun Day</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Well contained site which is not an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Westfield Parish Council support this proposed nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Highfields
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND10
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space enclosed by housing and woodland
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest</li> <li>• Radstock Conservation Area</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	This site is on the edge of Westfield
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This land is sandwiched between the only Coal Tip in Westfield (reflecting its history as a significant element of the Coal Mining in this area) and the public footpath that follows the Old Roman Fosseway Road linking Exeter to Lincoln</li> <li>• This area has one of the very few man-made embankments, built by hand, it took the railway to Five Arches</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This land is directly adjacent to residential areas of Westfield with easy access, although the public footpath desperately needs maintenance</li> <li>• It provides stunning views and easy access to the cycle path joining Radstock, Westfield and Midsomer Norton</li> </ul> <p><b>Tranquillity Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Its location provides complete tranquillity from the built environment because it is shielded from the noise of traffic by the coal tip to the east and hedgerows and old railway embankment to the north. It offers stunning views over the valley to the</li> </ul>

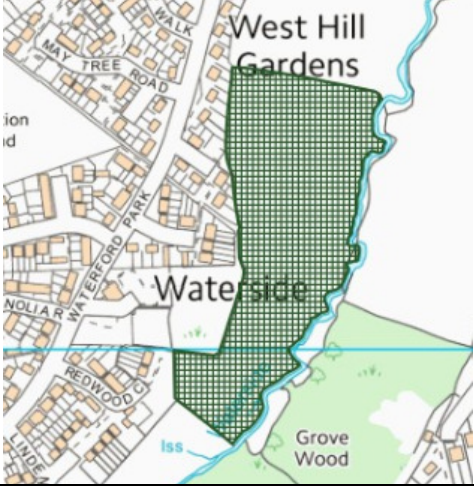
	<p>hillsides to the north</p> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest. The coal tip is a roost for more than eight species of bats, including the rarer Lesser and Greater Horseshoe species which use the cycle path at the bottom of the field for foraging after sunset. Deers, foxes and an abundance of slow worms are seen in this field. Again, these factors featured in the Inspectors report on the appeal decision against development</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a part of a large green strategic corridor which is an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	The wooded copse would not be a part of any designation
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space, recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Waterside Valley
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND17
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Valley adjacent to housing with a stream running along the bottom
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This land directly joins the southern side of the Westfield residential area</li> <li>• The whole of Waterside is a well-used recreation area for dog walkers and children during school holidays, parents walking children to primary school in Radstock</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main attraction of the site is the stream running at the base of the valley and the beautiful countryside feel of this land</li> <li>• This is an area of natural beauty including many natural springs and a waterfall</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historically it has a man-made weir, built as a miners' bath and swimming area. Hence it is vital part of the local social history of this area</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife</li> <li>• The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne)</li> <li>• The site was described in the report as having "running water with</li> </ul>

	<p>associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweet grass, short-fruited willow herb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc</li> <li>• The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as “likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife</li> <li>• Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles</li> <li>• Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering bird</li> <li>• Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat</li> <li>• The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat</li> <li>• This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers</li> <li>• Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a part of a large green strategic corridor which is an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space, recreational , historic significance and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land east of Westfield Trading Estate 1
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND11
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Valley adjacent to housing with a stream running along the bottom
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This area has strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife. Flooding risk to local houses would increase if houses were built here due to the high number of natural springs</li> <li>• This land has direct access from the southern side of Westfield (Waterford Park estate and Cobblers Way /Upper Court)</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This land is sandwiched between the southern side of Westfield and the valley across to Haydon with a very picturesque stream running through the centre of the valley, so it is very local in its appearance to the whole of this area</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife</li> <li>• The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site was described in the report as having “running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest</li> <li>• Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweet grass, short-fruited willow herb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc</li> <li>• The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as “likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife</li> <li>• Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles</li> <li>• Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering bird</li> <li>• Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat</li> <li>• The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat</li> <li>• This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers</li> <li>• Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a part of a large green strategic corridor which is an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space, recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Waterside
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND16
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Valley adjacent to housing with a stream running along the bottom
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest</li> <li>• BRERC Regionally Important Geological Site</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The whole of Waterside Valley is a well-used recreation area for dog walkers and children during school holidays, parents walking children to school</li> <li>• The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area</li> <li>• This land has direct access from the Westfield Trading Estate and is part of a linear walk up the valley</li> <li>• This area has strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historically the Waterside Valley provided access to the pits and</li> </ul>




