

Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

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

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

LGSD50 Lees Hill

A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

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

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

(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)

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)

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

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

5. Is the specific space demonstrably special to the local community? e.g. not a blanket designation (see Criteria 5 in the guidance note)

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.

- Lees Hill is approached off Lees Hill Road itself and by a roadway that makes the green space unseen from the main road. It is on a piece of rising ground giving views across to hills in the distance.
- From the large surfaced car-park steps lead to the green, open space. A wild life area borders the steps for wild flowers, pollenating insects, bees and butterflies and is maintained by local volunteers.
- The main central grassed is a well-kept green space laid out with well-kept boundary marking for cricket; teams play football and there is a fenced volley ball area. An equipped children’s play area is to one side of the green off a pathway designated as a 500 m walking running area with a plaque denoting “Run England” and has marker disks for distances covered.
- It is used by dog walkers, walkers, runners and local people As a tranquil recreational area.
- The area is ideal for schools and local nurseries to use for education purposes; it is signposted as “walk to school” route for the local St Stephens School
- Small wild animals are seen by residents whose houses over-look the green, space. The houses on the boundary of the area are well protected by robust

fencing trees and shrubs which are well maintained by the Council.

- Benches are set along the paths and of mixed type. Some are wooden and in good condition some the more robust iron construction. People avail themselves of this facility and are able to see unobstructed views of the hills beyond.
- A well maintained pavilion exists for team use.
- Surrounding houses whose gardens border the area, are well protected by high, strong metal fencing there: is little space for graffiti. There are additional hedgerows and shrub borders which give the open green space a very attractive backdrop
- The area once had a plaque put-up to commemorate the death of George V. It is missing and a resident wished it could be restored to its original site.
- There has once been a building housing equipment for children to play organised games – which he wished could be returned for the benefit of the local young people.
- The area is a highly valued space hidden within a very highly populated area. It is of considerable beauty and benefit to urban dwellers.

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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