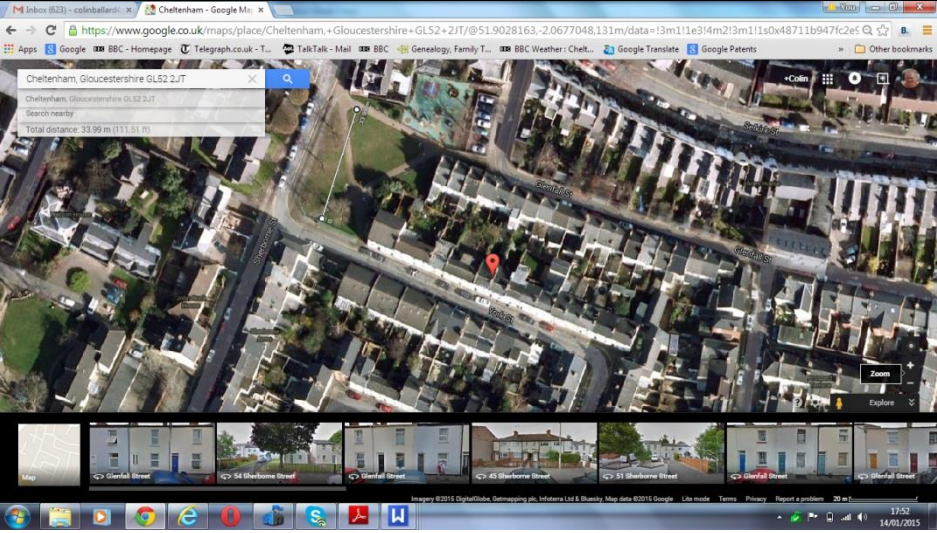



Local Green Space Toolkit Application

Site 4

Fairview Green

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	Name and address of site <i>Some sites have several names and all known names should be given</i>	
	Fairview Green, Cheltenham, GL52 2JT	
1.2	Site location plan <i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site. Please indicate the scale.</i>	
	 <p data-bbox="295 1473 1236 1541">The site includes an open green space plus an enclosed, children's soft-play area.</p>	
1.3	Organisation or individual proposing site for designation <i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised community group</i>	
	Fairview Community Association	
1.4	Ownership of site if known <i>Information on land ownership can be obtained from the Land Registry. Some land parcels are not registered however local people may know the owner.</i>	
	To be confirmed.	

1.5	Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)	
	N/a	
1.6	Photographs of site	
		
1.7	Community served by the potential Local Green Space <i>i.e. does the site serve the whole village/town or a particular geographic area or group of people?</i>	
	Yes – it serves the whole of Fairview Community area.	
2	Planning History	
2.1	Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space? for further information please contact Cheltenham Borough Council Planning Applications team	
	No	
2.2	Is the site allocated for development in the existing Development Plan, emerging Joint Core Strategy, Cheltenham Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space? For further information please contact Cheltenham Borough Council Planning Policy team	
	No	
3	Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	Approx. 0.2 hectare	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”? <i>(Extensive tracts of land cannot be designated as Local Green Space) e.g. how large is it in comparison to other fields; groups of fields; areas of land in the vicinity etc.? Does the site “feel” extensive or more local in scale?</i>	

	No	
3.3	Is the proposed site “local in character”? <i>e.g. does the site feel as though it is part of the local area? And why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? What is your evidence?</i>	
	Yes. Because it is conveniently positioned for families for either post school or generally at the weekends close to All Saints households. Soft children’s play area, dog walking, serves a community that would otherwise have to walk to Pittville Park. Many terraced houses in the area served have only small gardens. This space is unique in the area with allowing children to play in a safe area, with minders able to enjoy the grassed park on the benches provided at a distance which allows independence for the local children.	
4	Need for Local Green Space	
4.1	Is there a need for a local green space in this location? <i>e.g. is there a shortage of accessible greenspace in the area? Is there a village needs survey or parish plan that provides evidence of that need. Further information – Natural England (Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard)</i>	
	Yes. Very dense population / households in area means it’s a critical piece of green space. It offers green space and a safe area around, otherwise, very small property back gardens. The CBC green space audit from 2008 showed All Saints had less green space per head than any other ward (Steve Jordan (CBC) e-mail 17 th December 2014 as attached)	
5	Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves” <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
5.1	How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community? <i>Possible evidence – a map to show that distance</i>	
	Yes. On the door step. Otherwise, significant public areas such as Pittville and Sandford Parks are at least 10 minutes away in other areas and across major roads.	
5.2	Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes? <i>e.g. railway line; main road</i> <i>Possible evidence – a map to show any potential barriers and how those can be overcome.</i>	
	No.	
6	Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community” <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council <i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i>	
	n/a	
6.2	Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.	

