

Local Green Space

Local Green Space is a planning designation introduced by Government in the National Planning Policy Framework. The designation is a way to provide additional protection to green spaces (sites) which demonstrate particular importance to local communities in line with the criteria for Local Green Space.

A consultation was undertaken on the draft Local Green Space Criteria between 31 August – 29 September 2020 and can be viewed at <https://localplan.gravesham.gov.uk/consult.ti/LGS/consultationHome> . This document provides the information needed to take into consideration when nominating a site which you consider is very special to your community to be designated as Local Green Space by the Council.

Local Green Space Form

Site nomination

Site Details

Please answer the following questions (1-7) and attach a location plan of the designated site.

1. Please provide a description of Site (including location)
You must provide an answer to this question.

2. Please attach a location plan on an Ordnance Survey base clearly showing site boundaries, access to the site and the area that the site does or will serve.
3. What is the area of the site? (Hectares)

4. What is the current use of the site?

5. Who owns the site at present?

6. Is the owner of the site aware of this application? Yes No

Please provide any additional information

7. If yes, does the owner support this application? Yes No

Please provide any additional information

Site Assessment Criteria

Criterion 1

Does the proposed site benefit from an existing planning permission? Yes No

Please provide any additional information

Criterion 2

Is the proposed site a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

Yes No

Please provide any additional information

Criterion 3

Is the proposed site protected under existing policies or legislation? Yes No

Please provide any additional information

Criterion 4

Does the proposed site have clearly defined edges and feel local in character?

Yes No

Please provide any additional information

Criterion 5

How close is the proposed site to the community it serves? (you may wish to point out if you live close by and how frequently you or others you know use the proposed site.)

Criterion 6

Will the proposed site endure beyond the emerging plan period? Yes No

Please provide any additional information

Criterion 7

What evidence is there to demonstrate that the space has a particular local significance with respect to at least one of the following aspects:

Beauty - Please explain why you think the site is beautiful, for example you may wish to comment on the wide nature of the site, number of trees, wildlife etc.

Historic Significance - You may wish to comment on the historic use of the land by the community, links with a historic person or event, heritage features etc.

Recreational Value - You may wish to comment on the level of recreational activities undertaken at the site e.g. walking, community walks, bird watching etc. and how this affects health and well-being.

Tranquility - You may wish to comment on the tranquility of the site and how it differs from other locations within the local area and wider Borough.

Richness of its wildlife - Please comment on any wildlife you are aware of on the proposed site.

Appendix 3: Sets out which existing Local Plan Core Strategy Policies are proposed to be retained alongside any revised and new policies

Local Plan Core Strategy Policy	Recommendation
CS01: Sustainable Development	Policy requires no modification.
CS02: Scale and Distribution of Development	Policy requires modification in respect of the Borough's objectively assessed development needs. This may also necessitate a modification to the development strategy, Green Belt boundaries and the duration of the plan period. However, this can only be done via the plan making process i.e. the Local Plan Core Strategy Partial Review and development of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document.
CS03: Northfleet Embankment and Swanscombe Peninsula East Opportunity Area	Policy requires no modification.
CS04: Gravesend Riverside East and North East Gravesend Opportunity Area	Policy requires no modification.
CS05: Gravesend Town Centre Opportunity Area	Policy requires no modification.
CS06: Ebbsfleet (Gravesham) Opportunity Area	Policy requires no modification.
CS21: Land at Coldharbour Road Key Site	Policy requires no modification.
CS07: Economy, Employment and Skills	Policy generally conforms with the NPPF, however the 2019 NPPF now refers to only retail and leisure development at 2,500 m ² or greater outside of Gravesend Town Centre requiring an impact assessment i.e. no longer for office development. As the NPPF is a material consideration in decision-taking, no modification is needed. Changes have also been made to the General Permitted Development Order that are not currently reflected in Policy CS07.
CS08: Retail, Leisure and the Hierarchy of Centres	Changes have been made to the General Permitted Development Order that are not currently reflected in Policy CS08.
CS09: Culture and Tourism	Policy requires no modification.
	Policy requires no modification.
CS10: Physical and Social Infrastructure	Policy requires no modification.
CS11: Transport	Policy requires no modification.
CS12: Green Infrastructure	Policy generally conforms with the NPPF, however the 2019 NPPF also requires the identification and pursuit of opportunities for securing measurable net gains in biodiversity. As the NPPF is a material consideration in decision-taking, no modification is needed

CS13: Green Space, Sport and Recreation	Policy requires no modification.
CS14: Housing Type and Size	Policy requires no modification.
CS15: Housing Density	Policy requires no modification.
CS16: Affordable Housing	<p>Policy requires no modification. The 2019 NPPF advises that affordable housing should not be sought for residential developments of 9 dwellings or below, other than in designated rural areas where a lower threshold of 5 units or fewer can be set by policy. The glossary for the NPPF explains that 'designated rural areas' are National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and areas designated as 'rural' under Section 157 of the Housing Act 1985. The parishes in Gravesham are Designated Rural Areas and so the policy is in conformity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Housing (Right to Acquire or Enfranchise) (Designated Rural Areas in the South East) Order 1997 lists Cobham, Luddesdown and Shorne •The Housing (Right to Acquire or Enfranchise) (Designated Rural Areas) Order 1999 lists Higham and Meopham
CS17: Provision of Traveller Sites	Updated evidence on traveller housing need is not reflected in current policy.
CS18: Climate Change	Policy requires no modification.
CS19: Development and Design Principles	Policy generally conforms with the NPPF, however the 2019 NPPF sets out that Local Planning Authorities can make use of national describe space standards where their use can be justified. Whilst CS19 refers to local standards, the NPPF is a material consideration in decision taking, therefore no modification is needed.
CS20: Heritage and the Historic Environment	Policy requires no modification.