

Site Assessments 3

South Cerney, Box Bush Farm - Decision:

First Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	<p>Site not recommended for LGS designation, insufficient evidence to show why this site is more "demonstrably special" than other fields around the village</p> <p>Red</p>
Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015 document	<p>Comment from South Cerney Parish Council supporting decision not to designate as a LGS</p>
Second Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	<p>Decision made at panel one – still stands no evidence submitted to justify change in original panel decision.</p> <p>Red</p>
Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Policies November 2015	<p>No comments received</p>
Evidence paper update decision (February 2017)	<p>Decision not changed. Site not recommended for LGS designation</p> <p>Red</p>

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3.30 South Cerney - Edwards College Parkland

3.40 Sites must meet all of the following six criteria in the toolkit checklist:

Point 2.1 - Relevant Planning History	Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land ?
None	NA	5ha – No
Green	Green	Green

	Point 3.1 - Local in Character	Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Yes, it forms the idyllic setting of Edwards Collage, and also of the graveyard of All Hallows Church. Green	Green	Put forward by South Cerney Parish Council Ward Member support The South Cerney Trust Green
Officer Site Visit	Green	Yes, feels tucked away Green	Amber
Core Officer Group	Green	Green	Amber

3.41 Sites must meet at least one of the six following criteria in the checklist:

Particular Local Significance	Point 7 - Beauty	Point 8 - Historic significance	Point 9 - Recreational Value
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Yes. This open parkland adjoining two historic buildings makes the most beautiful open space in South Cerney Green	Yes. No buildings on the site, but Edwards College and All Hallows Church are listed buildings immediately adjoining the site. Green	Yes. The impressive setting of Edwards College and beautiful parkland nature of this landscape means it is extensively used for dog walking and other recreational walks. Green
Officer Site Visit	Green	Amber	Rights of way across the site Green
Core Officer Group	Green	Amber	Amber

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Particular Local Significance	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Point 11 - Wildlife	Point 12 - For any other Reason
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Green	Not Known Amber	Red
Officer Site Visit	Green	Amber	Amber
Core Officer Group	Green	No evidence Amber	Amber

South Cerney, Edwards College Park Land - Toolkit Score:

All sites must meet the following 6 criteria in the toolkit checklist	4.5/6	One of the six criteria should be met	4/6
Point 2.1 - Relevant Planning History	Green	Point 7 - Beauty	Green
Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Green	Point 8 - Historic significance	Amber
Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land	Green	Point 9 - Recreational Value	Amber
Point 3.1 - Local in Character	Amber	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Green
Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Amber	Point 11 -Wildlife	Amber
Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community	Amber	Point 12 - For any other Reason	Amber

South Cerney, Edwards College Park Land - Additional Evidence:

Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Support from other Organisations (Point 6)	
	Parish/Town Council	Put forward by South Cerney Parish Council Green
	Community Support – petitions	Red
	Letters of support from other organisations	The South Cerney Trust Green

South Cerney, Edwards College Park Land - Decision:

Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	Site not recommended for LGS designation, insufficient evidence to show why this site is more "demonstrably special" than other fields around the village.
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Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015 document	Rep from South Cerney Parish Council supporting decision not to designate as a LGS 8 comments received objecting to South Cerney Edwards College Park Land not being put forward as a Local Green Space
Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	Decision made at panel one – still stands no evidence submitted to justify change in original panel decision. Red
Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Policies November 2015	No comments received
Evidence paper update decision (February 2017)	Decision unchanged. Not recommended for LGS designation Red

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3.31 South Cerney - Church Allotments

3.42 Sites must meet all of the following six criteria in the toolkit checklist:

Point 2.1 Relevant Planning History	Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land?
None	N/A	0.43ha
Green	Green	No Green

	Point 3.1 - Local in Character	Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Yes, immediately adjoins All Hallows Church from Bow Wow and the fields to the south. Green	Yes, centre of South Cerney. Green	Put forward by South Cerney Parish Council Ward Member support The South Cerney Trust Green
Officer Site Visit	Yes, feels very local, lots of character on site and surrounding Green	Green	Yes, looks well used both on site and path by allotments. Green
Core Officer Group	Green	Green	Amber

3.43 Sites must meet at least one of the six following criteria in the checklist:

Particular Local Significance	Point 7 - Beauty	Point 8 - Historic significance	Point 9 - Recreational Value
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Yes. This open site is very important to the beauty and setting of All Hallows Church. Green	Yes. No buildings on the site, but it immediate adjoins All Hallows Church. Green	Yes. There is a designated public footpath running along the entire northern edge of this site. Green
Officer Site Visit	Yes, very beautiful spot Green	Yes, as next to Church, its setting Green	Yes, well used allotments and public right of way next to site. Green
Core Officer Group	Green	Green	Green

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Particular Local Significance	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Point 11 - Wildlife	Point 12 - For any other Reason
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Yes. The site is very important to the tranquillity and the setting of the church Green	Green	Green
Officer Site Visit	Yes, very quiet Green	Yes as an allotment site, but no evidence Green	Yes, feels a special spot quintessentially rural England. Green
Core Officer Group	Green	Amber	Green

South Cerney, Church Lane Allotments - Toolkit Score:

All sites must meet the following 6 criteria in the toolkit checklist	6/6	one of the six criteria should be met	5.5/6
Point 2.1 -Relevant Planning History	Green	Point 7 - Beauty	Green
Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Green	Point 8 - Historic significance	Green
Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land	Green	Point 9 - Recreational Value	Green
Point 3.1 - Local in Character	Green	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Green
Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Green	Point 11 -Wildlife	Amber
Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community	Green	Point 12 - For any other Reason	Green

South Cerney, Church Lane Allotments - Additional Evidence:

Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Support from other Organisations (Point 6)	
	Parish/Town Council	Put forward by South Cerney Parish Council Ward Member support Green
	Community Support – petitions	Red

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Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Support from other Organisations (Point 6)	
	Letters of support from other organisations	The South Cerney Trust Green

