

## 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>	
	<b>Boakes Drive Green, Stonehouse, GL10</b>	
1.2	Site location plan <i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site. Please indicate the scale.</i>	
	<b>Map attached showing area for Local Green space designation outlined in red.</b>	✓ (1)
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation <i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised community group</i>	
	<b>Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group</b>	
1.4	Ownership of site if known <i>Information on land ownership can be obtained from the Land Registry. Some land parcels are not registered however local people may know the owner.</i>	
	<b>Stroud District Council</b>	
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)	
	<b>Stroud District Council have been made aware of the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group's intention for this site to be Designated Local Green Space.</b>	
1.6	Photographs of site	✓ (2a-2k)
	Yes. Photos showing wildlife, social life, recreational and other use of Green.	✓ (2a-2k)
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space	
	<b>Local residents of 109 homes, also people from nearby factories and friends of local families, children and teenagers and grand children</b>	
2	<b>Planning History</b>	
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?	
	<b>No. Site is not listed in Stroud District Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Update report as of 1 April 2011.</b>	
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?	
	<b>If development was to proceed it would be important to retain a large proportion of the land for public amenity and for wildlife access.</b>	
3	<b>Size, scale and "local nature" of proposed Local Green Space</b>	

3.1	Area of proposed site	
	<b>0.4 hectares</b>	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?	
	<b>The area is small</b>	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”? <i>e.g. does the site feel as though it is part of the local area? And why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? What is your evidence?</i>	
	<b>The green was part of Boakes Drive from when estate first built in the early 90's. A survey of residents show that people relate to it on a daily basis.</b>	✓(3)
4	<b>Need for Local Green Space</b>	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location?	
	<b>Residents use it daily for recreation and wildlife use it. Youngsters would have to cross bridge to other side of canal or the busy A419 to get to green space.</b>	
5	<b>Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”</b> <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community?	
	<b>The site is within one km of the community it serves. See map.</b>	✓(1)
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?	
	<b>None</b>	
6	<b>Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”</b> <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council	
	<b>Extract from minutes of meeting of Stonehouse Town Council's Regeneration and Environment Committee meeting 4 April 2016</b>	✓(4)
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.	
	<b>A survey of local residents which was 100% supportive. Emails to support the retaining of Boakes Drive Green as Local Green Space.</b>	✓(3,5)
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups <i>e; Cotswold Water Park Trust; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i>	
7	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty,” (if applicable)</b> <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	

7.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	<b>YES / NO</b>	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	<b>Proximity to canal and views of surrounding hills, the trees on the site and the wildlife that uses it. See Boakes Drive Survey, May 2016</b>	✓(3)
7.3	Site visibility	
	<b>Views of the Stroudwater Navigation Canal and Selsley Hill and Penn woods.</b>	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	
	<b>The site is within the Stroud District Council Industrial Heritage Conservation Area. See map of conservation area.</b>	✓(6)
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?	
<b>8</b>	<b>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></b>	
8.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	<b>YES / NO</b>	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?	
	<b>The area has historic significance for its connection to part of Stonehouse’s canal and industrial heritage being close to the Stroudwater Navigation Canal. It is within the Stroud Industrial Heritage Conservation Area. See map of conservation area.</b>	✓(6)
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?	

9	<b>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)</b> <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
9.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	<b>YES / NO</b>	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport?	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site?	
	Public have full access to the whole site	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when? <i>e.g. dog walking; sledging; ball games etc</i>	
	<b>Dog walking, playing, ball games and community events have taken place since estate built from 1991</b> <b>See Boakes Drive Survey May 2016 and E-mail messages of support</b>	✓(3,5)
10	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its tranquillity” (if applicable)</b> <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
10.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	<b>YES / NO</b>	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil?	
	<b>The site is tranquil as flanked by Canal and there are trees to buffer sound from the busy A419 nearby.</b>	
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	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the richness of its wildlife”; (if applicable)</b>	
11.1	Is this criteria relevant to this site ?	
	<b>YES / NO</b>	
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?	
	<b>Swans and their cygnets, ducks, coots, kingfisher, herons and fox have been seen on the site. See photographs, survey and e-mails.</b>	✓(2a,b,e, 3,5)

11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?	
12	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for any other reason”; (if applicable)</b> <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
12.1	<b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b>	
	<b>YES / NO</b>	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community	
	<b>The Boakes Drive Green site is used for community events where some people met for the first time and have remained friends since, hence enhancing local residents lives. See survey and photographs.</b>	✓(2 c,d,h,i,j,k, 3)