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Local Green Spaces

What the National Planning Policy Framework says:

The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. 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.

What the Local Plan 2003 said:

The character of many settlements is derived from the relationship between built form and open spaces. It is important that open and wooded areas within settlement boundaries are protected from development, especially as there is generally a stronger presumption in favour of granting planning permission for development within a settlement boundary. Designated Important Open or Wooded Areas will be protected from development.

What the Local Plan Part 1 says:

- Local Green Space, where designated through a neighbourhood plan, will be protected from inappropriate development in line with national policy on Green Belt land.
- New buildings on Local Green Space are considered inappropriate development except in very special circumstances where the harm is outweighed by the benefits.
- Rural exception schemes should not be located on Local Green Spaces identified in the Local Plan or neighbourhood plans.
- Local Green Space can be designated due to its local significance or the fact that it is demonstrably special to the local community. Designated areas can include areas of historic significance, playing fields, wildlife sites or areas which contribute to the character and appreciation of an area.

Blandford Forum

The town of Blandford Forum is set in the heart of Dorset and has an estimated population of 10,325, is 409 hectares in area and has approximately 4,806 dwellings (2011 census).

A number of sites throughout the parish are considered valuable Green Space assets for the community.

1. Preetz Way



The site contains small areas of grassland, scrub and trees, forming an important buffer between a new housing estate and the Blandford bypass. The space is used by local people as an amenity area and considered to be a valuable site for habitats. The site is owned by North Dorset District Council and maintained by the North Dorset Countryside Rangers. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

PREETZ WAY
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
The site contains small areas of grassland, scrub and trees, forming an important buffer between a housing estate and the Blandford bypass.
The space is used by local people as an amenity area and considered to be a valuable site for habitats.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
The site is adjacent to a housing estate and the Blandford bypass.

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Yes, the Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The site acts an important visual separation from the Blandford bypass and the housing estate.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The site is identified as an important contribution to the diversity of North Dorset's wildlife and support a number of important species.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
The space is fairly new, but the Dorset Countryside service considers that sympathetic management will improve its importance as a haven for wildlife.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
Small areas of grassland, scrub and trees that act as a haven for wildlife.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
The space is used by local people as an amenity area for walking, dog-walking, cyclists etc.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes, as Natural and Semi Natural Green space

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It only acts as an important buffer between a housing estate and the Blandford bypass.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
It only acts as an important buffer between a housing estate and the Blandford bypass.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
Guelder Rose and Goldfinches can be spotted here.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
Guelder Rose and Goldfinches

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
The site contains small areas of grassland, scrub and trees, forming an important buffer between a housing estate and the Blandford bypass.
The space is used by local people as an amenity area and considered to be a valuable site for habitats.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

Land owners are NDDC

Land is managed by North Dorset Countryside Rangers

Both have been consulted on the Draft Plan

2. Damory Down Amenity Areas



Large open green spaces, including a buffer zone to the industrial estates, that serves an important purpose as green infrastructure and is used for informal recreation by local residents. The areas are owned and maintained by Blandford Forum Town Council. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as smaller separate areas of amenity spaces in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

2. Damory Down Amenity Areas

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
The areas provide open spaces in a large housing estate to provide a local character that is community friendly.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
Within a housing estate

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Blandford Forum Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
Well maintained areas that provide a feeling of openness to the housing estate.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
No

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Often used for informal recreation by residents.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes, listed as smaller separate areas of amenity spaces.

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It is not.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
n/a

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is not.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
Unknown

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Green infrastructure

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

Blandford Forum Town Council owns and maintains this land.

3. The Milldown



A local Nature Reserve with a rich variety of woodland, scrub, grassland and downland, particularly important for wildlife. An area of unimproved chalk grassland, known as the Hangings, is particularly important and has been designated a Site of Nature Conservation Interest by the Dorset Wildlife Trust. The Milldown is greatly valued by local people for picnics, exercise, and wildlife. North Dorset District Council owns the sites and it is maintained by the North Dorset Countryside Rangers. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

3. The Milldown
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
A patch of countryside right on the doorstep with areas of woodland and species-rich chalk grassland.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
On the edge of the town's building line.

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Blandford Forum Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is he proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The space provides incredible views and itself is well maintained.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
Yes, it forms part of the West Wiltshire Downs and Cranborne Chase AONB

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
The site was part of a POW Camp in the First World War.

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Yes

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is

used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
A large site with a number of benches for quiet reflection.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
A large site with a number of benches for quiet reflection.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
A wealth of other wildlife has been recorded including over 60 species of birds and 200 types of wildflower.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
Yes, Site of Nature Conservation Interest, Local Nature Reserve and Green Flag Award

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
Yes

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
Yes

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
Yes

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
Yes

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

North Dorset District Council owns this land and North Dorset Countryside Rangers maintains the land.

4. Park Road Recreation Ground



A large green open space that was gifted to the Town Council to be used for recreation purposes. The space is used as sports pitches and associated buildings and(pavilions)needs to be protected due to the existing shortage of sports pitches in Blandford Forum. The site also houses a play area. It is owned by a trust, Barnes for a Recreation Ground, and maintained by Blandford Forum Town Council. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as an Outdoor Sports area and forms part of the provision for children and young people in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

4. Park Road Recreation Ground

<u>Section 1</u>

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

Only for sports pavilions that will enhance the activities there for the community.

Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

As a green space only.

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?

The space is well recognised and well used and is part of the Blandford landscape. Although almost a mile from the centre of Blandford, the space, nevertheless feels 'local' in position and scale.

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

Park road recreation ground is large green open space, gifted to the Town Council, to be used for recreation purposes. The space is used as sports pitches and associated pavilions.

How close is the space to the community it serves?
The space serves the whole of Blandford. No resident of Blandford would need to travel much more than a mile to reach it.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
The Damory Down estate to the North, and the Park Road and White cliff Mill street residents to the East and South East.

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The space is held in Trust by current serving members of the Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
Park Road recreation ground is a green, peaceful and relaxing place. Trees on the Northern Edge help, with the space, create a green buffer between a fairly modern housing estate to the North, the Cottage Hospital to the south West and older, more historic buildings to the South and East

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
The space is part of the fabric of the town; it is the town's main cricket and football ground and is held in high regard locally.

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The space will be held in perpetuity for recreation purposes

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
See 2.2 above

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
Only that which has been referred to

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
no

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)

Yes the trees that border the north of the space

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
None known

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
See 2.2 above

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Football, Cricket, Bowls and a young childrens' play area. The space is also used casually for families and groups to play games.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes, as outdoor sports and provision for children and young people.