South Cerney, Church Lane Allotments - Decision:

Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	Recommended for LGS designation. Good evidence that the site is "demonstrably special" and is heavily used by the local community. Green
Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015 document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Objection from landowner ● Comment from South Cerney Parish Council supporting to designate as a LGS
Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	Decision made at panel one – still stands no evidence submitted to justify change in original panel decision. Green
Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Policies November 2015	No comments received
Evidence paper update decision (February 2017)	Decision unchanged. Recommended for LGS designation Green

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3.32 South Cerney - Upper Up Playing Field

3.44 Sites must meet all of the following six criteria in the toolkit checklist:

Point 2.1 - Relevant planning history	Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land?
10/01166/FUL - change of use to allotments 12/02201/FUL - erection of sheds 03/01356/FUL - new changing rooms 01/01752/FUL - excavation of pools and mounding Green	NA Green	7.1ha No Green

	Point 3.3 - Local in Character	Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Yes, it immediately adjoins the western side of the village Green	The site immediately adjoins the village Green	Put forward by South Cerney Parish Council Ward Member support Letter of support from Diggers Uppers Allotment Association Green
Officer Site Visit	Yes, lots of different uses on site Green	Green	Yes, looks well used Green
Core Officer Group	Green	Green	Green

3.45 Sites must meet at least one of the six following criteria in the checklist:

Particular Local Significance	Point 7 - Beauty	Point 8 - Historic significance	Point 9 - Recreational Value
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Yes. The landscape pond and wetland area at the western end is very attractive Green	Yes, partially Green	Yes: football, cricket, tennis for many years, with well established clubs open to the public. There is also a playground, bike mounds and allotment gardens. Extensively used for dog walking Green
Officer Site Visit	Not beautiful, but has lovely views across parts of the site Amber	Green	Lots of use, cricket, football, tennis, allotments, play equipment, walking and dog walking Green
Core Officer Group	Green	Green	Green

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Particular Local Significance	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Point 11 - Wildlife	Point 12 - For any other Reason
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	The pond area at the western end is very tranquil Green	Yes. The pond and adjoining wetland area are important wildlife habitats Green	Red
Officer Site Visit	Yes does feel peaceful Green	Yes wildlife area and allotment Green	Amber
Core Officer Group	Green	Green	Amber

South Cerney, Upper Up Playing Field - Toolkit Score:

All sites must meet the following 6 criteria in the toolkit checklist	6/6	One of the six criteria should be met	4.5/6
Point 2.1 - Relevant Planning History	Green	Point 7 - Beauty	Green
Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Green	Point 8 - Historic significance	Red
Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land	Green	Point 9 - Recreational Value	Green
Point 3.1 - Local in Character	Green	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Green
Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Green	Point 11 -Wildlife	Green
Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community	Green	Point 12 - For any other Reason	Amber

South Cerney, Upper Up Playing Field - Additional Evidence:

Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Support from other Organisations (Point 6)	
	Parish/Town Council	Put forward by South Cerney Parish Council Ward Councilor support Green
	Community Support – petitions	No Red
	Letters of support from other organisations	Letter of support from Diggers Uppers Allotment Association Green

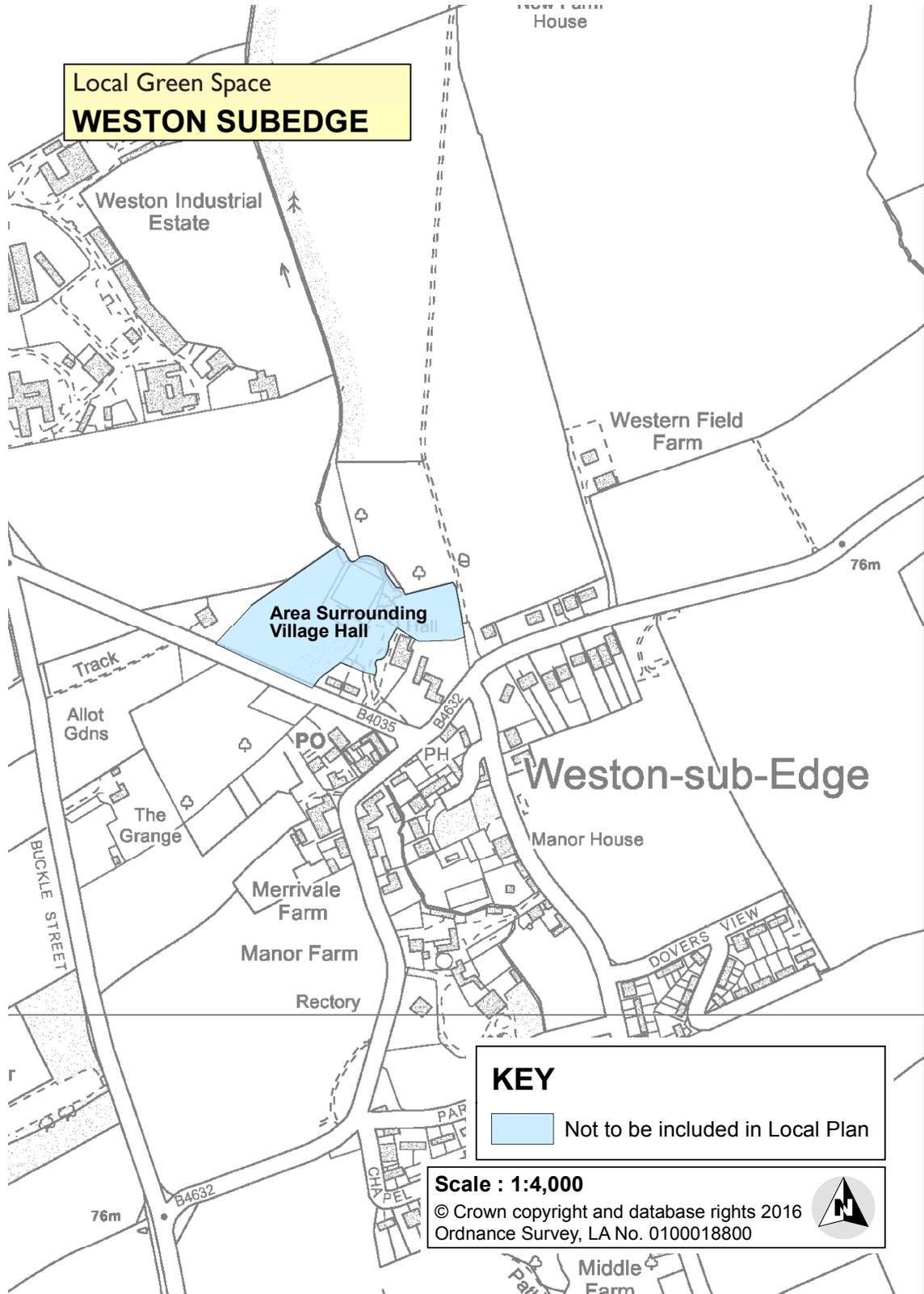
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South Cerney, Upper Up Playing Field - Decision:

