

# **Portishead Neighbourhood Development Plan**

## **Local Green Space Evidence Base Report**

**Submission Version 2022**



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# Introduction

## Purpose and Status of this Report

This report sets out the process and evidence collection undertaken and recommendations supporting the draft Local Green Space policy in the Portishead Neighbourhood Plan (NDP), which proposes the designation of Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Area.

This report is the submission version, which has been updated following comments received during formal Regulation 14 consultation on the draft Plan, which took place over March – May 2022.

The Neighbourhood Plan’s eventual Examiner will decide which spaces should be designated in the Neighbourhood Plan.

## What is Local Green Space?

Through Local and Neighbourhood Development Plans, local communities can identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them by designating them Local Green Space (LGS).

Once a site is designated as a Local Green Space, it is protected against inappropriate development except in ‘very special circumstances’ (National Planning Policy Framework 2021<sup>1</sup> para. 147).

Once a space is designated Local Green Space, it has protection against development consistent with the protection of land in the Green Belt.

## What makes a space suitable for Local Green Space designation?

In order to be suitable for Local Green Space (LGS) designation, a space must be:

- A. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- B. local in character and not an extensive tract of land, and
- C. demonstrably special to the community (by way of any or all of its beauty, tranquillity, recreational use, historic significance or wildlife value)

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<sup>1</sup> [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1005759/NPPF\\_July\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf)

(National Planning Policy Framework 2021, para. 101-103).

National Planning Practice Guidance also identifies certain types of spaces which are often not suitable for LGS designation due to their function, including:

- education sites (school fields, playgrounds etc),
- highway land / verges, and
- sites with extant planning permission.

## Local Green Spaces in Portishead

There are already existing Local Green Space designations for Portishead in the adopted North Somerset Local Plan. These are listed on Table 1 below and identified on the [North Somerset Policies Map](#). These designations are brought forward into the emerging Local Plan Review material (March 2022).

The North Somerset Council [Site Allocations Plan 2006-26 Local Green Space Background Paper](#) sets out how NSC interprets LGS criteria in the NPPF. The recommendations in the NDP diverge from North Somerset Council's approach in two key ways:

### A. Size

The NSC background paper states: *'As they are green spaces of particular local significance the Council would normally expect LGS to be at least 0.2 hectares in size, but this does not rule out smaller spaces where they are clearly shown to have particularly strong justification, normally requiring them to be out of the ordinary.'*

The Portishead Neighbourhood Plan also recognises smaller local green spaces (e.g. Tommy Broom Memorial Green Space, measuring 0.04ha) which can be just as valued by the community that live within the immediate vicinity of the space, as the larger green spaces in Portishead of a recognised size and quality. This approach ensures that lesser-known local sites are retained and protected through designation, adding a finer grain of detail than that included in the North Somerset Local Plan. By designating and recognising such spaces, thereby giving greater certainty to their retention, the site owner, community and developer can better appreciate their value, and enhancement of these spaces can be encouraged to further benefit the local community.

### B. Designation of allotments

The NSC background paper states: *'Allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, a designation which "should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period", (paragraph 76 of the NPPF). The Council considers that the demand for allotments varies through time and that allotments are already more appropriately covered by policy DM68 of the*

*adopted Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 Development Management Policies on sporting, cultural and community facilities. (See paragraph 2.15 below). That policy provides a significant level of protection but allows for development of such community facilities in certain circumstances, including where the site is “genuinely redundant/surplus to requirements for cultural/community uses and does not comprise open space or undeveloped land with recreational or amenity value”.*

The Portishead Neighbourhood Plan proposes the designation of a number of allotment sites. The Town Council considers that as well as being valued facilities, the allotment sites in Portishead are valued special green spaces in their own right, due to their beauty, recreational value, richness of wildlife and other qualities. Recent research by CPRE<sup>2</sup> found that nationally, over 300 allotment spaces and community farms have been designated as LGS, demonstrating that the designation can be appropriate for allotment sites.

Many other open spaces in Portishead are already protected to some degree by way of their location within the Green Belt or status as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. When thinking about designating Local Green Spaces further to those included in North Somerset Local Plan, consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as a Local Green Space; the added value of Local Green Space designation needs to be demonstrated over and above the existing designation.

Local Green Space is quite a specific designation, and national planning practice guidance states that it is not suitable for the majority of spaces. Where this is the case, and where relevant, this report identifies how else the spaces are included in the Neighbourhood Plan (such as within Character and Design work or the wider Green and Blue Infrastructure evidence base).

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.cpre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Feb-2022\\_CPPE\\_Local-Green-Spaces-full-report-1.pdf](https://www.cpre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Feb-2022_CPPE_Local-Green-Spaces-full-report-1.pdf)

## Existing NSC Local Plan Local Green Space Designations

There are a number of Local Green Spaces already designated in the North Somerset Local Plan. These are currently carried forward in the emerging Local Plan material from North Somerset Council. The Town Council wishes to retain these as Local Green Spaces within the Portishead NDP. Table 1 shows those currently designated in the Local Plan which are proposed to be retained in the Portishead NDP. NDP commentary has been added where relevant.

**Table 1 Local Green Spaces designated in North Somerset Local Plan (see also [North Somerset Policies Map](#))**

NSC Local Plan Local Green Space designation	North Somerset Council justification for designation <i>Extracted from Sites and Policies Plan Part 2: Site Allocations Schedule 3</i>	Portishead NDP commentary / additions <i>Extracted from Commonplace responses (identified in quotation marks) and Working Group Open Space Audit work (see Green and Blue Infrastructure Report for more detail).</i>  Beauty, Tranquility, Recreational, Wildlife, Historic significance
Lake Grounds, Portishead	Grassed area with lake and trees, adjacent to Severn Estuary. Used for informal recreation. HER: Unregistered park or garden C20 municipal park dominated by Marine Lake; also archaeological site: Lake Grounds c1905- 10 Park.	Special due to: <b>R, T, W, B, H</b>  A number of respondents suggested this space as a Local Green Space in the Commonplace community consultation.  Could be made more accessible for those with disabilities.  ‘The space should and could be the heart of the community for all ages, to meet for picnics, BBQs, exercise, play sport, walk and enjoy the views.’
Eastwood and Battery Point, Portishead	Battery Point is an attractive grass area adjoining Severn Estuary. Eastwood is the adjoining woodland to east, crossed by public footpaths. Used for informal recreation. Statutory Local Nature Reserve and Wildlife Site. HER: Battery Point has a number of archaeological sites, eg. Gun battery at Portishead fort rebuilt 1864, dismantled 1914, WW2 observation platform, 1940,	Special due to: <b>B, T, W, H, R</b>  A number of respondents suggested this space as a Local Green Space in the Commonplace community consultation.  ‘The view- the established tree as feature point- birds- historical feature - used by community for walking/sitting/picnic etc - feels ‘wild’’