	<i>e.g. letters of support; petitions; surveys etc.</i>	
	Introduced and listed by local residents attending the Fairview Community Association meeting on 4th December as in the attached : Initial assessment matrix - research by communities Fairview_4 December 2014. One attendee, Mrs. Jill Julier of Hewlett Road, specifically cited this as a very-attainable, useful and enjoyable space for her visiting grandchildren.	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders <i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc.</i> <i>Further information on these contact details – Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucestershire County Council, House of Commons</i>	
	Letter from County Councillor Colin Hay to Councillor Steve Jordan on 12 January 2015 as attachment. Initial assessment matrix reviewed and appended to Steve Jordan (CBC) e-mail 17 th December 2014 as attached.	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups <i>e.g. letters of support from organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i>	
	n/a	
7	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
7.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site?	
	NO	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	Mature trees, well maintained	
7.3	Site visibility <i>e.g. is it easy to see the site from a public place? Are there long-distance views of the site? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</i>	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations? <i>e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; Conservation Area; Special Landscape Area</i> <i>Further information – Cheltenham Borough Council; Natural England;</i>	
7.5	Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents? <i>e.g. Cotswolds AONB landscape character assessment. Further information – Cheltenham Borough Council; Natural England; Cotswolds Conservation Board</i>	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?	

	Some of the neighbouring property is late-Victorian, terraced housing. It offers green space and a safe area around, otherwise, very small property back gardens.	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art? <i>e.g. is the site mentioned in a well-known poem or shown in a famous painting?</i>	
8	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its <u>historic significance</u>” (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
8.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site?	
	Yes	
8.2	Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site? <i>e.g. listed buildings; scheduled ancient monuments ; registered parks and gardens; war memorials; other historic remains or structures.</i> <i>Further information – Cheltenham Borough Council; English Heritage; Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record; Gloucestershire Archives; local history society;</i>	
8.3	Are there any important historic landscape features on the site? <i>e.g. old hedgerows; ancient trees; historic ponds or historic garden features</i> <i>Further information – Cheltenham Borough Council; English Heritage; Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record; local history society</i>	
8.4	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? <i>e.g. the old site of the town railway station; the old garden for the manor house etc.</i>	
	Letter from County Councillor Colin Hay to Councillor Steve Jordan on 12 January 2015 as attachment: “In the late 1970’s the Borough Council designated Fairview as a ‘General Improvement Area’ (GIA). I was the street representative and was involved in the consultations for the GIA. It included giving improvement grants to properties basic standards and a number of environmental improvements - including the establishment of a green space and play area known as Fairview green from a car par and some redundant properties owned by the Borough. The consultations were both through and detailed, I well remember that the establishment of Fairview Green had the full support of the community, as there was nowhere within easy access for children to play and for people to sit and relax.”	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?	

	<i>e.g. well-dressing; maypole dancing etc.</i>	
9	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
9.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site?	
	YES	
9.2	Is the site used for playing sport? <i>If so what sport? How long has it been used for sports provision? Is this sports provision free or is a club membership required? Further information – Sport England</i>	
	Recreational facility for local families. Children’s soft-play area and green.	
9.3	Are the public able to physically access the site? <i>e.g. are there any public rights of way across the site? Or adjacent to the site? Has access been allowed on a discretionary basis? Is there public access to the whole site or only part? Is there good disabled access to the site? (A site can still be designated even if there is no public access.) Further information – Gloucestershire County Council</i>	
	Yes, the site is landscaped for public use with benches, paths, dog bins. There is good disabled access with paved paths and flat even surfaces maintained. The playground is also accessible.	
9.4	Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when? <i>e.g. dog walking; sledging; ball games etc.</i>	
	Yes. Ball games, informal recreation, dog walking and socialising. Letter from County Councillor Colin Hay to Councillor Steve Jordan on 12 January 2015 (appendix 1) “It is on the way home for many parents whose children go to Holy Trinity School and they often stop to allow the children to play, this also provides parents to valuable space to socialise. Local children use the green and play area on a daily basis”.	
10	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
10.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site?	
	Yes	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil? <i>e.g. are there any roads or busy areas close by?</i>	
	Yes, Letter from County Councillor Colin Hay to Councillor Steve Jordan on 12 January 2015 (see Appendix 1) “This is a valuable, much used and well-loved oasis of green space in a town centre setting which the local community would be outraged if it were to be developed.”	

