

## Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Bitton Parish Council

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

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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](http://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](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15)

LGSD605 – allotments sites at North Street and Redfield Hill, Oldland Common

#### A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

Landowner

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

[REDACTED]

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

Yes.

**(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?

Totally support. These sites are allotment plots available to the community and as such are demonstrably special local green spaces. The site at Redfield Hill is in the Green Belt.

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](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15)

[Maps provided at time of nomination.](#)

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](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15)

[Maps provided at time of nomination.](#)

**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](http://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.

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)

Neither site is extensive. The North Street site is 1.8ha and the Redfield Hill site is 0.135ha. Both are adjacent to local housing. All plots are fully let, illustrating the demand for allotments and their particular appeal to local residents.

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

Yes. The North Street site is surrounded by houses on all sides (North Street, Noble Avenue, Batley Court). The Redfield Hill site is adjacent on three sides by houses in Redfield Hill, the fourth being the Aitchison playing field.

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. These are the only two sites designated as allotment gardens in the parish. All plots are let, showing the demand for plots.

#### **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](http://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.

Criteria 8, 9 and 10 apply for the North Street site.

It is an allotments site with 80+ plots. All are currently leased to tenants by Bitton Parish Council and are actively worked. It is an oasis of calm. It is a haven for wildlife: a few years ago we had a vixen and two fox cubs in a den on the site. We have worked with the Avon Reptile and Amphibian Group to survey the slow-worm population there and established a hibernaculum. We have set aside one section of the site as a managed wildlife area. Each year pupils from Cherry Garden Primary School visit the site and are shown where their food comes from, how it is grown and are encouraged to plant something (with the co-operation and support of tenants).

Criteria 8, 9 and 10 apply for the Redfield Hill site.

It is an allotments site with 11.5 plots. All are currently leased to tenants by Bitton Parish Council and are actively worked. Being a small site the tenants particularly know each other and co-operate and collaborate in working their plots. On the opposite side of Redfield Hill from the site and the houses are open fields in the Green Belt and behind it is the Aitchison playing field. The site is a haven for wildlife. The margins are left uncultivated to encourage suitable habitat. In the winter, deer have been seen on the site, helping themselves to some of the produce.

**Please return completed forms by close of business on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015:**

By e-mail: [PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

### **Data protection**

The information collected as part this consultation will also be used by the Council in accordance with the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 1998. The purposes for collecting this data are: to assist in plan making; and to contact you, if necessary, regarding the planning consultation process. Some of the data may be made public as it will form part of the evidence base used to inform the creation of planning policy documents. The above purposes may require public disclosure of any data received on the response form, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.