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	etc. Eastwood has some too, such as Iron Age hillfort; old limekiln C19, etc.	Used by residents as a community open space. Heritage Site - Portishead Lighthouse situated here
Central Park, Port Marine, Portishead <i>AKA Jubilee Park</i>	Attractive landscaped grassed area with ornamental gardens, including statues. Used for informal recreation. HER: includes archaeological site on periphery: site of Baileys Mill Portishead Dock, 1890s-1950s, cattle field mill.	Used by local residents as a community open space for family picnics & children's play area  Wellbeing - part of Portishead sculpture trail.
Land at Newhaven Road, Portishead <i>AKA Redcliffe Hall Green Area AKA Heaven's Field</i>	Area of grass open space and woodland to north. Includes small play area, with linking path. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER.	Used by local residents as a community open space. Good coastal views  Includes Heaven's Field Play Area, valued local play area owned by PTC
Welly Bottom, Portishead	Long area of mixed woodland and grassed open space, crossed by public footpath. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER.	Used by local residents as a community open space. Wellbeing - open space for community including a local community orchard
Land at Fedden Village, north of Nore Road, west of Glenwood Rise, Portishead	Includes attractive open space associated with grade 2 listed Portishead Nautical National School, overlooking Severn estuary. Also includes woodland. HER shows the listed building.	Adjacent to Nore Road/Black Nore Point PROW

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Portishead Golf Course	Golf course sloping down towards Severn Estuary. There are attractive views looking down across the site from Nore Road. No records on HER. While golf courses are normally not appropriate for LGS it is considered that this site, within the settlement, warrants an exception. The importance to townscape of this open land within the settlement, affording views down from Nore Road to the sea, is considered to be particularly strong justification for designation.	Special due to: <b>B, R, T, W</b>  A number of respondents suggested this space as a Local Green Space in the Commonplace community consultation.  ‘This space is used by a wide variety of the public and provides tranquil areas for those who need them as well as picnic areas and kiting spaces. Plenty of dog walkers use the area and are very responsible in clearing up any dog mess. The beauty of the views is beyond measure. The presence of trees and wildplants provide cover and sustenance for a wide variety of animal life. Birds including Ravens and robins, curlews and oyster catchers, sheld ducks and sparrows etc.’
Kilkenny Fields, Portishead	Informal open space sloping down towards Severn Estuary, used for recreation. There are attractive views looking down across the site from Nore Road to the sea. Bordered by public footpaths. A “Neighbourhood open space” on the council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the council.	Special due to: <b>B, R, T, W</b>  A number of respondents suggested this space as a Local Green Space in the Commonplace community consultation.  ‘It’s an inspiring space - great views, good for walking and picnicking. I love the kite flyers too.’  ‘We have had displays here by the red arrows. It’s a great place to sit /meet /picnic /communicate or just watch the ships pass by ....’

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Land at Blackdown Road, Portishead <i>AKA Blackdown Road Park and Play Area</i>	Long grassed area, high lying, between residential areas. Crossed by public footpath. Used for recreation. HER: 2 archaeological sites (points): site of post medieval stone; flint scatter at Nore Rd, Neolithic/Bronze Age. A “Neighbourhood open space” on the council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the council.	Special due to: <b>R, B</b>  Important view from here across the channel and sunsets. Park in need of improvements. Used by local residents as a community open space & play area. Wellbeing - open space for local residents with small or no gardens (nearby flats)
Land at St Peter’s Church, Portishead	Graveyard to the grade 1 listed church, and adjoining land, including the Millennium Garden, important to the setting of the church, and attractively laid out, with seating. While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, an exception is considered to be warranted, notably in view of the particular importance of the land in townscape and historic terms. HER refers to listed tomb of John Hobbes to west of Medieval Churchyard Cross; and archaeological site: the site of a post medieval dwelling house 40m south of the church.	
Land at The Vale, Portishead	Landscaped grassed open space with trees and pond. Attractive, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.	Used by local residents as a community open space, play area including pond.  Wellbeing - open space for local residents with small or no gardens (nearby flats). Also part of Portishead Sculpture Trail

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Land at The Russets, Portishead  AKA The Orchard	Grass area with trees crossed by footpaths, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.	Used by local residents as a community open space
Linnet Gardens, The Finches, Ashlands, Portishead AKA Phoenix Park	Open space, with trees. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER.	Used by local residents as a community open space
Land at Stonechat Green, Ashlands, Portishead  AKA Village Quarter Play Park	Open space, with trees and playground. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER.	Wellbeing & Fitness - open space for local residents with small or no gardens (nearby flats). Also part of Portishead Sculpture Trail
Merlin Park, Portishead	Recreational space with play area, boundary trees. No record on HER.	Special due to: <b>B W R</b>  (Could have) huge recreational value  Used by local residents as a community open space & play area including skate park

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Land north of Hawthorn Close, Portishead  AKA Bracken Wood	Woodland visible from footpath off Hawthorn Close and from roads to north. Contributes to townscape. Crossed by public footpath. HER shows archaeological site (point): site of hydraulic ram, C19.	Zig zag path PROW crosses this space  Considered an important local heritage asset
Land north of Denny View, Portishead	Woodland visible from roads. Contributes to townscape. HER shows archaeological site (point): remains of landscape garden of Bruton Manor C19.	Nore Road / Denny View ridge
Woodhill, between Pier Road and Wood Hill Park	This space is identified as a Local Green Space on the NSC policies map, but it is not included in Schedule 3 of NSC Sites and Policies Plan Part 2: Site Allocations Schedule 3. However, the Local Green Space Site Allocations Plan Background Paper <sup>3</sup> states that the site meets the Beauty criteria, stating ‘Wooded area. Attractive, helps break up urban fabric’ as justification.	Special due to: <b>H, B, W, T, R</b>  Playground for children. Refuge in the middle of town.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-03/local%20green%20space%20background%20paper.pdf>

## **Additional Local Green Spaces for designation in Portishead NDP**

Portishead Town Council has considered potential additional Local Green Spaces for designation in the NDP.

Suggestions for potential additional Local Green Spaces were collected via Environment Working Group discussions, evidence gathering, and wider public consultation on Commonplace. The longlist of suggested spaces is included in Table 2.

Place Studio undertook an initial assessment of each of the suggested spaces against national Local Green Space policy criteria. Those that were assessed as potentially suitable for designation were taken forward to the next stage which included further evidence gathering and wider consultation with the community landowners.

As part of Regulation 14 consultation, the wider community were asked to formally submit their comments on the draft proposals. This included formal consultation with relevant landowners. A summary of landowner comments has been included in this report.