<p>Critical Friends Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Recommended for LGS designation. Good evidence that the site is "demonstrably special" and is heavily used by the local community</p> <p>Green</p>
<p>Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015 document</p>	<p>Comment from South Cerney Parish Council supporting decision to designate as a LGS</p>
<p>Critical Friends Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Decision made at panel one – still stands no evidence submitted to justify change in original panel decision.</p> <p>Green</p>
<p>Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Policies November 2015</p>	<p>No comments received</p>
<p>Evidence paper update decision (February 2017)</p>	<p>Decision unchanged. Recommended for LGS designation</p> <p>Green</p>

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3.33 Weston Sub Edge - Local Green Space Map



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3.34 Weston Sub Edge - Area surrounding Village Hall

3.46 Sites must meet all of the following six criteria in the toolkit checklist:

Point 2.1 - Relevant planning history	Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land
01/00616/FUL - bowls club improvements	N/A	1.6ha
Green	Green	No - Green

	Point 3.3 - Local in Character	Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Green	Green	Application made by Parish Council Village Hall Trust supports application
Officer Site Visit	Green	Green	Green Red
Core Officer Group	Green	Green	Red

3.47 Sites must meet at least one of the six following criteria in the checklist:

Particular Local Significance	Point 7 - Beauty	Point 8 - Historic significance	Point 9 - Recreational Value
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Red	Red	Yes, bowls Green
Officer Site Visit	Amber	Red	Amber - areas includes car park
Core Officer Group	Amber	Red	Amber

Particular Local Significance	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Point 11 - Wildlife	Point 12 - For any other Reason
Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Red	Red	Red
Officer Site Visit	Red	Red	Red
Core Officer Group	Red	Red	Red

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Weston Sub Edge, Area Surrounding Village Hall - Toolkit Score:

All sites must meet the following 6 criteria in the toolkit checklist	5/6	One of the six criteria should be met	1/6
Point 2.1 - Relevant planning history	Green	Point 7 - Beauty	Amber
Point 2.2 - Not allocated in the Local Plan	Green	Point 8 - Historic significance	Red
Point 3.2 - Extensive tract of land	Green	Point 9 - Recreational value	Amber
Point 3.1 - Local in character	Green	Point 10 - Tranquillity	Red
Point 5 - In proximity to the local community	Green	Point 11 - Wildlife	Red
Point 6 - Demonstrably special to the local community	Red	Point 12 - For any other reason	Red

Weston Sub Edge, Area Surrounding Village Hall - Additional Evidence:

Evidence from Community Submission (Toolkit)	Support from other Organisations (Point 6)	
	Parish/Town Council	Application made by Parish Council Green
	Community Support – petitions	Red
	Letters of support from other organisations	Red

Weston Sub Edge, Area Surrounding Village Hall - Decision:

Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	Site not recommended for LGS designation, insufficient evidence to show why this site is more "demonstrably special" than other areas around the village. Red
Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015 document	No comments received
Critical Friends Panel Recommendation	Decision made at panel one – still stands no evidence submitted to justify change in original panel decision.

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	Red
Reps received to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Policies November 2015	No comments received
Evidence paper update decision (February 2017)	Decision unchanged. Site not recommended for LGS designation
	Red

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4 Conclusions

4.1 The site assessment tables set out in Chapter 3 demonstrate that 13 sites were considered to meet the criteria for Local Green Space designation and should formally be proposed for designation in the Local Plan as Local Green Spaces. The following table lists the sites submitted for consideration for Local Green Space designation and the conclusion. Maps of each site submitted are included in chapter 5. Recommended

Parish	Site	Year of Toolkit Submission	Recommended Local Green Spaces
Ampney Crucis	Central Green Space	2014	No
Blockley	Little Shoe	2014	No
	Blockley Allotments, Station Road	2014	Yes
	Colonel's Piece	2014	No
	Blockley Mill (Coneygree Mill)	2014	Yes in part
	Timber Yard & Woodland Aston Magna	2014	No
Bourton-on-the-Water	Manor Fields	2014	Yes
Church Westcote	Land adjacent to Close Cottage	2014	Yes
Cirencester	Humpty Dumps	2014	Yes
Kemble	Community Gardens	2014	Yes in part
	The Green West lane	2014	Yes
	Playing Field at Clayfurlong	2014	Yes
Lechlade	Eric Richardson and Phyllis Amey Nature Reserve*	2014	Yes
Poulton	Ranbury (3 sites) - Land between Malt House and Ranbury Cottage; Land east of Packhouse Farm; Land south of Old Manor Farmhouse	2014	No
	The Butts	2014	No
Siddington	Playing Fields, Park Way	2014	Yes
	Allotments, Ashton Road	2014	Yes
South Cerney	Box Bush Farm Fields	2014	No
	Edwards College Farm Land	2014	No
	Church Lane Allotments	2014	No
	Upper Up Playing Field	2014	Yes
Temple Guiting	The Recreation Ground *	2014	Yes
Weston Sub Edge	Area surrounding Village Hall	2014	No

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Parish	Site	Year of Toolkit Submission	Recommended Local Green Spaces
Down Ampney	Duke's Fields	2015	No
	DA_1A	2015	No

Note: Little Shoe site removed from process - received planning permission; Down Ampney, DA_1A site not included in updated paper – received planning permission; Temple Guiting, The Recreation Ground – site removed from LGS process by Parish. Lechlade - site designated LGS in Neighbourhood Plan (2016)

Extract from the National Planning Practice Guidance 1

Appendix I Extract from the National Planning Practice Guidance

Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space

Local Green Space designation (version dated 06/03/2014)

What is Local Green Space designation?

