



Protecting the architectural and historic quality of Chipping Campden, its open spaces and its natural setting.

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Dear Member

DESIGNATING LOCAL GREEN SPACES - HOW YOU CAN HELP

***Respond by Monday 24 October ***

As you are probably aware, the Town Council has begun to consult residents about designating Local Green Spaces.

Choosing these areas is part of the process needed to construct and agree a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Chipping Campden and Broad Campden. You should have had a letter from the Town Council which includes a map of potential sites through your letter box.

If, for any reason you don't have this letter, you can find it on the Town Council website.

What is this process designed to do?

The designation enables communities to protect areas that are of value to them. If an area is designated as a "Local Green Space", it is subject to the same strong development restrictions as Green Belt, ruling out new development except in special circumstances.

How can you get involved? - Give Feedback.

The Town Council would like to receive comments from residents. Please look at the map and consider whether you would like them protected in this way and why. Submitting your views is very important at this stage since, if the community does not appear to value the sites put forward, there is a risk that some areas will be removed from the proposed list - and not protected.

A simple statement of support with a brief explanation as to why you think the site is important is all that is required - and would be so very valuable at this stage of constructing the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Suggest 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, we have written a short explanation of the process with links to various helpful websites (enclosed).



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What is the Campden Society doing?

The Campden Society is working with the Town Council to develop the Neighbourhood Development Plan. For the Local Green Spaces designation, we have proposed co-funding a report from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's "Planning for Wildlife" service to support the relevant aspects of the Local Green Space designation and the NDP.

We will also suggest adding the following sites due to their important contribution to the landscape, character and setting of Chipping Campden and Broad Campden:

1. The Hoo.
2. The fields between Chipping Campden and Broad Campden.
3. The Upper Leasows.

Certain sites on the Town Council's suggested list may be discounted by the Cotswold District Council because, in fact, they are already strongly protected by other legislation. This includes the Old Campden House site which is registered as a Listed Monument and the Coneygree which is owned by the National Trust.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you do make a comment to the Town Council or Cotswold District Council, please let us know.

With best wishes,

Elizabeth Devas
Chair