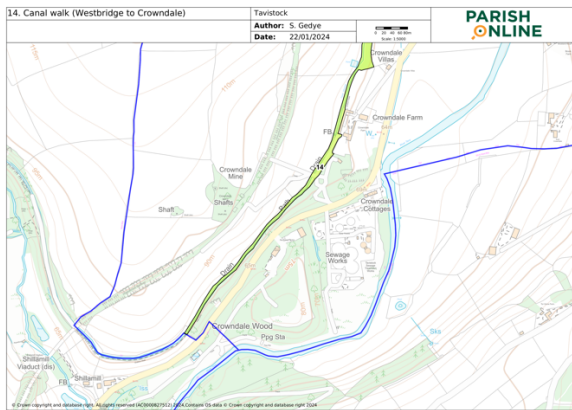
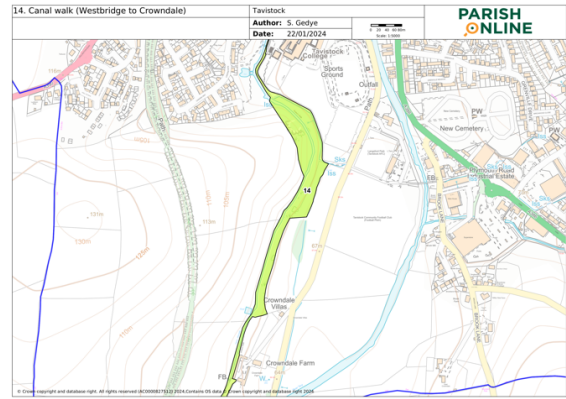
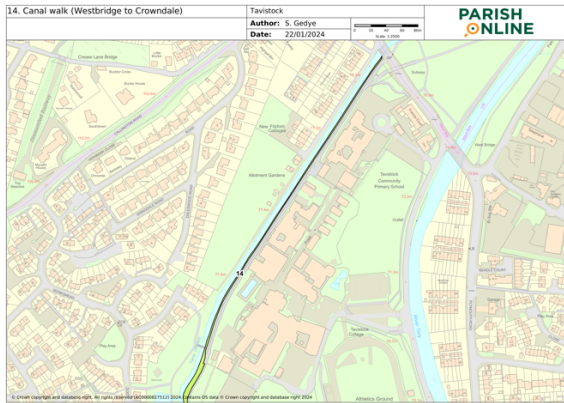


14. Canal Walk



This long thin 'Canal Walk' is shown in three images running from north to south.

Site	Canal Walk	
1	Planning History - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Does the sites have an extant planning permission, which can still be implemented and would conflict with a Local Green Space designation? <i>(If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation)</i>	N

	Has the site been allocated for an incompatible Local Green Space use? <i>If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation</i>	N
	Any further points to raise from the Strategic Land Availability Assessment?	N
2	Other Designations - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Is the site covered by any of the following designations? Special Areas of Conservation; Special Protection Areas; Sites of Special Scientific Interest; Registered Parks and Gardens; Local Nature Reserves; Registered village greens; Common land; Strategic Green Space; Minerals Safeguarding Area <i>If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation</i>	N
3	Proximity to Community - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Is the site within 240m radius of 10 dwellings or more? <i>If yes, the site is considered suitable for Local Green Space Designation due to its proximity to the community it serves</i>	Y
4	Local Character and Not Extensive Tract of Land - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Is the site, or adjacent green spaces appropriate for Local Green Space taken together, larger than 10ha? <i>If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation</i>	N
	How does the site relate to the local area? Does the site feel part of the local area? Does the site connect physically, visually and/or socially to the area? Is the site distinct from its context by virtue of its size, land type or landscape features, e.g. what are its boundary conditions? <i>Please provide justification below :</i> Well used recreational path alongside the historic canal. Part of this canal-side is in the National Cycle Network (Drake's Trail). This landscape is part of the landscape character of Tavistock and relates to the mining World Heritage Status. Parts of the walk are part of the NRN with waterside habitat, mature trees and areas of scrub.	
	The site should not be an extensive tract of land. How large is the site in comparison to the community it serves and areas of land in the vicinity? <i>Please provide justification below:</i> The site is 3.58 Ha within a total parish area of 1,330 Ha.	
	Is the extent of the size reasonable for its potential designation as a Local Green Space - How has the size of the site been decided? Does the site follow natural features or existing constraints? Does the whole site justify allocation as Local Green Space or is some of the site unnecessarily included? Is the site unusually large for its use? <i>Please provide justification below:</i>	Y