1.1 Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities.

How is land designated as Local Green Space?

1.2 Local Green Space designation is for use in [Local Plans](#) or [Neighbourhood Plans](#). These plans can identify on a map ('designate') green areas for special protection. Anyone who wants an area to be designated as Local Green Space should contact the local planning authority about the contents of its local plan or get involved in neighbourhood planning.

How does Local Green Space designation relate to development?

1.3 Designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making.

What if land has planning permission for development?

1.4 Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation or where planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented.

Can all communities benefit from Local Green Space?

1.5 Local Green Spaces may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or in a neighbourhood in a town or city.

What if land is already protected by Green Belt or as Metropolitan Open Land (in London)?

1.6 If land is already protected by Green Belt policy, or in London, policy on Metropolitan Open Land, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

1.7 One potential benefit in areas where protection from development is the norm (e.g. villages included in the green belt) but where there could be exceptions is that the Local Green Space designation could help to identify areas that are of particular importance to the local community.

1 Extract from the National Planning Practice Guidance

What if land is already protected by designations such as National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Site of Special Scientific Interest, Scheduled Monument or conservation area?

1.8 Different types of designations are intended to achieve different purposes. If land is already protected by designation, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

What about new communities?

1.9 New residential areas may include green areas that were planned as part of the development. Such green areas could be designated as Local Green Space if they are demonstrably special and hold particular local significance.

What types of green area can be identified as Local Green Space?

1.10 The green area will need to meet the criteria set out in [paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework](#). Whether to designate land is a matter for local discretion. For example, green areas could include land where sports pavilions, boating lakes or structures such as war memorials are located, allotments, or urban spaces that provide a tranquil oasis.

How close does a Local Green Space need to be to the community it serves?

1.11 The proximity of a Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served.

How big can a Local Green Space be?

1.12 There are no hard and fast rules about how big a Local Green Space can be because places are different and a degree of judgement will inevitably be needed. However, [paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework](#) is clear that Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land.

1.13 Consequently blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name.

Is there a minimum area?

1.14 Provided land can meet the criteria at [paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework](#) there is no lower size limit for a Local Green Space.

Extract from the National Planning Practice Guidance 1

What about public access?

1.15 Some areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may already have largely unrestricted public access, though even in places like parks there may be some restrictions. However, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (e.g. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty).

1.16 Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with land owners, whose legal rights must be respected.

What about public rights of way?

1.17 Areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may be crossed by [public rights of way](#). There is no need to designate linear corridors as Local Green Space simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation.

Does land need to be in public ownership?

1.18 A Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership. However, the local planning authority (in the case of local plan making) or the qualifying body (in the case of neighbourhood plan making) should contact landowners at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space. Landowners will have opportunities to make representations in respect of proposals in a draft plan.

Would designation place any restrictions or obligations on landowners?

1.19 Designating a green area as Local Green Space would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners.

Who will manage Local Green Space?

1.20 Management of land designated as Local Green Space will remain the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is likely to be an important consideration.

1.21 Local communities can consider how, with the landowner's agreement, they might be able to get involved, perhaps in partnership with interested organisations that can provide advice or resources.

Can a Local Green Space be registered as an Asset of Community Value?

1.22 Land designated as Local Green Space may potentially also be nominated for listing by the local authority as an Asset of Community Value. Listing gives community interest groups an opportunity to bid if the owner wants to dispose of the land.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION A TOOLKIT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN COTSWOLD DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION

The Natural Environment White Paper ([The Natural Choice](#): securing the value of nature 2011) highlighted “the importance of green spaces to the health and happiness of local communities”.

Green spaces, particularly natural green spaces, located close to local people provide a range of social, environmental and economic benefits, including –

- improved mental and physical health
- increased social activity
- increased physical activity
- reduced crime
- improvements to children’s learning
- increased voluntary action
- improved community cohesion and sense of belonging
- potential for local food growing
- more attractive places to live, work, play, visit and invest
- enhanced opportunities for wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors
- climate change adaptation for example by flood alleviation

The White Paper recommended that a new Green Areas designation be introduced that would give local people an opportunity to protect green spaces that have significant importance to their local communities.

“ We propose that green spaces should be identified in neighbourhood plans and local plans which complement and do not undermine investment in homes, jobs and other essential services. Given the importance of green spaces to the health and happiness of local communities the Government considers the new designation should offer suitably strong protection to localised areas that are demonstrably special”

That recommendation was incorporated into the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) as the new designation of Local Green Spaces.

PURPOSE OF THE TOOLKIT

This toolkit is designed to support local communities in putting forward their local open spaces for formal designation as a Local Green Space in a robust, consistent and transparent manner.

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The Policy Context

National Planning Policy Framework

The NPPF provides the following information on Local Green Space designations -

76. Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

77. The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

78. Local policy for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with policy for Green Belts.

Additional guidance is provided in the [National Planning Practice Guidance](#).

Local and Neighbourhood Plans

Local Green Spaces can be designated through the emerging Cotswold Local Plan or through neighbourhood plans.