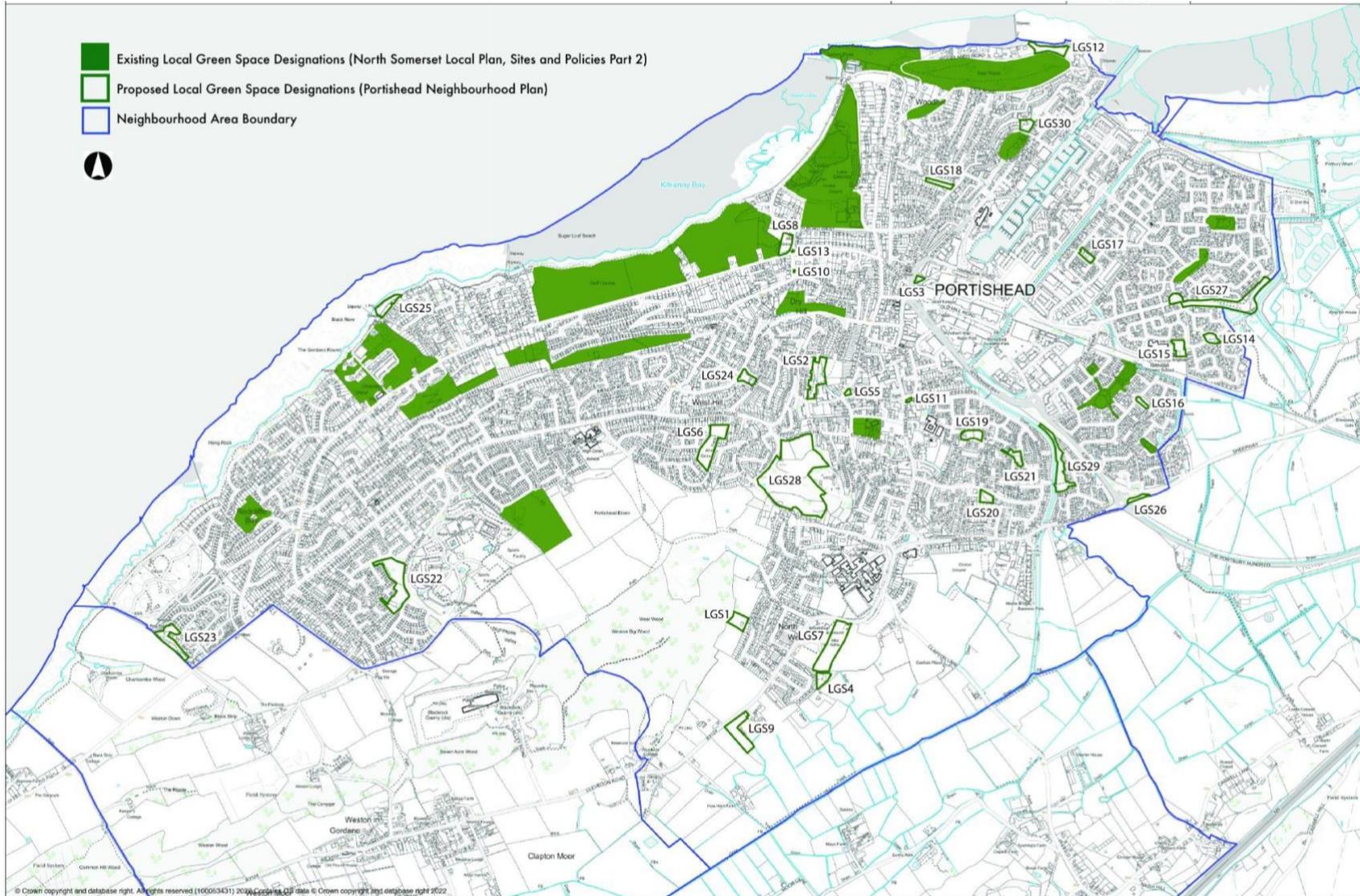
All comments received during Regulation 14 consultation have been considered, added to the evidence base, and have informed which spaces are proposed for designation in the submission version of the Portishead Neighbourhood Plan. An overview of the comments received during Regulation 14 is included in the Neighbourhood Plan's Consultation Statement. A verbatim copy of the comments received is included in the Appendix.

North Somerset Council provided detailed comments on the draft designations at Regulation 14 stage. A copy of these comments is included in Table A in the Appendix.

The Neighbourhood Plan's eventual Examiner will decide which spaces should be designated in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The assessment and draft recommendations are shown on Map 1 and Table 2 below.

# Map 1 Proposed Local Green Spaces



**Table 2 Assessment of Suggested Additional Local Green Spaces**

**Key**



Proposed Local Green Space designation



Unsuitable for Local Green Space designation



NDP Suggested Additional LGS	Is this site demonstrably special to the community? (assessment against NPPF LGS Criterion C)* <i>Extracted from Commonplace environment survey where relevant</i> <b>Beauty, Tranquility, Recreational, Wildlife, Historic Significance</b>	Assessment against NPPF LGS criteria A & B  <b>&amp; Planning Context</b>	Landowner (if known) and summary of landowner comment	Commentary if relevant, and recommendation
LGS2 Slade Road (West)	<p>Yes. Special due to: <b>W, T, R</b></p> <p>The Slade Road area comprises an area of sloping woodland with footpaths to west, and non-woodland scrub / wild area to east. A small stream runs through the land. The east part of the site is informally used for recreation (bike / bmx track). The land under consideration for LGS designation is the western woodland area only.</p> <p>This area was the playing field for the old Slade Road School. Footpaths criss-cross the site.</p> <p>During Regulation 14, this space was voted the top proposed LGS felt to be special to the local community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> <li>● Non-woodland, eastern part of site (area not being considered for designation) is covered by Sites and Policies Plan Part 2 allocation 'Proposed site for new residential development, Land south of Downside'</li> </ul>	<p>PTC own part of land (the woodland to the west of the space).</p> <p>North Somerset Council (NSC) own the eastern area of land, which is not being considered for designation.</p> <p>NSC object to the proposed designation of this space, stating that 'This site is allocated for housing in the Consultation Draft Local Plan to 2038 Preferred Options, carried over from the SAP. Para 3.8 of the Background paper indicates that land allocated for development in a local plan will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation.'</p>	<p>The area shown on the map is considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.</p> <p><b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b></p> <p>NSC objects to the proposed designation, but the existing Local Plan allocation for residential development on 'Land south of Downside' does not include the land being considered for LGS designation, rather it includes the land immediately to the east of this area. The area included within the Local Plan allocation for residential development is not proposed for Local Green Space designation.</p>

NDP Suggested Additional LGS	Is this site demonstrably special to the community? (assessment against NPPF LGS Criterion C)* <i>Extracted from Commonplace environment survey where relevant</i> <b>Beauty, Tranquility, Recreational, Wildlife, Historic Significance</b>	Assessment against NPPF LGS criteria A & B  <b>&amp; Planning Context</b>	Landowner (if known) and summary of landowner comment	Commentary if relevant, and recommendation
LGS3 The Potager Garden	Special due to: <b>R, T, B</b>  Flower and vegetable beds. Important resting place between village and marina areas.  This space is already an Asset of Community Value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary, no other relevant policy designations nor extant planning permissions.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS4 Mead Road Play Area	Special due to: <b>R</b>  Valued play space away from the road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>In green belt (DM12); outside of, but adjacent to, settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	PTC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS5 Tommy Broom Memorial and Green Space	Special due to: <b>H, B</b>  Tommy Broom received many awards for his service in the RAF including in the Second World War. After the war, he lived in Portishead. Portishead in Bloom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>

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	<p>planted five silver birch trees in this space in memory of Tommy after his death. There is also a British Legion War Memorial here (<a href="https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/197371/">https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/197371/</a>).</p> <p>The green space is an important asset to the community and a reminder of the bravery of Tommy Broom and his contemporaries. Approaching the green space, especially from the south along Slade Road, it is pleasant to see openness and trees within the built area.</p> <p>More information on this green space is included in the Appendix.</p>			
LGS6	Special due to: <b>R, W</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Close to the community that it serves</li> </ul>	Portishead and District Allotments Association	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria. See 'Local Green Spaces in Portishead' on p.2 above.

