

### **Proposed Local Green Space Designation**

Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space . The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in this area, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation.

#### **Proposed Designation 1**

This area is close to the community it serves, is demonstrably special to the community given the regular use of the ground. It is a tranquil place to be, with the trees sheltering the noise from the adjacent Radstock Road. It has historic significance in that it backs on to the former Wells Way Pit and was once part of a Roman Road. It segments Midsomer Norton from Westfield, stopping them coalescing into one urban area. It has significant natural wildlife including 8 species of bat, two of which are protected.

#### **Proposed Designation 2**

This is a historic playing field, with recreational use. It is used by the local community

#### **Proposed Designations 3 and 4**

Westhill Recreation Ground and Norton Hill Recreation Ground were gifts to the community from the Miners Welfare Trust and a much used public asset offering recreational facilities such as play areas, football fields, bmx track, wildflower seating area, tennis court, bowling green, basketball area, boules court, outdoor table tennis table.

#### **Proposed Designation 5**

This area has one of the very few man-made embankments, built by hand, it took the railway to Five Arches. It is also part of the area's Roman heritage. It is an area rich in wildlife, including bats.

#### **Proposed Designation 6**

This is an area of natural beauty including many natural springs and a waterfall. Historically it has a man made weir, built as a miners bath and swimming area.

#### **Proposed Designations 7,8.9 and 10**

These areas have strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife. Historically they provided access to the pits. Flooding risk to local houses would increase if houses were built here due to the high number of natural springs.

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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 1
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Land north of Fosseway Gardens
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	Sustainable Land Plc, 48 Market House, Market Place, Wokingham RG40 1AP Sustainablelandplc.co.uk
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	Planning permission rejected at Appeal. Inspector said in the appeals decision that this space should be retained as green space for residents – see appeal ref APP/F0114/A/13/2203361
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

**Table 1:**

Every proposed space must meet all the criteria 1-4 and at least one sub section of no.5 in table 1.

Criteria		Explanation of criteria / evidence prompts
1.	It will rarely be appropriate to designate spaces that are the subject of a planning permission for development.	<p>Is the space the subject of a planning permission for development?</p> <p>Planning permission rejected at Appeal. Inspector said in the appeals decision that this space should be retained as green space for residents – see appeal ref APP/F0114/A/13/2203361</p>
2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>BANES refused two planning applications in 2013/14 at this site.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>The space is adjacent to Westfield housing with easy access. It provides stunning views and easy access to the cycle path joining Radstock/Westfield and Midsomer Norton. It separates Midsomer Norton from Westfield, stopping them coalescing into one urban area.</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	This area directly joins the northern side of the Westfield residential area.
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	This area is close to the community it serves, is demonstrably special to the community given the regular use of the ground by local people. It has historic significance in that it backs on to the former Wells Way Pit and was once part of a Roman Road. Wells Way Pit is a significant part



		of the social and economic history of Westfield.
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	This area is close to the community it serves, and is demonstrably special to the community. The landscape of this area is stunning, hence its regular use by local people.
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	This area has historic significance in that it backs on to the former Wells Way Pit and was once part of a Roman Road. Wells Way Pit is a significant part of the social and economic history of Westfield. The Radstock Conservation Area Assessment, 1999 describes the predominant feature of the Wellsway area being the Wellsway batch, the dismantled Somerset and Dorset Railway and the unlisted miners terracing to the south west. "The planted spoil tip constitutes a picturesque focal point and historical marker and is designated an area of Local Landscape/Nature Conservation Interest. To the north is the now grassed over line of the railway and earlier tramway." This characteristic and somewhat unique survival of the former communications route is of immense significance having played a valuable role in the success of Radstock and the growth of Westfield. It is vital to maintain the historical integrity of this area.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	This space gives easy access to the new cycle path which runs from Radstock to Midsomer Norton.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	It is a tranquil place to be, with the trees sheltering the noise from the adjacent Radstock Road.
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	This is part of a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest. It has significant natural wildlife including 8 species of bat, two of which are protected. As such it is a significant wildlife corridor.
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 2
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Playing fields at Norton Radstock College, Wells Road, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	Norton Radstock College
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

**Table 1:**

Every proposed space must meet all the criteria 1-4 and at least one sub section of no.5 in table 1.

Criteria		Explanation of criteria / evidence prompts
1.	It will rarely be appropriate to designate spaces that are the subject of a planning permission for development.	<p>Is the space the subject of a planning permission for development?</p> <p>Possibly subject to Norton Radstock College planning.</p>
2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>Unknown.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This space connects directly with Westfield housing, being adjacent to The Dring and the Waterford Park housing estate.</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	This space connects directly with the community it serves. (see details above).
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	This is a historic playing field, with recreational use. It is used by the local community.
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	This area is beautiful, with extensive views of the Waterside Valley.
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	This area has historic significance in that these former playing fields were part of Westfield's history. It was originally a dedicated football pitch used by Minders in the Somerset Coal Mining era.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of	This is well used walking and dog walking area for local people.