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
Although already in a peaceful area, Park Road offers added tranquillity.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
Other than match days (football) noise from traffic on Park Lane road, running alongside to the south, does not particularly intrude on the space.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Probably not

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
The trees offer some wildlife diversity but this is not a principal characteristic of the space.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural

Communities Act 2006)
Native trees only

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
Already mentioned

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
The Town Council has been informed of the NP

5. The Marsh and Ham



The site borders onto the river Stour to the South and is delineated by a flood defence wall to the North. To the West the site's boundary is the Town Bridge and West Street. A small copse of woodland borders the area to the East. A mill stream that acts as a minor tributary of the Stour within the site, divides two grassy areas that are used as amenity spaces. Between the Western grassy area (subject to flooding) and the flood prevention wall is an extension of the Marsh and Ham car park. The blue Mortain Bridge traverses the river Stour to join the Marsh and Ham areas with Stour meadows. The site is used for informal recreation and is owned by North Dorset District Council and maintained by Blandford Forum Town Council and the North Dorset Countryside Rangers. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is listed as Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, and although not rated it continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

5. The Marsh and Ham

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?

Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

The site borders onto the river Stour to the South and is delineated by a flood defence wall to the North. To the West the site's boundary is the Town Bridge and West Street. A small copse of woodland borders the area to the East. A mill stream that acts as a minor tributary of the Stour within the site, divides two grassy areas that are used as amenity spaces. Between the Western grassy area (subject to flooding) and the flood prevention wall is an extension of the Marsh and Ham car park. The blue Mortain Bridge traverses

the river Stour to join the Marsh and Ham areas with Stour meadows.

How close is the space to the community it serves?
The site is on the Southern edge of the Town close to the Town centre and residential housing at Blandford St. Mary.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford St. Mary, Lower Bryanston and Blandford Forum.

Does the space have a friends group?
No.

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The site is a quiet recreational space of natural beauty, bordering the River Stour with the added aesthetic of the post-Medieval Town Bridge and the Mortain Bridge – a blue, modern footbridge within the site.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The site is part of the conservation area.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
The space has historically been used as an amenity and recreational space and this continues. Wildlife both in and bordering the Stour continues to offer variety and importance – otters, ducks and birds such as the kingfisher have been spotted in and near the river.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) (See 2.4 above)

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
The town bridge that borders the site and the town weir traverses the Stour in this site.

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees

or old hedgerows)
There are a variety of trees in and bordering the site – oak, plane trees, willow and poplar and an ancient cedar (whilst not part of the site, this ancient tree nevertheless and adds visual character to the area.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
The space is used recreationally for picnics, dog-walking, strolling and relaxation. Every two years, the site hosts the 'Hamdinger' a free recreational event for the community involving local singers, dancers gymnasts and groups plus small games and challenges for children.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation (as above in 2.9)

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space, but was not rated as part of the study.

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
Although bordered by West Street and a busy car park, the site nevertheless offers some peace and tranquillity to visitors.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
Trees and the stone bridge offer some alleviation from traffic noise but it is the riverside that perhaps offers the greatest tranquillity, particularly in the green space below the weir.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
It may be used for this but there are other areas in Blandford better suited to quite reflection.

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
Although not an area of particular scientific interest, the variety of trees, grassland, river and river bank habitats offers birds, fish, and aquatic mammals (otters) secure habitats in which to flourish.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).

No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
Otters

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
None of particular scientific interest.

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Although not designated as such, the space nevertheless supports the movement of otters, fish and river birds (ducks and swans) to move to adjoining areas, Trees link with other woodland plots up and down the river, enabling various bird species to ingress and egress easily in and around the area.

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
Apart from the uses already mentioned, many local people regard the Marsh and Ham as an iconic historical space. It is much loved.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
The land is owned by NDDC but managed by BFTC and the North Dorset Rangers.

6. Woodhouse Gardens



The site is bordered on all sides by red brick wall apart from a gated entrance in the south western corner. Over the western wall is Blandford post office; the southern wall, the Methodist Church; the Eastern wall the back gardens of Dorset Street and to the north Fields oak. A small pavilion, available for hire, is situated along the northern wall. The gardens are approximately 175m from the town's centre. The site is self-contained and provides a glimpse, from the Post Office of a sculpture, benches and formal gardens. The space offers the community and visitors a quiet space to sit or stroll amongst the formal flower beds. The pavilion is multi-purpose and offers a venue for various meetings and activities. The site is owned and maintained by Blandford Forum Town Council. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a public amenity space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

6. Woodhouse Gardens

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?

Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

The site is bordered on all sides by red brick wall apart from a gated entrance in the south western corner. Over the western wall is Blandford post office; the southern wall, the Methodist Church; the Eastern wall the back gardens of Dorset Street and to the north Fields oak. A small pavilion, available for hire, is situated along the northern wall. The gardens are approximately 175m from the town's centre.The site is self-contained and provides a glimpse, from the Post Office of a sculpture, benches and formal gardens.

How close is the space to the community it serves?
As the site is close to the centre of Blandford

Where are the nearest centres of population?
A residential area bounded by Damory Street to the North and East – Orchards Street; Dorset Street and Fields Oak

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The site is owned and administered by BFTC

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
Woodhouse Gardens offers the community and visitors formal and well tended floral displays throughout the year

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The site is part of the conservation area of Blandford.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
The gardens originally formed part of the Garden complex of the Woodhouse family. It was donated by the family, in 1944, 'especially for the use of the old and very young' of Blandford. Whilst these uses are still important today, the gardens are appreciated by all age groups and visitors to the town

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) (see 2.4 above)

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)

No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?

The space offers the community and visitors a quiet space to sit or stroll amongst the formal flower beds. The pavilion is multi-purpose and offers a venue for various meetings and activities.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Strolling, picnicking and quiet reflection.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
The space is designated by NDDC as a public amenity space.

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It's geographical proximity to town centre business activities and the post office make the Woodhouse Gardens an ideal place for a 'time out' from normal activities.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
Bordered on all sides by a high brick wall, gives the gardens a unique space away from traffic and the busy streets.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Almost certainly

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
There is no particular wildlife significance but the gardens do attract insects and birds.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural

Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
The Woodhouse Gardens are much loved and appreciated locally. They are part of the fabric of the town.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
The space is owned and administered by BFTC. They have already been contacted.

7. Angus Wood

A small managed woodland area with a short circular path through the trees, opening up into a tiny glade in the southern corner. The space covers an area of about one acre. Owned by the Woodland Trust and leased to and maintained by the Blandford Environmental Trust. A space used by the community for recreation and community events. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.



7. Angus Woods
<u>Section 1</u>

Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
Angus Wood is a 0.5ha, rectangular plot of young woodland situated amongst housing near Blandford town centre. The wood was planted in 1985 by the Woodland Trust under the licensed Planting Scheeme and was gifted to the Woodland Trust by the Angus family in 1990.

How close is the space to the community it serves?

As the site is close to the centre of Blandford Forum.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

Does the space have a friends group?
Yes

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The Rotary Club of Blandford, in conjunction with the Blandford Town Museum and The Blandford School took the initiative to set-up the Blandford Environmental Trust Ltd specifically to manage Angus Wood and other environmental projects in the Blandford area. We were granted a 25 year lease on the wood by the Woodland Trust, and the wood was formally opened under our management by Sir Gillean Prance (former Head of Kew Gardens) on 1st July 2010.

