

Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Aust Parish Council

Address and contact details (please include phone number & email address):

[Redacted address and contact details]

In order to be able to proceed with the protection of the green spaces that have been put forward for designation as Local Green Spaces we must have for each space:

- details of the ownership of the land (if at all possible)
- a map of the boundaries
- an explanation of how it meets the criteria for designation and
- specific justification for why it is demonstrably special to the local community

Therefore please first check the List of Nominated Local Green Spaces and maps which can be viewed at: www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15 which identifies where further information on any of the above is still needed and then provide us with the additional information where necessary using this form:

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH GREEN SPACE

Name and code of nominated space:

Please clearly reference the individual Local Green Space's code provided in both the List of nominated Local Green Spaces and the maps, available from www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

LGSD600 Ponds and adjoining areas at Whale Wharf

A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

NO

If you are not the landowner can you provide their name and contact details?

Part is owned by a fishing club, part by Avon Wildlife Trust and part by Tull Properties. We don't have contact details.

Is the land owner aware of the proposal to designate their land?

no

(If you are not the landowner please now continue to Section B)

If you are the landowner, are you in support of or objecting to the proposals to designate this land?

If you are objecting to the proposals to designate your land, what are your reasons? (please refer to criteria in sections C and D below in particular)

B) Map of proposed Local Green Space

PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP WHICH SHOWS THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACE

If not previously provided. Please see List of Nominated Local Green Spaces and Mapped, nominated Local Green Spaces to check if this is required. www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

[Revised map attached.](#)

IF YOU ARE THE LANDOWNER PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP OF YOUR OWNERSHIP

This is particularly important if this differs from the area proposed for designation e.g. if you own only part of the proposed Local Green Space, see the Mapped, nominated Local Green Spaces: www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

C) Does the space meet the national criteria for designation as a Local Green Space?

Please provide a response to each of the following 5 criteria - where information has not already been provided or is incorrect in the List of nominated Local Green Spaces. (Table 1 of the Local Green Space Designation Updated Guidance Note (June 2015) www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15 provides further details of the criteria and guidance on what sort of information you may wish to submit):

1. Is the proposed space subject to a planning permission for development? (See Criteria 1 in the guidance note)

No, though there is an existing planning permission authorising a change of use of the part of the site owner by Tull Properties. The permission does not authorise any building or engineering operations on the part of the site for which the green space designation is

sought.

2. Is the proposed space the subject of an allocation, or proposal to allocate, for development in the Local Plan? (See Criteria 2 in the guidance note)

no

3. Is the proposed space an extensive tract of land and is it local in character? (See Criteria 3 in the guidance note)

no

4. Is the space within close proximity to the community it serves? (See Criteria 4 in the guidance note)

yes

5. Is the specific space demonstrably special to the local community? e.g. not a blanket designation (see Criteria 5 in the guidance note)

yes

D) Why is the space of particular local significance?

Please use the following response box to provide specific evidence as to how at least one of the following criteria is relevant:

Please state which criterion, 6-11, are relevant to the nominated space. Table 2 of the Local Green Space Designation Updated Guidance Note (June 2015) www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15 provides further details on the criteria and guidance on what sort of information you may wish to submit to justify how the space is of particular local significance and demonstrably special to the community that use it:

6. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty
7. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance
8. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value
9. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity
10. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife
11. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria 6-10.

The area concerned is close to the Severn Way and that footpath is much used by both locals and visitors. The river Severn at Whale Wharf is a popular destination including for those visiting the White Hart in Littleton. The site is very close to the Severn estuary RAMSAR site. And is an SSSI

The site for the designated green space is a very attractive part of the landscape. Part is already a nature reserve, abundant with birds and animals, and is open to the public by appointment and for occasional days. Part is used as a fishing lake by a local angling club, and is very peaceful. Many club members are from the local community. Two of the lakes are in the curtilage of Whale Wharf itself. These are an important wildlife habitat on their own, with fish, amphibians and other water creatures. There are many great crested newts in the area. Part of one of the lakes was filled in a few years ago when the owner did some building works at Whale Wharf and the lakes which are in that curtilage are at risk of further filling.

Whale Wharf has been developed as an open commercial property with areas of green space. It contains two lakes for which we are seeking the green space designation. The lakes that we seek to protect which are within its curtilage should be protected from encroachment in the event of any further development of the commercial site. It is understood that the lakes in the nature reserve and the fishing club lake drain through these lakes and any disturbance would disrupt the delicate balance of water management. The lakes are all important for nature conservation.

The whole of this site was for many years a brick works – the use ceased sometime around the time of WW2. It may have industrial archaeological significance.

This is a unique area and should be protected.

Please return completed forms by close of business on 30th July 2015:

By e-mail: PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk

By post: Strategic Planning Policy and Specialist Advice Team, South Gloucestershire Council, Environment and Community Services Department, PO Box 299, Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 0DR.

Viewing documents

The consultation documents can be viewed from: www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

The consultation documents are also available to view online at:

- South Gloucestershire Libraries (please refer to www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries for locations and opening times); and
- The Council's One-Stop Shops, from 8.45am - 5pm Mondays to Wednesdays and 8.45am - 4.30pm Thursdays and Fridays, in the following locations:
 - Thornbury Library, St Mary Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AA
 - Yate, Kennedy Way, BS37 4DQ (access via West Walk)

- Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR
- Patchway Hub, Rodway Road, Patchway, BS34 5PE

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