

South Gloucestershire Policies, Sites and Places Plan: Local Green Space Designation Consultation

Explanation of the list of nominated Local Green Spaces

This explanation has been produced to provide additional context for the information provided within the list of nominated spaces. This document should be read alongside the list of spaces.

The list of nominated local green spaces received by the council up to 28th February 2015, is available to view here: www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15. A detailed guidance note is also available from there.

No further Local Green Space nominations will be accepted during this consultation.

The list contains the following information:

Information	Detail
Columns: 1a- 1d	Details of the space
1a. Green Space Code	Unique identifying code for the nominated space.
1b. Parish/Town Council / Unparished Area	The area that the space is located in.
1c. Ward (if blank no map has been provided)	The Ward that the space is located in. If this is blank it is because no map of the space has been provided.
1d. Name of Nominated Space	The name of the nominated space.
Column: 2	
2. Is the space consistent with Local Plan / Planning Permissions?	If a space is already, in part or wholly, allocated or has planning permission granted for a use that is not compatible with the designation as a local green space, it is not appropriate to continue to nominate such a space in accordance with national policy.
Columns: 3a – 3c	The reasons why the space is currently unsuitable for designation, if no additional information or amended submission is received the space will not be designated.
3a. Has it been possible to map the space using the plan provided?	Spaces can only be designated if the community have provided a plan of the space, clearly showing the extent of boundaries. If no map is provided the space cannot be recommended for designation. A map of a space must be accompanied by suitable space specific justification and all other criteria must be appropriately satisfied for a designation to be taken forward.

3b. Is the space consistent with national policy in so far as it is not a blanket approach to designation?	A nominated space needs to accord with national policy. National policy is clear that this designation is not suitable for all green spaces, therefore a blanket approach to designation is to be avoided. Spaces need to be individually justified on their merits with evidence as to why they are particularly special to a community.
3c. Is the space smaller than 19ha in size (therefore not an extensive tract of land)?	Spaces cannot be extensive tracts of land. Spaces over the size of 19 hectares have been highlighted as not being suitable for designation in accordance with a recent independent Examiner's decision relating to a Neighbourhood Plan. We are therefore using this as a suitable measure.
Column: 4a-4h	The evidence submitted through previous rounds of engagement to justify why the space is of particular special significance to the community that use it.
4a. Evidence submitted regarding proximity of the space to the community which use it	See above
4b. Why the space is significant: Beauty	See above
4c. Why the space is significant: Historical	See above
4d. Why the space is significant: Recreational	See above
4e. Why the space is significant: Tranquillity	See above
4f. Why the space is significant: Wildlife	See above
4g. There is another reason for the space being significant?	See above
4h. Other justification	See above
5. Has sufficient specific justification been provided to date?	<p>There are spaces where the information received about it (see 4a-4h) is not sufficiently detailed to determine why/if the specific space is of particular local significance.</p> <p>It is important that the information provided is specific to the space and details why it is of particular local significant to the community that use it.</p>
Column: 6. Was an objection to the designation received through the Summer 2014 Consultation? Those spaces not endorsed by the Parish/Town Council.	<p>Details if an objection was received to the designation of the space. Full details of the objections can be found here: www.southglos.gov.uk/policiessitesandplaces</p> <p>Some spaces were proposed by individuals, but these spaces have not be endorsed by the relevant Town or Parish council, these have been highlighted.</p>
Column: 7. Is the space suitable for designation?	Taking account of the information in columns 2, 3a-3c and 5, is the space considered suitable for designation at this stage? The suitability of designation will be reassessed if further information comes to light