

Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space	
<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS001</b>	Castle Cove Beach
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	DT4 8QB Map attached Revised map produced 20/10/22 following site visit with applicant Grid ref centred at Easting 367565 and Northing 77625
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.4 Hectares
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Three landowners: [REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Part of the general SSSI designation of Portland Harbour Shore (29 ha). Designated as coastal access by the Secretary of State 26 January 2012.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational beach. Used by a variety of people of all ages and abilities estimated at 80,000 per year.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Recognition as a designated communit asset for recreational use by all and environmental education of young people.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	<p>The wooden bridge accessing the beach is the most-used bridge on a public footpath in Dorset.</p> <p>2,500 people belong to the Facebook page. 20 people empty the bins in the winter; a different group watch over the beach to ensure it doesn't get damaged; 10 trustees run the charity; 22 people send donations every month; 1,000 people came to the opening the steps. Regularly get 200 people coming to social events held in support of the beach. It is a beautiful, peaceful beach, especially used by young families, dog walkers, sea swimmers, and bird watchers. It has been used for the past 100 years by the local community. It was first mentioned in the Weymouth Almanac of 1928. It has an area of sea grass, that is protected, as it is the home to sea horses and other rare marine animals. Brent Geese, seals, dolphins, crabs, lobster, sea bass, mullet and wrasse have all been observed. Herons fish in the shallows. Black-headed gulls and grebe are regular visitors. Crows and magpies are populating the shoreline. There is a wide variety of fauna on the beach, Butterfly identification competitions have produced promising results.</p> <p>Have run environmental surveys with local school, and beach training sessions to identify seaweed. In 2021 ran a Duke of Edinburgh scheme for young volunteers.</p> <p>Castle Cove beach is a much loved community asset, designated as coastal access. Nearly lost it seven years ago when the steps to the beach were moved; a charity was formed to campaign for the reinstatement of the steps. After a five-year campaign £40,000 was raised to build new steps to the beach. Community would like it to have formal recognition as a community asset and not be subject to inappropriate development. Access to the beach is guaranteed by the Public Footpath 125, and steps provided by and maintained by the charity, over land with a 99-year lease. The beach is used by the local community, who live at a distance of 100 metres to a kilometre away, and by visitors and tourists who have historical attachments to the beach.</p>

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?			
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?			
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?			
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		An integral part of the community and around 0.5 hectare in area
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Residents who use this live within 100 to 1000 metres the proximity of which can be confirmed from an OS map.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	Y		Part of the SSSI and extensively used for recreation by the community.
Historical value	Y		Community use for 100 years and mentioned in Weymouth Almanac of 1928.
Recreational value	Y		Existing recreational use by the community of around 80,000 people per year supported by a community charity.
Tranquility	Y		Coastal location on the Portland Harbour shore SSSI
Wildlife value	Y		Important coastal and inland species – Sea Horses, Seals, Dolphins, crustaceans, Sea Bass , Heron, Butterflies. An area of mixed deciduous trees lie immediately adjacent to a length of the beach. The area is covered in the DERC Ecological Network Map as Tier 5.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>			
Supporting statement from applicant.			
<b>Landowner Response</b> No Response			
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>			
Site visit 15/10/2022 and site boundaries reassessed.			
Yes	Date of assessment decision. 15/05/2023		
Decision endorsed by SG			Date: 15/05/2023

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS002 and 006</b>	Hurdlemead
<b>Location of the Space ( Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	See applicant map. Land off Elwell Street Upwey bounded by Grid Ref SY 665 847, 668 848, 668 846, 667 845, 666 847, 665 846
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	5.5 hectares
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Borders AONB but does not lie within it. Part of Important Open Gap?
<b>Current use of site</b>	Agricultural – grazing of cattle and previously arable for wheat/maize. Past use for local recreational events
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Important amenity area crossed by footpaths and linking different areas of the village of significant recreational value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	The Upwey Society has historically used this for community events due to its central and accessible location. It has the benefit of an area of adjacent land that can be used to extend the capacity for larger social events. No other suitable area exists within the village.

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<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>		N?	
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Central to and connects different areas of the community. Around 5 hectares in size.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Centrally located between residential areas.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		The setting in relation to nearby cottages provides an attractive English rural scene.
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		Historical use for village events. An open field meadow since at least 1899 (refer to Ordnance Survey maps)
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Well used by the local community for walking/dog exercise and by families.
<b>Tranquillity</b>	Y		Peaceful area allowing access between areas of the village away from road traffic.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Substantial agricultural hedgerows (mainly Prunus and Bramble with some Hazel and Willow) to the field provides important wildlife habitat

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Additional consistent supporting information is provided by another applicant (Submission WTCLGS006)

Location - 50°39'40.46"N, 2°28'17.42"W

Map attached showing field boundaries

Area 5.7 Hectares

Beauty/Tranquility – the site itself is a beautiful view within Upwey. Elwell Street is used by many ramblers, walkers, bicyclists, horse riders and runners who all enjoy the tranquil view across the field.

While Upwey has expanded naturally through the years, the road from Upwey Church, past the Wishing Well, along Elwell Street to the Ship Inn can be considered the heart of this ‘hamlet’ and the field is its centre piece.

Historical value – the site has been an open field ‘meadow’ since at least 1899 based on an Ordinance Survey map. The field itself borders a terrace of cottages noted by Eric Ricketts in his 1970 study of ‘The Buildings of Old Weymouth’ as “worthy of most careful conservation”. The area as a whole must be protected to retain the character and integrity of these cottages.

The field itself is noted as a green gap by Dorset Council.

Recreational value – the site is used for dog walkers all year round. Several young families in the local area use it for walks and recreation. There are at least five footpath entrances to the site, offering numerous routes for walkers and ramblers.

Wildlife value – there are thick hedgerows surrounding the fields providing habitat for local wildlife. Deer, pheasants and other animals are frequently witnessed.

The field lies in the heart of Upwey along Elwell Street and is used by the local community all year round for walking and recreation.

**Landowner Response**

**E-mail dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed green space at Upwey Weymouth, know to me as Hurdlemead. I am a shareholder of [REDACTED] that owns the land. I completely reject the proposed green space plans. I believe it should be farmed the way it has been for the last 100 years or so.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Email dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

I last wrote to you on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 telling you I would ask the Beneficial Owners of Hurdlemead their opinions of, and objections to, if any, of the above.

Some I know have responded to you directly. Others I have spoken to are all in opposition to the proposal. Their opposition is based upon this being an unnecessary intervention that may well limit future farming, food production or development opportunities. Also, that the grounds for its designation are questionable.

The Trustees, [REDACTED] are the registered owners of the land. The Beneficial Owners are those who ultimately own control of the land. To the Trustees and the majority of the Beneficial Owners it appears that the case for designation of this piece of land is unsound in respect of the legislation. I have taken the following points from the Appendix of your letter:

- Demonstrably special to the community. There has been no demonstration of why this field is special.

- Beauty. In comparison to the numerous surrounding undesignated green spaces that are mainly part of the AONB, this farm land is managed in a relatively intensive way. As such, it is arguably considerably less attractive than its neighbouring countryside. In fact, the field is surrounded by, if not directly, but in very close proximity, to beautiful land which is very typical of traditional Dorset pasture.
- Historic significance. No evidence of this.
- Recreational Value. This is farm land. As such the only access to the public is via designated footpaths. Any deviation from this will limit the ability of the land to be farmed productively for food. A commodity not to be overlooked in these times. We accept that access via the designated footpaths is important to those who use them and should be preserved. All footpath access is however protected by other legislation and stands independent of this "green space" proposal.
- Tranquillity. In comparison to surrounding areas with public access especially those to the west, this field it is arguably less tranquil than its surroundings.
- Richness of wildlife. There is no evidence that this field has any more richness of wildlife than any of the surrounding farmland. It is probable that the land has a different flora and fauna makeup from the domestic properties it abuts. However, this is true of every field that adjoins a community.
- Local in character. Again, because of the way this field is farmed it is less typical of the prevailing character as displayed in the surrounding areas.

Please will you acknowledge your receipt of this communication and confirm that the points raised will be considered by the members of the planning committee. Also, please can you keep me informed of any decisions relating to this issue.

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102. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

I would be happy to discuss it further, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited on 07/08/2022 and 10/10/2022**

**Yes** **Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG** **Date 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS003, 007, 008</b>	
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Area of Woodland with footpath between Grove Avenue and Beaumont Avenue and adjacent to Lodmoor Nature Park. DT4 7RT Grid ref 682 811
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0,4 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	██████████
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	
<b>Current use of site</b>	Green space with several areas of informal walkable access.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Green area for recreational and wildlife value with excellent access to residents.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Forms a buffer zone adjacent to Lodmoor Nature Park. Wildlife value specifically Green Woodpecker, Foxes, Bats, Tawny Owl. Used by families for recreational use such as blackberry picking and forms part of an important walking route for access to the Lodmoor Nature Park.

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Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?			
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?			
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to a residential area
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty		N	
Historical value		N	
Recreational value	Y		Family activities such as blackberry picking, wildlife observation
Tranquillity	Y		A peaceful oasis alongside a quiet footpath leading to Lodmoor Country Park.
Wildlife value	Y		Habitat for a variety of wildlife including Bats and Tawny Owl. The location is covered in the DERC Ecological Network Map as a High Potential Network buffer zone over part of the area. Deciduous tree (Ash, Willow, Elder, Silver Birch etc) and areas of Bramble hedge and Buddleia provide cover for garden birds such as Wren and habitat for butterflies

such as Speckled Wood both of which were observed during the site visit.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

**Other applicants submissions (WTCLGS007 and WTCLGS008) refer to the same area.**

**Landowner Response**

Letter of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

██████████ objects to this site being put forward as a Local Green Space and requests that it is removed. There is the possibility that this site could be developed for housing.

An earlier undated note headed '██████████ comment on Weymouth Town Council's proposal to designate sites as Local Green Spaces in the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan' contains the following reference – "██████████ no objection to being identified as Local Green Space

- Grove Avenue, Weymouth – ██████ have looked at the possibility of a self and custom build 1-2 homes where the land meets Grove Avenue but don't believe this is really a suitable infill housing site therefore no objection to being identified as Local Green Space (Ref WTCLGS003/007/008)"

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**Site visited 10/10/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS004A</b>	Field adjacent to Hurdlemead off Elwell Street, Upwey.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	See applicant map. Land off Elwell Street Upwey bounded by Grid Ref SY668 845, 668 844, 666 844, 667 845, 667 846 consisting of two adjacent fields.
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.95 hectares
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Unknown. The two fields may have different ownership.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Borders AONB but does not lie within it. Part of Important Open Gap?
<b>Current use of site</b>	Uncultivated rough pasture previously used for horse and sheep grazing.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	An important buffer zone for wildlife and provides a 'green gap' that maintains the beauty and character of this part of Upwey. Footpaths provide access for recreational use.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	See submission WTCLGS004A

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The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		Central to and connects different areas of the community. Around 1.95 hectares in size.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Centrally located between residential areas with footpath access.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty		N	
Historical value		N	
Recreational value	Y		Well used by the local community for walking due to footpath access.
Tranquillity	Y		Peaceful area allowing access between areas of the village away from road traffic.
Wildlife value	Y		Uncultivated area of rough grassland with patches of bramble scrub which provide cover for birds and mammals. Prunus and bramble boundary hedges provide winter food for birds. There are a number of established trees along the hedge lined perimeter including Ash, Hazel, Sycamore and some Willow.

## Landowner Response

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**Site visited on 07/08/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS005A</b>	Wey Valley Watermeadows – Part A
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	On River Wey centred at SY 366362 81800
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.7 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Lies within the Radipole Conservation Area. Lies within the flood zone of the River Wey and is subject to natural flooding.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Watermeadows with open access and occasional horse exercise and grazing. No crops grown. Accessed and crossed by two public footpaths. Part of the Wey Valley Walks and much walked over by local residents and visitors.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	The watermeadows and River Wey running through them, are a highly valued local area. The areas are used by local walkers, local residents and their families as a free open green space for recreational purposes. More specialist use is made by naturalists observing the wildlife both in the meadows and the river.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

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<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>			
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Watermeadows are an important feature of the local character associated with the River Wey Valley. Approx 5 hectare.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Adjacent to the village of Nottingham and both established residential areas (Redlands, Dorchester Road) and housing under construction.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		Watermeadows along the River We
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		The area is rich in Public Rights of Way which ran through and connected the main Corfehill Estate, local farms and communities to St Anne’s Church in Radipole.