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
Angus Wood consists mainly of ash, beech and cherry with a small element of lime and broadleaf shrubs. A short circular path winds its way through the trees, opening up into a tiny glade in the southern corner.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The site is part of the conservation area of Blandford.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
The space offers the community and visitors a quiet space to sit and for informal recreation.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Information recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
The space offers the community and visitors a quiet space to sit

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
Bordered on all sides by trees give the space a feeling of woodlands.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
There is no particular wildlife significance but the woods attract insects and birds.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)

No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
The space is owned by the Woodland Trust, but leased to and maintained by the Blandford Environmental Trust.

8. Diamond Way Amenity Area



Large green space that is used as an amenity area together with a play area situated in close proximity to the community it serves. This area has been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well. The area is owned and maintained by a Management Company paid for by residents of the development. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

8. Diamond Way

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?

Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

A large green space used as an amenity area together with a play area. This area has been well planned as part of the design of the original development and has served local residents well.

How close is the space to the community it serves?

In the middle of the development it serves.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Blandford Forum Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
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2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The site is part of the West Wiltshire Downs and Cranborne Chase AONB.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its

recreational value?
Informal recreation

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Information recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
No

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
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2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
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2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
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2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
No

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
The area is owned and maintained by a Management Company paid for by residents of the development.

9. Fishers Close



A large green open space forming part of one of the entrances to the town. The area is an important green open space with mature trees that are part of a group TPO. Dorset County Council owns the site. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a public amenity space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

9. Land adjacent Fishers Close

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?

Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

A green space at one of the entrances to the town centre with a number of mature trees on the site.

How close is the space to the community it serves?

At the front of the development it serves.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Blandford Forum Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
As an entrance to the town the open space and mature trees creates an open and welcoming feel to the town.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
No

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No, but the site has a group TPO covering it.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Informal recreation

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Information recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as an open amenity space

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It is not.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
n/a

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is not.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?

No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Dorset County Council

10. Langton Road



A green open space currently used as a kick about area and a recently refurbished play area with a path that links to Stour Meadows with mature trees. The site is popular with local residents and used regularly. It is owned and maintained by Blandford Forum Town Council. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as an Outdoor Sports area and forms part of the provision for children and young people in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

10. Langton Road
Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
A play area and open kick about space used for informal recreation and quiet reflection by the local community.

How close is the space to the community it serves?
At the front of the development it serves.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Blandford Forum Town Council

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2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
A play area and open kick about space used for informal recreation and quiet reflection by the local community.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
It is part of a Conservation Area, and identified as an IOWA as well as a combined TPO.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
Yes

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No, but the site has a group TPO covering it and forms part of the Conservation Area.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Informal recreation

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Information recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as an Outdoor Sports area and forms part of the provision for children and young people

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
With a number of mature trees the site provides a feeling of open space to residents.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
With a number of mature trees the site provides a feeling of open space to residents.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is not currently, however the Town Council will be planting hedgerows to encourage this.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

Owned and maintained by BFTC.

11. Westbury Way



Several pockets of green open space in close proximity to the community it serves that are used as amenity areas with two Play Areas. These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated. The sites are to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

11. Westbury Way
Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
Several pockets of green open space that are used as amenity areas with two Play Areas. These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated.

How close is the space to the community it serves?

Several pockets of green open space that are used as amenity areas with two Play Areas.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The Town Council

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2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes, as explained.

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The site lies within the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
The site lies within the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
The site lies within the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB.

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Several pockets of green open space that are used as amenity areas with two Play Areas. These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
The space is used for informal recreation.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
No

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
Several pockets of green open space that are used as amenity areas with two Play Areas. These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
Several pockets of green open space that are used as amenity areas with two Play Areas. These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No, for informal recreation

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is not

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green

Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
Several pockets of green open space that are used as amenity areas with two Play Areas. These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Persimmon Homes consulted with the Draft Plan currently negotiating transfer to Blandford Forum Town Council.

12. Davies Gardens



A small memorial garden for Dr David and Dr Joan Davies, longstanding serving members of the community and is particular local significance due to this. Owned by NDDC and maintained by the Town Council. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

12. Davies Gardens

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission? No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site? No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges? Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale? Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? It is a small green area on the edge of car park. It acts as a buffer between traffic and the street

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves? In the middle of it

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population? All around

1.8 Does the space have a friends group? No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)? Yes,

the Town Council

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2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? It is a small memorial garden to 2 local and well respected Doctors, with a tree

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area) In Conservation Area

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? It is in memory of the 2 doctor who started one of the practices in town

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) In conservation area

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) No – although there is a relatively young tree

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection? No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? N/a

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation) n/a

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need) No – too small

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? n/a

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil? n/a

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection? n/a

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? n/a

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve). No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space? No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna? Not really as it is not linked but it could be a haven on the way out of town.

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? It is a memorial garden

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation. NDDC – long lease to Town Council

13. Island in the River Stour, locally known as Card Island



An island in the River Stour, locally known as Card Island, essential for wildlife and possibly public access in the future as requested by the deceased owner. Owned and maintained by NDDC. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

13. Card Island
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission? No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site? No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges? Yes. It is surrounded by water, and the part that belongs to the owners of Stour House are fenced off.

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale? Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? It is an island in the river and can be seen from the town bridge and from both Stour Meadows and the Marsh and Ham – both well used recreational areas.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves? On the edge

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population? Across the leat

1.8 Does the space have a friends group? No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local

community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)? Yes, the Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? It is a wild, tree-ed space

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Yes it helps define it

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area) Yes The Blandford Forum Conservation Area

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? Not really

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) Trees

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection? No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? It is inaccessible to people

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation) None

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need) Yes as natural/semi natural space termed River Stour Island

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? It is inaccessible to people

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil? n/a

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection? No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? As it is inaccessible to people it is a significant wildlife habitat

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve). No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space? Yes, there are breeding otters using the island as a home. And both grey wagtails and kingfishers nest there.

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) I believe so see above

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna? Would have thought so

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? Otters

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation. NDDC, contacted as statutory consultees

14. Stour Meadows (BF)



The site contains small areas of grassland, bushes & trees and low lying flood relief area adjacent to the River Stour. The area separates the commercial and retail area of Blandford from the river. The space is used by local people as an amenity area and considered to be a valuable site for habitats. The site is owned by North Dorset District Council and maintained by the North Dorset Countryside Rangers. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

14. Stour Meadows

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
The site contains small areas of grassland, bushes & trees and low lying flood relief area adjacent to the River Stour. The area separates the commercial and retail area of Blandford from the river.
The space is used by local people as an amenity area and considered to be a valuable site for habitats.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
The site is adjacent to the Ham Car Park a short distance from the town centre.

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Yes, supported by NDDC and Blandford Forum Town Council.

