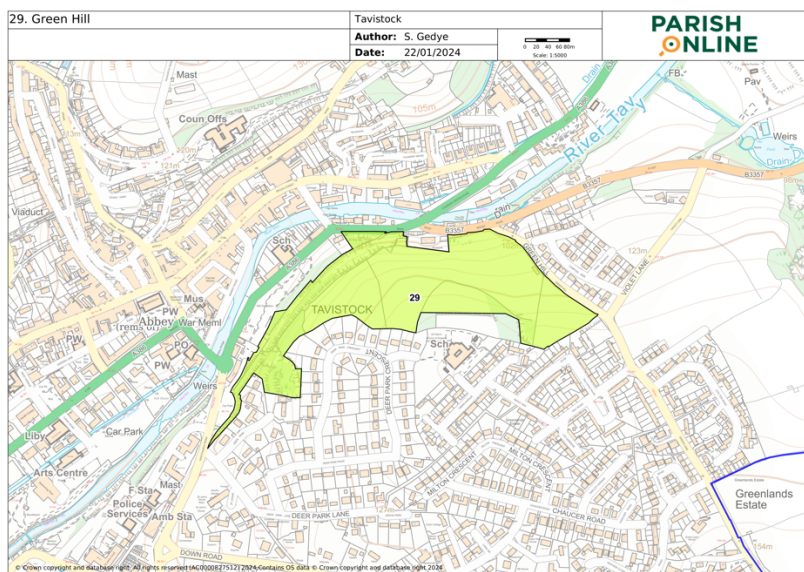


29. Green Hill



Site	Green Hill	
1	Planning History - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y/N
	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> Green Hill is an area of mixed deciduous woodland, grassland and dwarf shrub heath that is visible, accessible and reasonably central to Tavistock town centre. The hillside location means that the site is visually prominent when looking south from parts of the northern parish and from the main road into Tavistock (A386). The area is crossed by a public right of way and there are informal paths through the site, demonstrating its social use.	
	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?	

	<p><i>Please provide justification below:</i></p> <p>The site is approximately 7.87 Ha. It is a green space of significance to the whole parish which itself is in the order of 1,330 Ha.</p>	
	<p>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?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below:</i></p> <p>The site has been identified on the basis of it being an area of green space surrounded almost entirely by developed land. It is bounded by hedges/borders that define its area. Excluded from this designation application are an adjacent cemetery and school playing field.</p>	
5	Particular Local Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
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>The site is distinctly different from other areas of green space within the parish. It has beauty in its diversity of habitats within the site – open scrubby grassland and areas of woodland. It therefore differs from the downland of Whitchurch Down but also from other, more manicured green spaces within the town.</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 hillside location means that this site can be seen from the north and eastern side of the tow. Its hillside location also affords it excellent views back across Tavistock's townscape and up towards the Dartmoor.</p>	Y
	<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>The site has been identified in West Devon Borough Council Local Plan Review 2005 as important to the local community and for its tranquillity.</p> <p>.</p>	Y
	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	N

	<i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	Are there any cultural references to the site's scenic quality? <i>Please provide justification below</i>	N
	Does the site bring interest from further afield to the local area? <i>Please provide justification below</i>	N
	Does the green space help to improve the overall appearance of the area by means of its features? <i>Please provide justification below</i> It is the only hillside that surrounds the town centre that is undeveloped. Its hillside location, around the 'basin' of the town centre, means that it is a visible site from the town.	Y
5.2	Historic Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	N
	Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, and war memorials. <i>Please provide justification below</i>	
	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>	

5.3	Recreational Value - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	<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>	N
	<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>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>The site is crossed by a public right of way but there are also many desire-line showing how the site is used by walkers, dog walkers, and as a wild space for children to play/explore.</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>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>There is a public footpath through the site.</p>	
5.4	Tranquillity - 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>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Prior to the adoption of the Joint Local Plan in 2019, the site was designated in the Wet Devon local plan as open space because of its importance to the local community and its tranquillity.</p> <p>Part of this site's tranquillity lies in the fact that it is an oasis of green space lying in an otherwise developed part of the parish; it is therefore tranquil in relation to what surrounds it. It is also tranquil because of its size. Whilst qualifying in size terms as LGS its larger size is what helps give it greater tranquillity; it experiences fewer edge effects of noise penetration and its size means the density of use is dispersed.</p>	Y
	<p>Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p> <p>Part of this site's tranquillity lies in the fact that it is an oasis of green space lying in an otherwise developed part of the parish; it is therefore tranquil in relation to what surrounds it.</p>	Y
	<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>The woodland on the lower slopes cloaks the view of development on the hill top.</p>	Y
5.5	<p>Richness in Wildlife - Does it meet LGS criteria?</p>	Y
	<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>Part of the site is included within the Nature Recovery Network.</p>	Y

	It is an area of diverse land/use habitat including rough pasture/scrub, and woodland. Microhabitats along the former railway track and quarries give rock faces and damp/cool habitat.	
	<p>Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>The site was examined in October 2023 by a volunteer with the Tavistock Neighbourhood Plan. This is not the best time of year to conduct a vegetation survey because it is not possible to identify many flowering plants, including rare species. However, it was possible to identify the following (in the order they were observed):</p> <p>Willow; Beech; Oak; Holly; Bramble; Bracken; Yew; Hazel; Wood Avens; Nettle; Harts Tongue Fern; Ash; Sweet Chestnut; Sycamore; Hawthorn; Blackthorn; Creeping Buttercup; Common Sorrel; Plantago Lanceolata; Dock; Speedwell sp.; Thistle sp.; Meadow Buttercup; Hogsweed; Lesser trefoil; Ragweed; Ragged Robin; Red Campion; Vervain; Creeping Bedstraw; Betony.</p> <p>This provides an indication of the diversity of habitats and species.</p>	N
	<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>The site is part of the Nature Recovery Network</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> <p>The field boundaries are historic and date to the 18th C (Devon Record Office maps T1258M/E/5-7)</p>	
6	Evidence of Local Support and Alternate Green Space Provision - Is there sufficient current evidence of Local Support?	
	<p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>The site was designated in the West Devon Local Plan (2005, updated in 2011) as open space because of its importance to the local community and its tranquillity.</p>	
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

	<i>If yes, please provide details below</i>	
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
	<i>If yes, please provide details below</i> As above	
9	Conclusion - Should site be considered for allocation?	
	<i>Please provide any concluding remarks below</i> This set of fields occupies a site with steep gradients, overlooking the eastern part of Tavistock. Potential access to the site is extremely limited it being too steep on the northern edge and bounded by a school and residential gardens to the west and south. Access is only possible from the steep and narrow Green Hill. The site was previously designated as green space in the West Devon Borough Council Local Plan Review 2011.	