	<p>therefore Miners' footpaths are plentiful</p> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife</li> <li>• The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne)</li> <li>• The site was described in the report as having "running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest</li> <li>• Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweet grass, short-fruited willow herb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc</li> <li>• The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as "likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife</li> <li>• Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles</li> <li>• Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering bird</li> <li>• Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat</li> <li>• The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat</li> <li>• This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers</li> <li>• Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a part of a large green strategic corridor which is an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space, recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land east of Westfield Trading Estate 2
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND12
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	 A map showing a green hatched area representing the site. To the left is the 'Westfield Industrial and Trading Estate'. A stream labeled 'Springs' flows through the site area. The map also shows some buildings and other land parcels.
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Valley adjacent to housing with a stream running along the bottom
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest</li> <li>• BRERC Regionally Important Geological Site</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This land directly joins the southern side of Westfield's residential area (Waterford Park housing estate)</li> <li>• This area has strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife</li> <li>• This is a well-used area for dog walkers, children during school holidays and parents walking children to school</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historically the Waterside Valley provided access to the pits and therefore Miners' footpaths are plentiful</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife</li> </ul>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne)</li> <li>• The site was described in the report as having “running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest</li> <li>• Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweet grass, short-fruited willow herb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc</li> <li>• The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as “likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife</li> <li>• Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles</li> <li>• Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering bird</li> <li>• Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat</li> <li>• The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat</li> <li>• This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers</li> <li>• Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a part of a large green strategic corridor which is an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space, recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Land east of Westfield Trading Estate 3
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND13
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Valley adjacent to housing with a stream running along the bottom
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• BRERC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest</li> <li>• BRERC Regionally Important Geological Site</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This land directly joins the southern side of Westfield's residential area (Waterford Park housing estate)</li> <li>• This area has strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife</li> <li>• This is a well-used area for dog walkers, children during school holidays and parents walking children to school</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area</li> </ul> <p><b>Historic Significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historically the Waterside Valley provided access to the pits and therefore Miners' footpaths are plentiful</li> </ul> <p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife</li> <li>• The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle</li> </ul>

	<p>and nocturne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site was described in the report as having “running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest</li> <li>• Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweet grass, short-fruited willow herb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc</li> <li>• The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as “likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife</li> <li>• Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles</li> <li>• Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering bird</li> <li>• Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat</li> <li>• The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat</li> <li>• This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers</li> <li>• Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	This is a part of a large green strategic corridor which is an extensive tract of land
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	Objection
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. While there is reference to evidence of local use of the green space, recreational value and wildlife value local green space designations need to be consistent with the criteria within the NPPF. Local Green spaces must be local in character and not extensive tracts of land. This site is not local in character, therefore this site has been exempted on this basis as inappropriate for designation in line with national guidance


<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Westfield Cricket Ground
<b>Site number:</b>	LGSND9
<b>Landowner:</b>	Private Landowner
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Cricket Ground adjacent to the Westfield Trading Estate and to housing
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: SR.1A (Protection of playing fields and recreational open space)</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This historic cricket pitch is the only site in Westfield which could cater for the sport in Westfield</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small and well contained site
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not designate as a Local Green Space Designation. These community facilities may need to be redeveloped or reconfigured on the site in the future to ensure that it can continue to function as a cricket ground. Therefore designation as a local green space designation would not be appropriate. The Cricket Ground will be

[ ] protected by other polices within the Placemaking Plan

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Westfield Allotment
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS20
<b>Landowner:</b>	B&NES
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Well maintained allotments
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Saved Local Plan Policy: CF.8 (Allotments)</li> <li>• Protected Allotment (Draft Placemaking Plan Policy LCR8)</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is the only allotment site in Westfield and is extremely popular with a waiting list of plot-holders</li> <li>• The site itself is extremely productive and within 12 months of opening received a commendation from the Prince of Wales' Award</li> <li>• Plot-holders are Westfield residents, and this is a very precious asset in Westfield</li> <li>• Waterford Park Allotment site opened in 2012, being the first and only allotment site in Westfield. Within 12 months of opening it received a Commendation from the Prince of Wales, recognising its value in the local community and its productivity. Managed on a day to day basis by the Westfield Allotment and Gardening Society (WAGS), the waiting list for plots demonstrates its high value in the community</li> <li>• The fact that this is the first and only allotment site in Westfield is significant, along with the fact that WAGS have put in place some progressive ideas in allotment management – a self-composting toilet, shared tool-shed, community maintenance of the perimeters, social area / orchard, shared poly-tunnel for cultivating crops</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character</b>	Small and well contained site