A policy, related to Local Green Spaces, will be included in the emerging Cotswold Local Plan.

Where relevant an appropriate policy should also be included in neighbourhood plans.

The proposed text for the emerging Cotswold Local Plan is included at appendix 2.

Local Green Space Toolkit 2

PROCESS FOR DESIGNATION

Step 1

If your community is considering designating an area as a Local Green Space, it may be helpful to test the site against the “decision tree” in Figure 1 on page 4.

Step 2

Make informal contact with the Council (contact Lesley Davies, Forward Planning) so that we can provide you with help in deciding whether it is worth progressing with the designation process.

Step 3

If the site seems potentially suitable we will ask you to complete the designation checklist (including all the relevant evidence) see pages 7-12

Step 4

We will review the evidence you have provided and give guidance as to whether we consider the site is suitable for designation and whether any additional evidence is required. If the evidence is sufficiently robust and, in the case of designation through the Local Plan, Cotswold District Council considers the site suitable, the designation process can start.

Step 5

If the site is to be designated in the Local Plan, we will consult the owner of the land (if known).

If the site is to be designated in a Neighbourhood Plan, those responsible for producing that plan should consult the owner of the land (if known).

Step 6

The site can then be considered for inclusion in the appropriate draft Local or Neighbourhood Plan. The deadline for inclusion in the emerging Cotswold Local Plan is 14th June 2014.

Step 7

The site designation will be “tested” through the plan process. Anybody can object to policies or sites in a plan during the consultation process and these consultation responses must be considered. Neighbourhood Plans will also be subject to a local referendum. Both Local and Neighbourhood Plans are formally scrutinised by a Planning Inspector or an Independent Examiner, who will ensure that the plans are robust and based on sound evidence.

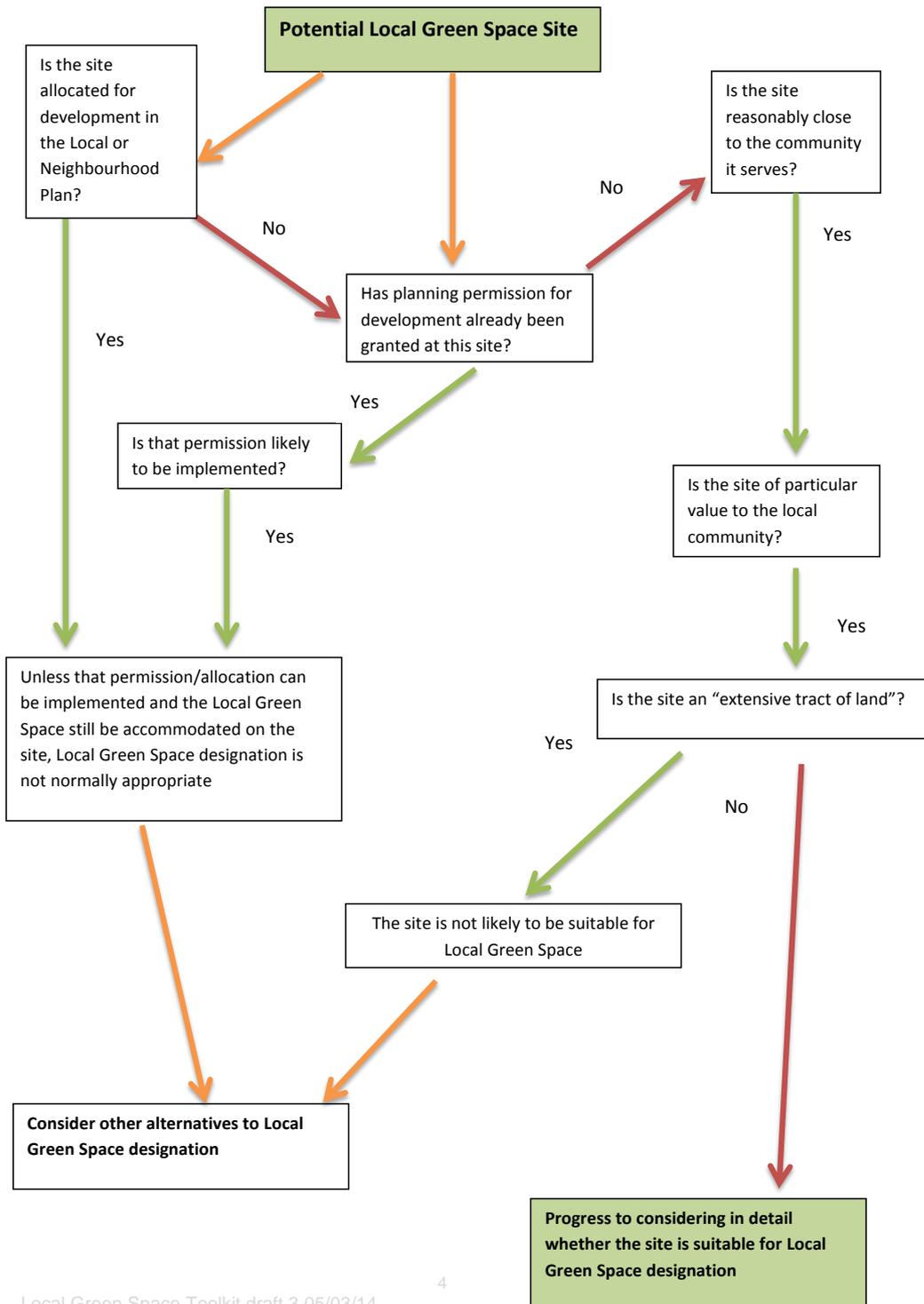
Step 8

Formal designation when the relevant plan is approved.

It is important to note that the designation process could take some time and that it may be worth looking in parallel at other means of protecting or enhancing the site.

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Figure 1 -Decision tree



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Criteria for Designation

Any type of green space could be suitable for Local Green Space designation from recreational land with a sports pavilion or the area around a war memorial to allotments or an urban space that provides a tranquil oasis.

