

## Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Westerleigh Parish Council

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

[REDACTED]  
Clerk to Westerleigh Parish Council  
[REDACTED]  
[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](http://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](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15)

Bitterwell Lake / Newman Field LGSD436

#### A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

Westerleigh Parish Council

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

*(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?

In support

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](http://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](http://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](http://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)

Not extensive – local, with easy access by road and footpath from Henfield, Ram Hill and Coalpit Heath

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)

Yes

**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](http://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.

The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value, historic significance and tranquillity. Bitterwell Lake is a local beauty spot used for fishing and also visited by many parishioners for relaxation. It is also linked to the historic Dramway which runs across the top edge of the car park, and was used for preparing the pit props used in the local collieries. Historically it was also used by local people for swimming and boating, although these activities have now ceased. There are a number of mature trees within the site and plenty of wild and cultivated flowers around the banks which add to the beauty of the area. The adjoining Newman Field was donated in 1971 by ██████████ to the people of Henfield and Westerleigh Parish "to provide a recreation centre" and is regularly used by walkers and dog owners. It also contains an assortment of play equipment installed (mainly grant funded) and maintained by the Parish Council, such as climbing areas and a zip wire, which are used by local children. The large remaining grassed area can be used for football and other sports. Henfield Village Hall, which is owned and extensively used by local residents, and its car park are also included within the designated area.

**Please return completed forms by close of business on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015:**

By e-mail: [PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.