

**Questions for Clarification Cullompton Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

*I am Deborah McCann, the independent examiner of the Cullompton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019-2033. I seek clarification on the following policy/supporting information. These questions are directed to the Qualifying Body.*

**Policy EN03 Local Green Space**

**The following areas (listed below and identified on map 5) are designated as Local Green Spaces in accordance with paragraph 99 of the NPPF.**

**Development proposals on designated Local Green Spaces will be supported only where such development demonstrably enhances the recreational use or amenity value of the green space.**

**1. Bilbie Close/Crow Bridge**

**2. Bockland Close**

**4. Clover Drive**

**5. Cross Parks**

**6. Culm Lea Play Area**

**7. Forcefield Road**

**8. Hayman's Close**

**9. Hayman's Green**

**10. Headweir Road 1**

**11. Headweir Road 2**

**12. Jubilee Gardens, Willand Road**

**13. Knightswood Play Park**

**14. Meadow Lane**

**15. River Mead Play Area**

**16. Saxon Way/Windsor Close**

**17. St Andrew's Hill**

**18. Swallow Way**

**19. Tufty Park**

**Please can the QB provide clarity on this matter including whether or not the owners of the LG Spaces identified have been consulted.**

*The NPPF states:*

“99. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

100. 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.

101. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.”

## QUESTIONS

The designation of an area as a Local Green Space has important policy implications and it is therefore essential when proposing Local Green Area designations that the requirements of the NPPF paragraphs 99 and 100 are complied with fully. Whilst I have been provided with evidence to support the proposed designations (Local Green Space Report), I do not currently have sufficient evidence to satisfy me that the requirements have been met. I am sure that this evidence is available, but it has not been presented to me. I therefore request clarification as follows:

- Please supply information regarding ownership of each proposed designation and confirm that all owners have been consulted. Providing where available any response.
- Having examined the Local Green Space Report, I require further information on the size of each proposed designation and a written description as to why each area is:

“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”.

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