As Local Green Space designation means that development is highly unlikely to be permitted on a site, there is a strong possibility that land owners and others will challenge the designation. To meet that challenge the designation must be based on solid evidence that the site meets the relevant criteria. This will be easier to demonstrate if the checklist in this toolkit is completed and the relevant evidence provided.

A potential Local Green Space site must meet the criteria set out in the NPPF, and further detailed in the National Planning Practice Guidance. These criteria are not specific – they do not give set distances or areas, but act as guidance which should then be interpreted at a local level.

In order to ensure that any designation in the District is robust, we have created a checklist against which potential Local Green Space sites should be tested.

Not every potential site will meet every criteria however all sites must meet the following criteria in the checklist –

Point 2.1	not with an extant planning permission within which the Local Green Space could not be accommodated
Point 2.2	not allocated for development in the relevant Neighbourhood Plan or the Local Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Plan housing allocation is not strategic and can be re-located somewhere else in the neighbourhood plan area; or alternatively that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development
Point 3.2	Not an "extensive tract of land"
Point 3.3	"local in character"
Point 5	in "proximity to the community it serves"
Point 6	"demonstrably special to the local community"

And all sites must meet at least one of the following criteria in the Checklist-

Point 7	"particular local significance ... because of its beauty"
Point 8	"particular local significance ... because of its historic significance"
Point 9	"particular local significance ... because of its recreational value"
Point 10	"particular local significance ... because of its tranquillity"
Point 11	"particular local significance ... because of its wildlife"
Point 12	"particular local significance ... for any other reason"

In order to provide further certainty, it is proposed that Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt) are used to define the likely size of a suitable Local Green Space and its distance from the local community. Therefore a Local Green Space should normally be located within 2km (1.25 miles) of the community it serves and a site of 2ha (5 acres) or less should be located within 300m (325 yards) (or 5 minutes' walk) of the community it serves. Given the rural nature of the District, it may be necessary to relax these requirements in certain circumstances.

A site of over 20ha (50 acres) would be considered to be "an extensive tract of land" and therefore not suitable for designation as a Local Green Space.

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[Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard](#) (Natural England 2010)

ANGSt recommends that everyone, wherever they live, should have an accessible natural greenspace:

- of at least 2 hectares (5 acres) in size, no more than 300 metres (325 yards) (5 minutes walk) from home;
- at least one accessible 20 hectare (50 acres) site within two kilometres (1.25 miles) of home;
- one accessible 100 hectare (250 acres) site within five kilometres (3 miles) of home; and
- one accessible 500 hectare (1240 acres) site within ten kilometres (6.25 miles) of home; plus
- a minimum of one hectare (2.5 acres) of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population.

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CHECKLIST AND CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	Name and address of site <i>Some sites have several names and all known names should be given</i>	
1.2	Site location plan <i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site. Please indicate the scale.</i>	
	<i>Insert here or attach separately</i>	
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation <i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised community group</i>	
1.4	Ownership of site if known <i>Information on land ownership can be obtained from the Land Registry. Some land parcels are not registered however local people may know the owner.</i>	
1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)	
1.6	Photographs of site	
	<i>Insert here or attach separately</i>	
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space <i>i.e. does the site serve the whole village/town or a particular geographic area or group of people?</i>	
2	Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?	

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	<i>Further Information – Cotswold District Council – planning applications</i>	
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space? <i>Further Information – Cotswold District Council – planning policy.</i>	
3	Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site <i>It is unlikely that a site of over 20ha (50 acres) would be considered suitable for designation.</i>	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”? <i>(Extensive tracts of land cannot be designated as Local Green Space) e.g. how large is it in comparison to other fields; groups of fields; areas of land in the vicinity etc.? Does the site “feel” extensive or more local in scale?</i>	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”? <i>e.g. does the site feel as though it is part of the local area? And why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? What is your evidence?</i>	
4	Need for Local Green Space	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location? <i>e.g. is there a shortage of accessible greenspace in the area? Is there a village needs survey or parish plan that provides evidence of that need. Further information – Natural England (Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard) Cotswold District Council - Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study</i>	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves” Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community? <i>Possible evidence – a map to show that distance</i>	
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes? <i>e.g. railway line; main road Possible evidence – a map to show any potential barriers and how those can be overcome.</i>	

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6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community” Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council <i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i>	
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals. <i>e.g. letters of support; petitions; surveys etc.</i>	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders <i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc. Further information on contact details - Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, House of Commons</i>	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups <i>e.g. letters of support from organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England; Cotswolds Conservation Board; Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust; Gloucestershire Rural Community Council; Cotswold Water Park Trust; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i>	
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable) Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.	
7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES / NO	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
7.3	Site visibility <i>e.g. is it easy to see the site from a public place? Are there long-distance views of the site? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</i>	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations? <i>e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; Conservation Area; Special Landscape Area Further information – Cotswold District Council; Natural England; Cotswolds Conservation Board</i>	

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7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents? <i>e.g. Cotswolds AONB landscape character assessment. Further information – Cotswold District Council; Natural England; Cotswolds Conservation Board</i>	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art? <i>e.g. is the site mentioned in a well-known poem or shown in a famous painting?</i>	
8	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its historic significance” (if applicable) Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES / NO	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site? <i>e.g. listed buildings; scheduled ancient monuments ; registered parks and gardens; war memorials; other historic remains or structures.</i> <i>Further information – Cotswold District Council; English Heritage; Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record; Gloucestershire Archives; local history society;</i>	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site? <i>e.g. old hedgerows; ancient trees; historic ponds or historic garden features</i> <i>Further information – Cotswold District Council; English Heritage; Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record; local history society</i>	
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? <i>e.g. the old site of the town railway station; the old garden for the manor house etc.</i>	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site? <i>e.g. well-dressing; maypole dancing etc.</i>	