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The site acts an important ecological site and the only designated open area close to the river available to residents. The Dorset Trailway transits this space.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The site is identified as an important contribution to the diversity of North Dorset's wildlife and support a number of important species.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
None.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
Small areas of grassland, scrub and trees that act as a haven for wildlife.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
The space is used by local people as an amenity area for walking, dog-walking, cyclists etc.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Nature walks, dog walking, informal ball games and an adjacent skate park.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes, as Natural and Semi-Natural Open Space

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
A green open space next to the River Stour.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
It is an entirely pedestrianized area with few adjacent roads.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes. Seats and benches are used by residents enjoying the peace and tranquillity

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
The area is home to many species including otters, water voles, egrets swans, cormorants and many species of sea birds on a seasonal basis.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No. The area lies between the Dorset AONB and the Cranmore Chase and West Wiltshire AONB.

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
See 2.15 above. In particular otters are resident on this area.

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
Yes. Birds seen often listed within the Amber list of Conservation concern are, Little egret, Heron, Mallard, Swift and House martin.

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
Stour Meadows is the largest open recreation area with public access within the Blandford + boundary and an important pedestrian route between Blandford and Blandford St Mary.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Land owners are NDDC who have been consulted.

15. Crown Meadows



From the 'Dorset Historic Towns Survey' - 'The Historic Urban character of Blandford is closely bound up with its distinctive landscape setting and the quality of its historic fabric, ... The wide sweep of the river Stour and its associated wooded cliffs and broad meadows, ... set the scene on the town approaches. The green swathe, so close to the medieval town centre, also provides a suitable backdrop to the Georgian design as well as to underscore its local setting and emphasise the linkage with the surrounding landscape.' The site is of particular historic significance to local people. It is owned by Bryanston (RFE) Ltd. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

15. Crown Meadows
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
The area lies entirely on the East bank of the Stour adjacent to Blandford Forum and is bounded by Blandford School and the road bridge linking Blandford to Blandford St Mary.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
The site is on private property but is adjacent to much of Blandford residential areas.

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum and Bryanston

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
Yes – The Crown Meadows Preservation Group.

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Yes, supported by NDDC, Blandford Forum Town Council and Bryanston Parish Council.

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The site acts an important ecological site and although not open to the public forms an important visual backcloth to Blandford.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
This site lies entirely with the Blandford, Bryanston and Blandford St Mary Conservation Area and lies within the Dorset AONB. The site is identified as an important contribution to the diversity of North Dorset's wildlife and supports a number of important species.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
The site provided the defensive Fire Zone to defeat potential enemy movement north on the A350 in WW2.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
See 2.3 above

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
Yes WW2 tank obstacles.

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
Areas of grassland, that act as a haven for wildlife.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
The space does not include public rights of way.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
None.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
No

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It only acts as an important buffer between Blandford Forum and Blandford Woods.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
It includes no roads.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No.

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
The area is home to many species including otters, water voles, egrets swans, cormorants and many species of sea birds on a seasonal basis.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No. The area lies within the Dorset AONB.

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
See 2.15 above. In particular otters are resident on this area.

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
Yes. Birds seen often listed within the Amber list of Conservation concern are, Little egret, Heron, Mallard, Swift and Housemartin.

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-

natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
The site acts an important ecological site and although not open to the public forms an important visual backcloth to Blandford.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Land owners are Bryanston (RFE) Ltd, part of the Rothermere Estate, previously owned by Crown Estate and Hall & Woodhouse who have been consulted.

16. Badbury Heights Open Spaces



The sites form # of several pockets of green open space, as well as some larger green spaces, and buffer zones, situated very close to the community it serves and that are used as amenity areas with planned Play Areas being installed upon completion of land transfers to the Town Council. These areas have been well planned as part of the design of the original development and have served local residents well as anticipated. The space is owned and maintained by Persimmon Homes and is due to be transferred to the Town Council. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

16. Badbury Heights Open Spaces
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed spaces have planning permission? No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site? No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges? Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale? They are part of the development

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? Yes

1.6 How close is the space(s) to the community it serves? Very .It is part of a new development

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population? The spaces are in the center of Badbury Heights

1.8 Does the space have a friends group? No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local

community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)? Yes, by the town council and Ward members

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space(s) of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? They are green areas in and around a large housing development

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area) Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? N.A

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection? No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? The only open spaces on the development

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation
When the area is taken over, from developers by Town Council,
there will be children play areas as well room for informal games and other activities.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit HYPERLINK "https://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/147868/Open-Space-Audit--Assessment-of-Local-Need/pdf/amendments_to_final_report-3.pdf"&HYPERLINK "https://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/147868/Open-Space-Audit--Assessment-of-Local-Need/pdf/amendments_to_final_report-3.pdf" Assessment of Local Need)Only as under construction

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? N.A

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil? N.A

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection? Some may be.

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve). No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space? No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna? No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? The spaces give
a green outlook in a highly developed area.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation. The space is owned and maintained by Persimmon Homes and is due to be transferred to the Town Council.

17. Land adjacent the Leisure Centre



The site forms # of a large green open space adjacent to the leisure centre managed by the Blandford School. The space is used as sports pitches and needs to be protected due to the existing shortage of sports pitches in Blandford Forum. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

17. Land adjacent the Leisure Centre
Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
A large green open space adjacent to the leisure centre managed by the Blandford School. The space is used as sports pitches and needs to be protected due to the existing shortage of sports pitches in Blandford Forum.

How close is the space to the community it serves?

Adjacent to the leisure centre

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
A large green open space in a town setting

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes as above

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
Yes The Blandford Blandford St Mary Bryanston Conservation Area

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
A large green open space that forms part of the town setting

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
Yes it forms part of The Blandford Blandford St Mary Bryanston Conservation Area

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?

A large green open space adjacent to the leisure centre managed by the Blandford School. The space is used as sports pitches and needs to be protected due to the existing shortage of sports pitches in Blandford Forum.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Playing Sport and informal recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
No

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
n/a

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
n/a

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
n/a

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?

No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
A large green open space adjacent to the leisure centre managed by the Blandford School. The space is used as sports pitches and needs to be protected due to the existing shortage of sports pitches in Blandford Forum.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
The Blandford School

18. St Peter and St Paul Parish Churchyard



The parish church yard is in the centre of the town and acts as useful open space used by the community. Owned by the church, but maintained by the Town Council. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a Churchyard and Cemetery in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

18. St Peter and Paul Churchyard
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission? No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site? No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges? Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale? Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? It is an oasis of green in the centre of town.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves? Bang in the middle

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population? All around

1.8 Does the space have a friends group? No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? It is a setting for the Grade I listed Georgian church

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area) Conservation Area

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? Original graveyard – dating back to the medieval church. Bastard memorial is listed Grade II and possibly the churchyard walls

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) See above and it's in a Conservation Area

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) Bastard Memorial listed Grade II and the Church listed Grade I and possibly the churchyard walls

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) No. There are yew trees on the site but they are not that historical but are covered by TPOs (I think)

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection? No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? It isn't, its main benefit is a green space in the centre of town. Although some people do eat their lunch there or take a pause in good weather.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation) None

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need) Yes as a churchyard

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? Not really as it faces the Market Place and has the main street running down one side

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
n/a

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? No wild flowers as the grass is kept relatively short but there is a colony of ?? solitary bees who have their holes in the south west corner.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve). No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space? See 2.15 above

