

Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Emersons Green Town Council (EGTC) formerly known as Mangotsfield Rural Parish Council (MRPC)

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

██████████ Town Clerk

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

LGSD208 Howsmoor Lane, Emersons Green East, wildlife corridor verges either side.

A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

Owned by EGTC – TBA possible in the future owned by the Town Council, currently owned by developers/SGC
Amenity land presumed owned by South Gloucestershire District Council

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

Unknown

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

Unknown

(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

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 / Unknown

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)

Unknown / No Neighbourhood Plan exists

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

Yes

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)

The land is open to all the community
The land is supported and monitored by EGTC

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.

Comments Submitted in August 2014

6. 9. & 10.

Will become an important and attractive wildlife corridor to the Common Land at Lyde Green.

We believe the lane will be a quiet lane used mainly by cyclists and walkers after the Emersons Green East developers have finished the building work.

Wide verges will be a haven for a large diversity of flora and fauna linking other areas of open space.

Comments from Emersons Green Town Council - June 2015.

The Town Council would ask for reconsideration for this land to be designated, since we are trying to protect the original trees, hedges and verge grass which will form the wildlife corridor through the planned new housing. Over the years we have had a problem with Emersons Green Lane, which is a similar lane within the older housing estate. The deep verges of Emersons Green lane were supposed to be designated as an important wildlife corridor within the original development plans. Years after the builders have left owners of

adjacent homes started to encroach on the land, also important mature trees were maliciously destroyed and hedgerows lost. Councillors thought that the land was Highway land, but when these problems were highlighted, it was found not to be the case and no-one appeared able to put a stop to the destruction. We have been left trying to obtain the land by adverse possession to try to retain what is now left of this vital wildlife shelter. We want assurance that lessons have been learned and that the same problems will not happen to Howsmoor Lane, particularly the part of the lane where vehicles will be prohibited. We feel that if the lane is designated as a Local Green Space then this would help to protect it.

The map is correct

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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