<b>Recreational value</b>	Y	<p>The area is used on a daily basis by walkers; individuals, groups, dog-walkers, couples and families throughout the year.</p> <p>Local residents from Radipole, Redlands, Broadway and Nottingham access the area which is 180m from the nearest residential area (Corfe Road Estate) and 580m from the Dorchester Road. Access for local people and visitors is by public footpaths from Dorchester Road, Radipole Lane, Nottingham Lane, Causeway Lane and Harbour Hill. The area features in the River Wey Walks promoted by the River Wey Society and provides one of the few walking areas beside the river where the path is not bounded by fences. Whilst there are designated PRow additional paths criss-cross the fields. The area is much used by local dog walkers as their dogs can run off leash and swim in the river.</p> <p>The area has been used by locals for more than 40 years without challenge.</p>
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y	<p>The tranquility, calm and natural beauty of this area furthers the wellbeing of the walkers and strollers. This one of the few areas where walkers can walk along the banks of the River Wey without being shut in by a fence or housing.</p>
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	<p>Otters and deer have been seen, small mammals live in the meadow tussock grass and are preyed upon by kestrel, owls and buzzards. Kingfisher, swallows and martins nest in the area and use the area for hunting. Comes within the DERC Ecological Network map and High Potential Network map.</p>
<p><b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b></p>		
<p>The site is close to the Redlands built-up area and there is likely to be more building nearby on Redlands Farm and fields off Nottingham Lane. It is regularly used by residents and via the River Wey Walks by longer distance walkers. It is accessible to Radipole, Redlands and Nottingham communities via public rights of way from the main roads.</p>		
<p><b>Landowner Response</b></p> <p><b>NO RESPONSE</b></p>		
<p><b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b></p>		
<p>Submitted by Town councillor and theme group member. Site overview provided during a neighbourhood plan walkabout in November 2021.</p>		
<p><b>Yes</b></p>		<p><b>Date of assessment decision. 23/02/2023</b></p>
<p><b>Decision endorsed by SG</b></p>		<p><b>Date: 15/05/2023</b></p>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS005B</b>	Wey Valley Watermeadows – Part B
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Post code DT3 5 Watermeadows on River Wey bounded by hedges and river bank centred at SY 366299 81946
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	3.5 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Lies within the flood zone of the River Wey and is subject to natural flooding.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Watermeadows along the River Wey with open access for recreation, exercise, dog-walking, and nature.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	The watermeadows and River Wey running through them, are a highly valued local area. The areas are used by local walkers, local residents and their families as a free open green space for recreational purposes. More specialist use is made by naturalists observing the wildlife both in the meadows and the river.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Periodically used for grazing cattle (a couple of months a year)back in 2019 but since Redlands farm has switched to growing corn on the cob for cattle on the fields outside the flood plain

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Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		Watermeadows are an important feature of the local character associated with the River Wey Valley. Approx 5 hectare.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Adjacent to the village of Nottingham and both established residential areas (Redlands, Dorchester Road) and housing under construction.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	Y		Watermeadows along the River Wey
Historical value	Y		The area is rich in Public Rights of Way which ran through and connected the main Corfehill Estate, local farms and communities to St Anne’s Church in Radipole.
Recreational value	Y		The area is used on a daily basis by walkers;

		<p>individuals, groups, dog-walkers, couples and families throughout the year.</p> <p>Access for local people and visitors is by public footpaths from Dorchester Road, Radipole Lane, Nottingham Lane, Causeway Lane and Harbour Hill. The area features in the River Wey Walks promoted by the River Wey Society and provides one of the few walking areas beside the river where the path is not bounded by fences. Whilst there are designated PRow additional paths criss-cross the fields. The area is much used by local dog walkers as their dogs can run off leash and swim in the river.</p> <p>The area has been used by locals for more than 40 years without challenge.</p>
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y	The tranquillity, calm and natural beauty of this area furthers the wellbeing of the walkers and strollers. This one of the few areas where walkers can walk along the banks of the River Wey without being shut in by a fence or housing.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	Otters and deer have been seen, small mammals live in the meadow tussock grass and are preyed upon by kestrel, owls and buzzards. Kingfisher, swallows and martins nest in the area and use the area for hunting. Comes within the DERC Ecological Network map and High Potential Network map.
<p><b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b></p> <p>The site is close to the Corfe Road Estate (260m) and the Redlands built-up area (580m) and there is likely to be more building nearby on Redlands Farm and fields off Nottingham Lane. It is regularly used by residents and via the River Wey Walks by longer distance walkers. It is accessible to Radipole, Redlands and Nottingham communities via public rights of way from the main roads.</p>		
<p><b>Landowner Response</b></p> <p><b>NO RESPONSE</b></p>		
<p><b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b></p> <p>Submitted by Town councillor and theme group member. Site overview provided during a neighbourhood plan walkabout in November 2021.</p>		
<p><b>Yes</b></p>		<p><b>Date of assessment decision. 23/02/2023</b></p>
<p><b>Decision endorsed by SG</b></p>		<p><b>Date 15/05/2023</b></p>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS005</b>	DT3 5 Watermeadows As the site is across two separate fields under separate ownership it might be presented as two designations A and B.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	12 acres (4.9 Ha) on River Wey two fields bounded by hedges and river bank centred at SY 366291 81878 - see Map.
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	5.1 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Field A is within the Radipole Conservation Area. Both areas are in the flood zone of the River Wey and are subject to natural flooding.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Part A open access and occasional horse exercise. Part B open access for recreation, exercise, dog-walking, and nature with some occasional use for grazing cattle
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	The watermeadows and River Wey running through them, are a highly valued local area. The areas are used by local walkers, local residents and their families as a free open green space for recreational purposes. More specialist use is made by naturalists observing the wildlife both in the meadows and the river.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>			
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Watermeadows are an important feature of the local character associated with the River Wey Valley. Approx 5 hectare.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Adjacent to the village of Nottingham and both established residential areas (Redlands, Dorchester Road) and housing under construction.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>			
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		The area is rich in Public Rights of Way which ran through and connected the main Corfehill Estate,

			local farms and communities to St Anne's Church in Radipole.
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		The area is used on a daily basis by walkers; individuals, groups, dog-walkers, couples and families throughout the year. Access for local people and visitors is by public footpaths from Dorchester Road, Radipole Lane, Nottingham Lane, Causeway Lane and Harbour Hill. The area features in the River Wey Walks promoted by the River Wey Society and provides one of the few walking areas beside the river where the path is not bounded by fences. Whilst there are designated PRoW additional paths criss-cross the fields. The area is much used by local dog walkers as their dogs can run off leash and swim in the river. The area has been used by locals for more than 40 years without challenge.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		The tranquility, calm and natural beauty of this area furthers the wellbeing of the walkers and strollers. This one of the few areas where walkers can walk along the banks of the River Wey without being shut in by a fence or housing.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Otters and deer have been seen, small mammals live in the meadow tussock grass and are preyed upon by kestrel, owls and buzzards. Kingfisher, swallows and martins nest in the area and use the area for hunting. Comes within the DERC Ecological Network map and High Potential Network map.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

The site is close to the Redlands built-up area and there is likely to be more building nearby on Redlands Farm and fields off Nottingham Lane. It is regularly used by residents and via the River Wey Walks by longer distance walkers. It is accessible to Radipole, Redlands and Nottingham communities via public rights of way from the main roads.

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**NO RESPONSE FROM LANDOWNER**

Submitted by Town councillor and theme group member. Site overview provided during a neighbourhood plan walkabout in November 2021.

**Yes/No**

**Date of assessment decision.**

**Decision endorsed by ?**

**Date**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS009, 010 and 015</b>	Elm Close Recreational Area
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Elm Close , Preston DT3 6JN see Map WTCLGS009/010
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.25
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Adjacent to Lodmoor Nature Park
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational use including a Play Area owned by Weymouth Town Council
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	An important community green space in a residential area for use by all age groups.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Additional information was provided by two other applicants ref WTCLGS010 and 015. Used as a picnic area with the woodland being used for informal play. The increasing number of flats in the area has resulted in increased value to dog walkers as an important open space. The area is close to a residential area with an older population who value the walkable access to this green space. Daily use by residents of all ages. The ability to sit and hear birdsong is valued. Residents are keen to support the preservation as a community space.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>			
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Around 1.25 hectare and located central to housing development.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to a large area of mixed housing.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>		N	
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		An enclosed childrens play area is surrounded by grassed areas with seating and wild areas along the southern perimeter. Local schools use the facility. and the outer area is used by local people for walking and walking dogs.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		The only green area within this residential area with provision for a wide range of age groups. A peaceful

		environment in which people can sit quietly and enjoy the surroundings with views towards the Lodmoor Nature Park (RSPB)
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	Richness of the wildlife (deer, fox, badger and rabbits) in the habitat of the grassed areas and wooded/scrub perimeter in this residential area. The area is covered in the DERC Ecological Network map as Tier 3 and as a High Potential Network.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
Three submissions for this site received from local residents and an on site meeting held with a local councillor and several residents on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2022.		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>Letter of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>		
Dorset Council objects to the whole of this site being put forward as a Local Green Space and requests that the northern part of the site in the ownership of Dorset Council is removed.		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision. 15/05/2023</b>	
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>	<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>	

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS004A</b>	Field adjacent to Hurdlemead off Elwell Street, Upwey.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	See applicant map. Land off Elwell Street Upwey bounded by Grid Ref SY668 845, 668 844, 666 844, 667 845, 667 846 consisting of two adjacent fields.
<b>Approx area of site (hectares)</b>	1.95 hectares
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Unknown. The two fields may have different ownership.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Borders AONB but does not lie within it. Part of Important Open Gap?
<b>Current use of site</b>	Uncultivated rough pasture previously used for horse and sheep grazing.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	An important buffer zone for wildlife and provides a 'green gap' that maintains the beauty and character of this part of Upwey. Footpaths provide access for recreational use.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	See submission WTCLGS004A

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?			
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?			
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?			
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		Central to and connects different areas of the community. Around 1.95 hectares in size.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Centrally located between residential areas with footpath access.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty		N	
Historical value		N	
Recreational value	Y		Well used by the local community for walking due to footpath access.
Tranquility	Y		Peaceful area allowing access between areas of the village away from road traffic.
Wildlife value	Y		Uncultivated area of rough grassland with patches of bramble scrub which provide cover for birds and mammals. Prunus and bramble boundary hedges provide winter food for birds. There are a number of established trees along the hedgeline perimeter including Ash, Hazel, Sycamore and some Willow.

## Landowner Response

### E-mail dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed green space at Upwey Weymouth, know to me as hurdlemead. I am a shareholder of [REDACTED] that owns the land. I completely reject the proposed green space plans. I believe it should be farmed the way it has been for the last 100 years or so.

### E-mail dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

I last wrote to you on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 telling you I would ask the Beneficial Owners of Hurdlemead their opinions of, and objections to, if any, of the above.

Some I know have responded to you directly. Others I have spoken to are all in opposition to the proposal. Their opposition is based upon this being an unnecessary intervention that may well limit future farming, food production or development opportunities. Also, that the grounds for its designation are questionable.

The Trustees, of which I am one, are the registered owners of the land. The Beneficial Owners are those who ultimately own control of the land. To the Trustees and the majority of the Beneficial Owners it appears that the case for designation of this piece of land is unsound in respect of the legislation. I have taken the following points from the Appendix of your letter:

- Demonstrably special to the community. There has been no demonstration of why this field is special.
- Beauty. In comparison to the numerous surrounding undesignated green spaces that are mainly part of the AONB, this farm land is managed in a relatively intensive way. As such, it is arguably considerably less attractive than its neighbouring countryside. In fact, the field is surrounded by, if not directly, but in very close proximity, to beautiful land which is very typical of traditional Dorset pasture.
- Historic significance. No evidence of this.
- Recreational Value. This is farm land. As such the only access to the public is via designated footpaths. Any deviation from this will limit the ability of the land to be farmed productively for food. A commodity not to be overlooked in these times. We accept that access via the designated footpaths is important to those who use them and should be preserved. All footpath access is however protected by other legislation and stands independent of this "green space" proposal.
- Tranquillity. In comparison to surrounding areas with public access especially those to the west, this field it is arguably less tranquil than its surroundings.
- Richness of wildlife. There is no evidence that this field has any more richness of wildlife than any of the surrounding farmland. It is probable that the land has a different flora and fauna makeup from the domestic properties it abuts. However, this is true of every field that adjoins a community.
- Local in character. Again, because of the way this field is farmed it is less typical of the prevailing character as displayed in the surrounding areas.

Please will you acknowledge your receipt of this communication and confirm that the points raised will be considered by the members of the planning committee. Also, please can you keep me informed of any decisions relating to this issue.

### E-mail dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed green space at Upwey Weymouth, known as Hurdlemead. I am a shareholder of [REDACTED] that owns the land. I completely reject the proposed green space plans as I

believe it should be farmed the way it has been for the last century. This would limit its use, and ultimately restrict the support of UK food production, and the autonomy of the tenant and owners. I would dispute that the land specified meets the below criteria.

102. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

I would be happy to discuss it further, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

[REDACTED]

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited on 07/08/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS013</b>	The Field adjacent to Southill Garden Drive at its top end where the turning circle is, also adjacent to the school playing field.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	As per above description and Map
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.1 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	An Important Open Gap, Policy ENV3 in the Weymouth and Portland Extant Local Plan 2015 Part of Tumbledown Farm, Policy WEY15 in the Weymouth and Portland Extant Local Plan 2015
<b>Current use of site</b>	Agricultural - cows sometimes graze here. Recreational in that the footpaths are used frequently through the field by the public.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Recreational use by the community who have limited access to open green space.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

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Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>		N	To confirm that DC have a planning notice on the site (ref conversation with Cllr David Northam 12/09/2022).
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		Referred to in the extant Weymouth and Portland Local Plan.
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		An area of 1.1 hectare immediately adjacent to the community.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Walkable access to the residential area.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		In close proximity to the Southill community and has walkable access on the grass footpaths. Used as a short walk within the field or as part of a longer walk either via the top field or down towards the river.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Open views over countryside.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Semi-improved rough pasture of biodiversity value. The area is covered on the DERC Ecological Network map and noted also as a High Potential Network.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

**Landowner Response**

Letter of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Southill Garden Drive - Adjacent recreational area & Field

Dorset Council objects to these sites being put forward as a Local Green Space and requests that they are removed. Dorset Council would not want specific areas on this site designated as Local Green Space because this could hinder wider development of the whole site. This is the rationale behind only leasing the play area to Weymouth Town Council, so that in the future the whole site could be cohesively developed which may see the location of the play area / green space moving within the site.