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9	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES / NO	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport? <i>If so what sport? How long has it been used for sports provision? Is this sports provision free or is a club membership required? Further information – Sport England</i>	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site? <i>e.g. are there any public rights of way across the site? Or adjacent to the site? Has access been allowed on a discretionary basis? Is there public access to the whole site or only part? Is there good disabled access to the site? (A site can still be designated even if there is no public access.) Further information – Gloucestershire County Council</i>	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when? <i>e.g. dog walking; sledging; ball games etc</i>	
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES / NO	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil? <i>e.g. are there any roads or busy areas close by?</i>	
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area? <i>e.g. within the Campaign to Protect Rural England's tranquillity maps</i>	
11	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the <u>richness of its wildlife</u>”; (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	

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	YES / NO	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value? <i>e.g. as a site of special scientific interest; a key wildlife site etc</i> Further information - Natural England ; Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records	
11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site? <i>e.g. habitats and species listed in the UK priority habitats and species lists or in the Cotswold Water Park or Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action Plans or protected species or on the red/amber lists of birds of conservation concern.</i> Further information - Natural England ; Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records ; National Biodiversity Network ; Cotswold Water Park Trust ; RSPB	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? Further information - Natural England ; Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records ; National Biodiversity Network ; Cotswold Water Park Trust	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community? <i>e.g. long-term monitoring of breeding birds.</i>	
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>”; (if applicable) Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.	
12.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES / NO	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?	

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ALTERNATIVES TO LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

If during the process it becomes evident that the site is not appropriate for local green space designation, there are other options that can be investigated.

Agreements with land-owners

It may be possible for local communities to reach either formal or informal agreements with the owner of the site to ensure access to the site for local people. This may be an appropriate option where the site owner has a long-term connection with the local area, for example the owner of a large historic estate. It may be possible for the land-owner to dedicate the site as “open access land”.

Further information:

[Right of way and open access land - GOV.UK](#)

Community Purchase

In some instances local communities have purchased important sites to ensure that they remain in community control in perpetuity. The ownership can lie with the Town or Parish Council or with a specific trust.

Village Green status

Anyone can apply to register land as a green if it has been used by local people for lawful sports and pastimes ‘as of right’ (ie without permission, force or secrecy) for at least 20 years.

Further information:

[Town and village greens: how to register](#)

[Open Spaces Society](#)

Local Nature Reserves

A Local Nature Reserve (LNR) provide people with special opportunities to study or learn about nature or simply to enjoy it. Local Nature Reserves are designated by district or county councils and the Local Authority must control the LNR through ownership, lease or agreement with the owner.

Further information:

[Natural England](#)

Assets of Community Value

The Community Right to Bid gives community groups a fairer chance to prepare and bid to buy community buildings and facilities that are important to them. This could include village shops, pubs or allotments. The right covers private as well as public assets. It is important to nominate land and buildings to be part of the register of ‘assets of community value’, which is held by the Local Authority (Cotswold District Council). If something on this register is offered for sale, the community then have up to six months to prepare a bid.

Further information:

www.gov.uk

[My Community Rights](#)

Cotswold District Council – [Community right to bid](#)

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APPENDIX 1: DRAFT COTSWOLD LOCAL PLAN POLICY AND SUPPORTING TEXT

To be included in the Local Plan section on green infrastructure

Draft Supporting Text

National policy makes provision for local communities to identify green areas of particular importance to those communities, where development will not be permitted except in very special circumstances. These Local Green Spaces can be designated through the local plan or through neighbourhood plans. The following sites have been proposed as Local Green Spaces through the local plan consultation process –

- A
- B
- C

Additional guidance is provided on the criteria and evidence required for selection of local green space sites in “Local Green Spaces – a toolkit for local communities in Cotswold District”

Neighbourhood plans, when produced, should seek the provision and enhancement of green infrastructure, including Local Green Spaces where designated, as well as including the designation of new Local Green Spaces where appropriate.

Draft Policy

Local communities are encouraged to include new and robustly justified Local Green Spaces within their neighbourhood plans, where this designation does not prevent identified development needs being met. The selection of these sites should be guided by the advice in “Local Green Spaces– a toolkit for local communities in Cotswold District”

Development that would harm the openness or special character of a Local Green Space or its significance and value to the local community will not be permitted unless there are very special circumstances which outweigh the harm to the Local Green Space.

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WEB REFERENCES

Natural Environment White Paper – The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature (2011)
<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm80/8082/8082.pdf>

National Planning Policy Framework.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

National Planning Practice Guidance.
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-green-space-and-rights-of-way-2/local-green-space-designation/>

Natural England – Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards
<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/40004?category=47004>

Natural England – Landscape
<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/landscape/default.aspx>

Natural England - mapping
<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/maps/default.aspx>

Natural England – Local Nature Reserves
<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/designations/lnr/>

Land Registry
<http://www.landregistry.gov.uk/>

Cotswold District Council – planning applications
<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/planning-building/planning/online-planning-register/>

Cotswold District Council – planning policy
<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/planning-building/planning-policy/>

Cotswold District Council – Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study
http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/open_spaces/open_spaces_sport_and_recreation_study?tab=files

Cotswold District Council – Community right to bid
<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/business/land-property/community-right-to-bid/>

Gloucestershire County Council – Find your Councillor
<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

Gloucestershire County Council – public rights of way
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/prow>

Greenspace
<http://www.green-space.org.uk/index.php>

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House of Commons – find your MP

<http://findyourmp.parliament.uk/>

Campaign to Protect Rural England – home page

<http://www.cpre.org.uk/>

Campaign to Protect Rural England – tranquil places

<http://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-do/countryside/tranquil-places>

Cotswolds Conservation Board

<http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/>

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

<http://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/>

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

<http://www.grcc.org.uk/>

Cotswold Water Park Trust

<http://www.waterpark.org/>

English Heritage

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/>

Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/her>

Gloucestershire Archives

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/article/107703/Archives-Homepage>

