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I attach the response to this consultation of Hanham District Green Belt Conservation Society.

We have limited our response to areas adjacent to the green belt and the green belt itself as is the remit of this Society. Also we have taken into account as far as possible the Criteria for Designation included in your LGSD guidance note. We have not included several small areas within recent developments which do in fact form green areas to enhance the particular developments but which are too small to be of significance to a developer.

We would wish our submission to be seen as supporting that made by Hanham Abbots P.C. and have not gone out of our way to duplicate all of the features they have included in their submission although our own submission can stand alone.

Please ensure that any correspondence is addressed to the Society at our e-mail address, [REDACTED] as we do not currently have a formally appointed secretary.

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Local Green Space Designation Submission By Hanham Green Belt Conservation Society.

LGSD

115 Hanham Green, Hanham Ward.
Area of farmland forming eastern boundary of this part of Hanham. Various animals are grazed here (horse, sheep). Picturesque old farm buildings and area of possible industrial archeological interest opposite car park LGSD 131.

LGSD

128 Hencliffe Woods, Hanham Ward.
Area of industrial archeological significance stretching from coal tip south-east wards (mining, smelting, quarrying) Has wide biodiversity including numerous bird species, deer and important indicator species of ancient woodland Sorbus torminalis (Service tree), Carex (Pill sedge) Luzula (great woodrush) so is much of interest.

LGSD

129 Cleeve Wood, Longwell Green Ward.
Scenic wooded cliff and SSSI for Ornithogallum pyrenaicum (Bath Asparagus). This has a significant proportion of species population in this area. Visually the woods form a boundary between BANES and S Glos. They are also home to a wealth of birdlife.

LGSD130 Stonehill View open space, Hanham Ward.

The Stonehill View development was in danger of blocking the view of Hanham Hills from the south (Road) and planning permission was only gained by dedicating this space to maintain that view. It therefore forms a strategic feature at this point and should be protected.

LGSD

131 Castle Farm Road car park, Hanham ward.
This is an important starting point for many visits to the Avon Valley and woodland by local people and those from further afield in East Bristol. Consequently it is strategically important for this reason.

LGSD

132 Hanham Hills, Longwell Green ward.

This whole area has green belt status. It is an impressive feature at the limit of development of east Bristol and functions as a natural boundary to the city which can be seen from some way to the west so is more important than just a South Glos feature. A small area of woodland on the crest of the hill bears evidence of ancient lineage with *Ranunculus auricomus* (Goldilocks) and *Sanicula europaea* (Wood sanicle) amongst the ground flora, their only local occurrence.

LGSD

135 Fields behind Court Farm Road to the River Avon, Longwell Green Ward.

As defined this area also includes Cleeve Wood (LGSD 129, above). Over and above this special woodland the fields form the green belt boundary to the rear of the southern side of Court Farm Road preventing development here. There are footpaths along both the topside (views to the west over the Hanham Abbots conservation area,) and the river bank making circular walks possible.

LGSD

137 Land between A4174 and Crossleaze, Hanham ward

This corner of land is green belt so could not be released without resulting in a precedent for development in the green belt in this area. It is mainly used as a field for horses.

LSDG

138 Fields between Hencliffe Way and Hencliffe Woods, Hanham ward.

The westernmost of these fields previously had a diverse flora until brought back into cultivation 3 years ago. We must assume that the soil contains a significant seed bank and so is important from this point of view. The other fields are rougher with much bramble so is important for birds. Some of these fields have previously been subject to a planning application for a golf course. We consider them to be unsuitable for this purpose due to badger population and rabbits making the surface too unstable. Footpaths criss-cross these fields and they form one of the most used means of access to the woodland and river valley.

LSDG

139 Fields from Court Farm to lower part of Court Farm Road, Longwell Green ward.

Ordinary grazing fields for cattle, sheep or horses at different times. The importance of this space is

its roll as part of the visual environment from Hanham Hills and Hanham Abbots conservation area. Any development ruin the setting of St George church and Hanham Court.

LSDG

140

Fields behind Bickley Farm, Longwell Green ward.

This space is largely inaccessible to the public apart from the footpath. This cannot be claimed as being significant in its own right but it forms an essential element in the environment of the Hanham Abbots conservation area.

It is forms part of the rural nature of this part of Hanham with the farm to the north, the woods to the south and Hanham court to the east.

LGSD

141

Fields west of A4174 to woodland edge, Hanham ward.

These fields are used for horses. Many functions of LGSD 140 are relevant in terms of protecting the developed edge from further development.

LGSD

723

Hanham Common, Hanham ward.

This space forms the central sports field for Hanham with football pitches, cycling circuit, along with changing rooms.

There is also childrens play facilities and extensive use is made of the Common for informal play. The annual Common Fayre takes place here and the occasional circus visits amongst other things.

LGSD

730

Hanham Hall Park, Hanham ward.

This area currently carries a covenant against development. When this expires, this important area, second only to Hanham Hills themselves, will need proper protection as would be given by Designation under this scheme.

For local people and those from further afield in east Bristol it has become a very important area for leisure including childrens play area, informal games, gentle exercise and nature study e.g. birdwatching.

All these features improve as the tree planting has matured allowing the wildlife to become more interesting.

Some interesting species of tree are planted here including Wild Service tree, aspen, neither being abundant locally.

It can only improve.

LGSD

733

Whittuck's Road, Hanham ward.

This area yields important views of Hanham Hills from the edge of development in Whittuck's Road. The Hanham surgery was orientated so as to preserve as much of the view as possible. In fact, this is the only clear view of the hills from Whittuck's Road remaining.

LGSD

738

William's Close playing area, Longwell Green ward

This small play area, hard won from developer, should not be allowed to revert to being a development target. It is well used by local children.

LGSD

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Stephen's Green, Longwell Green ward.

This highly picturesque triangle of grassland and mature protected (TPO) Lime trees with abundant mistletoe is at the centre of the Hanham Abbots conservation area, being on the ancient footpath leading through the gated old wall to Hanham Court and St Georges church.

LGSD

743

Bickley Woods, Hanham ward.

Holding industrial archeological and geological features. It also holds several specimens of *Sorbus torminalis* (Chequer tree), this being the source of the name of the adjacent pub/restaurant, The Chequers Inn.

LGSD

750

Land to rear of Hanham Hall, Hanham Ward.

This area between Hanham Hall Park and A4174 is used for grazing, generally sheep or cattle but recently horses. It should be viewed as an extension of the Park and incorporated within it. These fields are the western edge of the green belt. They currently have no public access but inclusion into the Park and a small amount of landscaping could change that, making it an area worthy of designation.

Chairman. 28 July 2015