An earlier undated note headed ‘Dorset Council Assets & Regeneration comment on Weymouth Town Council’s proposal to designate sites as Local Green Spaces in the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan’ contains the following reference – “Field near end of Southill Garden Drive Turning circle is a significant area of land however due to the steepness of the land it is not easily suitable for housing development therefore no objection to being identified as Local Green Space (Ref WTC LGS013)

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Overview provided by satellite imagery on Google Earth**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS014</b>	Telford Close Recreational Area
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Telford Close , Preston DT3 see Map WTCLGS014
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.25
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Play Area
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational use including a Play Area owned by Weymouth Town Council
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	An important community green space in a residential area for use by all age groups.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Long term use for recreation, historically as a football pitch for use by local teams. The increasing number of flats in the area has resulted in increased value to dog walkers as an important open space. The area is close to a residential area with an older population who value the walkable access to this green space. Daily use by residents of all ages. The play area is fenced off and the large field has multi use for ball games, dog walking, recreational walks and relaxation. A small orchard area was recently planted for community use and which has benefited biodiversity.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>			
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Around 1.25 hectare and located central to housing development.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to a large area of mixed housing.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>		N	
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		An enclosed childrens play area is surrounded by grassed areas with seating and a small area of trees. The outer area is used by local people for walking and walking dogs and has seated areas.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		The only green area within this residential area with provision for a wide range of age groups. A peaceful environment in which people can sit quietly and enjoy the surroundings away from traffic noise and pollution

<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	Fox and badger are frequent visitors. The areas of trees attract a variety of garden birds and invertebrates. The area is covered in the DERC Ecological Network Maps as Tier 1 and the field is denoted as a High Potential Network.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
Weymouth Town Council footfall surveys show good use of the play facility. During the random site visit 5 children with parents were using the play area and 4 dog walkers were present in the field with two people using the seats.		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
Letter dated 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023		
This is owned by Weymouth Town Council and went to them in the vesting order 01/04/2019 SUPPORT		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Site visited 13/04/2022</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision. 15/05/2023</b>	
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>		<b>Date 15/05/2023</b>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS016</b>	Remembrance/Memory Garden, Littlemoor
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid ref Easting 367502 Northing 83808
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.1
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	No
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational area with public access.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follow**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		Wildflowers and native deciduous trees.
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Accessible to the public for cycling, dog walking, relaxation, observing wildlife.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Quiet area accessible to the public for private refectation.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Varied wildlife ( grass snake, adders, slowworms, birds, insects including dragonflies in a mixed habitat of wetland with trees, scrub and hedgerows.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

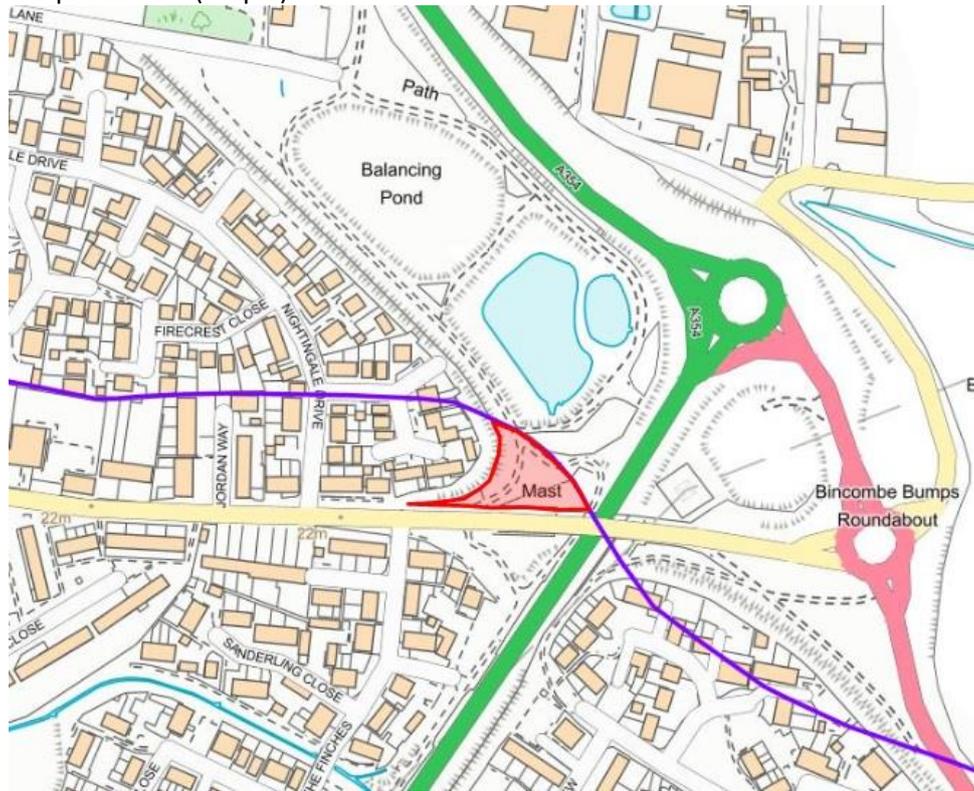
Close to community, used by mixed age groups and safely distant from traffic.

**Landowner Response**

**Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Remembrance / Memory Garden, Littlemoor

This is Highways land and includes attenuation ponds for relief road. Dorset Council would not want any definition of Local Green Space of this area to restrict ability to make any amendments in the future to the highway (not aware of any planned changes). We would also like to propose an alteration to the area identified as Local Green Space as per the plan below (Map 2):



**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**NO**

**Date of assessment decision. 11/09/2022.**

THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE LAND (90%) LIES OUTSIDE THE WEYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL AREA AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED. A SUBMISSION FOR A MUCH REDUCED AREA IS AN OPTION IN LINE WITH DC RECOMMENDATION. APPLICANT INFORMED.

**Decision endorsed by Yes**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS017</b>	Community Orchard and Pond area adjacent to Littlemoor Road (Lodmoor Sands)
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid ref Easting 369112 Northing 82827 See Map
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	3.7
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Balancing ponds and road drainage with recreational access via circular routed chalk path with gated entrances.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Recreational and mixed habitat wildlife area with a Community Orchard.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>			
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Area of 3.7 hectare directly adjacent residential areas.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to housing with footpath access.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>		N	
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Accessible to the public for walking, dog walking, relaxation, observing wildlife.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Quiet area accessible to the public for private refectation. Fruit orchard adds to the tranquility.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Wild area of scrub offering protection to birds, small mammals and reptiles (palmate newts). Reedbeds provide a wetland habitat for Ducks, Mute Swan, Grey Heron. An area of fruit orchard provides further biodiversity habitat. Has mixed hedge to the perimeter with a good range of species including Prunus, Hawthorn, Maple, Bramble, Wayfaring tree, Willow which provides good cover for farmland birds. Identified as an existing Ecological Network on

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Close to community and away from traffic. Supported by Community Action Group, Big4Littlemoor.

**Landowner Response**

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

- Community Orchard and Pond area adjacent to Littlemoor Road This is Highways land. Dorset Council would not want any definition of Local Green Space of this area to restrict ability to make any amendments in the future to the highway (not aware of any planned changes).
- The same letter also states 'not in Dorset Council ownership'

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 15/09/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS018</b>	Radipole Park and Gardens
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Radipole Park Drive, Weymouth
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	6.6
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known. Adjacent to Radipole Lake SSSI.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Mature Gardens, Tennis Courts, Basketball court, Play Area, Football pitch green space, community Orchard.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Recreation and wildlife value close to a Town Centre area of social deprivation with walkable access via footbridge across the railway line.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Supported by the Friends of Radipole Park and Gardens Community Group. This green space is close to the Park district which is a deprived area with many flats and bedsits making this green space essential to protect.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		At 6.6 Ha considered to be a large but not an extensive tract of land. Very much local in character bordered by the Radipole SSSI.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Adjacent to the Park district of Weymouth which has walkable access via a footbridge over the railway.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		Forms an attractive park and garden area with an orchard and hedgerows and a pleasant central linear walk.
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		The development of the gardens on land reclaimed from the River Wey estuary in the 1930's is significant to the history of Weymouth (see document on History of Radipole Park)
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		A mixed recreational use site with play area, active sports areas and garden/orchard areas for relaxation which meets the needs of a wide range of ages of people.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A quiet area with open space and wildlife interest adjacent to a moderately busy road but which does

			not detract from the quiet and calm.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		There is much of wildlife interest including Notable species in a local context ( see Baseline Ecology report; November 2018) and seven species of bats (see Bat report) including BAP priority species. The area is covered in the DERC Ecological Network Maps and the Play Space at the north end is denoted as a High Potential Network.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

In terms of protected species present, there are various bat species, hedgehog, slow worm and breeding birds. Grass snake and badger may also use the site.

A recent bat survey showed at least 7 species of bat using the site including Nathusius pipistrelle which is a notable species. The site is thought to be a green corridor for bats in Weymouth.

In terms of flora – there are a number of Dorset notables in the wildflower area including Common Knapweed, Meadowsweet, Lady’s bedstraw, Rough Hawkbit, Birds Foot Trefoil. There are patches of wet grassland which is an important habitat, with a number of sedges present.

The field is being continually enhanced for wildlife, with supplementary sowing of wildflower seed and planting of native trees so has potential for greater ecological value. It is adjacent to Radipole SSSI, and a wildlife corridor/buffer and therefore included in the Ecological Network.

A number of interesting trees are present including Red Oak, Bald Cypress, Blue Atlas Cedar, Japanese Maple and Snakebark Maple as well as common native species such as Ash, Elder, Oak, Crab Apple and Silver Birch.

Birds commonly seen on the site include Wren, Song Thrush, Long Tailed Tit, Blackcap, Goldcrest and Green Finch.

**Landowner Response**

**SUPPORT**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. Site visit on 10/10/2022.**

**Yes** **Date of assessment decision. 10/10/2022**

**Decision endorsed by SG** **Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS019</b>	Links Road Open Space
<b>Location of the Space Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Links Road Weymouth DT4 0PF
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.5
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council 01305 239839
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreation area. Children's community woodland Dog Exercising and training
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	This is a well-used local and easily accessible space with a circular path used for relaxation, strolling dog walking from a significant local population. The area is shared by the adjacent Ridgeway Centre for adults with additional needs for whom seating and sensory equipment has been installed to enhance their experience.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

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Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>			
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Area of 1.5 hectares immediately adjacent to a residential area and community facilities.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to residential property with walkable access.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An attractive open central area with a good variety of established trees and hedge around the perimeter.
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		An important open space in an urbanised area that is local and walkable to both the general population and those with additional needs from the nearby Ridgeway Centre. An accessible circular path makes it a valuable year round resource. During the site visit it was being used by dog walkers, parents with young children and a person collecting sloes.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A peaceful and accessible greenspace in a heavily urbanised area. Has seating provision in a quiet open area away from traffic noise.

<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	In 2020, the children's community woodland was planted on the site. There are now 610 native trees on the site, one for each child that started school during the pandemic. The developing woodland, wildflower areas due to be created and mature hedgerows surrounding the site mean that it will be of high ecological value in future years. It currently lies within the existing ecological network.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
<p>This is the only accessible greenspace in a dense urban area therefore of great value to the surrounding community. Whilst there are no community groups attached to the site, it is always well used and appreciated by both the local community and the Ridgeway Centre who make good use of the area for health and well being.</p> <p>A variety of native deciduous trees have been planted including Ash,Oak, Chestnut, Willow, Hazel and Hawthorn. The perimeter is surrounded by dense Prunus hedge which provides valuable cover and winter food for farmland birds and has several mature trees including Willow, Hazel and Ash.</p>		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>		
<p><b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b></p> <p><b>Site visited on 10/10/2022</b></p>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023</b>	
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>	<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>	

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS020</b>	Bowleaze Cove Open Space
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Bowleaze Cove way, DT3 6PL
<b>Approx area of site (hectares)</b>	3.7
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Part of the site lies within a Special Area of Conservation , a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a World Heritage site. Within the DERC Ecological Network. The South West Coast path runs through the site.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Open access recreational coastal grassland with seating, café.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	A coastal stretch of amenity grassland which has high recreational value, both for local people and visitors and offers beautiful scenic views of the whole of the Weymouth area coastline. It is part of a green corridor through east Weymouth and falls within the Ecological Network being of biodiversity value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Well used and appreciated by trail walkers, dog walkers, picnickers and those that simply want to appreciate the beautiful view.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>			
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Sited immediately adjacent to and integral with the Bowleaze leisure and tourist facilities in addition to residential properties. Area of 3.7 Hectares.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Within 25 metres of residential properties along its northern edge.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		Identified as one of the most favoured key views in general survey feedback.  An area of amenity grassland noted for its spectacular open views along the coast and over to Weymouth seafront and Portland.
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		Situated in an area immediately to the south ( within 100 metres) of confirmed Roman archaeological sites including a Scheduled Monument (Roman Temple) and Roman Cemetery with the site of a Roman Villa to the immediate north and overlooking Bowleaze

			Cove ( believed to have origins as a Roman port).
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Open access space, well used by local individuals and organisations and tourists of mixed age groups. Used for multiple activities including kite flying, marine observation, ball games, walking, dog walking, outdoor exercise.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A large open space with seating and views out to sea and along the coastline enabling peaceful reflection. Cafe facility.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Coastal migration route for bats and birds with the soft cliffs creating an important habitat. Semi-improved grassland with a number of waxcap species including Meadow (Cuphophyllus pratensis), Golden (Hygrocybe chlorophana), Snowy (Cuphophyllus virgineus), Cedarwood (Hygrocybe russocoriacea). It is identified in the DERC Ecological Network Map.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

**Landowner Response**

**SUPPORT**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 02/10/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS021</b>	Green strip between The Finches and A354 to Southdown Ridge bridge
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid reference Easting 367526.58 and Northing 83595.79
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.57
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council a minority of the area covered by Agreements.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None
<b>Current use of site</b>	Buffer Green Space with access footpath/cyclepath between the A354 relief road and housing estate and Littlemoor Road and Southdown Ridge. Partly planted with fruit trees and native deciduous trees. Provides recreational space and access to open countryside for residents, cyclists, children.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Green lung between A354 and housing estate for recreational purposes with walkable access to 'The Birds' housing estate.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>			
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		A long strip of land of around half hectare which forms part of the character of the estate and segregates it from the relief road.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to 'The Birds' estate.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An attractive green area screened from the road and containing a mix of young fruit trees and established native deciduous trees.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Used by all age groups for walking, exercising dogs, cycling and provides easy access from the residential area to open countryside.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A tranquil area screened from the noise and pollution of the A354 by wooden fencing and trees.

<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	Mixed fruit trees and native deciduous trees provide shelter for birds and invertebrates. Hedgehogs and small mammals are also reported in the area. Further varied habitat is provided by a small stream which flows through the estate and terminates in this area and is noted on the DERC ecological maps for its eco-potential and as a higher potential network.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
Provides a safe and green access corridor away from road traffic.		
<b>Landowner Response</b> Letter dated 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Green Strip between The Finches & A354 This is Highways land. Dorset Council would not want any definition of Local Green Space of this area to restrict ability to make any amendments in the future to the highway (not aware of any planned changes).		
<b>Site visited 15/09/2022 with applicant.</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023</b>	
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>	<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>	

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS022</b>	Green Space between Sanderling Close and Reedling Close.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid reference Easting 367235 and Northing 83509
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.6
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known (as per Dorset Explorer)
<b>Current use of site</b>	Accessible grassed recreational area used by all age groups.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Open green area with stream through the centre with walkable access from nearby residences.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

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Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		Small area of 0.6 Ha which forms an important green space integral to the residential area and is walkable.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		As above
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		Attractive area with stream and bordered by trees on the north side.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Accessible green space which provides a safe play area for children being overlooked by residential property. Able to be accessed easily by residents.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A quiet green area away from road traffic with native trees and a small stream.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Provides mixed unimproved grassland habitat with a stream running through the full length of the area. Provides habitat for a variety of invertebrate aquatic and other species including Damsel and Dragonflies. The steam is noted on the DERC ecological maps as an ecological area and Higher Potential Network.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Application supported by the Big4Littlemoor community group.