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) Possibly

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna? No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation. Blandford Forum PCC

19. Blandford and Milldown School Playing Fields



The Blandford School and Milldown School Playing Fields are the playing fields of the local secondary school and one of the town's primary schools. Owned by DCC as the Educational Authority. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as Outdoor Sports Provision in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

19. Blandford and Milldown School Playing Fields

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission? No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site? No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges? Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale? Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? Yes

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves? It is the playing fields of the local secondary school and one of the town's primary school

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)? Yes, by the town council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed spaceof particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? It is part of the former Portman deer park

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area) No but should be

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? The old deer park

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) no

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection? No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? Not only is it the schools' playing fields but it use by many other clubs i.e. Youth football ,old boys cricket team

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation
It is a well used sports area

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit HYPERLINK "https://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/147868/Open-Space-Audit--Assessment-of-Local-Need/pdf/amendments_to_final_report-3.pdf"&HYPERLINK "https://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/147868/Open-Space-Audit--Assessment-of-Local-Need/pdf/amendments_to_final_report-3.pdf" Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as Outdoor Sports provision

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its

tranquillity? N.A

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil? N.A

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection? N.A

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? There are wooded areas and the river on its boundary

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve). No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
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2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
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2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
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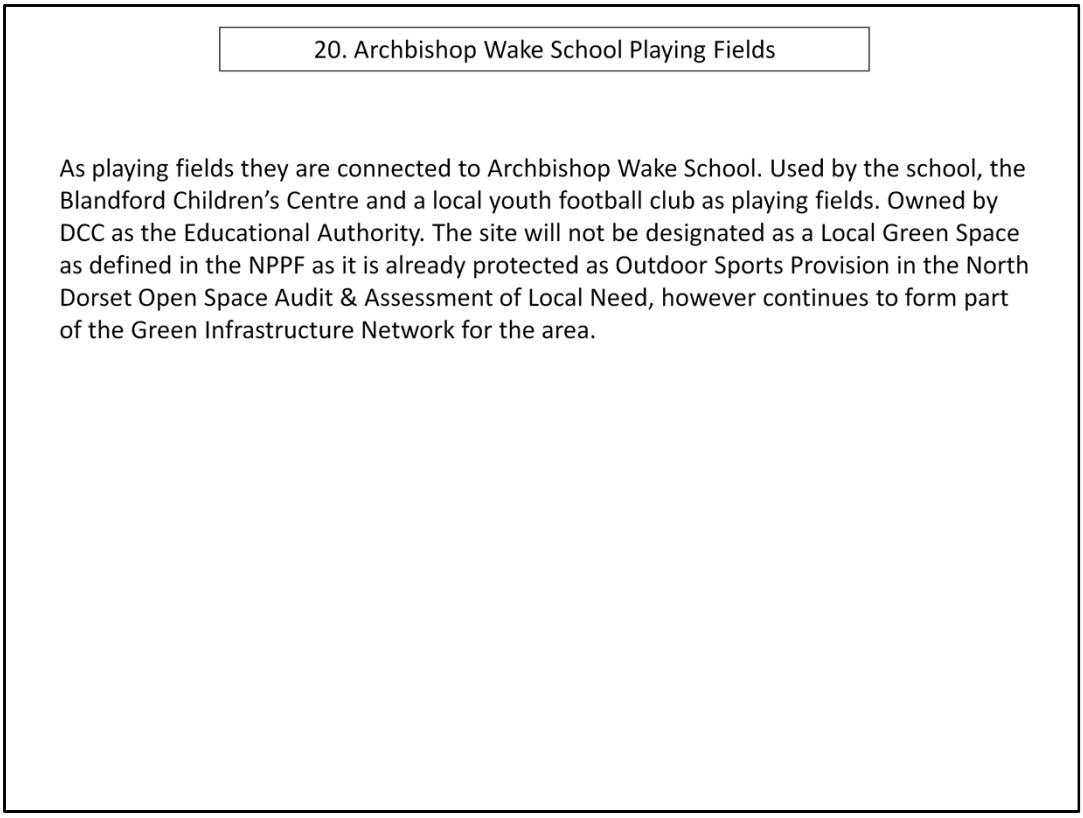
2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
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2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna? Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? As part of the old deer park it has areas of great beauty which is cherish by the local community.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Dorset County Council



20. Archbishop Wake School Playing Fields

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission? No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site? No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges? Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale? No

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? As playing fields they are connected to Archbishop Wake School.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves? Next door

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population? Diamond Way backs onto them

1.8 Does the space have a friends group? No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)? Yes,

the school, the Town and County Council I presume.

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? Not really

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? No

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area) School Playing Field

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? No historical significance

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) No historical significance

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection? No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? Used by the school, the Blandford Children's Centre and a local youth football club as playing fields

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation) See above

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need) Yes as Outdoor Sports provision

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? Used as school as area of tranquillity as well as recreation

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil? Buffer surround of a wooded area

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection? There is an area set aside for the children to use as a reflection space

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? It does have various forms of wildlife, including .... Squirrels, Badgers, Pheasants, Hedgehogs and Buzzards. And the ponds are fantastic for dipping,
Forest schools who also use our field, recently had a dipping event on a Saturday. Marion Hunter also visits occasionally !!

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve). No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space? See above

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) See above - buzzards

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? See above

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna? I would have thought so as it is surrounded by a wooded area

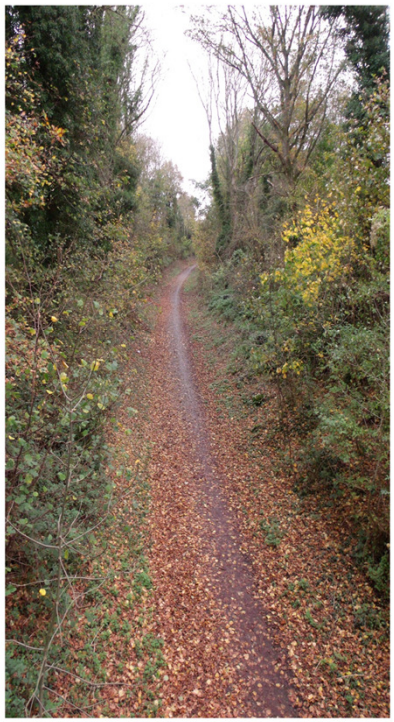
2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? School playing fields

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation. Dorset County Council

21. The Trailway

The Trailway is a walking, cycling and horse riding route that runs along the route of the old Somerset and Dorset Railway line and takes you through some picturesque villages of the Blackmore vale. The old railway line closed to rail traffic in 1966 provides an ideal route for a Trailway as it links many of North Dorset's towns and villages. The trail runs along a flat, surfaced three metre wide track suitable for pushchairs, mobility vehicles, horses, bicycles and walkers. It is owned by NDDC and maintained by the North Dorset Countryside Rangers. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms the spine of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area and is central to the community it serves.



21. The Trailway

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?

Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

The Trailway forms the spine of the green infrastructure network of the town.

How close is the space to the community it serves?

The Trailway forms the spine of the green infrastructure network of the town.

Where are the nearest centres of population?

Blandford Forum

Does the space have a friends group?

The North Dorset Trailway Network is a Charity that is dedicated to extending and improving the Trailway, which is largely made up of sections of the old Somerset and Dorset Railway which used to link Bristol, Bournemouth and Christchurch.

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?

The Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The Trailway forms the spine of the green infrastructure network of the town.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
The Trailway forms the spine of the green infrastructure network of the town.

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
Part of the Trailway is within the Carnborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB.

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
Largely made up of sections of the old Somerset and Dorset Railway which used to link Bristol, Bournemouth and Christchurch.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
Largely made up of sections of the old Somerset and Dorset Railway which used to link Bristol, Bournemouth and Christchurch.

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
Not in Blandford Forum

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
The Trailway forms the spine of the green infrastructure network of the town.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation and a Park Run every week.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
No

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It is not

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
It is not

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
The Trailway forms the spine of the green infrastructure network of the town.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
Unknown

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation. Owned by NDDC and maintained by the North Dorset Countryside Rangers

22. Larksmead Playing fields



A Recreation ground in the centre of a housing development that serves outdoor sports provision (two purpose built rugby pitches), a play area, a trim track and popular dog walking area. The site is currently being transferred to the Town Council. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a Recreation Ground, Outdoors sports provision and provision for children and young people in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

22. Larksmead Playing Fields

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission? No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site? No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges? Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale? Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? A Recreation ground in the center of a housing development that serves outdoor sports provision (two purpose built rugby pitches), a play area, a trim track and popular dog walking area.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves? Very near

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population? All around within 200 meters

1.8 Does the space have a friends group? No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)? Yes, by the town council , Ward members and Rugby Club

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space(s) of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty? It is a green area in a large housing development

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement? Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area) No

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance? N.A

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area) No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument) No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows) No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection? No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value? It has the town's rugby pitches, childrens play area, a trim track and space for informal games

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation
See above plus dog walking and other communal activities

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study?
https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit HYPERLINK "https://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/147868/Open-Space-Audit--Assessment-of-Local-Need/pdf/amendments_to_final_report-3.pdf"&HYPERLINK "https://www.dorsetforyou.com/media/147868/Open-Space-Audit--Assessment-of-Local-Need/pdf/amendments_to_final_report-3.pdf" Assessment of Local Need)
As a Recreation Ground, Outdoors sports provision and provision for children and young people

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity? N.A

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil? N.A

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection? Some may be.

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife? It is not

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve). No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space? No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006) No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates? No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees? No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna? No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community? The space gives a green outlook in a highly developed area.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation. The site is currently being transferred from NDDC.

Blandford St Mary

The village of Blandford St Mary is set in the heart of Dorset, adjacent to Blandford Forum and has an estimated population of 1,500 (DCC 2013 estimate).

A number of sites throughout the parish are considered valuable Green Space assets for the community.

23. Stour Meadows (BStM)



A popular site close to the town centre. A refuge for wildlife, which includes otter, heron, egret, cormorant, kingfisher, swans, ducks and gulls and numerous meadow and parkland bird species, with a mixture of riverside vegetation, grassland, mature trees and a pond. The specially created pond attracts numerous dragonflies such as the Black-tailed Skimmer. There are several attractive walks across the site and picnic tables are provided for lunchtime visitors. This area of open parkland, trees and bushes includes a free municipal car park and skate park. It provides the principal exercise area for Blandford St Mary residents and serves as the main pedestrian routes into the town centre. The Trailway long distance nature trail runs through part of the area and crosses the river in this section. It is owned by NDDC and maintained by the North Dorset Countryside Rangers. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

23. Stour Meadows
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
Stour Meadows lays just a short walk from Blandford town centre and next to the brewery in the Parish of Blandford St Mary; Tesco and other out-of-town shops are nearby.The western half is the closest to the town and is quite busy with people walking by on their way to and from the town. This is a favoured dog walking area and dogs are often in the river chasing the birds or their ball! As one moves eastwards a bridge crosses the river and takes the main path northwards leaving a much quieter area with

good riverside vegetation and an excellent pond for dragonflies and damselflies as well as damp meadow flowers. Otters are also to be seen around the river bank.
The space is used by local people as an amenity area and considered to be a valuable site for habitats.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
The site is between Blandford St Mary and Blandford Forum

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum and Blandford St Mary.

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Yes, the Town Council & Blandford St Mary Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The site acts an important visual separation from Blandford Forum and Blandford St Mary.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The area acts as a flood plain.
The site is identified as an important contribution to the diversity of North Dorset's wildlife and supports a number of important species.
Picnic areas
Seats around the site
Well made paths
Suitable for wheelchairs

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
Dorset Countryside service considers that sympathetic management will improve its importance as a haven for wildlife.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)

No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
Yes

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
Large areas of grassland, scrub and trees that act as a haven for wildlife.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
The space is used by local people as an amenity area for river walking, dog-walking, cyclists etc.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes, as Natural and Semi Natural Green space

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It forms an important buffer between Blandford Forum & Blandford St Mary.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
Due to its proximity to the river Stour.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes in many cases.

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It being a quiet area with good riverside vegetation and an excellent pond for dragonflies and damselflies as well as damp meadow flowers.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
Yes

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?

Otters, dragonflies and damselflies as well as damp meadow flowers.

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
Yes. Birds seen often listed within the Amber list of Conservation concern are, Little egret, Heron, Mallard, Swift and House martin.

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
The site contains areas of grassland, scrub and trees; it also serves as a flood plain. The space is used by local people as an amenity area and considered to be a valuable site for habitats.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

Land owners are NDDC

Land is managed by North Dorset Countryside Rangers

Both have been consulted on the Draft Plan

24. Coppice and Badger Sett



A small area of land which gives it's name to the surrounding ring of houses (70m x 30m) lies at the heart of the new Bryanston Hills housing estate built between 2001 and 2004. The ground includes wildlife activity. Because of the road layout between Dorchester Hill and Blandford St Mary primary school it is the only undeveloped green space within the village and provides a welcome area of green within the development. The land is owned by NDDC and maintained by the North Dorset Countryside Rangers. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

24. Coppice & Badger Sett

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
This small area of land which gives it's name to the surrounding ring of houses(70m x 30m) lies at the heart of the award winning Bryanston Hills housing estate built between 2001 and 2004. The ground includes an active badger sett. It also includes other wildlife and birds including nesting bats and has a considerable number of tree preservation orders. Because of the road layout between Dorchester Hill and Blandford St Mary

primary school it is the only undeveloped green space within the village and provides a welcome area of green within the development.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
The site is adjacent to and between houses 18 to 21 and 22 to 27

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford St Mary & Blandford Forum

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Yes, the Parish Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The site acts an important visual separation between hoses.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
No

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
The space is relatively new, but the Dorset Countryside service considers that sympathetic management will improve its importance as a haven for wildlife.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees

or old hedgerows)
Small areas of grassland, scrub and trees with preservation orders that act as a haven for wildlife.

