



Tavistock Town Council

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Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am writing as the Chair of the Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group to let the council know before any public consultation that the steering group have identified the green space on your property as highlighted on the enclosed map as demonstrably special to Tavistock.

These Tavistock Town Council properties hold a particular local significance as outlined in the attached spreadsheet and therefore have been proposed for designation as a 'Local Green Space' in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

I am including some basic information about Local Green Space designation for you below, but I am writing this letter so if the council have questions or concerns you can speak to me or the group about its designation before public consultation.

The designation of land as Local Green Space through the Neighbourhood Plan allows residents to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating a green area as Local Green Space gives it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners. For example, designation does not grant public access to land which does not already have that access. Management of land designated as Local Green Space remains the responsibility of its owner.

You can read more about Local Green Space designation on Gov.uk here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space#Local-Green-Space-designation>

If you would like to speak to me about the designation or the plan, please feel free to call me on 07956 628083 or email Ursula.mann@tavistock.gov.uk

Sincerely,

Cllr Ursula Mann
Chair, Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan

Name	Criteria	Description	Recognition/ Evidence (1)	Recognition/ Evidence (2)	Publicly accessible?	Landowner	Notes
Whitchurch Play Area	Recreational Value	Field with play and sports equipment. Former historic site of Victorian reservoirs and then the Bannawell Swimming Baths, this site is now a play area/green wetland space and plays a role in the hydrological (flood prone) sensitivity of this area			Yes	Tavistock Town Council	
Bannawell Playground	Historic Significance; Recreational Value; Richness of Wildlife	Play area with play equipment, football goal and basketball hoop	Historic Environment Record		Yes	Tavistock Town Council	
Courtlands Playing Field	Recreational Value	Allotments surrounded by trees and traditional hedgerows. The site has been maintained as allotments for more than 100 years	Historic Environment Record		Yes	Tavistock Town Council	
Butcher Park Hill Allotments	Historic Significance; Recreational Value, Richness of Wildlife	Late Georgian/Victorian cemetery of historic vale with mature and diverse trees and rich wildlife.	Nature Recovery Network (NRN)	Historic Environment Record	Yes	Tavistock Town Council	
Dolvin Road Cemetery	Historic Significance; Tranquility; Richness of Wildlife	Victorian cemetery. The green burial meadow is managed for wildlife.	Historic Environment Record	Other Site of Wildlife Interest	Yes	Tavistock Town Council	Hedgehogs and Bats are present within the cemetery and the green burial meadow contains orchids and other wildflowers of interest.\
Plymouth Road cemetery	Historic Significance; Tranquility; Richness of Wildlife	Grass area within a residential estate. Includes some play equipment.			Yes	Tavistock Town Council	Large green space centrally located within a large estate otherwise developed and segregated by fencing.\
Monksmead Play Area	Recreational Value	Area of riparian garden (grass and trees)			Yes	Tavistock Town Council	Similar to other areas of the riverside, bats and other animals have been observed in this area.\
Dolvin Road Waterside	Recreational Value; Richness of Wildlife	Community garden			Yes	Tavistock Town Council	Area recently replanted with native ground plants to increase biodiversity at the site. AH of WDBC - Tavistock TC website says owned by DCC and leased to TTC.\
Celle Gardens	Recreational Value; Tranquility	Community garden			Yes	Tavistock Town Council	Partially enclosed riverside garden with seating.\
Stannary Bridge Garden	Recreational Value; Tranquility	Riverside strip of land. The area is used for walking and contains a skatepark facility. Within this area are features of historic significance (St John's Well) and was once the location of a hermitage/chapel of St John. Of wildlife value as recognised by the NRN.			Yes		
St John's and Benson Meadow	Recreational Value; Richness of Wildlife	Play area within a residential estate including play equipment.	Nature Recovery Network (NRN)	Historic Environment Record	Yes	Tavistock Town Council	
Grenville Drive Play Area	Recreational Value	Council owned green space providing buffer between housing and nursing home grounds.			Yes	Tavistock Town Council	
Abbotsfield Hall Open Space	Tranquility	Play area with play equipment.			No	Tavistock Town Council	Visible to residents of the hall.\
Bishopsmead Play Area	Recreational Value	Area of grass and mature trees next to the river. Used as a place to walk and particularly by dog owners.			Yes	Tavistock Town Council	
Pearce's Meadow	Historic Significance; Recreational Value, Richness of Wildlife		Historic Environment Record	Nature Recovery Network	Yes	Tavistock Town Council	

Abbotsfield Open Space 1	Tranquility	Open Green Space with grass in otherwise built environment.		Other Site of Wildlife Interest	Yes	Tavistock Town Council	This neighbourhood does not have a playpark or other green or open space publicly accessible.
The Meadows	Historic Significance: Recreational Value, Richness of Wildlife	Historic pleasure ground. This site, between the wet corridors of the Tavy and the canal, contains a play area, bandstand, mature trees, and grass areas. It is also used for hosting many community events. The riverside and canal corridors will be important for wildlife such as bats and rare species have been identified, leading to part of it being included in the NRN.	Historic Environment Record	Nature Recovery Network	Yes	Tavistock Town Council	