**Landowner Response**

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from Dorset Council states 'not in Dorset Council ownership'

E-mail dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Thank you for your letter dated 10th May 2023.

████████████████████ are objecting to this proposal until we are able to assess the land for suitability as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) sites.

**Site visited 15/09/2022 with applicant**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS023</b>	Open Green Space between Kestrel View, Beverley Road and Fieldfare Close.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Grid reference centred at Easting 367543 and Northing 83335 See Map
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.25
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Unknown ( to be determined)
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Non known or indicated on Dorset Explorer.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational buffer zone in the centre of a residential area used for dog exercising, picnics, childrens games and provides a social hub for meeting neighbours.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	A tranquil area away from housing with a mixed habitat of deciduous woodland and stream. Important as a wildlife corridor between woodland areas and open countryside.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	At the time of the site visit use as an access route by children returning home from school was observed.

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Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>			
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		An area of 1.2 hectares in character with other small green spaces that provide open gaps between high density residential property and are in keeping with the character of this estate.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to several areas of housing and within easy walking distance of local services.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		Open grassed area with small woodland coppice, dispersed trees and stream leading to views over open countryside to the west.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Used by all ages – childrens play, dog exercising, picnics and social hub.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Quiet peaceful grassed area away from road noise in a wooded environment with a small stream.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Known to be frequented by a range of wildlife species such as Roe deer, fox, badger, farmland birds and invertebrate species ( moths butterflies,

dragonflies). Connects nearby woodland with open countryside to the south. DERC ecological network maps show the southern fringe as an area of ecological interest and Higher Potential Network.

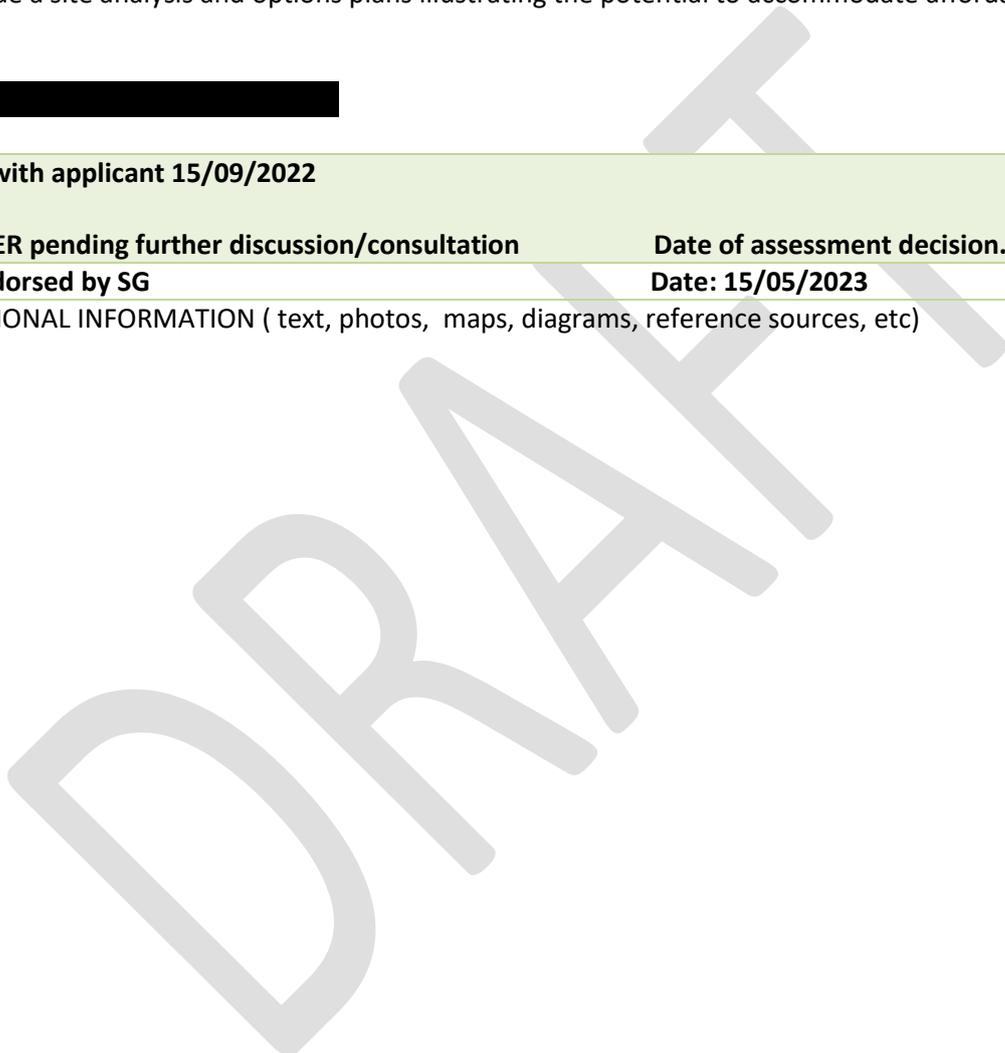
**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**  
Big4Littlemoor Community Group support the submission.

**Landowner Response**  
**E-mail dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
Thank you for sending this through. We will respond in greater detail in due course, but as previously discussed [redacted] would strenuously resist the designation of this land as Local Green Space. I hope to issue a site analysis and options plans illustrating the potential to accommodate affordable homes early next week.  
[redacted]

**Site visited with applicant 15/09/2022**

<b>Yes/No DEFER pending further discussion/consultation</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision.</b>
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>	<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS024</b>	Recreational Area incorporating Well Being Centre (former youth club), basketball court, play area and grassed area.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Adjacent to Southill Garden Drive centred at grid reference Easting 366379 and Northing 80536
<b>Approx area of site (hectares)</b>	Total of 0.53
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council owned (Freehold) with various lease arrangements in place.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	No
<b>Current use of site</b>	An open recreational site containing the Well Being Centre (former Youth Club), a basketball court, play area and rough open grassland
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	The site is widely and regularly used by adults and children for various recreational activities. The Play area is well used by families with young children. The Well Being Centre is well used by various community groups, the primary use being for a dance school. The Basketball court is used for childrens play, mainly football. The rough grass has potential for use as open play space and an asset transfer request by Weymouth Town Council to Dorset Council for incorporation into the rest of the site has been made.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	The green spaces are centrally located within this area of residential development with easy walkable access.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		A compact area of 0.53 hectares centrally located within a reasonably sized housing development.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Lies within the community settlement and is walkable.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>		N	
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Extensive use for recreational value by adults and children with mixed indoor and outdoor facilities able to meet the needs of a wide range of age groups and family useage. Located within a residential and walkable from local residences and

			other community services.
<b>Tranquility</b>		N	
<b>Wildlife value</b>		N	
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>			
<p>SPARK, a registered charity set up to support recreational and community activity in Southill and have done much to improve the former youth club building and manage the basketball area. The former KidRUs Play School site is derelict following demolition of the building and an asset transfer request to Dorset Council by Weymouth Town Council has been made.</p>			
<b>Landowner Response</b>			
<p>Letter of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023  Southill Garden Drive - Adjacent recreational area &amp; Field  Dorset Council objects to these sites being put forward as a Local Green Space and requests that they are removed. Dorset Council would not want specific areas on this site designated as Local Green Space because this could hinder wider development of the whole site. This is the rationale behind only leasing the play area to Weymouth Town Council, so that in the future the whole site could be cohesively developed which may see the location of the play area / green space moving within the site.</p>			
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. NO</b>			
<b>Submitted by County/Town councillor and overview provided by satellite imagery on Google Earth</b>			
<b>No</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023</b>		
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>	<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>		

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS025</b>	Lodmoor Country Park,
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	DT4 7SX
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	30
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	This area is adjacent to the wetland SSSI at Lodmoor, & Lorton Valley Nature Park. It lies within the Ecological Network.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreation site, with play area, green gym stations, orienteering course, tree trail, miniature railway, streamside woodland walk and events space.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	This site is of high recreational value - a large greenspace within a mile of the Weymouth Town Centre, close to areas of social deprivation. It is an important recreation and well-being site for neighbouring residents, primary school & F.E. college students; it also draws in park users from the whole town, and beyond including many tourists.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	This well-used site is an accessible, tranquil oasis within central Weymouth. It has a range of mature trees, a small wildflower area, naturalised spring bulbs and a stream. It buffers Lodmoor SSSI and is part of the Lorton Valley Nature Park corridor, so is of high value to wildlife. It is an exemplar of the successful restoration of nature to an area previously used as a landfill site. It has been, and continues to be, a vital green space contributing to the physical and mental wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>		N?	Local Plan WEY8 i)
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>		N?	It is likely that the site would be considered an extensive tract of land given the area of 30 hectares
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Lies within the community settlement and is walkable.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		A green area with a variety of trees and wildflowers
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Extensive use for recreational value by adults and children with mixed indoor and outdoor facilities able to meet the needs of a wide range of age groups and family useage. Located within a residential and walkable from local residences and other community services.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		An open green area which provides for quiet

			reflection away from traffic noise.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Important biodiversity habitat which is included within the ecological network maps. The area is adjacent to the Lodmoor SSSI and forms an important wildlife transit corridor close to built up areas and the coast.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>			
An active Friends Group supports the management and enhancement of the Park. The site has multiple access points to adjoining urban areas, offering local residents safe pedestrian & cycle routes to the beach & town and inclusive, well-appreciated recreation space			
<b>Landowner Response</b>			
N/A			
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. NO</b>			
<b>Site visited 9/10/2022</b>			
No		<b>Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023</b>	
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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS026</b>	Nothe Gardens (including the peace gardens)
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Barrack Road, DT4 8UF. Centred at Grid ref Easting 368440 and Northing 78640
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	6.2
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Adjacent to Portland Harbour Shore SSSI.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Park, Gardens and Recreation space
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	This landmark park in Weymouth is well known for its panoramic coastline views of both Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour. It is a tranquil area appreciated and very well used by visitors and locals alike.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	A range of trees, established shrub beds and winding paths lead down to sheltered slopes and picnic areas and are ideal for walkers, sun bathers and families. The large grassed area is used for ball games while, at the foot of the gardens, the seashore is a fun place for children to go crabbing in the rock pools.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>		N	At 6.2 hectares may be considered an extensive tract of land although not in open countryside and it is local in character.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Lies in close proximity to the harbour area and to residential properties with walkable access.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		A green area with a variety of trees and open grass areas enjoying the benefit of coastal views.
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		Adjacent to Nothe Fort and former military barracks area particularly important in the Napoleonic period and to which it is historically linked.
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		It has facilities including a café, toilets, play area and orienteering. It is used for events, activities, picnicking, dog walking, families and general recreation. Extensive use for recreational value by adults and children with mixed indoor and outdoor facilities able to meet the needs of a wide range of age groups and family useage. Located within a residential and walkable from local residences and other community services.

<b>Tranquility</b>	Y	An open green area with trees bordering the coast and which provides for quiet reflection away from traffic noise.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	Its mixed mature trees, coastal scrub and some native hedges provide important habitat for wildlife, particularly given its position close to SSSI coast Important biodiversity habitat which is included within the ecological network maps and also noted as a Higher Potential Network
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
There has been a Friends Group in the past and it is now in the process of being reformed. There also a group of volunteers who maintain the Peace Gardens on a regular basis. The Sea Cadets and Nothe Fort who are based on the site show a keen interest in the site, as do the residents who live on the Nothe.		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Site visited 15/10/2022</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023</b>	
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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS027</b>	Bingleaves Open Space
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid ref Easting 368146 and Northing 78166
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.3
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Adjacent to Portland Harbour Shore SSSI.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational area and walking route with access to the South West Coast path
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	An important open grassland area with scenic views over Portland harbour and which is well used by all age groups for walking, dog walking and relaxation. It is particularly part of a well-used green corridor for walkers between south and central Weymouth.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>			This is an open space adjacent to various housing developments is well known and local in character and at 1.3 hectare is not an extensive tract of land.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Lies in close proximity to residences and is well used by local residents.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		A green area enjoying the benefit of coastal views.
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		Historical associations with the slave abolitionist Thomas Fowell Buxton whose statue stands on the area.
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Extensive use for recreational value by families and dog walkers in area with limited access to open space.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		An open green bordering the coast and which provides for quiet reflection away from traffic noise.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to an important wildlife coastal corridor and recorded in the ecological network maps.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required)**

**Landowner Response**

**Support**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 15/10/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS028</b>	Chapelhay open spaces,
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Adjacent to flats on Chapelhay, St Leonards Road and Gordon Row – area marked on Dorset Explorer as Chapelhay Heights.
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.41
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	██████████
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None
<b>Current use of site</b>	Green space for recreational use by 1950's flats.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Open green areas that enable children to play safely near their homes. These small areas of green are the only outdoor space for 120 flats at Chapelhay, Gordon Row and St Leonards Street in an area of Weymouth facing significant socio-economic challenges.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>			
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		These are small open spaces adjacent to 1950's flats in a residential area and designed for use by residents. With a combined size of 0.41 hectare this is not an extensive tract of land.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to residences and well used by local residents.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>		N	
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Extensive use for recreational value by families and dog walkers in area with limited access to open space.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Green areas which provide open space in this densely populated residential area which has very limited areas of green space.
<b>Wildlife value</b>		N	

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

There is a friends group for the play areas.

**Landowner Response**

**NO RESPONSE**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 20/10/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 20/10/22**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS029</b>	Open Space at Larkspur Close, Weymouth.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Land adj to 19-42 Larkspur Close, Lodmoor, Weymouth. This land is in two parts either side of Larkspur Close.
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.2 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council (WTC), New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	The current usage is as a residential green space mostly to grass but with some trees within the area. The main use is as a children playing area.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	<p>The surrounding estate homes are a mix of rented and owner-occupied houses with a high proportion of young families. These two sites provide a playing area for the surrounding houses and flats which have limited gardens.</p> <p>Whilst the Lodmoor Gardens are nearby this area provides a safe play space for the surrounding houses, being overlooked by residents and without the need to cross major roads.</p> <p>Local residents and their families use the open green space and play area for recreational purposes.</p> <p>The site provides some Beauty and Tranquility, but most importantly recreational value.</p>
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	<p>The site is the public area set aside when the surrounding estate ( within 5 minutes walk) was built. Access from the surrounding estate does not involve crossing major roads.</p> <p>This site was identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Community walkabout.</p>

### Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		These are small open spaces adjacent to mixed housing in a residential area and designed for use by residents. With a combined size of 0.2 hectare this is not an extensive tract of land.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to residences and well used by local residents. Generally accesible within 5 minutes walk.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An open green space in an urban area.