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 3
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Westhill Recreation Ground
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	Westhill Gardens Recreation Ground Trust (a registered charity, whose sole Trustee is Westfield Parish Council).
<b>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)</b>	Yes
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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Criteria		Explanation of criteria / evidence prompts
1.	It will rarely be appropriate to designate spaces that are the subject of a planning permission for development.	<p>Is the space the subject of a planning permission for development?</p> <p>Not subject of a planning permission for development.</p>
2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>Not allocated for development.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This area is in the heart of the Westfield residential area.</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	<p>This space connects directly with the community it serves. (see details above).</p> <p>As above, this ground is a major recreational area for Westfield residents. It is an area for sports, play area, dog exercise, wildflower garden.</p>
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	<p>This area was gifted to the local community by the Miners Welfare Trust and is a much used public asset offering recreational facilities such as football, play area, bmx track, social club and hosts the annual Westfield Fun Day.</p>



5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	This area was gifted to the local community by the Miners Welfare Trust in 1925.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	It is a much used facility on a daily basis offering a segregated pre teenager play area, youth shelter, football pitches (one full size and a smaller one for youngsters), seats dotted around the area, bmx track, wildflower garden, social club and it hosts the annual Westfield Fun Day.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?	

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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 4
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Norton Hill Recreation Ground, Fosseway, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	Norton Hill Recreation Ground Trust (a registered charity, whose sole Trustee is Westfield Parish Council).
<b>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)</b>	Yes
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>Not allocated for development.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This area is adjacent to the Westfield residential area, being overlooked on two sides by housing from Upper Court and Fosseyway.</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	<p>This space connects directly with the community it serves. (see details above).</p> <p>As above, this ground is a major recreational area for Westfield residents. It is an area for sports, play area and dog exercise.</p>
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	<p>This area was gifted to the local community by the Miners Welfare Trust and is a much used public asset offering recreational facilities such as football, play area, outdoor table tennis, tennis court, basket ball area, pavilion and boules court.</p>
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of	

	its beauty	
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	This area was gifted to the local community by the Miners Welfare Trust in 1928.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	It is a much used facility on a daily basis offering a play area, football pitch (full size), bowling club, basketball area, boules court, outdoor table tennis table, tennis court and pavilion. The play area has a small fenced area with pre teenager play (swings, rockers, multi use play area, climbing frame, carousel etc) and an unfenced area for teenagers with equipment such as birds nest swing seat.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 5
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Land north of Highfields, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	<p>The area in white is owned by Sustainable Land Plc, 4b Market House, Market Place, Wokingham RG40 1AP. Tel 0118 9894777.</p> <p>The area in green is the former coal tip and is owned by K P Wilton and Son Ltd, 11/12 Brighton Place, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1QY Tel. 0117 967 1207.</p>
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	Planning permission rejected on appeal. Inspector stated in Appeals decision that this space should be retained as green space for residents – see appeal decision ref. APP/F0114/13/2203361 dated 18/07/2014.
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>BANES refused two Planning Applications in 2013/14.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This land is sandwiched between the only Coal Tip in Westfield (reflecting its history as a significant element of the Coal Mining in this area) and the public footpath that follows the Old Roman Fosseway Road linking Exeter to Lincoln.</p> <p>This land is directly adjacent to residential areas of Westfield with easy access, although the public footpath desperately needs maintenance. It provides stunning views and easy access to the cycle path joining Radstock, Westfield and Midsomer Norton.</p>
4.	The space must be within	This land abbutts housing in Westfield, backing on

	close proximity to the community it serves	to Highfields. and connects directly with the community it serves. (see details above).
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	This space fully meets the criteria of 5a, as a protected landscape (hillside)
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	It is a conservation area in BANES, adopted in the Radstock Coal Mining Conservation Plan. This area has one of the very few man-made embankments, built by hand, it took the railway to Five Arches.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	Its location provides complete tranquillity from the built environment because it is shielded from the noise of traffic by the coal tip to the east and hedgerows and old railway embankment to the north. It offers stunning views over the valley to the hillsides to the north.
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest. The coal tip is a roost for more than eight species of bats, including the rarer Lesser and Greater Horseshoe species which use the cycle path at the bottom of the field for foraging after sunset. Deers, foxes and an abundance of slow worms are seen in this field. Again, these factors featured in the Inspectors report on the appeal decision against development (see above). This site is an SNCI as reported by BANES to the Appeal Inspector.
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 6
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Section of Waterside Valley - Land south of Norton Radstock College, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>No comment.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This land directly joins the southern side of the Westfield residential area. The whole of Waterside is a well used recreation area for dog walkers and children during school holidays, parents walking children to primary school in Radstock. The main attraction of the site is the stream running at the base of the valley and the beautiful countryside feel of this land.</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	(see details above).
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	This is an area of natural beauty including many natural springs and a waterfall. Historically it has a man made weir, built as a miners' bath and swimming area.
5a	The proposed space is of	The main attraction of the site is the stream