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Lower Down Road Allotments	Run by Portishead And District Allotment Association. No vacancies at present. More info at: <a href="https://www.hugofox.com/community/portishead-allotments-assn-15281/down-road/">https://www.hugofox.com/community/portishead-allotments-assn-15281/down-road/</a>  Often oversubscribed, these allotments provide an excellent recreation facility within a beautiful natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>		<b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments	Special due to: <b>R, W</b>  Owned by Portishead Town Council. Run by Gertie Gale's Allotment Association. '3 acres of plots with views over Gordano Valley just off the end of Portishead's High Street. Friendly people, keen amateurs...'. No plots currently available. More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● In green belt (DM12). Outside of, but adjacent to, settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	PTC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  See commentary above (LGS6) on why this allotment site is suitable for designation.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>

NDP Suggested Additional LGS	Is this site demonstrably special to the community? (assessment against NPPF LGS Criterion C)* <i>Extracted from Commonplace environment survey where relevant</i> <b>Beauty, Tranquility, Recreational, Wildlife, Historic Significance</b>	Assessment against NPPF LGS criteria A & B <b>&amp; Planning Context</b>	Landowner (if known) and summary of landowner comment	Commentary if relevant, and recommendation
	<p>info at: <a href="https://gertiegales.weebly.com/">https://gertiegales.weebly.com/</a></p> <p>Often oversubscribed, these allotments provide an excellent recreation facility within a beautiful natural environment. The Association has recently embarked on a series of hedge re-planting to improve biodiversity on the site.</p>			
COS Portishead Flower Show Field	<p>Special due to: <b>R</b></p> <p>Owned by the Portishead Horticultural society the field is used for many cultural events including the Annual Portishead show and acts as an outdoor entertainment venue for the town.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● In green belt (DM12). Outside of, but adjacent to, settlement boundary.</li> <li>● Response from landowner received during informal consultation. Landowner does not support the potential designation of this space as a</li> </ul>	<p>Portishead Horticultural Society</p> <p>Response from landowner received during informal consultation. Landowner does not support the potential designation of this space as a Local Green Space due to potential restrictions to development</p>	<p>Recommend not to progress as LGS, but to instead include this space as a 'Community Open Space'.</p> <p>Community Open Spaces are those that have a particular valued social community use such as a school playing field or medical centre garden. For these spaces, limited development of the land could be supported, so</p>

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		Local Green Space due to potential restrictions to development on site that the designation could impose.	on site that the designation could impose.	long as it is in keeping with its existing use, function and community value. These spaces are covered by Policy PEN7 in the NDP.
LGS8 Beach Hill Allotments	Special due to: <b>R, W</b>  Run by Portishead Allotment Association. No vacancies at present. More info at: <a href="https://www.hugofox.com/community/portishead-allotments-assn-15281/beach-hill/">https://www.hugofox.com/community/portishead-allotments-assn-15281/beach-hill/</a>  Often oversubscribed, these allotments provide an excellent recreation facility within a beautiful natural environment and with a great view of the Severn Estuary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within Settlement Boundary. Adjacent to Kilkenny Fields designated LGS.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  See commentary above (LGS6) on why this allotment site is suitable for designation.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS9	Special due to: <b>R, W</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> </ul>	PTC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.

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North Weston Allotments	<p>Owned by Portishead Town Council. Run by North Weston Allotment Committee. No vacancies at present.</p> <p>Often oversubscribed, these allotments provide an excellent recreation facility within a beautiful natural environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● In green belt (DM12). Outside of settlement boundary.</li> </ul>		<p>See commentary above (LGS6) on why this allotment site is suitable for designation.</p> <p><b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b></p>
LGS10 Island in West Hill	<p>Special due to: <b>H</b></p> <p>The small island on West Hill was created in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century as the horse drawn carts were struggling up the steep hill. This feature has remained since and the island in the centre is now maintained as a garden with a seat from where one can look at the Estuary and the shipping.</p> <p>Identified through local heritage work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> <li>● Within Portishead West Hill and Welly Bottom Conservation Area</li> </ul>	NSC	Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.

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	Portishead Community Design Statement refers to the important green space and variety of trees within this area; this space is an example of this.			
LGS11 Memorial Garden Brampton Way	Special due to: <b>H</b>  This space has a flower bed and two benches. The garden is a memorial for the families killed when the houses on the site were destroyed in a World War II bombing raid.  Identified through local heritage work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.
LGS12 Viewing Point, Woodlands Road and	Special due to: <b>H, B, T, R</b>  This is a viewing platform bounded by railings. The space provides views across the Bristol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> </ul>	Private owner	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>

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Royal Inn Wooded Area	<p>channel from within East Wood. There is an information board and two benches here. The viewing platform was converted in 1957 from an uploading point used during the building of the nearby Power Station.</p> <p>Part of this space was identified as a potential LGS through local heritage work. More information on this space is included in the Appendix.</p> <p>During Regulation 14, this space was voted the third most popular proposed LGS felt to be special to the local community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outside of, but adjacent to, settlement boundary.</li> <li>● Within Portishead East Wood Conservation Area</li> </ul>		
LGS13 Lorymers Park, Nore Road	<p>Special due to: <b>H, B, R</b></p> <p>This is a well-used triangle of tarmac offering panoramic views across the estuary, Lake Grounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	<p>Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.</p> <p><b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b></p>

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	and the Lido. There is a bench, a street lamp and two planters here. There are steps up providing access for pedestrians. The Gordano Civic Society is currently working on a project to restore the space and make it safer for users. Identified through local heritage work.			
LGS14 Sorrel Gardens	Special due to: <b>R, B</b>  Green open space with open grass, trees and pathway crossing the area from Fennel Road to Sorrel Gardens. There is a small play area to the south east corner of the space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS15 Marjoram Way Playing Field	Special due to: <b>R</b>  Next to primary school and used by children for football, basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>

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	& play. Always busy and used by local children.			
LGS16 The Park	Special due to: <b>B, T, W</b>  Open grass area, bordered by hedgerow and railings. Gated entrance. There are trees around the space. There is a footpath around the perimeter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS17 Paper Mill Play Area	Special due to: <b>R, B</b>  This space has a popular play area in the north east of the space. There is open grass to the south west.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary. Within land allocated for residential development in NSC Local Plan; since built out.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
COS1 Parish Wharf green amenity	Special due to: <b>R</b>  Well used and much needed bit of green space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> </ul>	NSC	LGS designation here could make it difficult for the Sports Centre to expand into this space or change available facilities in the future -