<b>Historical value</b>	N	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y	Extensive use for recreational value by families and children in an area with limited access to open space.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y	Green areas which provide open space in this densely populated residential area which has limited areas of easily accessible green space.
<b>Wildlife value</b>		N
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Site visited September 2021</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision. 23/02/2023</b>	
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>	<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>	

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS030</b>	Westmacott play area and surrounding green space
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Off Westmacott Road, Weymouth DT3 5FD
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.18 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council (WTC), New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	The current usage is as a residential green space including a local play area.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	The Westmacott Estate is a mix of rented and owner occupied houses with a high proportion of young families. This site is a green oasis within this small estate where the houses and flats have limited gardens. The area is used on a daily basis by children and families.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	The area was set aside as part of the Westmacott estate planning permission. Part of the site is occupied by a WTC-managed play area. The grass and hedge are maintained by WTC. The site is surrounded by the Westmacott Estate and is close to the Redlands built-up area off Dorchester Road. Access from Corfe Road and Westmacott Estates does not involve crossing major roads. There is likely to be more building nearby on adjacent Redlands Farm and fields off Nottingham Lane. It is regularly used by residents. This site was identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Community walkabout.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		These are small open spaces adjacent to mixed housing in a residential area and designed for use by residents. With a combined size of 0.18 hectare this is not an extensive tract of land.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to residences and well used by local residents. Generally accesible within 5 minutes walk.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An open green space in an urban area.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Local residents and their families use the open green space and play area for recreational purposes. Such facilities are limited and this has the benefit of being overlooked by adjacent housing.

<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Green areas which provide open space in this densely populated residential area which has limited areas of easily accessible green space.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		The bordering hedges abound with small birds providing a small wildlife corridor.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>			
<b>Landowner Response</b>			
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>			
<b>Site visited September 2021</b>			
<b>Yes</b>		<b>Date of assessment decision. 23/02/23</b>	
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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference - WTC LGS031</b>	Land off Corfe Road and Tyneham Close
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	DT3 5RH Located at Grid Ref 366701, 81938 Post code DT3 5RH
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.37 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council (WTC), New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	The area was set aside as part of the Corfe Road estate planning permission. Currently designated as Amenity Area as per the 1978 planning consent. Reference 4/78/506. Covenant on title – “The land should be used solely as a children’s playground or recreational playing field”. It has been registered as a National Playing Field. The grass and hedge are maintained by WTC.
<b>Current use of site</b>	The current usage is as a residential green space mostly to grass but with some trees within the area. The main use is for children playing soccer or cricket or other wise playing in the open area. The area is crossed by two public footpaths (S1/61 and S62). The route of S1/61 enters the area from the SW off Corfe Hill lane and exits into Tyneham Close (not into Brentmere Close as shown on the Definitive Map.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	The Westmacott and Corfe Road Estates are a mix of rented and owner occupied houses with a high proportion of young families. This site provides a larger and more suitable playing area for older children than the Westmacott Play Area. The surrounding houses and flats have limited gardens. Local residents and their families use the open green space and play area for recreational purposes.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	The site is the public area set aside when the Corfe Road Estate was built and is close to the Redlands built-up area off Dorchester Road. Access from Corfe Road and Westmacott Estates does not involve crossing major roads. There is likely to be more building nearby on adjacent Redlands Farm and fields off Nottingham Lane. It is regularly used by residents.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		These are small open spaces adjacent to mixed housing in a residential area and designed for use by residents. With a size of 0.37 hectare this is not an extensive tract of land.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to residences and well used by local residents. Generally accessible within 5 minutes walk.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			

<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An open green space in an urban area.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Local residents and their families use the open green space and play area for recreational purposes. The area is used on a daily basis by children and families. It is used by children from homes on the estate which have small gardens and limited access to other outdoor space.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Green areas which provide open space in this densely populated residential area which has limited areas of easily accessible green space.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		The bordering hedges abound with small birds providing a small wildlife corridor.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>			
This site was identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Community walkabout.			
<b>Landowner Response</b>			
<b>Support</b>			
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>			
<b>Site visited September 2021</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision. 23/02/23</b>		
<b>Decision endorsed by SG</b>	<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>		

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 032</b>	St. Johns Gardens, Weymouth
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid reference Easting 368152 and Northing 80124
<b>Approx area of site (hectares)</b>	0.18
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Park and some community growing space.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	A valuable recreational area for families from nearby housing which is close to the town centre and consists mainly of dense back to back terraces, many now subdivided into flats with no access to a garden area. There is very little green space in this area making this vital for recreation.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	A group of Community volunteers have tended a small area on the southern aspect for growing fruit and vegetables.

### Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		The whole site is 0.18 hectares and closely associated with the adjacent housing in an area of social deprivation..
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to and accessible from housing and close to the town centre Park District..
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	N		
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Recreational use for all ages in an area lacking green space and faced with socio-economic challenges.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A peaceful and tranquil open grassed area with hedgerows in a busy town centre location.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Hedgerows and a small area for fruit and vegetables support a variety of garden birds.

### Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).

Area identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Community walkabout in October 2021 as being suitable for Local Green Space designation.  
A group of community volunteers cultivate a small fruit and vegetable plot.

**Landowner Response**

**Support**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited October 2021**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 26/02/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 033</b>	Green area between Enkworth Road and Oakbury Drive
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Between Enkworth Road and Oakbury Drive, Preston Centred at Grid ref Easting 369340 Northing 82208
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.2
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Possible historic covenant. It was confirmed in 2003 and again in 2005 by the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council as “Local Open Space”. Tree Preservation order for individual and grouped trees (Oak,Maple,.Sycamore) from WPBC dated May 2010.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Accessible informal park/woodland between residences.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	This quiet secluded area has been historically used by local residents for recreational access. It is frequented by wildlife; there are active fox dens and badger setts. The trees afford cover for a wide range of birds and bat species.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Originally formed a right of way between the fields above Budmouth Avenue and Preston Road which was lost to urban development.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		A small open space forming a cut through between residential streets on the estate and adjacent to mixed housing. With a size of 0.2 hectare this is not an extensive tract of land.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to residences and provides access between streets.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An open green space with a small area of trees in an urbanised area.
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		Believed to be part of an old established right of way across open fields.
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		Used by residents for recreational access.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A grassed area with small deciduous woodland provides a tranquil setting in this residential area.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		It is frequented by wildlife; there are active fox dens and badger setts. The trees afford cover for a wide range of birds and bat species such as Pipistrelle and

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

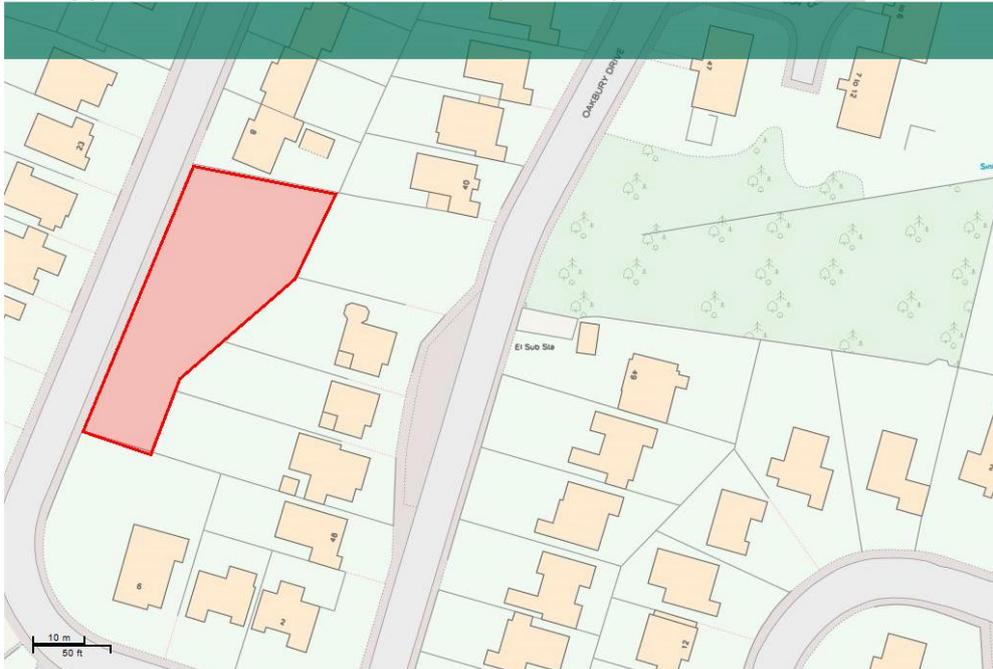
Considerable local support including local councillors

This site was identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Community walkabout in October 2021 as being of importance to the local community.

**Landowner Response**

**Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

- **Green Space between Enkworth Road and Oakbury Drive Dorset Council has reservations regarding the identification of this land as Local Green Space. Part of the site has previously been considered for housing. Dorset Council would have no objections if the boundary was amended so that only the area in red on the following plan is identified as Local Green Space (Map 1).**



**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited September 2021**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 23/02/23**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 034</b>	<b>Fenced woodland area off Oakbury Drive</b>
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Oakbury Drive, Preston. Centred at Grid reference Easting 369448 and Northing 82008
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.2
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Possible historic covenant.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Enclosed Woodland Walk with access gate directly onto Oakbury Drive.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	This quiet secluded area has been historically used by local residents for recreational access. Contains a number of mature deciduous trees, predominantly sycamore.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Originally formed part of a right of way between the fields above Budmouth Avenue and Preston Road.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		A small woodland area with gated access from the public road and surrounded by mixed housing. With a size of 0.2 hectare this is not an extensive tract of land.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Surrounded by housing on three sides with a public road on the remaining side.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An accessible area of mature woodland in an area of mixed housing.
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		Believed to be part of an old established right of way across open fields. An agricultural property once occupied the site.
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		This quiet secluded area has been used historically by residents for recreation, there being a designated walk through the mature woodland from the access gate on Oakbury Drive.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A small mature deciduous woodland provides a tranquil setting in this residential area.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		It is frequented by wildlife; there are active fox dens and badger setts. The trees afford cover for a wide

		range of birds and bat species such as Pipistrelle and Serotine. The woodland consists of a number of mature deciduous trees with a variety of wildflower species including, snowdrops and lesser celandine.
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**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Considerable community interest in preserving this area, it being adjacent to high density dwellings as well as other residential properties.  
This site was identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Community walkabout in October 2021 as being of importance to the local community.

**Landowner Response**

**Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Dorset Council supports this small coppice land being identified as Local Green Space.**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited October 2021**

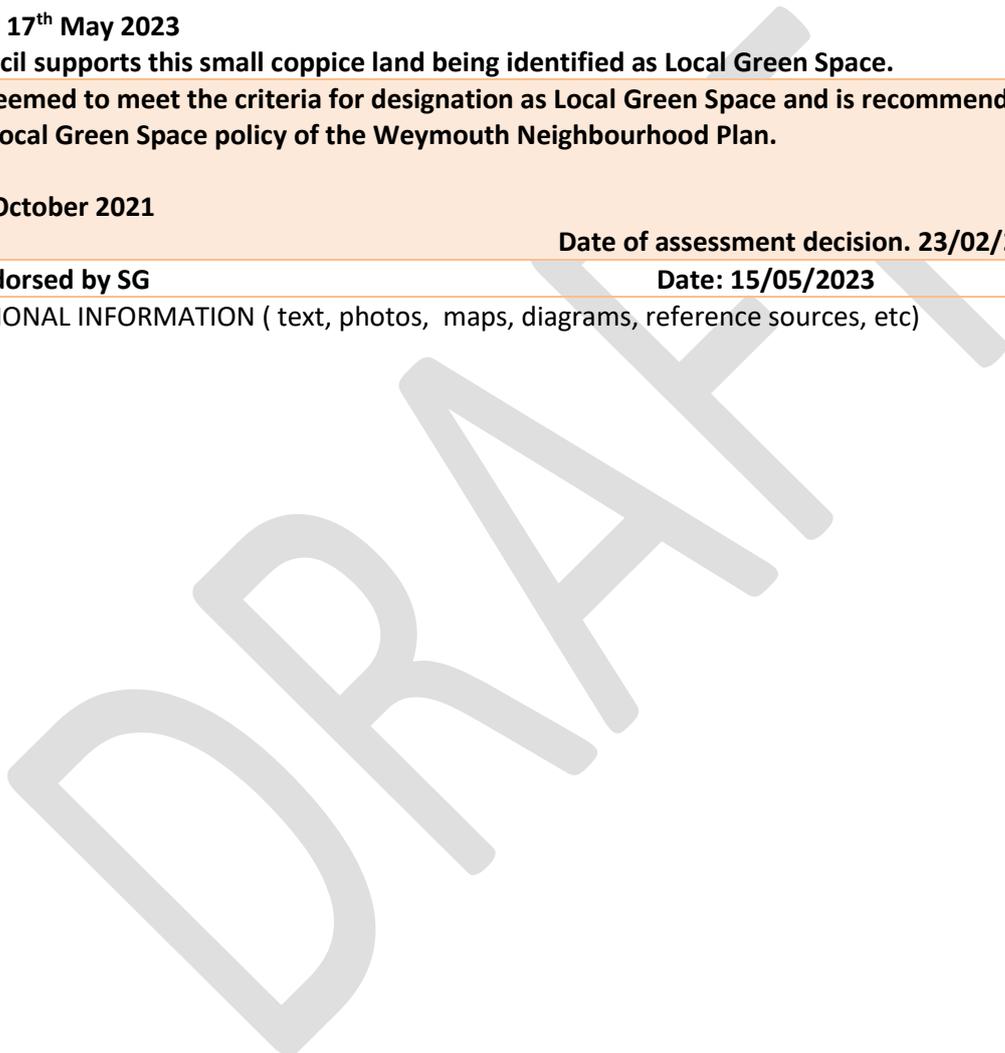
**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 23/02/23**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 035</b>	Green area at Corfe Road/Tyneham Close including Westmacott Play area.
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Green area to the North of Corfe Road and West of Tyneham Close including Westmacott Play area at DT3 5RH
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.35 plus 0.18 – total of 0.53
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known other than designated play/recreational area.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational play/park area well used by local families in summer and year round by walkers/dog walkers. Provides some water drainage for parts of the Westmacott Estate.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	A valuable recreational area for families from the adjacent residential housing.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	It lies within a residential area with further extensive housing planned on a nearby field.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		The whole site is 0.53 hectares and closely associated with the adjacent mixed housing.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to and accessible from estate housing.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	N		
Historical value	N		
Recreational value	Y		Recreational use for all ages and incorporating a play area on the northern side.
Tranquility	Y		A peaceful and tranquil open grassed area with hedgerows providing a quiet oasis amongst estate housing
Wildlife value	Y		Has established hedgerows on the northern and western boundaries which are inhabited by a wide variety of garden bird species.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Area identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Community walkabout in October 2021 as being suitable for Local Green Space designation.

