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# Rushden Local Green Space Selection Criteria and Proforma

November 2022

## Introduction

This document contains the Local Green Space selection criteria and proforma to nominate Local Green Spaces (LGS) for Rushden's Neighbourhood Plan Update.

Local Green Spaces are areas of particular importance to local communities that can be identified and protected through the planning process. This is an opportunity for the community to nominate LGS and potentially get a site protected. **This exercise will not in itself decide whether a site would be supported or allocated for LGS by the Neighbourhood Plan.** All sites will be considered through an objective and transparent site assessment and site selection process according to national and local LGS criteria displayed below.



## Selection Criteria

Rushden Town Council will assess these nominations in line with the criteria set out in paragraphs 101-103 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) policy EN9 of the East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 and the Local Green Space section of the Planning Practice Guidance.

### NPPF

The National Planning Policy Framework states that the designation should only be used:

- Where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- Where the green 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; and
- Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

### North Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2

Policy EN9 of the North Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2, sets out a Local Green Space criteria that requires:

- a) The site is closely related to the main built-up area of a settlement;
- b) Where local value can be demonstrated, in terms of providing one or more of the following functions:
  - i) Defining the setting of a built-up area
  - ii) Archaeological or historical interest, including tourism related activities
  - iii) Recreational importance
  - iv) Tranquillity, or
  - v) biodiversity; and
- c) The gross area of the site does not exceed 0.5 ha or 10% of the existing main built-up area of the settlement, whichever is larger.

## Proforma

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Please use this form to provide information on suggested Local Green Space. When completing your submission, please ensure you have addressed the following:

- A separate form must be submitted for each suggested asset
- Please complete as many parts of the form as possible
- A map is required at a suitable scale, showing the boundary of the site accurately

The consultation period is from the 24th of November 2022 to the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2022. Please submit this form to us by 23:59 on the 24th of December 2022.

### 1. Your Details

Information Required	Response
Name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Your Status	Local resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Community group: <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state):
Your Address	
Telephone No.	
Email	



## 2. Site Details

Information required	Response
Name of green space	
Site Address / Location	
Site Area (hectares) if known	

## 3. Site Ownership

Information Required	Response
Are you the landowner?	
If 'no', please provide the name and address of the landowner(s) if known.	

## 4. Site Characteristics

The designation of a Local Green Space must be based on evidence that demonstrates why the area is special to a local community and holds particular local significance. It must also be local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

For more information about the national policy requirements for Local Green Spaces, please see criteria above or paragraphs 101-103 of the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) and the Local Green Space section of the [Planning Practice Guidance](#).

Information Required	Response
What is the current use of the site?	

<p>Explain briefly how the green area is demonstrably special to your local community and holds a particular local significance?</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● beauty,</li> <li>● historic significance,</li> <li>● recreational value (including as a playing field),</li> <li>● tranquillity or</li> <li>● richness of its wildlife</li> </ul>	
<p>Approximate distance from the green area to the edge of the settlement it serves (metres)</p>	
<p>How does the area contribute to, or reflect, local character?</p>	

## 5. Further details

Information Required	Response
<p>Please provide details on any local support for the proposal to designate this piece of land (for example, site owner, town council)</p>	
<p>Please provide any additional information</p>	

## Finalising your submission

### DISCLAIMER

The assessment process and outputs do not designate sites as Local Green Spaces. In seeking the submission of sites for the allocation as Local Green Spaces, Rushden Town Council is making no commitment in respect of which sites will be designated. The designation will be determined through the Rushden Town Council Review and Rushden Neighbourhood Plan Update.

### DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The information collected in this response form will be used by Rushden Town Council to inform the Local Green Spaces Assessment and the Neighbourhood Plan Update. This information will then be retained until it is superseded. All sites that are submitted will be public and will be published on the Rushden Town Council website. By responding you are accepting that your response and the information within it may be made available to the public. Any personal information provided (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or other contact details) will not be made public. Your personal information may be passed to other formally constituted plan making bodies (such as a the town council) where such bodies are using the evidence base for the purposes of their plan making. Please let us know if you do not wish for your information to be shared in this way. You may ask us to remove your personal data from the register at any time. To do this please contact Rushden Town Council.

All information held by the Rushden Town Council may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act. If any information included is sensitive and you would like to have the opportunity to object to its release in the event of a Freedom of Information request, please contact us.

Further details on how we manage your information, including your rights under the GDPR and our data protection policy can be found here:

<https://www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/data-protection-policy-37.pdf>

<https://www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk/local-council-privacy-and-cookie.html>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Please tick here to confirm you have read and agree to submit your information in accordance with the disclaimer and data protection statement.</p>
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