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
It is of significant value in respect of visual impact.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Not recreational.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
No

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It only acts as an important buffer between houses 18-21 and 22-27

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
In view of the wildlife and Badgers.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
There is an active Badger Sett.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
Badgers and Long Eared nesting bats.

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
Yes

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
The site contains small areas of grassland, scrub and trees with preservation orders in place.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

Land owners are NDDC

Land is managed by North Dorset Countryside Rangers

Both have been consulted on the Draft Plan

25. Open space and Play Area Chettell Way



An equipped play area, basketball court and picnic area with benches well used by the community. It is owned by Blandford St Mary Parish Council. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as provision for children and young people in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

25. Chettell Way Children's Play & Recreation Area

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
This is a vitally important public amenity and recreation area.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?

Adjacent

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford St Mary

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
Yes
1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Yes

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
An important open recreational area in the community
2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes
2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
No
2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
As important and only area for recreation in the community
2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No
2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No
2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No
2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No
2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?

It is a fully equipped play/football area, with modern basketball court and picnic area with benches well used by the community.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)

It is designed and used as a play/football area, with modern basketball court and picnic area with benches well used by the community. There is also a fully equipped childrens play area with recently installed safety bonded soft and durable resin surface throughout this area.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space studyhttps://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as provision for children and young people.
2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity
Local play area possibly although not considered tranquil

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil
Local play area possibly not considered tranquil

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife
No specific significance in respect of wildlife.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).

No
2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
Yes as a vitally important and well used play and community facility.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

Blandford St Mary Parish Council

26. Blandford St Mary School Playing Fields



As playing fields they are connected to Blandford St Mary School. Used by the school as playing fields. Owned by DCC as the Educational Authority. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as Outdoor Sports Provision in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

26. Blandford St Mary Playing Fields
Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
As playing fields they are connected to Blandford St Mary School. Used by the school as playing fields.

How close is the space to the community it serves?
In the middle of it

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford St Mary

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The Parish Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
As playing fields they are connected to Blandford St Mary School.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
A green space attached to the school and surrounded by a housing development

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
No

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
As playing fields for the school.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
As playing fields for the school.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as Outdoor Sports Provision

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
It is not

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
It is not

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is not

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?

No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Owned by DCC

27. Bryanston Hills



Well-designed open green spaces as part of the originally designed development situated in close proximity to the community it serves. The land is owned by Blandford St Mary Homes. The site is to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF and forms part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

27. Bryanston Hills

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

No

Does the space feel local in character and scale?

Yes

How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

Well-designed open green spaces as part of the originally designed development.

How close is the space to the community it serves?

Scattered around the development.

Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford St Mary

Does the space have a friends group?
No

Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
Parish Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
Well-designed open green spaces as part of the originally designed development.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
No

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
It is not

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
No

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
No

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Well-designed open green spaces as part of the originally designed development.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
No

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
Well-designed open green spaces as part of the originally designed development.

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
Well-designed open green spaces as part of the originally designed development.

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is not

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?

No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Owned by Blandford St Mary Homes

Bryanston

The village of Bryanston is set in the heart of Dorset and has an estimated population of 890 (DCC 2013 estimate).

A number of sites throughout the parish are considered valuable Green Space assets for the community.

28. Meadows south of River Stour



The open fields, used for grazing animals and hay-crop, form the banks of the River Stour, floodplain and important foreground to the steep rise of the Cliff, with its dense cover of mature and mixed woodland. The village of Bryanston is nearby, and Blandford St Mary and Blandford Forum close by. The area is directly opposite the heritage site of the Crown Meadows - on the opposite side of the River Stour. The land is owned by Bryanston (RFE) Ltd. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as Outdoor Sports provision, natural and semi-natural open space and in important open space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

28. Meadows south of River Stour

Section 1

Does the proposed space have planning permission?
NO

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
NO

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
YES

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
YES

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
The open fields, used for grazing animals and hay-crop, form the banks of the River Stour, floodplain and important foreground to the steep rise of the Cliff, with its dense cover of mature and mixed woodland. The village of Bryanston is nearby, and Blandford St Mary and Blandford Forum close by. The area is directly opposite the heritage site of the Crown Meadows - on the opposite side of the River Stour

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
The area is close to both the village of Bryanston and the Bryanston School campus, less than 0.5km away each. The Portman Chapel and St Martin's Church are situated at its' edge.
Blandford Forum town centre and the village of Blandford St Mary are situated less than 0.5 to1km away.

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Less than 0.5km.

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
NO

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)? **NO**

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
The unspoilt fields showcase the former Portman House, now Bryanston School, and was one of the main reasons for the Portmans choosing to build the House at its present site. It is one of the area's renowned historical vistas.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
YES. It provides a beautiful, open, river valley setting and approach to the villages of Bryanston and Blandford St Mary, and to the town of Blandford Forum.

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
Conservation Area

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
See 2.1.

At the boundaries of the area are the sites of the former great houses belonging to the Rogers and Portman families (now demolished) and the Portman Chapel, St Martin's Church, Bryanston School and part of the ancient village of Bryanston.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
Conservation Area
See 2.4

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
Bryanston School – Grade 1 listed
Portman Chapel – Grade 1 listed
St Martin's Church – Grade 2 listed
Old Kitchens (SSS1 Bat roost and nursery) – Grade 2 listed
Old Stables – Grade 2 listed
Old Pumping House of historical importance.

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
Three London Plane trees, believed to have been planted in the mid-18th century, are located at the foot of the Cliff, close to the Church. One of these planes holds the record as the tallest broadleaf tree in the UK.

2.8 Does the space the have a historic literature or art connection?
NO

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Fishing as it borders the River Stour (by permit).
Canoeing and rowing along the river (mainly by Bryanston School).
Recreational walks along the base of the Cliff.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Part of the area belongs to Bryanston School and used as their sports fields, including rugby, cricket, tennis, football and horse eventing.
A large boathouse is also situated by the river to facilitate canoeing and rowing.

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
YES:
Bryanston School – for outdoor sports: 3 rugby pitches, 3 cricket pitches and 2 STP.
Bryanston as a natural or semi-natural open space ().496hectares) – OS1
Bryanston as an important open space: OS1 0.065 hectares; OS2 0.266hectares; OS3 0.112 hectares.

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
Quiet, open, unspoilt area of grassed fields bordering the River Stour wth a river cliff rising on one side which is densely wooded.
2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
There are no noisy transport routes nearby

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes, especially in the Church and Chapel areas.

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is considered to be a valuable site for habitats, including the foraging grounds for the bats from the SSSI at the nearby 'Old Kitchens, including the Greater Horseshow bat. These fields also form an important migration corridor along the river, e.g. for otters.

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
See 2.15

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
Bats, especially the Greater Horseshow Bat.
See 2.15

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)
Bats.

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
NO

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
The three London Plane Trees – see 2.7
Mature mixed woodland.