Note that this area replicates those individual areas proposed in WTCLGS 030 and WTCLGS 031.

**Landowner Response**

**Support**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited October 2021**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 24/02/23**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 036</b>	Bradford Road Green
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Bradford Road Green, opposite houses at postcode DT4 0DN Grid reference centred at Easting 366833 and Northing 78474
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.07
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known. Historical covenants believed to exist requiring retention of the area of land for recreational use.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Childrens play area and amenity for community use. Used by families and for community events
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	A valuable recreational area for families from the adjacent residential housing. The area is proposed on the basis of its recreational, historical, wildlife and tranquility value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	The green space is situated central to surrounding houses on Bradford Road. The area is used for recreational play by children from Emerson Road, Bradford Road, Baycliffe Road, Chickerell Road and Pretoria Terrace who are too young to safely cross the main Chickerell Road to the Marsh recreation ground. These spaces are where children can play outside in neighbourhood groups and are directly overlooked by residents. Residents have recently formed the Bradford, Emerson and Tennyson Residents Group with a view to tidying, planting pollinator species and holding community events eg Coronation Picnic.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		The site is 0.07 hectares and directly associated with the adjacent mixed housing both historically and for current use.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to and accessible from housing on Bradford Road, Emerson Road and other residential roads.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	N		
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		There is a historical value to this green space which was intended for children to play on and as an amenity for adults alike when the estate was

		<p>planned in 1918.</p> <p>The estate of Tennyson, Bradford and Emerson Roads was originally Council housing, part subsidised by the government of the time, following the Addison Housing and Town Planning Act of 1919. The 1921 Census shows that Tennyson and Bradford Road residents were skilled and semi-skilled workers: many were engineers employed by the Whitehead Torpedo Factory (they could get to work on the nearby train that is now the Rodwell Trail); many were similarly in Navy jobs in Portland Harbour or jobs in industries contributing to its needs. Weymouth is justly proud of its maritime history and this estate was connected to that. Almost no new housing has been built on the estate apart from replacement of houses bombed in WW2.</p>
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y	<p>Bradford Road is typical of the character of that period of house building with the amenity of the green in front for children to play on in safety. The estate plan, which can clearly be seen on a map, was constructed in a visible pattern with the exact intention for almost every home to have a green space in front of it for communal use and for children to play on which they have been so doing for over a hundred years.</p> <p>This is also a socially cohesive community where whole families brought up on these roads and returning as adults; for decades generations of the same families have lived and children played: today without having to cross the main road to play on the Marsh and playing where their parents can keep an eye on them.</p>
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y	<p>A peaceful and tranquil open grassed area providing a quiet oasis amongst estate housing and which has a wonderful view across the town towards the Ridge and widespread views of our Area of Outstanding Beauty including a view of the Osmington White Horse.</p>
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	<p>Badgers and Foxes travel through gardens and across the Green which forms a wildlife corridor into the adjacent woods.</p>

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

**Landowner Response**

**E-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

██████████ as landowners are objecting to this proposal until we are able to assess the land for suitability as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) sites

Please could you confirm if the Council are happy to accept the land as potential BHG sites?

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 06/03/23**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space</b>			
<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 037</b>	<b>Bradford Road Woodland Area</b>		
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Bradford Road Woodland Area, opposite houses at postcode DT4 0DW Centred at Grid Reference Easting 366937 and Northing 78534 Beauty, Tranquility, Historical value, Recreational and Wildlife Value See information on separate sheet A below.		
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.45		
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known. Historical covenants believed to exist requiring retention of the area of land for recreational use.		
<b>Current use of site</b>	Accessible woodland for childrens play and a quiet amenity area for the whole community		
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	An attractive mature woodland setting that provides a valuable recreational area for families from the adjacent residential housing The area is proposed on the basis of its beauty, recreational, historical, wildlife and tranquility value.		
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	This attractive woodland area is directly in front of Bradford Road houses. The area is also used by children on Tennyson Road, Emerson Road, Baycliffe Road, Chickerell Road and Pretoria Terrace too young to cross the main Chickerell Road for the Marsh recreation ground. This space is where children can play outside in neighbourhood groups away from road traffic and is overlooked by residences. Residents have recently formed the Bradford, Emerson and Tennyson Residents Group with a view to tidying and maintaining the area.		
<b>Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows</b>			
<b>Eligibility requirement</b>	<b>Meets Eligibility requirement</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comments/further action required</b>
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		None known
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		The site is 0.45 hectares and directly associated with the adjacent mixed housing both historically and for current use.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to and accessible from housing on Tennyson, Bradford, Emerson and other residential roads on the estate.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	N		
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		There is a historical value to this woodland space which was intended for children to play on and as an amenity for adults alike when the estate was planned in 1918. The estate of Tennyson, Bradford and Emerson Roads was originally Council housing, part subsidised

		<p>by the government of the time, following the Addison Housing and Town Planning Act of 1919. The 1921 Census shows that Tennyson and Bradford Road residents were skilled and semi-skilled workers: many were engineers employed by the Whitehead Torpedo Factory (they could get to work on the nearby train that is now the Rodwell Trail); many were similarly in Navy jobs in Portland Harbour or jobs in industries contributing to its needs. Weymouth is justly proud of its maritime history and this estate was connected to that. Almost no new housing has been built on the estate apart from replacement of houses bombed in WW2.</p>
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y	<p>Tennyson and Bradford Roads are typical of the character of that period of house building with the amenity of the green in front for children to play matched with the greens at either end and the wooded area in between. The estate plan, which can clearly be seen on a map, was constructed in a visible pattern with the exact intention for almost every home to have a green space in front of it: the two greens at either end plus a stretch of land in the middle, now covered in fully grown trees, was meant for communal use and for children to play on which they have been so doing for over a hundred years. This estate is an entity and inappropriate development would seriously detract from this. . The estate plan, which can clearly be seen on a map, was constructed in a visible pattern with the exact intention for almost every home to have a green space in front of it for communal use and for children to play on which they have been so doing for over a hundred years. This is also a socially cohesive community where whole families brought up on these roads and returning as adults; for decades generations of the same families have lived and children played: today without having to cross the main road to play on the Marsh and playing where their parents can keep an eye on them.</p>
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y	<p>A peaceful and tranquil area of mature mixed deciduous trees providing a quiet oasis amongst estate housing. The high ground of the woodland provides views across the town towards the Ridgeway and the Area of Outstanding Beauty including a view of the Osmington White Horse.</p>
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	<p>The Bradford Road wooded area consists of a variety of mature mixed deciduous (including Ash and Sycamore) and Evergreen ( several well established Holly) trees and provides urban habitat for a variety of wildlife. It is full of wildlife as witnessed by Bradford Road residents, such as badgers, foxes, owls and .woodpeckers, the birdlife being heard by the wider community. Foxes and Badgers travel</p>

			through residents gardens across the nearby Greens, which act as wildlife corridors, and into the woodland which provides food and protection
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**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

**Landowner Response**

**E-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

██████████ as landowners are objecting to this proposal until we are able to assess the land for suitability as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) sites

**Please could you confirm if the Council are happy to accept the land as potential BHG sites?**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 06/03/23**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 038</b>	<b>Tennyson Road Green</b>
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Tennyson Road Green, opposite houses at postcode DT4 0DL Grid reference centred at Easting 367058 and Northing 78549 Childrens play area and amenity for general community use. Tranquility, historical value, recreational and wildlife value. See information on separate sheet A  The green space is situated directly in front of Tennyson Road houses. The area is used for recreational play by children on Tennyson Road, Emerson Road, Baycliffe Road, Chickerell Road and Pretoria Terrace who are too young to safely cross the main Chickerell Road to the Marsh recreation ground. These spaces are where children can play outside in neighbourhood groups and are overlooked by residents. Residents have recently formed the Bradford, Emerson and Tennyson Residents Group with a view to tidying, planting pollinator species and holding community events eg Coronation Picnic.
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.06
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known. Historical covenants believed to exist requiring retention of the area of land for recreational use.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Childrens play area and amenity for community use. Used by families and for community events
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	A valuable recreational area for families from the adjacent residential housing. The area is proposed on the basis of its recreational, historical, wildlife and tranquility value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	The green space is situated directly in front of Tennyson Road houses. The area is used for recreational play by children on Tennyson Road, Emerson Road, Baycliffe Road, Chickerell Road and Pretoria Terrace who are too young to safely cross the main Chickerell Road to the Marsh recreation ground. These spaces are where children can play outside in neighbourhood groups and are overlooked by residents. Residents have recently formed the Bradford, Emerson and Tennyson Residents Group with a view to tidying, planting pollinator species and holding community events eg Coronation Picnic.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	N?		Tennyson Road Green subject to planning application number P/FUL/2022/07656 which was subsequently <u>withdrawn</u> by the applicant in February 2023.
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		

<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		The site is 0.06 hectares and directly associated with the adjacent mixed housing both historically and for current use.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to and accessible from housing on Tennyson Road, Bradford Road and other residential roads on the estate.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	N		
<b>Historical value</b>	Y		<p>There is a historical value to this green space which was intended for children to play on and as an amenity for adults alike when the estate was planned in 1918.</p> <p>The estate of Tennyson, Bradford and Emerson Roads was originally Council housing, part subsidised by the government of the time, following the Addison Housing and Town Planning Act of 1919. The 1921 Census shows that Tennyson and Bradford Road residents were skilled and semi-skilled workers: many were engineers employed by the Whitehead Torpedo Factory (they could get to work on the nearby train that is now the Rodwell Trail); many were similarly in Navy jobs in Portland Harbour or jobs in industries contributing to its needs. Weymouth is justly proud of its maritime history and this estate was connected to that. Almost no new housing has been built on the estate apart from replacement of houses bombed in WW2.</p>
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		<p>Tennyson Road is typical of the character of that period of house building with the amenity of the green in front for children to play on in safety. The estate plan, which can clearly be seen on a map, was constructed in a visible pattern with the exact intention for almost every home to have a green space in front of it for communal use and for children to play on which they have been so doing for over a hundred years. This estate is an entity and inappropriate development would seriously detract from this.</p> <p>This is also a socially cohesive community where whole families brought up on these roads and returning as adults; for decades generations of the same families have lived and children played: today without having to cross the main road to play on the Marsh and playing where their parents can keep an eye on them. The area has the added safety benefit of post and rail fence on the two sides fronting the public road.</p>
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A peaceful and tranquil open grassed area providing a quiet oasis amongst estate housing and which has a wonderful view across the town towards the Ridge and widespread views of our Area of Outstanding

		Beauty including a view of the Osmington White Horse.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y	Badgers and Foxes travel through gardens and across the Green which forms a wildlife corridor into the adjacent woods. A small area of bramble acts as cover for garden birds.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>E-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>		
[REDACTED], as landowners are objecting to this proposal until we are able to assess the land for suitability as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) sites		
<b>Please could you confirm if the Council are happy to accept the land as potential BHG sites?</b>		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Site visited 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision. 06/03/23</b>	
<b>Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group</b>		<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 039</b>	Wyke Regis Playing Fields
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Williams Avenue/Hillbourne Road, Wyke Regis Centred at Grid reference Easting 366720 and Northing 77293
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	2.7
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council, New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Within the vicinity of Portland Harbour Shore SSSI.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreation area with football pitch, playground and skate park. Well used by local children including those from the adjacent school. Also used by families from local residential properties and for exercise and dog walking.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention for recreational use by all age groups in an urban area and for its wildlife value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	He area is adjacent to the local primary school and surrounded by housing and provides vital space for urban socialisation, play and exercise.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		Developed for recreational use and adjacent to the local school and extensive housing and forming an integral partt of the area.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to housing and the local school.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	N		
Historical value	N		
Recreational value	Y		An important recreational area for local families to play, exercise and socialise and which benefits from being adjacent to the local primary school and central to mixed housing.
Tranquility	Y		A large open space providing a peaceful green oasis away from roads and buuilkt structure.
Wildlife value	Y		Part of the site has mixed native deciduous trees with an area of scrub that provides a protective habitat for a variety of garden birds. It is planned to sow a wildflower strip to provide for pollinator species such as bees and butterflies.

Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).

**Landowner Response**

**SUPPORT**

The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.

Site visited 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (virtual)

Yes

Date of assessment decision. 09/03/23

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 040</b>	Ryemead Open Space
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Ryemead Lane, Wyke Regis DT4 9NS Centred at Grid reference Easting 366269 and Northing 76780
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.6
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council, New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Within the existing Local Nature Partnership ecological network and within close proximity to the Chesil Bank and Fleet SSSI which lie immediately to the west.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreation area which is well used by local people of all ages for sport, general exercise and dog walking.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention as a socially vital recreation area for the local community which meets a wide variety of needs and for its orchard and wildflower areas which benefit both people and wildlife.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	An important open area close to extensive housing.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		An important open space of 1.6 hectare with a community orchard.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to housing with easy access from estate roads.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		An attractive open space with native species hedges and a community orchard having open views across to Chesil Beach and The Fleet.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		An important recreational area for local families to play, exercise, walk dogs and socialise and which is easily accessible from adjacent housing..
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A large open space providing a peaceful green oasis with open views to the coastal fringe..
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		A community orchard and wildflower meadow has been created on the site with further wildflower planting planned - these encourage pollinating invertebrates. The perimeter of the site has well established hedges which along with the recently

		planted trees provide important cover for a variety of coastal and garden birds.
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**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

The neighbouring homes take an active interest in the site and were supportive of the creation of the community orchard. Dog walkers and other users feel a sense of ownership of the site and want it to be well managed. The Wyke Regis Community Hub supports the protection and enhancement of the site.

