


## CHECKLIST AND CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

1	General Information	Tick if relevant evidence provided
1.1	<p>Name and address of site</p> <p><i>Some sites have several names and all known names should be given</i></p>	
	Robson Memorial Field	
1.2	<p>Site location plan</p> <p><i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site.</i></p> <p><i>Please indicate the scale.</i></p>	
	 <p>Robson Field – 65 x 69 metres</p>	
1.3	<p>Organisation or individual proposing site for designation</p> <p><i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised community group</i></p>	
	Prestbury Parish Council	
1.4	<p>Ownership of site if known</p> <p><i>Information on land ownership can be obtained from the <a href="#">Land Registry</a>. Some land parcels are not registered however local people may know the owner.</i></p>	

	Prestbury Parish Council is aware of and supports the application	
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)	
	Yes	
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>	
	The site is available to all residents, but primarily serves those in the Noverton area of Prestbury	
2	<b>Planning History</b>	
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 <a href="#">Planning Applications</a> 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 <a href="#">Planning Policy</a> team	
	No	

3	<b>Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space</b>	
3.1	Area of proposed site	
	65 metres x 69 metres	
3.2	Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?  <i>(Extensive tracts of land cannot be designated as Local Green Space)</i>  <i>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>	
	The Robson Field is a small area of land.	
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>	
	The site is an integral part of the Parish despite being located on the boundary of the Parish, it acts as the gateway to the Cotswold Escarpment and the Cheltenham Circular Walk.  Access to the fields is via a footbridge of a stream at the end of Roberts Road or via the Pieces footpath which runs from Bouncers Lane to Noverton Lane.  Access may as be gained via the fields at the bottom of the Cotswold Escarpment.	
4	<b>Need for Local Green Space</b>	
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.</i>  <i>Further information – Natural England (<a href="#">Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard</a>)</i>	
	There is a clear and demonstrable need for this green space, being the only one with full public access in the Noverton area.	
5	<b>Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”</b>  <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	

5.1	<p>How far is the site from the community it serves?</p> <p>Is the site within 2km of the local community?</p> <p><i>Possible evidence – a map to show that distance</i></p>	
	<p>The attached map shows the relationship of the Robson Field to the community. It is on the edge of the parish and has housing on one side of the field.</p>	
5.2	<p>Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?</p> <p><i>e.g. railway line; main road</i></p> <p><i>Possible evidence – a map to show any potential barriers and how those can be overcome.</i></p>	
	<p>There are no barriers to access. All residents can access the Robson Field with no restrictions.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”</b></p> <p><b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b></p>	
6.1	<p>Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council</p> <p><i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i></p>	
	<p>The Parish Council owns the Robson Field and undertakes all associated maintenance.</p>	
6.2	<p>Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support; petitions; surveys etc.</i></p>	
	<p>None available</p>	
6.3	<p>Evidence of support from community leaders</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc.</i></p> <p><i>Further information on these contact details – <a href="#">Cheltenham Borough Council</a>, <a href="#">Gloucestershire County Council</a>, <a href="#">House of Commons</a></i></p>	
	<p>As the Cheltenham Borough Councillor for Prestbury I fully support the Parish Council in its support for the Robson Field.</p>	
6.4	<p>Evidence of support from other groups</p> <p><i>e.g. letters of support from organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i></p>	

	No specific groups use the Robson Fields, so no such support is available.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>beauty</u>,” (if applicable)</b>  <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b>	
	<b>YES</b>	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
	The site in itself has no particular significance for its beauty. Its significance is that it enhance the setting of Prestbury and provides excellent views to the Cotswold Escarpment.	
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>	
	The site is screened on all sides by a watercourse and hedging to the north, to the west a large hedge screens the field from the Crematorium, the two remaining sides are natural hedges.	
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 – <a href="#">Cheltenham Borough Council</a>; <a href="#">Natural England</a>;</i>	
	No	
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 – <a href="#">Cheltenham Borough Council</a>; <a href="#">Natural England</a>; <a href="#">Cotswolds Conservation Board</a></i>	
	No	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?	
	No	
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>	
	No	
<b>8</b>	<b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its <u>historic significance</u>” (if applicable)</b>  <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b>	
	<b>NO</b>	
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 – <a href="#">Cheltenham Borough Council</a>; <a href="#">English Heritage</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Archives</a>; local history society;</i>	
	No	
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; <a href="#">English Heritage</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record</a>; local history society</i>	
	No	
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>	
	No	
8.5	Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
	No	
8.6	Do any historic rituals take place on the site?  <i>e.g. well-dressing; maypole dancing etc.</i>	
	No	