	<p>The site is particularly important for recreational uses and provides a tranquil nature walk for local people to enjoy both nature, historic setting and culture.</p> <p>See Map</p>	
5	Particular Local Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y/N
5.1	Beauty - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	<p>Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Parts of the canal walk have formed part of a walking network since Victorian times, when visitors were taken to watch the creation of the railway viaduct across the Lumburn River.</p>	Y
	<p>Site visibility - Is the site visible from a public place? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>The site has some visibility from the main A386, from the Tavistock Community Primary School and from surrounding neighbourhoods.</p>	
	<p>Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments, conservation area appraisals or similar documents?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes, the site has both important cultural and historic mentions in Tavistock's history.</p>	
	<p>Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>The site has been identified as part of the nature recover network.</p>	
	<p>Are there any cultural references to the site's scenic quality?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes, historically and currently there are lots of references to the area's beauty, especially as it approaches the edge of the parish.</p>	
	<p>Does the site bring interest from further afield to the local area?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes, those who are interested in the engineering work of the canal will be interested in coming to walk this path. Also, it has a connection to the historic home of Sir Francis Drake, who's family farm runs alongside the canal.</p>	

	<p>Does the green space help to improve the overall appearance of the area by means of its features?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes, it brings a much appreciated woodland walk into the heart of the town.</p>	
5.2	Historic Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y/N
	<p>Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, and war memorials.</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes, the canal has historic significance from its connection with the world heritage mining and the stannary town nature of the town. It's also known for its engineering history and the tunnel that was made to take it to Morewellham Quay.</p> <p>As previously noted, it has a connection to the historic property on the Crowndale Farm which is the historic birthplace of Sir Francis Drake.</p>	Y
	<p>Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features, ancient woodlands.</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>There are areas of the walk that incorporate important woodland including traditional English Bluebells.</p>	Y
	<p>Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes, the canal played an important role in the town's success as a stannary town and continues to do so as it now creates green power through the generation plant at Morewellham.</p>	Y
	<p>Did any important historic events take place on the site? Is there a longstanding event which takes place on the site? For example, fete's, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg rolling, plays, market</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>See above</p>	Y
5.3	Recreational Value - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y/N
	<p>Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport or is it included in the playing pitch strategy to deliver sports provisions?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p>	N
	Which Sport?	

	Is this sports provision free?	
	Is it good quality?	
	Are there better facilities nearby?	
	Does the Green space incorporate play provision or is it included in the play strategy to deliver new play provision? What is the quality of the play area? <i>Please provide justification below</i>	N
	Are there any other play provisions within a 240m for local playable space or 600m for strategic play space? <i>If yes, please provide details below</i>	N
	Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily? Are there desire-lines present on site? <i>If yes, please provide details below</i> There is clear love and interest in the canal site where there is an art trail, occasional rope swings and clear indications that many people enjoy walking, running, and cycling along the trail.	Y
	Does the site incorporate any recreational routes, e.g. bridleways, PROWs, National Cycle Routes, key pedestrian and cycle links? <i>If yes, please provide details below</i> Part of the site is next to the Drake's Trail (Cycle Route 27)	Y
5.4	Tranquillity - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y/N
	Is the site considered to be tranquil? If yes, what features make it feel tranquil? <i>Please provide justification below</i> The site feels tranquil as there are large trees which when in full leaf provide enough cover to create a natural corridor that shields the walk from view of most of the town. Where this is not the case, the views are of other hillsides or farmland that is currently undeveloped.	Y
	Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness?	Y

	<p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes, the further one travels along the canal, the easier it is to forget the setting of the town, despite the fact that it remains closely attached to and within walking distance of many of the homes in nearby neighbourhoods.</p>	
	<p>Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting and by reducing the appearance of noise and light impacts?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Yes</p>	Y
5.5	Richness in Wildlife - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y/N
	<p>Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p>	N
	<p>If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>The canal provides unique habitat for local Daubenton's species and other types of endangered bats. Because of its close proximity to the sewage works and rubbish and recycling tip, it is ideal for bats. An abandoned quarry that is filled with water provides a stagnant area of water that is used by other species, including Kingfisher which are often seen flying along the canal.</p>	Y
	<p>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>Yes, as part of the waterway surveys for the Bat Conservation network surveys were completed in August of 2023 counting and recording passes of Daubenton's bats. Other species that were recorded were Noctule, Serotine, and Common and Soprano Pipistrell</p>	Y
	<p>Has the site been defined as part of the JLP biodiversity network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>It has been included as a site of importance for the Nature Recover Network</p>	N
	<p>Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>Yes, there are traditional hedgerows and veteran trees along the canal.</p>	Y

6	Evidence of Local Support and Alternate Green Space Provision - Is there sufficient current evidence of Local Support?	Y/N
	<i>If yes, please provide details below</i> The site benefits from regular intervention by the community. There are artworks designed to take advantage of the local landscape as well as accessibility improvements that allow access for more rugged disability scooters.	Y
7	Could the site help to mitigate against the effects of climate change on the local community? Does the site have sufficient landscape qualities that could help tackle climate change?	Y/N
	<i>If yes, please provide details below</i> It is ideal habitat for Daubentons Bats and Kingfishers and the ability of the canal's water to be monitored by SWW means that the canal provides both flood resilience and protection for species that need water during times of drought.	Y
8	Does the site include any landscape features that could help build resilience to climate change challenges? Does the site have sufficient landscape features that could build resilience to climate change?	Y/N
	<i>If yes, please provide details below</i> As above	
9	Conclusion - Should site be considered for allocation?	Y/N
	<i>Please provide any concluding remarks below</i>	