

**North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan**

**Policy CH1: Local Green Space Designation**

**Designating Local Green Space Consultation 25.3.17**

Consultation took place on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 where residents were asked to comment on nine areas identified as important local green spaces (listed below). They were asked whether they agreed with these green spaces being designated and what its value was to them. 52 residents attended and 34 forms were completed providing very useful feedback. A summary of the comments is detailed below.

These Local Green Spaces and the reason(s) for their (proposed) designation are:

Frank Henson Gibbings Memorial Park – *Recreational Value*

The Town Cemetery & Extension – *Historic Significance, Tranquillity, Richness of its Wildlife*

Bowling Green – *Historical Significance, Recreational Value*

Allotments, North West of Fore St - *Historic Significance, Recreational Value, Richness of its Wildlife*

The Wardens, Football Club - *Recreational Value*

Rugby Field & Practice Field - *Recreational Value*

The Butts Field – *Historic Significance*

The Churchyard - *Historic Significance, Tranquillity, Richness of its Wildlife*

The Depot dedicated allotment space (500sq.m) – *Recreational Value, Richness of Wildlife*

<b>Local Green Space</b>	<b>Do you agree?</b>	<b>Its Value to you</b>
Memorial Park	Yes 32 No 0 Neither 2	Recreation, reflection, free play, walk through, meeting place. For families and whole community, green space for children to play Traditional park, place for events, well equipped. Trees and wildlife. An essential & valuable asset for the community, well used and good facilities.
The Wardens – NT Football Club	Yes 31 No 1 Neither 2	Physical and mental well-being. Sustainable recreational space for future generations. Important for community. Sport enhances development in children and young people. Well used, well organised asset. Important local resource for young and old. Historical significance for the community.

NT Bowling Green, North St	Yes 33 No 1 (restricted access)	Physical and mental well-being, fitness for older people. Socially important, well used, accessible for all abilities and ages. Attracts visitors from neighbouring villages. Local recreation, community asset, super facility.
Rugby Field & Practice Field, Town Meadows, Fore St	Yes 34 No 0	Physical & mental well-being for community. Socially important, well used leisure & sports resource. Used by all ages, Scouts group, youth rugby. Well organised and essential facility. Venue for local events. Riverside site on flood plain. Ongoing inter-generational use. Community asset.
St Peter's Churchyard	Yes 34 No 0	Spiritually essential to community. Consecrated ground – does it need designation? Sacred ground, quiet reflection, peaceful. Wildlife haven. Historical significance, visual amenity, important to community.
NT Cemetery, Exeter St	Yes 33 No 0 Neither 1	Spiritually essential, peaceful, area for reflection. Sacred & consecrated ground. War memorial. Local historical interest, community value, needed by the community. Important quiet space. Value to all.
Allotments behind Fore St	Yes 31 No 0 Neither 3	Physical & mental well-being. Important to community – educational for children, self-sufficiency. Important for residents with our gardens. Footpath, amenity views, community asset, biodiversity, environmentally important.
The Depot, Devonshire Gardens	Yes 29 No 1 Neither 4	Environmental & wildlife habitat. Invaluable for wildlife. Educational for children and young people. Valued asset to the town, growing vegetables in poly tunnels. Whole family activity – socially valuable. Should be accessible for all not just Environmental Trust members.
The Butts Field	Yes 31 No 1 Neither 2	Historic significance. Viewed from park and town. Recreational value and green space. Potential if open to public as an open space, community venue for events. Quiet agricultural space for grazing animals. Support from residents living locally to site.

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