

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>	
	Green West of Severn Road, Midland Road Green	
1.2	Site location plan	
	See two areas outlined in red on attached map	✓ (1)
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation	
	Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group	
1.4	Ownership of site if known	
	Stroud District Council	
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)	
	Owner aware.	✓ (4a,b)
1.6	Photographs of site	
	See attached	✓ (2)
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space	
	Largely residents of Park Estate especially those who live on Park Road, Severn Road and Midland Road	
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?	
	No	
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?	
	Not allocated for development.	
3	Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	Total for all Greens: .91 hectares Severn Road Green West of Severn Road: 0.291 hectares Midland Road Green (South): 0.35 hectares Midland Road (North): 0.271 hectares	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?	

	No	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes; part of design of 1950s social housing estate. • Breaks up area of dense housing, provides visual interest and amenity space within close reach and sight of housing. Children can play and be within sight of their homes. • Footpaths across Greens connect different parts of the estate. • Views connect the estate to the surrounding area. • They are part of the character of the area forming a focal point and providing space for day to day recreation and special community events. • Trees on the Greens are an attractive natural feature. 	
4	Need for Local Green Space	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?	
	The estate is home to around 1,400 people; the Greens are green lungs for the area..	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves” <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community?	
	Map shows the Greens are at the centre of the community they serve.	✓(1)
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?	
	Few barriers except for roads running through estate.	
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community” <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council	
	Extract from Regeneration and Environment Committee 22 February 2016, Minutes	✓(3)
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements from Park Estate Residents on use of Greens May 2016. • Summary by APT worker of how Park Estate Greens used, March 2016 • Support for preservation of open spaces, including Park Estate Greens from various Neighbourhood Plan consultation exercises. See http://www.stonehousetowncouncil.com/the-council/stonehouse-neighbourhood-plan/neighbourhood-plan-consultation-results/ 	✓(5,6)
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders	

6.4	Evidence of support from other groups	
	Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group's Town Character Assessment, 2016	
7	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty," (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
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	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?	
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?	
8	Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance for example because of its historic significance" (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES / NO	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?	
	No	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?	
	Yes: large oak tree on Midland Road Green, see photograph.	✓(2)
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?	

	The whole estate shows a typical development of 20 th century social housing, perhaps with more generous provision of open space than some. Stonehouse increased rapidly in size during and after WWII as various industrial companies moved to the area.	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
	No	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?	
	No	
9	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its recreational value (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?	
	Informal games.	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?	
	Yes	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?	
	Children’s games. Dog walking and training. Similar use since estate was built. – see statements from residents.	✓(5)
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its tranquillity” (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 richness of its wildlife”; (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	YES / NO	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	

11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site?	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?	
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for any other reason”; (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
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	
	The Greens are a focal point for the estate, part of its identity and a venue for community events such as Family Fun Days, Pride in Your Neighbourhood Days, Play Gloucestershire summer activities. They have also been used as a learning resource, for example, for residents, including children taking part in a photography course at the APT community centre. Photographs of some events and from the photography course are on an attached document.	✓(2,5,6)