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space and play area		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>		<p>could be unintended consequences of prohibiting improvements / expansion of facilities here.</p> <p>Recommended to be included as Local Community Space instead.</p>
LGS18 South View Allotments	<p>Special due to: <b>R, W, T</b></p> <p>These allotments provide an excellent recreation facility within beautiful a natural environment.</p> <p>Hedgerow bounds the space to the east, providing habitat for biodiversity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>• Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>• Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	PTC	<p>Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.</p> <p>See commentary above (LGS6) on why this allotment site is suitable for designation.</p> <p><b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b></p>
COS2 Victoria Medical Centre Green	<p>Special due to: <b>R</b></p> <p>The Garden is a community project which has been set out by volunteers, to plant vegetables, fruit, enjoy the beautiful space as</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>• Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>• Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	N/A	<p>LGS designation here could make it difficult for the Medical Centre to expand into this space in the future - could be unintended consequences of prohibiting</p>

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	a community whilst improving our mental health. A sanctuary for those who need it and a place of calm.			improvements / expansion of medical facilities here.  Recommended to be included as Local Community Space instead.
LGS19 Halletts Way Park	Special due to: <b>R, T</b>  This area is popular with dog walkers and families. This is a valuable green space away from the road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS20 Brampton Way Playground	Special due to: <b>R, W</b>  Trees and hedgerow screen this area from Brampton Way, providing valuable habitat for wildlife. The play area is a valued recreational facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS21 Winford Close	Special due to: <b>R, W</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.

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	Commonplace comment: 'This is a valuable piece of open space used by the residents in the close young and old, the children play sports and games and the adults meet for coffee, tea and social get togethers as well as holding street parties etc. The area is frequented by wildlife; numerous squirrels, a woodpecker, owl, foxes and hedgehogs so needs to be protected as a valuable resource for all.'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>		<b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
COS3 Bristol Road Playing Fields	Special due to: <b>R</b>  Important local sports facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Local in character, though adjacent to open countryside to the south/east/west.</li> <li>● In green belt (DM12). Outside of settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	PTC	Recommended to be included as Local Community Space, where limited development of the land could be supported, so long as it is in keeping with its existing use, function and community value.
LGS22	Special due to: <b>R, W</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.

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Weatherly Drive / Nightingale Rise Play Park	This space is a Local Wildlife Site, important for local biodiversity.  Commonplace response described this area as a 'good community facility'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul> Local Wildlife Site		<b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS23 Charlecombe Rise	Special due to: <b>R</b>  Good quality green space accessible from Charlecombe Rise. Lots of dog walkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS24 Avon Way Play Park	Special due to: <b>R</b>  This is a valued local space for recreation including a basketball court and play area for children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS25 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	Special due to: <b>R, B, T, H</b>  Open grassed area, with benches adjacent to beach and coastal PROW. Access is via coastal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	Black Nore Lighthouse Trust	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>

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	<p>PROW, Nore Road PROW or available to residents in Fedden Village. Much used and valued by the community.</p> <p>During Regulation 14, this space was voted the second most popular proposed LGS felt to be special to the local community.</p>			
LGS26 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard	<p>Special due to: <b>W, T, B</b></p> <p>Valued open orchard area alongside B3124 and development at Sheepfield Gardens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Local in character; not an extensive tract of land.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	<p>Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.</p> <p><b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b></p>
LGS27 Village Quarter Ecology Park	<p>Special due to: <b>T, W, B</b></p> <p>Nature reserve valued for its beauty and tranquillity. Footpaths connect this space to adjacent open countryside.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Discreet area of land within settlement boundary, though adjacent to open countryside to the east.</li> <li>Within settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	NSC	<p>Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.</p> <p><b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b></p>

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LGS28 Fore Hill & Lyes Orchard	<p>Special due to: <b>W, B</b></p> <p>Commonplace comment: ‘Fantastic landlocked green space. Rich in flora and fauna including orchids, primroses meadow flowers. A traditional old orchard. Well used by deer badgers foxes owls and other birds bats and small mammals. Fantastic views. Would love this to be preserved. A real oasis of nature.</p> <p>Area at the top of Newlands hill is a wildlife and wild flower haven. Deer, badgers, a whole variety of birds including owls. Slow worms grass snakes and beautiful wild flowers.’</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Outside of, but adjacent to, the settlement boundary. Within Green Belt</li> <li>● Local Wildlife Site and Locally Important Geographical Site (NSC policy DM8)</li> <li>● Discreet area of land, though open countryside lies to the south west. St Mary’s Road forms south western boundary.</li> </ul>	<p>Private owner</p> <p>Response from landowners received during informal consultation; landowner does not support the potential designation of this land as a Local Green Space due to it already being protected already by existing designations and concerns that designation would change public accessibility.</p>	<p>Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.</p> <p><b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b></p>
LGS29 Heron Gardens	<p>Special due to: <b>B, R</b></p> <p>This is a strip of mown grass right next to the Portbury Ditch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Discreet area of land, the Rhyne forms the boundary to the west</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.

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	(Rhyne). It contains some raised mounds which look like flood defences, set 5-10 metres from the Rhyne. Area used by dog walkers and as a space for exercise.	and residential development lies to the north, east and south <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Within settlement boundary</li> </ul>		<b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
LGS30 Spanish Steps	Special due to: <b>R</b>  This space contains a zig zag set of steps in a semi-formal laid-out garden with a couple of benches with views. It is a steep area of land linking Eastwood with the Marina. The steps are a public right of way and the space is well used by walkers/dog walkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● Discreet area of land</li> <li>● Within settlement boundary</li> </ul>	NSC	Considered to meet NPPF LGS criteria.  <b>Propose to designate as a Local Green Space in the NDP.</b>
COS4 High Down Junior School Playing Field	Special due to: <b>R</b>	N/A	N/A	School grounds are not normally suitable for LGS designation as this would preclude development to improve school facilities or increase school places.

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				Included instead as Community Open Space, where limited development of the land could be supported, so long as it is in keeping with its existing use, function and community value.
COS5 St Joseph's Catholic Junior School Playing Field	Special due to: <b>R</b>	N/A	N/A	See above
COS6 Portishead Primary School Playing Field	Special due to: <b>R</b>	N/A	N/A	See above
COS7 Gordano School Field	Special due to: <b>R</b>	N/A	N/A	See above

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COS8 St Peter's Church of England Primary School Playing Field	Special due to: <b>R</b>	N/A	N/A	See above
Tower Farm Fields /  Fields that border Weston Big Wood /  Fields towards the ruined farmhouse above the police firearms centre /	Special due to: <b>T, R, B, W</b>  Not packed with houses. Views accessible to all not just residents. Perfect balance of wildlife and humans. Room for woodland to expand. Hosts many plant, avian, animal species. Dark skies. Bats.  Adundant wildlife, deer, kestrels, peregrine falcons, buzzards. Wildflowers and grssses. Good biodiversity. Popular walking area.  Views over valley, lovely walks and ability to get away from it all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is a large area and considered to be (part of) a wider tract of land.</li> <li>● There is not a clear boundary.</li> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves.</li> <li>● In green belt (DM12). Outside of settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	N/A	Not suitable for LGS designation due to its extensive nature and lack of boundaries.  Instead, this land is identified as part of a key GI corridor in Portishead. It is also a key element of the town's landscape setting. This land will be covered in the NDP within the relevant policy topics.

