

## DESIGNATING LOCAL GREEN SPACES – ADDITIONAL SITES

If you would like to suggest additional sites, they have to fulfil certain criteria to qualify. To help you consider whether another area should be included, the Cotswold District Council have produced a Tool Kit to explain the process. We have summarised the guidelines as follows:

The proposed area:

1. Doesn't have existing planning permission and
2. Isn't allocated for development already, (except in special circumstances);
3. Is not an "extensive tract of land i.e. normally not over 20ha (50 acres);
4. Is "local in character";
5. Is in "proximity to the community" i.e. normally in 2km (1.25 miles) of the town;

And is "**demonstrably special to the local community**" by virtue of fulfilling at least one of the following categories.

**(a) Beauty** This relates to the visual attractiveness of the site, and its contribution to landscape, character and setting of Chipping Campden and Broad Campden. The LGS would need to contribute to local identity, character of the area and a sense of place, and make an important contribution to the physical form and layout of the settlement. It may link up with other spaces and allow views through or beyond the settlement which are valued locally.

**(b) Historic significance** The land may provide a setting for, and allow views of, heritage assets or other locally-valued landmarks.

**(c) Recreational value & (d) Tranquillity** The space may have a significance for recreation, perhaps through the variety of activities it supports, or it is a space for quiet reflection.

**(e) Richness of wildlife** This could include the value of its habitat for certain species and may provide "Wildlife Corridors" to other important areas for wildlife.

### Helpful Resources

1. In the **CDC Local Plan**, Policy S16 relates to Chipping Campden and states: 7.19.3 *Chipping Campden has a high quality townscape together with a fine landscape setting within the AONB.* (<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/k2kjqvq3b/cotswold-district-local-plan-2011-2031-adopted-3-august-2018-web-version.pdf> )
2. In the draft **Neighbourhood Development Plan**, the first objective is : *To protect and enhance the area's heritage assets and its AONB location, by encouraging development and conservation projects for uses that are sympathetic to the scale, design, heritage, and character of Chipping Campden and its beautiful landscape setting and resisting developments for inappropriate uses, that are unsympathetic to the scale, design, heritage, and character of the Town and its landscape setting.* (The draft can be found on the Town Council's website.)
3. The CDC Tool Kit can be found here: . (<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/ktklgauu/a-toolkit-for-communities-in-the-cotswold-district.pdf>).
4. If you would like to see how the Cotswold District Council has assessed submissions for other settlements including Blockley, please follow the following link : <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/2zub1vgr/5403-local-green-spaces-evidence-paper-part-1-feb-2017.pdf>
5. There's more advice at Open Spaces Society : <https://www.oss.org.uk/need-to-know-more/information-hub/local-green-space-designation/>