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
For bats and otters.

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Bryanston (RFE) Ltd

29. Bryanston Village Green



Bryanston as a village developed around Home Farm on the Portman estate. Prior to the building of The Cliff in Victorian/Edwardian times the green between 1-7 Bryanston and the Old Forge was used as an assembly area and village green for villagers, most of who worked at Bryanston House or on the estate farms. Now this grassed lawn area is in front of the historic cottages in the older part of the village. Owned by Bryanston (RFE) Ltd and in private ownership. Although only part of this site is listed as Natural and Semi-Natural Green Open Space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, due to community opposition to formally designate the site, the site is not to be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF.

29. Green space in front of 1-7 Bryanston and The Old Forge

Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?

No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?

No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?

Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?

Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?

This grassed lawn area is in front of the historic cottages in the older part of the village.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?

It is the ‘showpiece’ at the heart of the village.

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?

Immediately adjacent.

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?

No
1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?

No

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?

It defines the character of the village and allows the historic cottages behind, which have considerable architectural significance, to be seen and the Grade 2 listed Portman Mews are opposite.

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?

Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)

Conservation Area

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?

It has been an open space for over 100 years and was used to serve the Portman Estate and Farm buildings.

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)

It is in the Conservation Area and is immediately opposite Portman Mews and Home Farm, both Grade 2 listed.

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
No

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)

No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?

The Old Forge, which is adjacent, was the former home of Bryanston sculptor Don Potter.

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?

With the owners' consent, the annual village 'Tea on the Lawn' is held here.

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)

See 2.9

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)

Included in Bryanston OS1, OS2, OS3. OS1 is listed as Natural and Semi-Natural Open Space.

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?

N/A

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?

N/A

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?

No

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
N/A

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).

No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?

No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006)

No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?

No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?

No

2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?

No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?

It provides public access to the post box situated at the Old Post Office and access to the individual homes.

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.

Bryanston (RFE) Ltd and private ownership

Extra following Draft Plan consultation 1. Land between Orchard and Damory Street



Only the archway entrance of 1864 remains of the Blandford Grammar School, built 1862-64 with endowments from Thomas Horlock Bastard (1800-1902 or 1796-1818), originally for girls, but then boys and mixed. Uniform of grey trouser or skirt, maroon blazer, badge, and gold trim. Boys wore caps straight, girls a summer boater, and navy velour in the winter. In 1903 it became Blandford Secondary School. In 1928 it became Blandford Grammar, on closure of the former Milton Abbas Grammar School in East Street, with 320 boys and girls, 1968 closed and moved to Milldown Road. School Lane passes old Infants School, marked by a Civic Society blue plaque, and passes the back of former gas works and two gas holders with bricked up doorway. Now redeveloped as housing after operating for many years as a free car park. The lane crosses Orchard Street and ends in Dorset Street. Owned by Spectrum Housing. The site will not be designated as a Local Green Space as defined in the NPPF as it is already protected as an amenity space in the North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need, however continues to form part of the Green Infrastructure Network for the area.

Extra after Draft Plan Consutlation 1. Land between Orchard Street and Damory Street
Section 1

1.1 Does the proposed space have planning permission?
No

1.2 Is the proposed space a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan allocation or proposed site?
No

1.3 Does the proposed space have clearly defined edges?
Yes

1.4 Does the space feel local in character and scale?
Yes

1.5 How does the proposed space connect physically, visually and socially to the local area?
Only the archway entrance of 1864 remains of the **Blandford Grammar School**, built 1862-64 with endowments from Thomas Horlock Bastard (1800-1902 or 1796-1818), originally for girls, but then boys and mixed. Uniform of grey trouser or skirt, maroon blazer, badge, and gold trim. Boys wore caps straight, girls a summer boater, and navy velour in the winter. In 1903 it became Blandford Secondary School. In 1928 it became Blandford Grammar, on closure of the former Milton Abbas Grammar School in East

Street, with 320 boys and girls, 1968 closed and moved to Milldown Road. **School Lane** passes old **Infants School,** marked by a Civic Society blue plaque, and passes the back of former gas works and two gas holders with bricked up doorway. Now redeveloped as housing after operating for many years as a free car park. The lane crosses Orchard Street and ends in Dorset Street.

1.6 How close is the space to the community it serves?
Informal recreation

1.7 Where are the nearest centres of population?
Blandford Forum

1.8 Does the space have a friends group?
No

1.9 Is the proposal to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, local community groups, a parish plan, the Town/Parish Council, the Ward member(s)?
The Town Council

Section 2

2.1 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its beauty?
An open amenity space with historic value

2.2 Does the space contribute to the visual attractiveness of the townscape or character / setting of the settlement?
Yes

2.3 Is the space covered by other landscape or townscape designations? (e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Conservation Area)
The Blandford Blandford St Mary Bryanston Conservation Area

2.4 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its historic significance?
See 1.5

2.5 Does the proposed space or elements of the space have local historical significance? (e.g. conservation area)
Originally there was a cemetery - if you go there you will see old headstones propped up against the wall backing onto the back of Dorset St. It was also the playing area for the infant school "school house" on the map. The area where Wessex Court is was formally the Grammar school so likely to have been their playing field too.

2.6 Are there any historic buildings or structures in the space? (e.g. listed building or scheduled monument)
See 1.5

2.7 Are there any important historic landscape features on the space? (e.g. veteran trees or old hedgerows)
No

2.8 Does the space have a historic literature or art connection?
See 1.5

2.9 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its recreational value?
Local amenity space

2.10 What variety of recreational activities does the space support? (e.g. the space is used for playing sport and for informal recreation)
Informal recreation

2.11 Is the space already identified in the Councils Open Space study? https://www.dorsetforyou.com/evidence/north (see INF013 North Dorset Open Space Audit & Assessment of Local Need)
Yes as an amenity space

2.12 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its tranquillity?
A green open space on the edge of the town centre

2.13 Why is the space considered to be tranquil?
A green open space on the edge of the town centre

2.14 Is the space used for quiet reflection?
Yes

2.15 How is the proposed space of particular local significance, in respect of its richness of wildlife?
It is not

2.16 Is the proposed space formally designated for its wildlife value? (e.g. is it a SSSI, SNCI or Local Nature Reserve).
No

2.17 Are any important habitats or species found in the space?
No

2.18 Does the proposed space support species of fauna or flora? (e.g. protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 or Habitat Regulations 2010, Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural

Communities Act 2006)
No

2.19 Does the proposed space support species of birds listed on the Red, Amber or Green Lists of Species of Conservation Concern or notable assemblage of invertebrates?
No

2.20 Does the proposed space support irreplaceable habitats such as ancient semi-natural woodland and veteran trees?
No
2.21 Does the proposed space function as part of a wildlife corridor or green infrastructure enabling the dispersal of species of flora and fauna?
No

2.22 Are there any other reasons why the proposed space has a particular local significance for the local community?
No

Section 3

3.1 Identify & contact landowners if not already contacted as part of the Draft Plan consultation.
Spectrum Housing