**Landowner Response**

**SUPPORT**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (virtual)**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 09/03/23**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 041</b>	Douglas Road Play Area and Open Space
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Wyke Regis, Weymouth DT4 9XU Centred at Grid reference Easting 366921 and Northing 77044
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.16
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council, New Town Hall, Corporation Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Grassed recreation area which is well used by local young people from the surrounding residential area.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention as a socially vital recreation/play area for use by the local community including children with special needs.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	An important open area close to mixed housing.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		An important open space of less than 0.2 hectare sited in a residential area and surrounded by housing.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to housing with easy access from estate roads.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	N		
Historical value	N		
Recreational value	Y		An important recreational area for local families to play and exercise and which is overlooked by and easily accessible from adjacent housing, thus providing a safe environment within a short distance of home for young children. Provides a useful amenity for families having children with special needs.
Tranquility	Y		An open green space providing a peaceful oasis among residential development.
Wildlife value	N		

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

The area is well used and very much valued by the local community and forms an integral part of the Douglas Road community.

**Landowner Response**

**SUPPORT**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (virtual)**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 16/03/23**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 042</b>	Wyke Gardens
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Wyke Regis, Weymouth DT4 9BE Centred at Grid reference Easting 366426 and Northing 77285
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.37
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council, New Town Hall, Corporation Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Multi-use recreation area – formal gardens, play area, tennis courts and multi-use sports area
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention as a socially vital recreation/play area for use by the local community including children with special needs.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Due to the multi-use facilities and close proximity to local housing and schools the area is very much valued by the local community. It also provides a safe area which is set back from the busy Portland Road.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		An important open space of less than 0.4 hectare sited in a residential area close to housing and schools.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to housing and schools with easy access from estate roads.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	N		
Historical value	N		
Recreational value	Y		An important recreational area for local families to play, exercise relax. It is well used being sited in a densely populated urban area. It provides a safe environment being set back from the busy Portland Road and is overlooked by and easily accessible from adjacent housing and the primary school. The secondary school is also within a short walking distance. It is frequently used, particularly after school and at weekends.
Tranquility	Y		The formal gardens offer a quiet and peaceful respite area for local people and visitors away from the through traffic on Portland Road.

<b>Wildlife value</b>	N	The gardens provide some natural habitat for wildlife such as small garden birds.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
The area is well used and very much valued by the local community in Wyke Regis.		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Site visited 16<sup>h</sup> March 2023 (virtual)</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Date of assessment decision. 16/03/23</b>	
<b>Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group</b>		<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 043</b>	Purbeck Close Green
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid reference Easting 366953 and Northing 78268
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.3
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council, New Town Hall, Corporation Road, Weymouth.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational area used by local families for childrens play, exercise and relaxation.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention as a recreation/play area for use by the local community.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	It provides a safe area away from the main road ( Wyke Road) for children to play on an open grassed area and in the woodland fringe. It is located immediately adjacent to housing.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		None known, confirmed by ward councillor.
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		A small open grassed area on a residential street close to mixed housing and 0.3 hectares in size.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to housing in a residential area.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>			Attractive open green space with a substantial number of mixed deciduous ( Sycamore, Elder, Silver Birch etc) and Evergreen ( Cypress, Holly, Bay, etc) trees providing a pleasant woodland backdrop in this urbanised setting.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		An important recreational area for local families to play, exercise and relax. It is sited in a residential area and provides a safe environment being set back from the busy Wyke Road and is easily accessible from adjacent housing . During the site visit it was noticed that paths had been worn on the grassed perimeter as a result of it being used as a short cut.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A peaceful open green area set against a woodland backdrop which is accessible and contains a wide

		variety of deciduous and evergreen species. It offers a peaceful respite area for local people away from the through traffic on Wyke Road.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	N	The trees provide some natural habitat for wildlife such as small garden birds, bats and invertebrates.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Site visited 23rd March 2023</b>		
<b>Yes</b>		<b>Date of assessment decision. 23/03/23</b>
<b>Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group</b>		<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 044</b>	Hillbourne Road Green
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid reference Easting 366811 and Northing 77103
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.25
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known May be some tree preservation orders.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational area used by local families for childrens play, exercise and relaxation.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention as a recreation/play area for use by families from the houses that surround the green and from nearby streets and for the biodiversity value due to the significant number of predominantly native deciduous trees such as Ash.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	It provides a safe area for children being located off Doncaster Road on a central green surrounded by housing.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		None known, confirmed by ward councillor.
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		A small open grassed area on a residential street surrounded by housing, children from these homes having traditionally used the area for play and is small (0.25 hectares) in size.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Surrounded by housing in a densely urbanised area..
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Y		Attractive open green space with a total of 13 deciduous trees ( eg Ash) being spread along three sides of the square shaped site.
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		An important recreational area for local families to play, exercise and relax. It is sited on a central green overlooked by housing on all sides and is easily accessible and safe. A diagonal footpath crosses the site and during the visit it was noted to be used by people walking their dogs.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		A spacious open green which provides a sense of peaceful tranquility in this urbanised setting and

		enhanced by numerous deciduous trees sited along the perimeter.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	N	The trees provide shelter and a food source for wildlife such as small garden birds, bats and invertebrates in this otherwise urbanised area.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
<b>Landowner Response</b>		
<b>E-mail dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>		
Thank you for your letter dated 10th May 2023.		
[REDACTED] objecting to this proposal until we are able to assess the land for suitability as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) sites.		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.</b>		
<b>Site visited 23rd March 2023</b>		
<b>Yes</b>		<b>Date of assessment decision. 23/03/23</b>
<b>Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group</b>		<b>Date: 15/05/2023</b>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 045</b>	Down Close Green
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Centred at Grid reference Easting 366755 and Northing 76998
<b>Approx area of site (hectares)</b>	0.1
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational area used by local families for childrens play, exercise and relaxation.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention as a recreation/play area for use by families from the houses that surround the green and from nearby streets.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	It provides a safe area for children being located off Doncaster Road on a central green surrounded by housing.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		None known, confirmed by ward councillor.
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		A small open grassed area on a residential street surrounded by housing, children from these homes having traditionally used the area for play and is small (0.1 hectares) in size.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Surrounded by housing in a densely urbanised area..
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	N		
Historical value	N		
Recreational value	Y		An important recreational area for local families to play, exercise and relax. It is sited on a central green overlooked by housing on all sides and is easily accessible and safe. Used by local people for general exercise and dog walking.
Tranquility	Y		A spacious open green which provides a sense of peaceful tranquility in this urbanised area.
Wildlife value	Y		Two deciduous trees are located and one side of the green and provide some shelter and a food source for wildlife such as small garden birds and invertebrates in this urbanised area.

Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).

**Landowner Response**

**E-mail dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Thank you for your letter dated 10th May 2023.

[REDACTED] are objecting to this proposal until we are able to assess the land for suitability as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) sites.

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 23rd March 2023**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 23/03/23**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 046</b>	Maple Close Recreation Area
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	End of Maple Close and Forehill Close, Preston, Weymouth DT3 Centred at Grid reference Easting 369881 and Northing 82532
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.1
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	General recreational use including exercise, dog walking and relaxation. The site has been used as an equipped childrens play area in the past and the wooden swing frame is still in place, however the swings have been removed.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention as a recreation/play area for use by residents from the adjacent houses and for its wildlife value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	An area suitable for use by all age groups.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		None known, confirmed by ward County Councillor.
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		A small open grassed area adjacent to small estate housing and originally provided to meet the needs of residents from these homes. It is a small area (0.1 hectares).
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Immediately adjacent to housing with cut-through access.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	N		
<b>Historical value</b>	N		
<b>Recreational value</b>	Y		This is an important open green space overlooking open fields and directly accessible via cut-throughs from both Maple Close and Forehill Close which form part of a residential area. It has value for dog walking and exercise/play.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Sited in a very quiet location consisting of a grassed area with a seat and two well established coppiced deciduous trees which provide both shade and sheltered habitat for small garden birds.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		In addition to small birds the area attracts a variety

			of wildlife including Roe Deer, Badgers, Barn Owl, Woodpecker and Bats.
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**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

The area is immediately adjacent to housing and 22 residents attended a meeting to discuss the importance of the site and why they felt it should be designated as Local Green Space.  
Interest was expressed in forming a Community Group to befriend the site and seek help from Dorset Council to maintain it for its recreational and wildlife value.

**Landowner Response**

**SUPPORT**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 27th March 2023**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 27/03/23**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date: 15/05/2023**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 047</b>	Grass verge and copse at Springfield Road, Weymouth
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Land on corner, on south side of Springfield Road and north of Dorchester Road. Centred at grid reference Easting 366772 and Northing 83266
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.15 hectares
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Part owned By Dorset Council.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Woodland copse separated from a busy road by a grass verge which provides a wildlife stepping stone, for birds, mammals and invertebrates. The area is undisturbed as there is no public access.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	A tranquil area of wildlife value which adds to the beauty of the Broadway conservation area within which it lies.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	It is a peaceful natural copse next to a quite busy road. The uncut verge is an extension with no hazards created for anyone as there is a wide pavement next to it.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		None known.
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Yes		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Yes		Lies wholly within and blends with the character of the Broadway Conservation area. It covers an area of 0.15 hectares close to mixed residential properties and a busy road.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Yes		Immediately adjacent to residential properties.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	Yes		Adds to the character of the Broadway Conservation Area within which it is wholly located.
Historical value		No	
Recreational value		No	
Tranquility	Yes		A tranquil area close to a busy road from which it is separated by a grass verge
Wildlife value	Yes		There are a variety of wild flowers growing in the grass verge next to the copse including Dovesfoot Cranesbill and Cuckoo Flower. The latter is the larval food plant for the important orange tip butterfly. A variety of butterfly species are also attracted to Buddleia bushes in the copse. The unmanaged

		<p>woodland creates an important habitat for invertebrates.</p> <p>The copse consists of dense broadleaved woodland trees with some fruit trees ( possibly from former cottage gardens on the site) and provides year round shelter and nesting habitat for a variety of garden and woodland birds including Greater Spotted Woodpecker. The site benefits from being relatively undisturbed.</p> <p>Trees include Ash, Hazel, Sycamore , Elm and Prunus.</p> <p>Residents report frequent sightings of bats including Pipistrelle.</p>
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**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

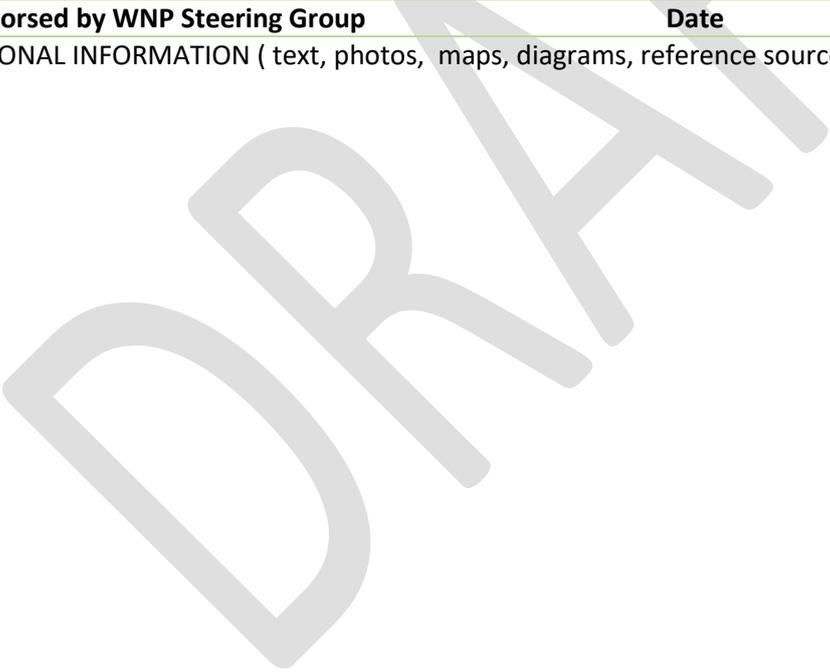
**Landowner Response**  
**See Reg 14**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 01/06/2023**  
**Yes** **Date of assessment decision.**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group** **Date**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 048</b>	<b>Traditional Orchard</b>
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	DT3 6HU Grid reference centred at SY68589 81808
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.06
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Priority Habitat Situated within the DERC Ecological Network and High Potential Areas.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Disused small former farm orchard.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention of priority habitat for wildlife value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Close to community and used by wildlife which the local community value seeing and hearing.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		Small area of 0.06 hectare adjacent to residential development
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>		Np	
<b>Historical value</b>		Yes	Established traditional orchard which formed part of Southdown Farm prior to development of the site in the early 21 <sup>st</sup> century.
<b>Recreational value</b>		No	
<b>Tranquility</b>	Yes		Forms part of a tranquil setting alongside a well used public footpath from Lodmoor to Lorton Meadows.
<b>Wildlife value</b>			Traditional orchards of this kind have declined significantly in recent years and are a priority habitat.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

The orchard contains a number of traditionally planted fruit trees ( apple) and provides important shelter for garden and migratory birds as well as butterflies, pollinating insects and small mammals.

**Landowner Response**

**SUPPORT** subject to site allocation WNP24 being included. No direct response

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 22/05/2023**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision.**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 049</b>	Community Orchard and grassland area
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	DT3 6HU Grid reference centred at SY68391 81921
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.85
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Wildlife Trust once formal transfer from Dorset Council completed
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	Priority Habitat Situated within the DERC Ecological Network and High Potential Areas.
<b>Current use of site</b>	Community orchard and grassland recreational space.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Retention of priority habitat for its wildlife value and as community recreational space.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	The orchard trees have been planted in a traditional style with the involvement of local school children. The site is located adjacent to a residential area with limited access to alternative walkable green space for families.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		Small area of 0.85 hectare within walkable distance of residential development
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Within 200 metres

**Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -**

<b>Beauty</b>	Yes		Sited on a hillside with extensive views of Lodmoor Country Park, Horse Lynch Plantation and the coastal strip.
<b>Historical value</b>		No	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Yes		Accessible green space of community value for walking, picnics and community activity such as fruit picking.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Yes		Forms part of a tranquil setting among open meadows and woodland.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Yes		The creation of priority habitat for wildlife, particularly invertebrates and small mammals.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

The orchard contains a number of traditionally planted fruit trees and provides important shelter for farmland birds as well as butterflies, pollinating insects and small mammals.