	particular local significance because of its beauty	running at the base of the valley and the beautiful countryside feel of this land.
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	Historically this land has a man made weir, built as a miners' bath and swimming area. Hence it is vital part of the local social history of this area.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	The whole of Waterside is a well used recreation area for dog walkers and children during school holidays, parents walking children to primary school in Radstock.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	<p>This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife. In 2012 a full Ecology report of this area was undertaken as part of the Sainsbury planning application. The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne). The site was described in the report as having "running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest. Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweetgrass, short-fruited willowherb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc."The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as "likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife. Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles. Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering birds. Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat. The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat." This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers. Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream.</p>
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 7
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Section of Waterside Valley - Land east of Cobblers Way, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?  No.  Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.  This land is sandwiched between the southern side of Westfield and the valley across to Haydon with a very picturesque stream running through the centre of the valley, so it is very local in its appearance to the whole of this area.
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	This land has direct access from the southern side of Westfield (Waterford Park estate and Cobblers Way /Upper Court).
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	.
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	Historically the Waterside Valley provided access to the pits and therefore Miners' footpaths are plentiful.

5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	This area has strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife. Flooding risk to local houses would increase if houses were built here due to the high number of natural springs.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife. In 2012 a full Ecology report of this area was undertaken as part of the Sainsbury planning application. The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne). The site was described in the report as having "running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest. Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweetgrass, short-fruited willowherb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc."The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as "likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife. Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles. Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering birds. Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat. The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat." This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers. Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream.
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 8
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Section of Waterside Valley - Land east of Westfield Trading Estate
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>The whole of Waterside Valley is a well used recreation area for dog walkers and children during school holidays, parents walking children to school. The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area..</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	This land has direct access from the Westfield Trading Estate and is part of a linear walk up the valley.
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area..
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of	Historically the Waterside Valley provided access to the pits and therefore Miners' footpaths are

	its historic significance	plentiful.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	This area has strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife. Flooding risk to local houses would increase if houses were built here due to the high number of natural springs.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	<p>This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and part of it also forms a BRERC Regionally Important Geological site. It is an area rich in wildlife. In 2012 a full Ecology report of this area was undertaken as part of the Sainsbury planning application. The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne). The site was described in the report as having "running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest. Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweetgrass, short-fruited willowherb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc."The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as "likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife. Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles. Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering birds. Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat. The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat." This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers. Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream.</p>
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 9
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Section of Waterside Valley - Land east of Waterford Park housing estate
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

**Table 1:**

Every proposed space must meet all the criteria 1-4 and at least one sub section of no.5 in table 1.

Criteria		Explanation of criteria / evidence prompts
1.	It will rarely be appropriate to designate spaces that are the subject of a planning permission for development.	<p>Is the space the subject of a planning permission for development?</p> <p>No.</p>
2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	<p>Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.</p>
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This land directly joins the southern side of Westfield's residential area (Waterford Park housing estate).</p> <p>The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area..</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	<p>This land directly joins the southern side of Westfield's residential area (Waterford Park housing estate).</p>
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	<p>The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area..</p>
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of	<p>Historically the Waterside Valley provided access to the pits and therefore Miners' footpaths are</p>

	its historic significance	plentiful.
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	<p>This area has strong recreational use by the local community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife. Flooding risk to local houses would increase if houses were built here due to the high number of natural springs.</p> <p>This is a well used area for dog walkers, children during school holidays and parents walking children to school.</p>
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	<p>This is a BRERC Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is rich in wildlife. In 2012 a full Ecology report of this area was undertaken as part of the Sainsbury planning application. The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne). The site was described in the report as having "running water with associated marignial habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest. Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweetgrass, short-fruited willowherb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc."The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as "likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife. Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles. Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering birds. Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat. The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat." This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers. Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream.</p>
5f	Are there any other reasons why the	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 10
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Section of Waterside Valley - Land north of Charlton Lane
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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Criteria		Explanation of criteria / evidence prompts
1.	It will rarely be appropriate to designate spaces that are the subject of a planning permission for development.	Is the space the subject of a planning permission for development?  No.
2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?  No.  Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.  The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area..
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	This land is accessed by residents via the Trading estate and forms part of a linear walk along the valley.
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	The main attraction is the stream running at the base of the valley and its overall countryside feel entirely reflects the character of this local area..
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	Historically the Waterside Valley provided access to the pits and therefore Miners' footpaths are plentiful.
5c	The proposed space is of	This area has strong recreational use by the local

