

Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Siston Parish Council

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

[REDACTED]

OR

Councillor John Hunt, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

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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?

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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?

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 See boundary description at '3' below

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)

Bristol & Bath Railway Path forms the eastern boundary, Warnley Brook the western, end of built development at Stanley Road the southern, then the Station Road A4175 link road to the A4174 forms the north.

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

It has long been enjoyed by people of all ages for recreational and sporting interests, subject to a number of local householders' registered grazing rights and offers a uninterrupted panoramic view for all living the east side of Kingswood.

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 original 1830's Dramroad transportation route that provided the second earliest overground railway in the West of England crosses this Common. There is a protected 1700's Horse Winding House and early coal mining site here. This site also formed part of the ancient Siston Warren whereby Warreners bred rabbits for food and sold fur to the local hat making industry. Protection of all commons to be identified as a priority theme in the emerging Parish Plan.

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.

Siston Common West was the last remaining part of Saxon Kingswood Forest and Hunting Grounds, when in 1610 it was referred to as Siston Purleague – meaning recently deforested land. It is also designated as a site of importance for nature conservation with many wild flowers and grasses offering food and shelter to insects, birds, bats and other animals.

This area of beauty is a rich wildlife corridor enjoyed by so many for a great number of years for all kinds of leisure pursuits. In recognition of this, Siston Parish Council aims to provide permanent bench seating at certain vantage points during this 2015/16 financial year.

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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