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Fields behind High Down School / Woodland around Valley Road Rock Quarry between Blackberry Lane and Merlin Park / Police HQ / Portishead Down	The fields behind The Downs have become incredibly popular since and during the lockdowns. So many people now use the fields closest to the style for kite flying, picnics, sitting, running, walking, flying remote controlled planes to name a few activities. The footpaths to Weston Big Wood have been used for the past 40 years that I have lived in Portishead, and we regularly see pheasants, deer, Sparrow hawks, Goldfinches, and a wide variety of birds, including swifts, the green woodpeckers and Greater spotted woodpecker, and fruit bats on warm evenings. They provide a safe corridor for the wildlife to travel into the woods. It is one of a decreasing number of sites in Portishead where you can have			

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	<p>peace and tranquillity, and hear the birdsong.</p> <p>Offers an escape from the urban environment. The area is used for recreation such as picnics, walking / running and the green areas encourage local wildlife</p>			
Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve	N/A		N/A	Outside of Neighbourhood Area, cannot be included in NDP
Land on both sides of railway	Special due to: <b>T, R, B, W</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Linear space, could be considered an extensive tract of land</li> </ul>		Potential conflict of LGS designation with Local Plan and NDP policy supporting the reinstatement of the railway line into Portishead.
Gordano Valley	Special due to: <b>H, B, W, T, R</b> Historic settlements (Clapton on Gordano, Walton in Gordano etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>Not local in character; an extensive tract of land</li> </ul>	N/A	This is a large scale area and not suitable for LGS. Can be included in the NDP evidence base

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	<p>have formed around it and it is an important part of their setting. It is a historic landscape of great beauty in all weather, full of wild life and ecology, crisscrossed by walks and a low trafficked road around most of it for safe cycling, a tranquil place even though the M5 runs along the slopes of its eastern edge</p>			concerning wider GI and biodiversity, landscape.
Weston Big Wood	<p>Special due to: <b>T, B W R</b></p> <p>Weston Big Wood; supports variety of rare birds , orchids etc in the Gordano Valley . Already a SSSI</p> <p>Abundant wildlife, deer, kestrels, peregrine falcons, buzzards. Wildflowers and grasses. Good biodiversity. Popular walking area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● The woodland is expansive and surrounded by open countryside.</li> <li>● In green belt (DM12). SSSI, Wildlife Site, area within South East of woodland is Regionally Important Geographical Site (DM8). Outside of settlement boundary.</li> </ul>	Avon Wildlife Trust	This space is already protected with a number of other designations.

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Field between North Weston Allotments and Weston Big Wood	Special due to: <b>W, B</b>  An important green space for our community. It is also an important space for the wildlife of the woods (deer, badgers etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reasonably close to the community that it serves</li> <li>● The field is outside of the settlement boundary and within the Green Belt.</li> </ul>	N/A	This area of land is covered in the landscape and character evidence base.

## Appendix

**Table A: Verbatim comments from Regulation 14 Commonplace responses on draft Local Green Space proposals**

Do you have any comments on draft Policy PEN6?	Are there any proposed Local Green Spaces identified on the map above that are particularly special to you?	Please tell us why your selected Local Green Spaces are special to you?
	LGS31 Spanish Steps, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS19 South View Allotments	
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	
urban green spaces have become even more vital/loved during the covid pandemic	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park	LGS2: fantastic urban green space, sadly neglected by local councils. needs to be maintained for the community
More areas should be set aside as green spaces between the town and the southern boundary. Portishead has had enough expansion	LGS3 Potager Garden, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard	I've worked on some with Portishead in Bloom. I have an allotment at Gertie Gales and live near to the Woodlands Road viewpoint
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS12 Memorial Garden Brampton Way, LGS14 Lorymers Park Nore Road, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS31 Spanish Steps, LGS3 Potager Garden, LGS5 Tommy Broom Memorial	
	LGS1 Underwood Road Play Area/Field, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard	
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree	
	LGS17 The Park, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS30 Heron Gardens	

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Very important to maintain green spaces esp LGS6 and LGS29	LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS24 Charlecombe Rise Play Park, LGS19 South View Allotments, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park	Lower Down Road Allotments are a vital amenity
Get all dogs on leads		
Agreed but central Portishead need more green lungs and open space.	LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments, LGS14 Lorymers Park Nore Road, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS3 Potager Garden	keeping spaces with vistas open and places to relax and enjoy what is best in Portishead
	LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard	childhood country ramblings
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard	
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS30 Heron Gardens	LGS2 is capable of being rewilded as it is next to the woods and brook. There are many mammals and birds in the hedgerows surrounding it. Digging up open grassland releases carbon into the atmosphere. LGS29 similarly is an important area for birds and mammals, such as badgers. LGS30 - I assume this is the area along the rhyne, which is much used by walkers and is important to keep it open.
I'd like to know more about what "special circumstances" could mean development on a designated Local Green Space. I can't think of any circumstances where this would be acceptable.	LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park	

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Support but again I would like to see Portishead town council being more forthright about the need to take Slade Road playing away from North Somerset Council and to resist any attempts from the district Council to develop what is already a wildlife haven:	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	Slade Road is a wildlife rich habitat put epitomises the very rewarding North Somerset Council say they are trying to achieve.
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park	
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS30 Heron Gardens	Favourite dog walks
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	Thinking of moving near there.
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS5 Tommy Broom Memorial, LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS19 South View Allotments, LGS23 Nightingale Rise Play Park, LGS24 Charlecombe Rise Play Park, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	
I think "very special circumstances" should be further clarified, especially as to the unlikelihood of them ever existing (e.g., once in a lifetime or less). Otherwise developers and certain types of politicians will seize on that opportunity to exploit the clause.	LGS24 Charlecombe Rise Play Park	My daughter used to play there.
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS5 Tommy Broom Memorial, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park	

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	LGS30 Heron Gardens	
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	LGS1 Underwood Road Play Area/Field, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments	
	LGS15 Sorrel Gardens, LGS18 Paper Mill Play Area, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS16 Marjoram Way Playing Field	
Support but more must be done to protect LGS2 Slade Road and the western part of the site is informally used for recreation (bike / bmx track). This is currently earmarked for residential development which is a real shame as it is used by children to play in and there is very little other green space close by. The land is also rich in wildlife and should be protected and enhanced as a community asset	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	The western part of the site is used for recreation (bike / bmx track). This is currently earmarked for residential development which is a real shame as it is used by children to play in and there is very little other green space close by. It is such a lovely sound on a summer evening to hear the field full of young people enjoying the weather and playing. The land is also rich in wildlife and should be protected and enhanced as a community asset. Dogs are also walked and we meet other owners there in a contained secure green space
Increase the number of designated green areas if they exist?		
What does exceptional circumstances mean in this instance?		
Please include Slade Road field as part of LGS2.	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	

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	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	
	LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS31 Spanish Steps, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard	They are spaces that I visit/pass regularly and have value to me and the community.
	LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS18 Paper Mill Play Area, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road	
LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field - The name implies inclusion of the NSC owned land to the east of the PTC owned land to the west. However, your map does not represent this. Please can you confirm that both the woodland to the west (PTC owned) and the grassland/scrub/mature hedgerows to the east (NSC owned) are together identified as Local Green Space LGS2, and they will both be excluded from PTC/NSC development plans, and be protected from future development in its entirety.	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	It is a crucial biodiversity hotspot used by many to access nature in the centre of an urban environment - Green pockets like this should be heavily protected from development pressures otherwise they will all be gone before we know it.
	LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS5 Tommy Broom Memorial, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS1 Underwood Road Play Area/Field, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road , LGS12 Memorial Garden Brampton Way, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard	