Sport England

<http://www.sportengland.org/>

Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records

<http://www.qcer.co.uk/>

National Biodiversity Network

<http://www.nbn.org.uk/>

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

http://www.rspb.org.uk/Images/BoCC_tcm9-217852.pdf

Town and village greens: how to register

<https://www.gov.uk/town-and-village-greens-how-to-register>

Open Spaces Society

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<http://www.oss.org.uk/what-we-do/village-greens/>

My Community Rights

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/community-right-to-bid/>

www.gov.uk – Community right to bid

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/giving-people-more-power-over-what-happens-in-their-neighbourhood/supporting-pages/community-right-to-bid>

www.gov.uk – open access land

<https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/open-access-land>

3 Request for Local Green Space Submissions

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24 April 2014

Our ref: Local Green Spaces

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Dear Clerk / Chair person

'Shaping the future of your Settlement' - Further community engagement in the Cotswold District Local Plan 2011-2031: Local Green Spaces

We are writing to all Parish and Town Councils in the Cotswold District in order to provide you with a Local Green Spaces toolkit.

This follows on from the Community Engagement work organised earlier this year and continues with an innovative way of working, enabling you not just to comment on, but to be involved directly with us in decision-making about the future of your settlement.

A new designation – Local Green Space – was introduced in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in 2012. The Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities. As a result we have had queries from local communities who are interested in designating Local Green Spaces.

Please note that Local Green Spaces can be designated either in the District-wide Local Plan or in a Neighbourhood Plan. If your settlement is not preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, and you consider that there may be potential site(s) suitable for Local Green Space designation, then this must be fed into the preparation of the District-wide Local Plan very soon. Therefore, we thought it would be helpful if we provided you with a toolkit to help you put forward land for formal designation as a Local Green Space in a robust, consistent and transparent way. As development is highly unlikely to be permitted on designated Local Green Spaces, it is probable that these designations will be rigorously challenged, so it is crucial that local communities have collated robust evidence in support of the designation.

The toolkit (also attached) provides you with a brief explanation of the policy background, the process for designation, the criteria for designation, a decision tree to help you initially assess any potential space and a checklist.

As Local Green Space designations must meet strict criteria laid out in the NPPF, we have also provided you with a list of other possible alternative ways of protecting an area from development and useful web references.

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Output of using the Toolkit:

The output from the Toolkit will be used, along with the latest available evidence, to make recommendations to the District Council on which sites should be designated as Local Green Spaces in the draft Local Plan.

Next Steps

We would be grateful if you could indicate whether your Town/Parish Council considers that there are any potential sites suitable for Local Green Space designation. If possible notify us as soon as you can if you wish to assess these and input into the District-wide Local Plan, rather than your own Neighbourhood Plan.

Before starting to gather evidence as part of the toolkit exercise, please let us know which sites you are considering. We will be able to advise you as to whether the site could potentially fulfil the criteria in the NPPF or not and hopefully save any potentially wasted time and effort.

The deadline for all completed Tool Kits is 14th June 2014.

Please note that participating in this process is done "without prejudice". In other words, you would still be able to make any comments you wish on the draft Local Plan when it is published for formal public consultation, later this year. The same is true of any planning applications – commenting on sites within this process does not prevent you from commenting on any planning applications. For those Town / Parish Councils embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan for their settlement, you may use the Toolkit to gather evidence for potential Local Green Space Designations to be included in your Neighbourhood Plan.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Lesley Davies (lesley.davies@cotswold.gov.uk Tel 01285 623000).

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Nick Parsons
Cabinet Member for Forward Planning

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4 Local Green Space Designation Timeline

Appendix 4 Local Green Space Designation Timeline

Stage	Date	Key consultation
Stage 1 Site selection and community input	April 2014	All 114 Parishes in Cotswold District sent a Local Green Space Toolkit All Members notified of Local Green Space Toolkit & designation
	June 2014	Deadline of 14 th June 2014 set
	June/July 2014	All applications read by Core Team – more evidence requested if needed
	July 2014	Original deadline extended to July 18 th 2014
	July 2014	23 sites and toolkits put forward for potential Local Green Space designation
Stage 2 Submission Assessment: Core Offer Team	August 2014	All toolkits and additional information read by Team
	September 2014	Site visits made to all potential Local Green Spaces
	June - September 2014	Site status and land ownership of submitted sites. Land registry maps consulted
	17 th September 2014	Core Officer Team evaluation meeting and final recommendation for Critical Friends Panel
Stage 3 Submission Assessment: Critical Friends Panel	27 th October 2014	First Critical Friends Panel meeting - 23 sites evaluated. Short list of 14 sites to forward to the next stage (Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015)
	December 2014	All landowners notified of Local Green Space nomination and inclusion in the (Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015)
Stage 4 Submission Assessment: Local Plan Consultation	Jan - Feb 2015	Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015
	March - June 2015	Review of reps made to the Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Development Strategy and Site Allocations January 2015 - including new sites submitted

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Stage	Date	Key consultation
	May - June 2015	New sites submissions. Parishes given seven weeks to submit new toolkits
	July 2015	Site visits of new Local Green Space submissions
	September 2015	New toolkits reviewed by Core Officer Team
	20 th October 2015	Core Officer Team evaluation meeting and final recommendation for Critical Friends Panel
	21 st October 2015	Second Critical Friends Panel meeting
	November 2015	Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Planning Policies November 2015
	Jan - Feb 2016	Review of reps to Local Plan Reg.18 Consultation: Planning Policies November 2015
	March - April 2016	Update to Local Green Space Policy in Local Plan Submission Draft Reg. 19
	April 2016	Local Green Space Evidence Paper updated

5 References

Appendix 5 References

- The Natural Environment White Paper (The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature 2011) www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/228842/8082.pdf
- National Planning Policy Framework www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/60777/2116950.pdf
- National Planning Practice Guidance planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/

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