

Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Westerleigh Parish Council

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

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Clerk to Westerleigh Parish Council
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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

Ram Hill Colliery LGSD1119

A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

South Glos Council

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

South Glos Council

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

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

Existing map shows correct location but please see attached leaflet for accurate boundaries.

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)

Not extensive - local

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

Yes, easily accessible via road or footpath/bridleway from Ram Hill, Coalpit Heath and Westerleigh

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 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 historic significance. Ram Hill Colliery produced high quality coal up to the 1860's, originally using a horse driven winch, or gin, to raise the coal 560 feet from the deepest of the 3 main seams. This was later replaced by a steam engine but the remains of the "gin house" are a feature of the site today, along with the start of the Dramway rail line. This runs from Ram Hill to the River Avon and was used to transport the coal from this and other local collieries for distribution via the river. The Dramway itself is also of historic significance and sections of it are incorporated into a footpath which follows the approximate route.

The Ram Hill site was designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument in 2005 and is maintained by a "Friends" group on behalf of South Glos Council. They continue to work on preserving the remains and hold regular Open Days where visitors are given guided tours around the site. Local schools are also invited to visit. The area of woodland adjacent to the actual colliery remains is also maintained by the "Friends", with pathways for public access. The site has an abundance of wild flowers and grasses, and an owl box has been placed in the wooded area.

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

Data protection

The information collected as part of 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.

RAM HILL COLLIERY

Restoration and Interpretation project



THE HORSE GIN



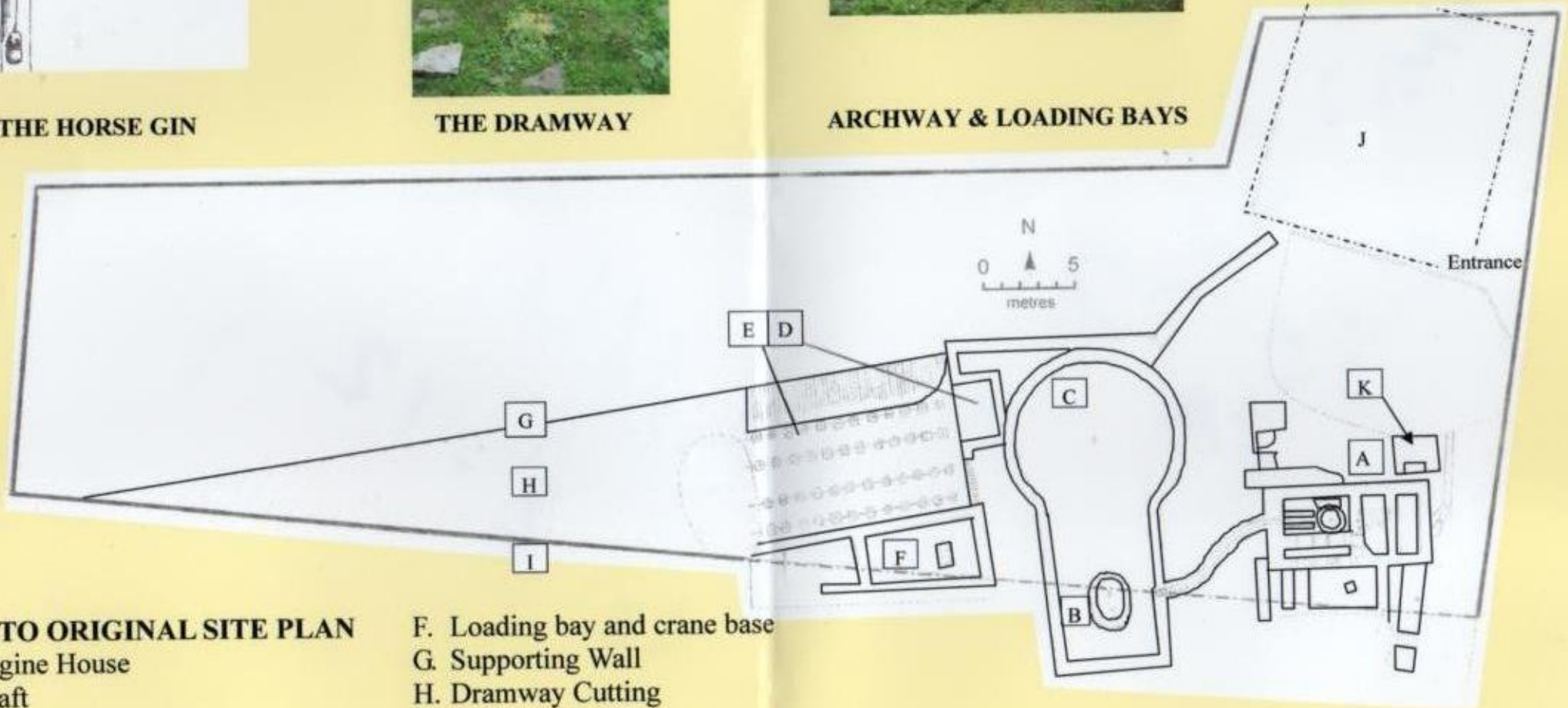
THE DRAMWAY



ARCHWAY & LOADING BAYS



ENGINE HOUSE



KEY TO ORIGINAL SITE PLAN

- A. Engine House
- B. Shaft
- C. Horse Gin
- D. Arch
- E. Dramway & stone sleeper blocks
- F. Loading bay and crane base
- G. Supporting Wall
- H. Dramway Cutting
- I. Site Boundary
- J. Possible Reservoir
- K. Chimney

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