<b>and not an extensive tract of land</b>	
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	B&NES support the proposed nomination
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational and community value to the local community

<b>Parish/Town Council :</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Site name:</b>	Shakespeare Close Play Area
<b>Site number:</b>	LGS19
<b>Landowner:</b>	Social Housing Provider
<b>Nominated By:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Description of green space:</b>	Green space incorporating a formal children's play structure
<b>Existing Planning Designations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inside the Housing Development Boundary</li> <li>• Site is within the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Area</li> </ul>
<b>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</b>	The site is located on the edge of Westfield Parish
<b>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife</b>	<p><b>Recreational Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This area of land consists of a play area serving the immediate locality and some green space which is fully in keeping with the character of the local area</li> <li>• This play area serves the families living in the Janes estate and is the only play area on that side of Westfield. It is immediately adjacent to this housing estate</li> <li>• There is a play area for small children which serves the families living on the Janes estate and is the only one for families on this estate</li> <li>• There are benches sited to make the most of the beautiful views and the sunset. This area is on the edge of the housing estate, away from road traffic noise and is a tranquil place to sit</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Given the height of this piece of land the views are absolutely stunning</li> </ul>
<b>Local in character and not an extensive tract of land</b>	Small and well contained site which is located within a green corridor
<b>Exceptions</b>	None
<b>Landowner support/objection</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Designate as a Local Green Space Designation for its recreational value to the local community

## **Appendix 1: Local Green Space Designation Guidance Note**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) offers the opportunity for local communities to identify green areas of particular importance to them for special protection. Once designated these open spaces will not be developed except in very special circumstances. Any type of green space could be suitable for designation and may also include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis.

Local Green Space:

- should only be designated when a Local or Neighbourhood Plan is prepared or reviewed;
- should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services; and
- must be capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period

National policy also states that designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is 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), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land

The proposed designation of spaces must be based on evidence to demonstrate why the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance. Blanket designation of all/most green areas or open space within an area is not appropriate.

The following guidance reflects the local interpretation of national guidance and national planning policy.

Educational sites

School and college playing fields and grounds would not normally be suitable for designation. This is because national guidance states that the space designated as 'local green space' must be capable of enduring beyond the plan period. In order to address future needs for school places there may, on some school sites, be a need to reconfigure the arrangement of school buildings and playing fields. The NPPF states that local planning authorities should give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools. Therefore, given this priority educational sites (grounds and playing fields) would not normally be suitable for designation.

Highway land/roadside verges

Highway land/roadside verges would not normally be suitable for designation. This is because national guidance states that the local green space must be capable of enduring beyond the plan period. Land adjoining an existing highway is the subject of 'Permitted Development' rights, which could be used to bring forward development that may be contrary to a Local Green Space designation, but would not require planning permission to be granted. Highway land may also be utilised in bringing forward future highway/transport

schemes. Therefore, highway land/roadside verges would not normally be suitable for designation.

### **The B&NES 5 step process to designating Local Green Space**

#### **Step 1: All submissions to be received by 5pm on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Submissions sought from the Parish/Town Councils and from residents associations in Bath.

#### **Step 2: (March 2015)**

All results are logged and mapped onto an excel spreadsheet by B&NES and all relevant data contained within the submitted pro-forma is added. A desktop evaluation is undertaken to evaluate the sites to ensure that they met the NPPF criteria.

#### **Step 3: (April 2015)**

Information on the officer's evaluation is sent out to the relevant parties. If necessary, additional information and/or evidence can be requested with appropriate deadlines.