9	<p><b>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)</b></p> <p><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></p>	
9.1	<p><b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b></p>	
	<p><b>YES</b></p>	
9.2	<p>Is the site used for playing sport?</p> <p><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?</i></p> <p><i>Further information – <a href="#">Sport England</a></i></p>	
	<p>There are no formal arrangements for sporting activity. However, the field is used by children to play a range of sporting activities.</p>	
9.3	<p>Are the public able to physically access the site?</p> <p><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.)</i></p> <p><i>Further information – <a href="#">Gloucestershire County Council</a></i></p>	
	<p>As previously stated the site is readily accessible, with no restrictions.</p>	
9.4	<p>Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?</p> <p><i>e.g. dog walking; sledging; ball games etc</i></p>	
	<p>The field gives access to open green space at the foot of the Cotswold Escarpment, and to footpaths, including the Cheltenham Circular Path. Dog walking and children’s games are the predominant activities.</p> <p>Parish council letter (Appendix 1) states that ‘the field on the outskirts of Prestbury provides a recreational facility to dog walkers, ramblers, families and is also used for picnics and a means of keeping fit; it gives access to the Cotswold Way and Cheltenham Circular Walk.’</p> <p>Borough Councillor letter (Appendix 2) states that “it is used on a regular basis by local children and families. It is used extensively by dog walkers as it gives access to other open fields which are in the Borough of Tewkesbury”.</p>	
10	<p><b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>tranquillity</u>” (if applicable)</b></p>	

	<b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b>	
	<b>Yes</b>	
10.2	Do you consider the site to be tranquil? <i>e.g. are there any roads or busy areas close by?</i>	
	The Robson Field is a tranquil location, free as it is from intrusive traffic noise.  Parish council letter (Appendix 1) states that benches have been provided for the public's use.	
10.3	Is the site within a recognised tranquil area? <i>e.g. within the <a href="#">Campaign to Protect Rural England</a>'s tranquillity maps</i>	
	No	
<b>11</b>	<b>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)</b>  <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>	
<b>11.1</b>	<b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b>	
	<b>Yes</b>	
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</i>  <i>Further information - <a href="#">Natural England</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records</a></i>	
	No	
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.</i>  <i>Further information - <a href="#">Natural England</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records</a>; <a href="#">National Biodiversity Network</a>; <a href="#">RSPB</a></i>	
	There is an abundance of wildlife, mice, rats, hedgehogs, foxes and badgers.	



	<p>Letter from parish council (Appendix 1) states that 'wildlife and fauna can be observed in this field.'</p> <p>Letter from borough councillor (Appendix 2) states that "wildlife is abundant, predominately foxes and badgers plus a wide variety of birdlife"</p>	
11.4	<p>What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?</p> <p><i>Further information - <a href="#">Natural England</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records</a>; <a href="#">National Biodiversity Network</a>;</i></p>	
	None	
11.5	<p>Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?</p> <p><i>e.g. long-term monitoring of breeding birds.</i></p>	
	No	
12	<p><b>Evidence to show that the green area "holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>"; (if applicable)</b></p> <p><b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b></p>	
12.1	<p><b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b></p>	
	<b>NO</b>	
12.2	<p>Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?</p>	
	<p>The Robson Field was bequeathed to the Parish for the enjoyment of residents, long may this continue.</p> <p>Links to national and local walks for the community.</p>	

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20<sup>TH</sup> January 2015

Dear Elin Tattersall

As you are aware the Prestbury Parish Council is applying to have the Robson Memorial Field, Prestbury, granted protected status from development under the Cheltenham Borough Council Local Plan.

The Robson Memorial Field is owned by the Parish Council, having been bequeathed to the Parish some considerable years ago.

This field on the out skirts of Prestbury provides a recreational facility to dog walkers, ramblers, families and is also used for picnics and a means of keeping fit; it gives access to the Cotswold Way and the Cheltenham Circular Walk; wild life and fauna can also be observed in this field. The field has easy access and benches have been provided for the public's use.

It is important that this area remains a green space as it provides open air recreational benefit and links to national and local walks for the community.

Yours sincerely

Chris Franklin  
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## Councillor John Payne

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Dear Elin,

### **Prestbury Parish Council – Local Green Space Applications.**

In my capacity as Ward Councillor for Prestbury I am writing in support of the three applications presented by the Council for:

Prestbury Parish Council Playing Fields

Blacksmiths Lane Allotment Gardens

Alan J Robson memorial Field.

### **The Alan J Robson Memorial Field.**

This small field is situated on the south east boundary of the Parish, it was donated to the Parish from the de-la-Bere family, for the enjoyment of the residents. It is essentially a playing field, the only Parish

Council owned open space in that part of the village, and as such is used on a regular basis by local children and families. It is used extensively by dog walkers as it gives access to other open fields which are in the Borough of Tewkesbury.

The field also provides a gateway to the Cotswold Escarpment, the Cheltenham Circular Walk, and the Cotswold Way.

Being adjacent to open fields, wildlife is abundant, predominantly foxes and badgers plus a wide variety of birdlife.

I fully support the retention of the Robson field as it provides essential recreational space to residents on two local housing developments.

If you require any further evidence to support the application please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. John Payne

Cheltenham Borough Councillor for Prestbury.