

Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council

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

Clerk to the Council

[Redacted 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

King George V & Badminton Road Playing Fields. LGSD086.

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?

South Gloucestershire District Council

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?

n/a

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)

n/a

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

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

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 but it is local in character.

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

Yes off Westerleigh Rd and Sutherland Avenue which are residential areas, adjacent to the secondary school and the cemetery also.

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 recreational, playing areas, bench seating, sports area, pavilion area, etc.

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.

This description applies to King George V & Badminton Road playing fields.

A **King George's Field** is a public open space in the [United Kingdom](#) dedicated to the memory of [King George V](#) (3 June 1865 – 20 January 1936).

In 1936, after the king's death, Sir [Percy Vincent](#), the then-[Lord Mayor of London](#), formed a committee to determine a memorial that was not solely based on the idea of a statue. They arrived the same year at the concept of funding and erecting a single statue in [London](#) and setting up the King George's Fields Foundation to carry the late king's name forward through future generations with the aim:

To promote and to assist in the establishment throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of playing fields for the use and enjoyment of the people.

Each of the playing fields would: Be styled 'King George's Field' and to be distinguished by heraldic panels or other appropriate tablet medallion or inscription commemorative of His Late Majesty and of a design approved by the Administrative Council.

The **National Playing Fields Association** (NPFA), from 2007 rebranded as **Fields in Trust** (FIT), was founded in 1925 and granted a [Royal Charter](#) in 1933. It is a [British charity](#)⁽¹⁾ which aims to protect and

promote open spaces for sports and recreation in British cities and towns.

As well as campaigning to protect playing fields and open space, the NPFA is the owner of the [King George's Fields](#),^[2] 471 public recreation grounds set up as a memorial to [King George V](#).



Entrance plaques for King George Fields which this park has also.

Besides this:-

It has great recreational value (under 19 hectares) due to playing area, sports field area e.g. football and cricket, dog walking area, seating area. Used for events such as Church in the Park, Picnic in the Park. Has exercise and fitness equipment near entrance from Westerleigh road.

Friends group very proactive and proposals for Buggy walks to start in July and Silver walkers around the perimeter of the park with coffee facilities in the pavilion. The cricket club use the pavilion regularly. Plans for more picnic tables and childrens fun maze and more play equipment. They are discussing putting in nesting boxes and more picnic tables.

The Badminton playing fields part of this park has a play area in and a basket ball pitch. It is used by dog walkers and the pavilion is located in this section of the fields. The cricket club use the pavilion regularly and it is also used for refreshments when events are held on occasions. It is near the school and children sit in it and walk in the area at lunch times etc. There is a football pitch in this part also.

Planting scheme for trees and flowers etc drawn up by S.Glos landscape officers to be put into action after consultation from residents in the area. Fruit trees are planned for the Badminton road playing field section and a children's maze and the Annual bonfire by the Round Table is held in this area.

Has car parking for users in Sutherland avenue and some car parking at entrance in Westerleigh Road.

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

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.