**Landowner Response**

**NO RESPONSE**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 22/05/2023**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision.**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 050</b>	<b>Grassland (Area 1) at Southdown</b>
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	DT3 6HU Grid reference centred at SY 68548 81922
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	1.65
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	In buffer zone of SSSI, EIA Regs (Agri) Situated within the DERC Ecological Network and High Potential Areas (part).
<b>Current use of site</b>	Permanent grassland with light grazing and semi natural vegetation (scrub) .
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Recreation and wildlife value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	A public footpath runs through the site providing access to SSSI's at Lodmoor and Lorton Meadows. The site is located immediately adjacent to a residential area which has limited access to alternative walkable green space for families.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		An area of 1.65 hectare adjacent to residential development with public footpath access.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Yes		Sited on a hillside with extensive views of Lodmoor Country Park, Horse Lynch Plantation and the coastal strip.
<b>Historical value</b>		No	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Yes		The area has been used for recreational activity for over 20 years due to the footpath access and links to the SSSI's at Lodmoor and Lorton..
<b>Tranquility</b>	Yes		Forms part of a tranquil setting among open meadows and nearby woodland.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Yes		The open grassland and wet areas are frequented by water vole, water shrew, brown hare and badgers., as well as butterflyed, insects and small mammals.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Close to community and used by wildlife which the local community value seeing

**Landowner Response**

N/A

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. NO**

**Site visited 22/05/2023**

**No**

**Date of assessment decision.**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space</b> Reference WTC LGS003, 007, 008	
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Area of Woodland with footpath between Grove Avenue and Beaumont Avenue and adjacent to Lodmoor Nature Park. DT4 7RT, Grid ref 682 811
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0,4 Hectare
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	
<b>Current use of site</b>	Green space with several areas of informal walkable access.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Green area for recreational and wildlife value with excellent access to residents.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Forms a buffer zone adjacent to Lodmoor Nature Park. Wildlife value specifically Green Woodpecker, Foxes, Bats, Tawny Owl. Used by families for recreational use such as blackberry picking and forms part of an important walking route for access to the Lodmoor Nature Park..

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?			
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?			
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?			
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?			
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to a residential area
Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -			
Beauty		N	
Historical value		N	
Recreational value	Y		Family activities such as blackberry picking, wildlife observation
Tranquility	Y		A peaceful oasis alongside a quiet footpath leading to Lodmoor Country Park.
Wildlife value	Y		Habitat for a variety of wildlife including Bats and Tawny Owl. The location is covered in the DERC Ecological Network Map as a High Potential Network buffer zone over part of the area. Deciduous tree (Ash, Willow, Elder, Silver Birch etc) and areas of Bramble hedge and Buddleia provide cover for

garden birds such as Wren and habitat for butterflies such as Speckled Wood both of which were observed during the site visit.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Other applicants submissions (WTCLGS007 and WTCLGS008) refer to the same area.

**Landowner Response**

**Letter of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

Dorset Council objects to this site being put forward as a Local Green Space and requests that it is removed. There is the possibility that this site could be developed for housing.

An earlier undated note headed ‘Dorset Council Assets & Regeneration comment on Weymouth Town Council’s proposal to designate sites as Local Green Spaces in the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan’ contains the following reference – “DC land no objection to being identified as Local Green Space

- Grove Avenue, Weymouth – DC have looked at the possibility of a self and custom build 1-2 homes where the land meets Grove Avenue but don’t believe this is really a suitable infill housing site therefore no objection to being identified as Local Green Space (Ref WTCLGS003/007/008)

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 10/10/2022**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision. 15/05/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date 15/05/2023**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 052</b>	Grassland (Area 3) at Southdown
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	DT3 6HU Grid reference centred at SY 68528 81764
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	2.1
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	In buffer zone of SSSI, EIA Regs (Agri) Situated within the DERC Ecological Network and High Potential Areas (part).
<b>Current use of site</b>	Permanent grassland with light grazing and semi natural vegetation (scrub) .
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Recreation and wildlife value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	A public footpath runs through the site providing access to SSSI's at Lodmoor and Lorton Meadows. The site is located immediately adjacent to a residential area which has limited access to alternative walkable green space for families.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		Comments/further action required
	Yes	No	
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		An area of 2.1 hectare adjacent to residential development with public footpath access.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Yes		Sited on a hillside with extensive views of Lodmoor Country Park, Horse Lynch Plantation and the coastal strip.
<b>Historical value</b>		No	
<b>Recreational value</b>	Yes		The area has been used for recreational activity for over 20 years due to the footpath access and links to the SSSI's at Lodmoor and Lorton..
<b>Tranquility</b>	Yes		Forms part of a tranquil setting among open meadows and nearby woodland.
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Yes		The open grassland and wet areas are frequented by water vole, water shrew, brown hare and badgers., as well as butterfly, insects and small mammals.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

Close to community and used by wildlife which the local community value seeing

**Landowner Response**

N/A

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. NO**

**Site visited 22/05/2023**

**NO**

**Date of assessment decision.**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date**

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**Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan – Form WNPLGS 1/21 Assessment of Areas Identified as Local Green Space**

<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 053</b>	<b>Farmland west of Wyke Oliver Farm</b>
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Referred to as area 6 “Off Bidmouth Avenue” on Map E of the third engagement map book. Satellite view attached to submission form. Centred at Grid reference SY68915 82079
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	10
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	In buffer zone of SSSI, EIA Regs (Agri) Situated wholly within the DERC Existing Ecological Network
<b>Current use of site</b>	Farm land, within close proximity to Lodmoor SSSI
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Tranquility, Beauty and Wildlife value.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	This area directly links to Lorton Meadows and provides a wildlife corridor. It is a roosting ground for Geese from Lodmoor SSSI in the autumn as well as other animals. It is within 500m of Lodmoor nature reserve. Expanding Lorton Meadows designation to include this land will bring enjoyment to many local people, and will ensure that the Dorset AONB can be enjoyed from afar. The site is located immediately adjacent to a residential area which has limited access to alternative walkable green space for families.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		Comments/further action required
	Yes	No	
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	?		Confirm planning status.
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	?		Being considered as an exception site following the call for sites within the draft NP
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	?		Subject to consideration as a Exception site within the Weymouth NP.
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?		N	An area of 10 hectares would seem extensive ie 2 x the maximum advisory area.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>	Yes		Sited in an elevated position overlooking Lodmoor Nature Reserve.
<b>Historical value</b>		No	
<b>Recreational value</b>		No	No access
<b>Tranquility</b>	Yes		Forms part of a tranquil setting among open fields and nearby woodland.

<b>Wildlife value</b>	Yes	The open grassland and wet areas are frequented by wildlife and form part of a wildlife corridor associated with the Lodmoor SSSI site.
<b>Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).</b>		
Close to community and used by wildlife which the local community value seeing		
<b>Landowner Response</b> N/A		
<b>The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. NO</b>		
Site visited 13/05/2023		
No		<b>Date of assessment decision.</b>
<b>Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group</b>		<b>Date</b>

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS 054</b>	Radipole Park & Gardens
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Radipole Park Drive Weymouth DT3 5EZ
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	6.3
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Weymouth Town Council
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	No
<b>Current use of site</b>	Recreational use as Park, playpark and gardens.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	<p>Radipole park is a vital green corridor that runs from the town to the outer suburbs, alongside Radipole bird reserve.</p> <p>A much loved space for local residents, who enjoy the tranquility of the gardens and many a romantic wedding photo taken in its famous willow grove.</p> <p>Many of the surrounding houses are of multiple occupancy so the park and gardens is their only place they can enjoy the outdoors safely and freely.</p> <p>It is of valuable albeit hidden historical value.</p>
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	<p>Created post WWI using council organised labour during a time of deep recession. Built on reclaimed land from Weymouth estuary as part of the gentrifying on the backwater area. A vital extension to the water locked land of Melcombe Regis which was constructed on a sand spit.</p> <p>Designed by world renown landscape architects, Edward Milner and White in a naturalistic style.</p> <p>During WWII it became the home of the Southern Command and later USA troops. FORPAG alongside WTC have achieved a Lottery grant to upgrade the facilities, including more free to use recreational sporting areas. Petanque, table tennis, tennis, basketball, football etc.</p> <p>The children’s play area is being completely rebuilt with natural play equipment more in keeping with its ethos of nature and nurture.</p> <p>FORPAG have also raised funds to create a sensory garden that sits alongside a new kiosk and toilets in the process of being built.</p> <p>There are plans to plant more native trees in the park to increase biodiversity. The sensory garden will also be filled with planting with that in mind. A space where people of all abilities will be able to come along and enjoy its sensual and visual benefits.</p> <p>Not only that volunteers will be able to help in many ways, opening it up to other sections of the community.</p> <p>As part of the Lottery bid various bio diversity studies were made revealing many fascinating facts, such as the park is home to seven species of bats, there were also some quite rare plants growing in the park area.</p> <p>Consequently the area will be planted to increase different habitats thereby increasing the range of wildlife it can support.</p> <p>The WTC park and gardens is supported by the Friends of Radipole Park and Gardens (FORPAG) who run events throughout the year to raise funds for various schemes, the latest being the sensory garden, of which £26,000 was achieved and is in the process of being marked out ready for the Friends to take it over.</p>

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		Comments/further action required
	Yes	No	
The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?	Y		No planning proposals
The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y		
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		A large tract of land but not extensive and is local in character
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Close to urban areas including HMO's.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty	Y		See above
Historical value	Y		See above
Recreational value	Y		See above
Tranquility	Y		See above
Wildlife value	Y		See above
Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).			
<b>Landowner Response</b>			
Supportive			
The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. YES			
Site visited See WTCLGS018			
Date of assessment decision. Included in pre-submission document as result of earlier submission WTCLGS018			
Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group			Date

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See Map in pre-submission document.

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTC LGS055</b>	Field adjacent to Nottingham Park development off Nottingham Lane
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Field spanning DT3 4BJ and DT3 5DF (see map on last page of this document)
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	2.5 to 3.0 hectares
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	tba
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Agricultural - Rough pasture occasionally used for grazing.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Value as a wildlife buffer zone/refuge for wildlife displaced from the adjacent extensive new residential development along Nottingham Lane The site flanks the river Wey and forms the only clear access to the river thus forming an important link between green spaces either side of Nottingham lane.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Additionally, due to the development of Nottingham Park, this green space now serves as the only significant 'green gap' between the Nottingham village and Dorchester road settlements.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
<b>The site is not subject to an approved or pending planning permission for development?</b>	Y		Deemed unsuitable for development in the Site Options Assessment following the Call for Sites during preparation of the draft Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.
<b>The site is not allocated for proposed development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?</b>	Y		Mentioned in the SHLAA ref LA/WEYM/009
<b>Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?</b>	Y		
<b>The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?</b>	Y		An important green area amongst new residential development and in character with fields along the River Wey.
<b>Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?</b>	Y		Adjacent to large new residential development.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
<b>Beauty</b>		N	
<b>Historical value</b>		N	
<b>Recreational value</b>		N	A public footpath runs adjacent to one side of the field but not across the land.
<b>Tranquility</b>	Y		Peaceful pastoral scene
<b>Wildlife value</b>	Y		Rough pasture with deciduous hedges along the perimeter provides a habitat for farmland birds and both small and larger mammals.

**Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).**

**Landowner Response**

**OPPOSED**

The site is deemed not to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is not recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan subject to consultants review.

Site visited on 07/12/2023

**NO**

**Date of assessment decision. 09/12/2023**

**Decision endorsed by SG**

**Date**

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<b>Name of the Proposed Space Reference WTCLGS056</b>	<b>Chapelhay Growing Space</b>
<b>Location of the Space (Address, Post Code, Grid reference)</b>	Piece of grassed land, Adjacent to Chapelhay Heights, at the end of Chapelhay Street. DT4 8JJ Centred at grid reference Easting 367654 Northing 78608
<b>Approx area of site ( hectares)</b>	0.012 hectares
<b>Name and contact details of site owner</b>	Dorset Council who recently granted permission for this space to be leased to Weymouth Town Council for use as an allotment for residents at Chapelhay Heights.
<b>Any existing known designations or protections e.g. AONB, SSSI, Scheduled Monument</b>	None known
<b>Current use of site</b>	Open grassed area used by local residents as a growing space for fruit and vegetables.
<b>Reason(s) for proposed designation as LGS</b>	Recreational value as a growing space for families without access to their own gardens.
<b>Other information in support of the proposal (please continue on page 2 if more space is required)</b>	Families at Chapelhay Heights do not have their own garden space and have been attempting to grow vegetables in the play gardens. This has been difficult for several reasons. There is an established group of families that have been working together to try and make this happen for several years. There are several families who live in the adjacent flats who would like to grow fruit and vegetables here. <u>They are members of the volunteer group, established in 2005 to help maintain the Chapelhay Playground,</u> The group has had some success growing potatoes in the past and have found space to plant plum trees, which are now fruiting. They have been restricted in their growing endeavours by not having a dedicated growing space until now.

**Sites Eligible for Designation as LGS must meet each of the eligibility criteria as follows**

Eligibility requirement	Meets Eligibility requirement		
	Yes	No	Comments/further action required
Is it reasonable to protect this site for the Plan period, consistent with promoting sustainable development in the wider area?	Y		
The site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character?	Y		An area of around 0.01 Ha which forms an integral part of the residential area where several small plots of land exist.
Is the site in close proximity (short walking distance) of a community settlement?	Y		Immediately adjacent to residential properties.
<b>Does the site have special local significance and importance to the local community in terms of its (must meet at least one of the criteria below) -</b>			
Beauty		N	
Historical value		N	
Recreational value	Y		An accessible open grassed area used by local residents who do not have gardens to their homes and use this to grow fruit and vegetables.
Tranquility	Y		An open grassed area with fruit trees where residents without their own gardens can relax and enjoy a natural peaceful environment.
Wildlife value	Y		Use as a growing area for fruit and vegetables attracts pollinator species.

Supporting evidence for the above ( please include a separate attachment if more space is required).

**Landowner Response**

**OPPOSED. See reg 14**

**The site is deemed to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space and is recommended for inclusion as part of the Local Green Space policy of the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Site visited 31/12/2023**

**Yes**

**Date of assessment decision.**

**Decision endorsed by WNP Steering Group**

**Date**

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