#### **Step 4: (June 2015)**

Landowners are contacted at this stage which is in accordance with Planning Guidance (para 19, Ref: 37-019-20140306). This will provide landowners with the opportunity to make comments prior to inclusion in the Draft Placemaking Plan.

#### **Step 5: (Autumn 2015)**

Recommendations are put into the Draft Placemaking Plan for consultation, everyone in the district will be given the opportunity to make comments.

Local Green Space Designation Pro-Forma

<b>Green Space reference:</b>	
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	
<b>Address of site:</b>	
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	
<b>Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)</b>	
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Please add a map with a red line boundary</i>

Every proposed space must meet the criteria 1-4 and at least one sub section of no.5 in table 1.

**Table 1:**

Criteria		Explanation of criteria / evidence prompts
1.	It will rarely be appropriate to designate spaces that are the subject of a planning permission for development.	<p>Is the space the subject of a planning permission for development?</p> <p><i>Prompts:</i></p> <p><i>“Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the planning permission or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented.”</i></p>
2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p><i>Prompts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The designation of Local Green Spaces should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.</i></li> <li>• <i>The National Planning Policy Guidance states that:</i></li> </ul> <p><i>“Designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making. The space should be capable of enduring beyond the plan period.”</i></p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p><i>Prompts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Why does the space or combination of adjoining spaces “feel” local in character and scale, in respect of the local community that the space serves?</i></li> <li>• <i>Is the proposed space larger than other areas of land in the vicinity? Is it contained with clearly defined edges?</i></li> <li>• <i>How does the space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?</i></li> <li>• <i>Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements is not appropriate.</i></li> </ul>

4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The space would normally be within easy walking distance of the community it serves.</i></li> <li>• <i>How close is the space to the community it serves (articulate as distance not time) ?</i></li> </ul>
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	Blanket designation of all/most green areas or open space within an area is not appropriate. The space must be demonstrably special.
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>This relates to the visual attractiveness of the space, and its contribution to townscape, landscape, character and/or setting of the settlement, which would normally be expected to be significant.</i></li> <li>• <i>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?</i></li> <li>• <i>Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the space have a literature or art connection?</i></li> </ul>
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance?</i></li> <li>• <i>Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monuments)</i></li> <li>• <i>Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?</i></li> </ul>
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?</i></li> <li>• <i>What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and/or informal recreation)</i></li> <li>• <i>National guidance states that there is no need to designate linear corridors as Local Green Space simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation</i></li> </ul>
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Green spaces may also provide value to the local community in terms of providing 'an oasis of calm', perhaps in a busy town, or a space for quiet reflection. Why is the space considered to be tranquil?</i></li> <li>• <i>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?</i></li> </ul>
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife and is evidence available to demonstrate this?</i></li> <li>• <i>Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).</i></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Are any important habitats or species found in the space?</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora protected under the Wildlife &amp; Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, species and habitats listed on the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP); or species and habitats listed by the Government as being of Principle Importance for Biological Diversity in Britain under Section 41 of the Natural Environment &amp; Rural Communities Act 2006 (Priority Species and Habitats)</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrate?</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal and favourable status of species of flora and fauna?</i></li> </ul>
5f	<p>Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?</p>	



## Alternatives to Local Green Space Designations

If during the process it becomes evident that the site is not appropriate for local green space designation, there are other options that can be investigated.

### **Agreements with land-owners**

It may be possible for local communities to reach either formal or informal agreements with the owner of the site to ensure access to the site for local people. This may be an appropriate option where the site owner has a long-term connection with the local area, for example the owner of a large historic estate. It may be possible for the land-owner to dedicate the site as "open access land".

<https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/use-your-right-to-roam>

### **Community Purchase**

In some instances local communities have purchased important sites to ensure that they remain in community control in perpetuity. The ownership can lie with the Town or Parish Council or with a specific trust.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/take-over-a-local-pub-shop-or-green-space-for-the-community>

### **Assets of Community Value**

The Community Right to Bid gives community groups a fairer chance to prepare and bid to buy community buildings and facilities that are important to them. This could include village shops, pubs or allotments. The right covers private as well as public assets. It is important to nominate land and buildings to be part of the register of „assets of community value“, which is held by the Local Authority (Cotswold District Council). If something on this register is offered for sale, the community then have up to six months to prepare a bid.

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/community-asset-transfer/>