	particular local significance because of its recreational value	<p>community, having waterways, footpaths, spoil heap and wildlife. Flooding risk to local houses would increase if houses were built here due to the high number of natural springs.</p> <p>This is a well used area for dog walkers, children during school holidays and parents walking children to school.</p>
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	<p>In 2012 a full Ecology report of this area was undertaken as part of the Sainsbury planning application. The bat activity surveys detected foraging and commuting activity from three species of bat (common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and nocturne). The site was described in the report as having "running water with associated marginal habitats, ancient woodland, unimproved calcareous grassland, semi improved neutral grassland and geological interest. Variety of semi natural habitat with notable species: marsh arrow grass, marsh ragwort, bog stitchwort, fan-leaved water-crowfoot, reed sweetgrass, short-fruited willowherb, early hair grass, brown bent, cornflower, crested hair grass etc."The report went on to describe the broadleaved woodland as "likely to provide habitats to a range of wildlife. Dead wood provides opportunities to specialist invertebrates and could provide refuge opportunities to reptiles. Trees are also likely to support nesting and sheltering birds. Furthermore some of the trees could support roosting bats in addition to providing foraging/commuting habitat. The broadleaved woodland is considered to have local value as it is a BAP priority habitat." This area supports birds such as barn owls, reptiles, bats and badgers. Often Deer are seen within the Waterside Valley usually to be found foraging for food and watering in the stream.</p>
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?	



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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 11
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Cricket Pitch, Prattens, Charlton Lane, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	Prattens Club, Charlton Lane, Westfield
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

**Table 1:**

Every proposed space must meet all the criteria 1-4 and at least one sub section of no.5 in table 1.

Criteria	Explanation of criteria / evidence prompts
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2.	It will not be appropriate to designate spaces that are allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan, unless it can be shown that the Local Green Space could be incorporated within the site as part of the allocated development	Is the space allocated or proposed to be allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan?  No.  Westfield has been recognised by BANES as having too little open green space. The current lack of green space combined with the fact that in the last four years Westfield has accommodated the highest amount of new housing in the Somer Valley, without absolutely any corresponding investment in its infrastructure or recreation, means that designation of green space in Westfield is vital.
3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.  This historic cricket pitch is the only site in Westfield which could cater for the sport in Westfield.
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	This site is adjacent to Fosseway which runs through the centre of Westfield.
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	This is the only site in Westfield which could cater for Cricket.

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<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 12
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Waterford Park Allotment Site, Waterford Park, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	Bath and North East Somerset Council, leased on a long term lease to Westfield Parish Council.
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This is the only allotment site in Westfield and is extremely popular with a waiting list of ploholders. The site itself is extremely productive and within 12 months of opening received a commendation from the Prince of Wales' Award.</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	<p>This site is in the heart of Westfield, located in the Waterford Park housing estate, next to the Doctors' surgery. Ploholders are Westfield residents, and this is a very precious asset in Westfield.</p>
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	

5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	
5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	Waterford Park Allotment site opened in 2012, being the first and only allotment site in Westfield. Within 12 months of opening it received a Commendation from the Prince of Wales, recognising its value in the local community and its productivity. Managed on a day to day basis by the Westfield Allotment and Gardening Society (WAGS), the waiting list for plots demonstrates its high value in the community.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?	The fact that this is the first and only allotment site in Westfield is significant, along with the fact that WAGS have put in place some progressive ideas in allotment management – a self composting toilet, shared toolshed, community maintenance of the perimeters, social area / orchard, shared polytunnel for cultivating crops.

Local Green Space Designation Pro-Forma

<b>Green Space reference:</b>	Proposed Designation 13
<b>Parish/Ward:</b>	Westfield
<b>Address of site:</b>	Play Area and green space at the end of Shakespeare Road, Westfield
<b>Landowner if known:</b>	Part owned by CURO and part by Bath and North East Somerset Council.
<b>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)</b>	No
<b>Planning history of the site (if known)</b>	
<b>Map of the site:</b>	<i>Map attached.</i>

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3.	The space must not be an extensive tract of land and must be local in character	<p>Designated spaces would normally be contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>This is area of land consists of a play area serving the immediate locality and some green space which is fully in keeping with the character of the local area.</p>
4.	The space must be within close proximity to the community it serves	This play area serves the families living in the Janes estate and is the only play area on that side of Westfield. It is immediately adjacent to this housing estate.
5.	The space must be demonstrably special to the local community (see example criteria below)	
5a	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	Given the height of this piece of land the views are absolutely stunning.
5b	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance	

5c	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	There is a play area for small children which serves the families living on the Janes estate and is the only one for families on this estate.
5d	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity	There are benches sited to make the most of the beautiful views and the sunset. This area is on the edge of the housing estate, away from road traffic noise and is a tranquil place to sit.
5e	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	
5f	Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?	