	It is away from significant roads and traffic in an area of small streets and terraced housing.	
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area? e.g. within the Campaign to Protect Rural England 's tranquillity maps	
11	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the <u>richness of its wildlife</u>”; (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
11.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site?	
	NO	
11.2	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value? <i>e.g. as a site of special scientific interest; a key wildlife site etc. Further information - Natural England; Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records</i>	
11.3	Are any important habitats or species found on the site? <i>e.g. habitats and species listed in the UK priority habitats and species lists or Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action Plans or protected species or on the red/amber lists of birds of conservation concern. Further information - Natural England; Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records; National Biodiversity Network; RSPB</i>	
11.4	What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? <i>Further information - Natural England; Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records; National Biodiversity Network;</i>	
11.5	Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community? <i>e.g. long-term monitoring of breeding birds.</i>	
12	Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>”; (if applicable) <i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i>	
12.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site?	
	Yes, it includes a designated children’s play area owned and maintained by CBC	
12.2	Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?	

County Councillor Colin Hay

Steve Jordan
Leader Cheltenham Borough Council
Municipal Offices
The Promenade
Cheltenham

Dear Steve

Designation of 'Fairview Green' as Local Green Space

I'm writing to support the designation of Local Green Space for 'Fairview Green' which lies between the corner of Sherbourne and York Streets, and Glenfall Street. In the mid 1970's and mid 80's I lived at 1 Glenfall Street and from 1985 to the present day I have lived at 12 York Street, the boundaries of both properties include Fairview Green. In 1981 I became the County Councillor for All Saints which at the time included Fairview Green. In the late 1970's the Borough Council designated Fairview as a 'General Improvement Area' (GIA). I was the street representative and was involved in the consultations for the GIA. It included giving improvement grants to properties basic standards and a number of environmental improvements - including the establishment of a green space and play area known as Fairview green from a car park and some redundant properties owned by the Borough. The consultations were both thorough and detailed, I well remember that the establishment of Fairview Green had the full support of the community, as there was nowhere within easy access for children to play and for people to sit and relax.

I have seen first-hand as a local resident just how well the play area and green have been used over the years, and how valuable it has become a resource. Often the school and local playgroups will bring children to play there. It is on the way home for many parents whose children go to Holy Trinity School and they often stop to allow the children to play, this also provides parents to valuable space to socialise. Local children use the green and play area on a daily basis, indeed my own three children used the park a great deal whilst growing up.

This is a valuable, much used and well-loved oasis of green space in a town centre setting which the local community would be outraged if it were to be developed. I fully support it's designation as a Local Green Space.

Regards

Colin Hay 12th January 2015

Appendix 2

From: Steve.Jordan@cheltenham.gov.uk
To: *address supplied*
Subject: RE: Green spaces assessments

Date: Wed, 17 Dec 2014 16:32:22 +0000

Have added some details on why the sites picked are special - let me know what you think.

Not sure if/when the owners of the land get involved. Most are CBC so no problem with those but I guess the schools and church may be interested at some point – presume you can cover the cricket club.

I had a look at the CBC green space audit from 2008 which showed All Saints had less green space per head than any other ward – shows why each site is important! It also listed a couple of sites we didn't. Both are in the 'new' bit of FCA area. They were The Grove (presume the green bit in the middle of the turning circle at the end of the cul-de-sac) and Hales Close (not really sure what that refers to unless the green verge on the left hand side). Having said that, I'm happy to go with what we've got.

As mentioned I think that's all we need at this stage. Are you happy to go with this or would you like to meet/discuss?

Thanks, Steve.

Appendix 3