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<p>Good to see an effort being put into retaining our green spaces and protecting them against future development. I would be interested to know what 'very special circumstances' means though.</p> <p>All the green areas of portishead are very important allowing for crucial links between areas for wildlife. It's very important to retain whats left of our mature woodland areas both for wildlife, air quality and land stability/water absorption (in this case speaking of the wooland along Nore Road). This particular part of woodland has a huge variety of avian wildlife including sparrowhawks, woodpeckers, tawny owls, buzzards along with all our popular garden birds. I have witnessed or heard these species on a regular basis.</p> <p>The more open grassland areas complete a diverse environment for all of our wildlife as well as for enjoyment and recreational spaces between what is an otherwise very built up town.</p>		
<p>Having grown up in portishead the development in the last 10 years has been vast and it is important to retain what keeps portishead looking like portishead.</p>	<p>LGS3 Potager Garden, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS17 The Park, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field</p>	<p>LGS25 was my local park growing up and we enjoyed being so close to this and to be able to meet friends there. LGS11 is bit of a landmark and west hill wouldn't look right without the tree island. LSG29 are the beautiful spaces I used to walk past down St Mary's road to school everyday.</p>

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	LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS23 Nightingale Rise Play Park, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park	
	LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS23 Nightingale Rise Play Park, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	
I am pleased to see allotments included in the green spaces proposal, which has been a lifeline to those not lucky enough to have a garden over the past couple of years. I would have liked to see the fields surrounding Weston Big Wood that are established walking routes also.	LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS1 Underwood Road Play Area/Field, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard	Accessible without a car, year round.

<p>You have designated the golf course pitch and putt on Nore road a green space rather than a community facility. I would have to beg to differ and would hope that a consultation with the public takes place regarding the future use of the land before it's too late.</p> <p>Whilst nobody wants building on it, or any other green spaces, I feel it is important to ensure that development isn't limited beyond what would be required to maintain a good pitch and putt. I.e, a storage for tools/machinery, cabin for fees and clubs, as well as signage for safety issues with the new footpaths.</p> <p>I created an independent poll to ask the community if they wanted the pitch and putt to be reinstated. As of 4/5/22 - 320 had people cast their votes from all around Portishead and a few further beyond.</p> <p>The overwhelming result was that residents want the golf course reinstated. Out of 320, 299 voted for reinstatement of the course. 93.44%. This discussion needs to be had.</p> <p>I feel that this parcel of land should be treated separately to green spaces so not to void the future of the course should becoming a recognised green space hinder that outcome. I'm unsure of the legalities having both, that needs to be transparent. Can it be a</p>	<p>LGS14 Lorymers Park Nore Road</p>	
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green space with a pitch and putt business making profit on it?

The poll can be viewed here.

[https://www.portisheadtown.co.uk/poll/1227](https://www.portisheadtown.co.uk/poll/12274/)

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There is a green space in The Deans which local children use for playing, and The Triangle.	LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	Quiet with wonderful views.
I think we should consider a local food strategy to help protect any of the remaining large areas of land we are unable to secure as green space. Food is going to become an issue and if we can encourage more local family organic farming it would help protect local land from developers while also protecting biodiversity. I do not wish to see more community facilities 'consuming' any more green space.		
Strongly support this plan and to ensure not just are the spaces established but that they are invested in and managed.		I would select all of them
	LGS3 Potager Garden, LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road , LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park	Important to have allotments in the area as more apartments are built. Other areas are parts of the town enjoyed by adults and children
	LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard	The enhance areas of town that I frequent
.	LGS10 North Weston Allotments	Its a great space that provides so many people a reasonably priced way of getting fresh air, joining conunity and growing and eating their own healthy food.

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I would like to see the inclusion of established walking routes such as Portishead Down as designated green spaces.	LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard	Both area offered significant mental wellbeing benefit to local residents during the Covid pandemic and are now used more frequently.
	LGS1 Underwood Road Play Area/Field, LGS3 Potager Garden, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS4 Mead Road Play Area, LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS5 Tommy Broom Memorial, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road , LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS12 Memorial Garden Brampton Way, LGS14 Lorymers Park Nore Road, LGS15 Sorrel Gardens, LGS17 The Park, LGS16 Marjoram Way Playing Field, LGS18 Paper Mill Play Area, LGS20 Halletts Way Park, LGS24 Charlecombe Rise Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park, LGS30 Heron Gardens, LGS31 Spanish Steps, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS23 Nightingale Rise Play Park, LGS19 South View Allotments	

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<p>I believe that fields in close proximity to schools, particularly any routinely used for field trips etc should have this designation extended to them.</p> <p>I also would like to see this designation extended to the Portishead Downs fields that have established walking routes and are in close proximity to the school. I feel it is more important than ever for our children to have easy, safe access to local green spaces.</p>	<p>LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS19 South View Allotments, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments</p>	<p>I feel that the allotment areas are a great way for getting the community together and feel that all gardening/food growing should be encouraged in present times given the mental health crisis and to aid in reducing carbon emissions during food transportation. It has been proven that green spaces and access to gardening aid with anxiety, depression and other illnesses and I feel replacing these with more concrete and bricks will only have a negative effect on the community. We also need to be encouraging as much biodiversity and wildlife to our areas and I feel the orchards do this.</p>
	<p>LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS12 Memorial Garden Brampton Way, LGS20 Halletts Way Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space</p>	<p>we live on Brampton Way and we ourselves have a large side garden courtesy of the 12 pipelines underneath. Never underestimate the health improvement from green spaces.</p>
<p>Local green spaces are so important, I really value the green space near my home. Please fight tooth and nail to retain them. I would love to see areas beside the rhyne between Heron Gardens and Brampton Way returned to their natural condition. Slade Road play area/ playing field would be a great location for a community orchard.</p>	<p>LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field</p>	<p>They are peaceful and relaxing and help maintain contact with the natural world.</p>

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	LGS31 Spanish Steps, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard	Lived in these areas
	LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	LGS26 is on an important coastline and LGS28 is part of a nature reserve. Both areas are biodiverse with vulnerable wildlife.
	LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road , LGS17 The Park, LGS23 Nightingale Rise Play Park, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard	
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This is a vital part of the way forward for Portishead and its inhabitants. The plan must be implemented	LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS15 Sorrel Gardens, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS23 Nightingale Rise Play Park, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS28 Village Quarter Ecology Park, LGS9 Beach Hill Allotments	They give us space to walk, for our children to play. A space to congregate and get involved in our community

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	LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road, LGS18 Paper Mill Play Area, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	
It's important for every single person living in North Somerset to have access to every piece of green space we have	LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS6 Lower Down Road Allotments, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS17 The Park, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS31 Spanish Steps	My family are very active. Each open green space away from traffic and roads is something we appreciate highly. It's essential for our mental health and we seek out these green retreats. It's why we live here in portishead. Should parts of green space be taken away we would with a heavy heart consider moving away.

