

Frequently asked questions: Local Green Space

<p>What is a 'Local Green Space'?</p>	<p>It is a piece of land that is designated as a 'Local Green Space' in a Local Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Land can only be designated as a Local Green Space if it satisfies certain criteria.</p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF para. 101) states -</p> <p><i>The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them.</i></p> <p><i>Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.</i></p> <p><i>Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.</i></p>
<p>What protection from development is given?</p>	<p>NPPF para. 103 states –</p> <p><i>Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.</i></p>
<p>What are the criteria for an area to be considered for designation as a 'Local Green Space'?</p>	<p>The designation criteria are given in NPPF para. 102 which states -</p> <p><i>The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</i> <i>b) 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</i> <i>c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land</i>
<p>How can we get our patch of land designated as a 'Local Green Space' in a Local Plan?</p>	<p>If you think that your area of green space will satisfy the above criteria, you should write to your local planning authority and request that it be designated in their next review of the Local Plan. You will need to provide evidence to back up your case for designation.</p>
<p>What does 'the richness of its wildlife' mean?</p>	<p>No definition is available but, clearly, it would rule out areas which are poor in terms of quality and quantity of wildlife.</p>
<p>Can DWT assist?</p>	<p>We regret that we do not have the resources or the local knowledge to assist. Depending on your resources, you may wish to seek the advice of an Ecological Consultant on the richness of the area's wildlife.</p>