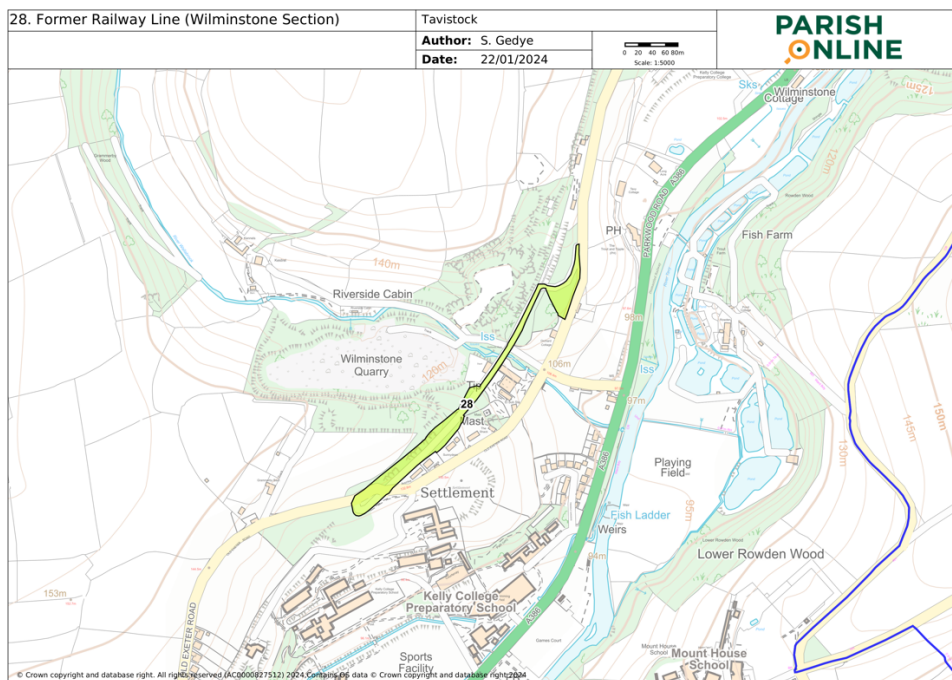


## 28. Former Railway Line (Wilminstone Section)



Site	Former Railway Line (Wilminstone Section)	
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? (If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation)	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
<b>2</b>	<b>Other Designations</b> - 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
<b>3</b>	<b>Proximity to Community</b> - 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
<b>4</b>	<b>Local Character and Not Extensive Tract of Land</b> - 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
	<b>How does the site relate to the local area?</b> 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?  The site is publicly accessible former railway line used for walking and which forms part of the National Cycle Network (route 27). This site therefore feels part of the local area as a safe (non-road) spoke NE of Tavistock. It is distinct and defined by the line of the former railway, mostly now wooded, with additional woodland included through which the cycleway/path passes.	
	<b>The site should not be an extensive tract of land.</b> How large is the site in comparison to the community it serves and areas of land in the vicinity?  This corridor of green space is 0.98 Ha. As part of the National Cycle Network this publicly accessible green space is of value to the parish as a whole which is circa 1,300 Ha.	
	<b>Is the extent of the size reasonable for its potential designation as a Local Green Space</b> - 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?  The site has been decided on the basis of the corridor of land that comprises the former railway track, cuttings and embankments. At the northern end of this green space corridor the cycle track/path diverges from the former railway and passes	

	through a small area of woodland. This area of woodland is therefore also included in this designation because the right of way/route passes through it. This area is defined on the basis of a boundary feature.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Particular Local Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Beauty - Does it meet LGS criteria?</b>	<b>N</b>
	Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	Site visibility - Is the site visible from a public place? Are there views of the site from any key locations?  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments, conservation area appraisals or similar documents?  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	Are there any cultural references to the site's scenic quality?  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	Does the site bring interest from further afield to the local area?  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	Does the green space help to improve the overall appearance of the area by means of its features?  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Historic Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?</b>	<b>N</b>
	Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, and war memorials.	
	Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features, ancient woodlands.  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	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.  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	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  <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Recreational Value - Does it meet LGS criteria?</b>	<b>Y</b>

	<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?	
	<p>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?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p>	
	<p>Are there any other play provisions within a 240m for local playable space or 600m for strategic play space?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p>	
	<p>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?</p> <p><i>The site is open to the public for walking, as well as being part of the National Cycling Network (see below). It is regularly used by walkers and dog walkers.</i></p>	Y
	<p>Does the site incorporate any recreational routes, e.g. bridleways, PRoWs, National Cycle Routes, key pedestrian and cycle links?</p> <p><i>This section of former railway line is part of the National Cycle Network (Route 27) - <a href="https://www.sustrans.org.uk/find-a-route-on-the-national-cycle-network/route-27">https://www.sustrans.org.uk/find-a-route-on-the-national-cycle-network/route-27</a></i></p>	Y
5.4	<b>Tranquillity</b> - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	<p>Is the site considered to be tranquil? If yes, what features make it feel tranquil?</p> <p><i>This greenspace is a non-road routeway which makes it a tranquil and safe walking route. The railway cuttings and trees both help to buffer sound, making this a quiet place.</i></p>	
	<p>Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness?</p> <p><i>Because the former railway line provides a sense of enclosure, this helps to enhance the sense of remoteness. The railway viaduct, because it sails above the valley below, also helps to create a feeling of lofty separation.</i></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>Although this route extends beyond the urban centre of Tavistock, it is nonetheless, adjacent to some development. However, because of the woodland and the railway cuttings, this green corridor mostly shuts out man-made structures and development.</p>	
5.5	<b>Richness in Wildlife</b> - Does it meet LGS criteria?	N
	<p>Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p>	

	<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>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p>	
	<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>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>	
6	<p><b>Evidence of Local Support and Alternate Green Space Provision - Is there sufficient current evidence of Local Support?</b></p>	Y
	<p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>The site is well used by local cyclists (and touring cyclists), walkers and dog walkers.</p>	
7	<p><b>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?</b></p>	Y
	<p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>The site is a shaded path and therefore provides a cool outdoor space for the local community.</p>	
8	<p><b>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?</b></p>	N
	<p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p>	
9	<p><b>Conclusion - Should site be considered for allocation?</b></p>	Y/N
	<p><i>Please provide any concluding remarks below</i></p> <p>As well as being a public space used for recreation (cycling and walking) and a place of tranquillity, in conjunction with other protected parts of Tavistock's former railway lines, this space can also contribute to important wildlife corridor networks.</p>	