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<p>It feel important to understand what are the circumstance of green space protect 'except for in exceptional circumstances'? If a circumstance is money this feel it could not be protected for long. This map highlights how little green space is available.</p> <p>Not included: Are Portishead Down and Big Wood being protected? - this incredibly valuable green space is ignored on this map. Without this area, Portishead doesn't really have any green space. It depends on what is classed as a green space, for example, I wouldn't count the lake grounds a green space, it is a noisy attraction full of tourists with concrete and cars, not a place for wildlife, plants and tranquillity.</p>		
	LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	It is where I go to sit and clear my head. It is an important local landmark used and appreciated by many, and needs to be protected.

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Can Portishead Down be included in local green spaces?		
I am passionate to keep the picnic field and golf course as local green space, it has been lovely to see so many residents and visitors using them for walking and exercising their dogs. Both areas are key viewing points and need to be kept as such.		
I would like to see the whole of Portishead Down protected as a green space. These fields are important for the wildlife and ecosystems of Weston Big Woods and are enjoyed by residents from all over the town. Roads in the area and leading down onto the High Street are already congested at certain times of the day. Portishead has had more than its fair share of development over the last 20 years and green fields should be protected at all costs.		
I'm concerned by the phrase "Planning permission will not be granted except in very special circumstances" - it should not be granted at all if a local green space will be adversely affected.	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS27 Sheepway Roundabout Community Orchard, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space, LGS25 Avon Way Play Park, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS17 The Park	I use them and know that they are used and loved by others
	LGS12 Memorial Garden Brampton Way, LGS29 Fore Hill and Lyes Orchard, LGS31 Spanish Steps, LGS26 Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	

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Improve public use of space by making them more appealing to all, not just dog walkers	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	My daughter (then aged 9) wrote a powerpoint about this area imagining a beautiful central community hub offering a supportive, kind, friendly space for groups to come together to protect and enjoy this land. Including a petting farm, allotment space, education centre, cafe with locally sourced produce, local art and recycled reading material, natural play areas, outside theatre and much more. So much potential for this easily accessibly for many area. Dont let it go to waste or be developed into more housing in this area of town!!
	LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field	There are not many green spaces in this area of portishead for the residents to enjoy. A need and desire for this space has been demonstrated by those who have faced the odds to make this area work for them. with residents actively maintaining the area, maintaining a bike track, and popular with dog walkers too.
	LGS31 Spanish Steps	
we should keep local green spaces and create new ones	LGS1 Underwood Road Play Area/Field, LGS2 Slade Road Play Area/Playing Field, LGS4 Mead Road Play Area, LGS7 Gertie Gales Allotments, LGS10 North Weston Allotments, LGS11 Island in West Hill with Tree, LGS13 Viewing Point Woodlands Road	they are the places that can help people feel better

**Appendices Overleaf:**

North Somerset Council's comments on draft Local Green Space Proposals, received during Regulation 14 consultation.

Further Information to support Local Green Space Designation:

- Memorial to Squadron Leader Thomas John Broom DFC
- Viewing Point Woodlands Road East Wood Conservation Area

**Table 1 North Somerset Council comments on proposed Local Green Space Allocations**

<b>Site</b>		<b>Comment</b>
Field with Play Area, Underwood Road	LGS1	Wider field is 0.27ha so large enough for LGS, regarding <u>Background Paper on LGS 2016</u> . However the actual play area is not, at just 0.02ha, and inclusion of wider field is questionable if it is agricultural land (para 3.4 of Background Paper says LGS would not normally include agricultural land.)
Slade Road ground	LGS2	This site is allocated for housing in the Consultation Draft Local Plan to 2038 Preferred Options, carried over from the SAP. Para 3.8 of the Background paper indicates that land allocated for development in a local plan will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation. The Council objects to the proposal for LGS on this site.
Potager garden	LGS3	Area is too small regarding the Background Paper, being 0.08ha. (Under 0.2ha )
Mead Road play area	LGS4	0.21ha including peripheral treed area, so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
Tommy Broom memorial and green space	LGS5	Area is too small regarding the Background Paper, being 0.04ha.
Lower Down Road Allotments	LGS6	Para 2.12 of Background Paper on LGS states that allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation. Approx 1ha.
Gertie Gales Allotments	LGS7	Para 2.12 of Background Paper on LGS states that allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation.
Beach Hill Allotments	LGS9	Para 2.12 of Background Paper on LGS states that allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation. Size 0.55 ha approx..
North Weston Allotments	LGS10	Para 2.12 of Background Paper on LGS states that allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation.
Island in West Hill with tree	LGS11	Area is too small regarding the Background Paper, being 0.006ha.
Memorial garden, Brampton Way	LGS12	Area is too small regarding the Background Paper, being 0.03ha.
Viewing Point, Woodlands Road and Royal Inn Wooded Area	LGS13	Precise boundaries uncertain from map. Just the small, concreted viewing point may be too small, regarding Background paper on LGS. but the wider wooded LGS13 area appears to be well over 0.2 ha. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.

<b>Site</b>		<b>Comment</b>
Lorymer's Park, Nore Rd	LGS14	Area is too small regarding the Background Paper, being 0.007ha.
Sorrel gardens and play area	LGS15	0.21ha so just large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
Marjoram Way playing field	LGS16	Area is 0.33ha. May be ok for LGS designation if accessible and not a fenced off part of nearby Trinity school. Potentially might meet recreation criterion, though site not visited.
The Park, nr Tydeman Rd	LGS17	Area is too small regarding the Background Paper, being about 0.1ha.
Paper Mill play area	LGS18	0.21ha so just large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
South View Allotments	LGS19	Para 2.12 of Background Paper on LGS states that allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation.
Hallets Way park	LGS20	0.33ha, so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited. Includes play area.
Brampton Way playground	LGS21	0.23ha approx., so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited
Winford Close	LGS22	0.25ha so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited
Nightingale Rise and Weatherley Drive play park	LGS23	1.46ha so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
Charlecombe Rise play park and green space	LGS24	0.75ha so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
Avon Way green space and play park	LGS25	0.27ha so large enough for LGS regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
Black Nore Lighthouse Green Space	LGS26	0.42ha approx., so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
Sheepway roundabout community orchard	LGS27	Area is too small regarding the Background Paper, being 0.12ha.
Village Quarter Ecology Park	LGS28	Approx 1.3ha even excluding pond so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site

		not visited. Map seems to exclude pond but description in NDP seems to include it.
Fore Hill & Lyes Orchard	LGS29	This area is approx. 7.58ha so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. However, though largely a Local wildlife site, and including some large treed areas, it appears likely on Council's Earthlight mapping that much of the site might comprise agricultural land. Para 3.4 of Background Paper says LGS would not normally include agricultural land. Site not visited.
Heron Gardens	LGS30	0.64ha so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.
Spanish steps	LGS 31	0.25ha so large enough for LGS, regarding Background paper on LGS. Potentially might meet recreation and beauty criteria, though site not visited.