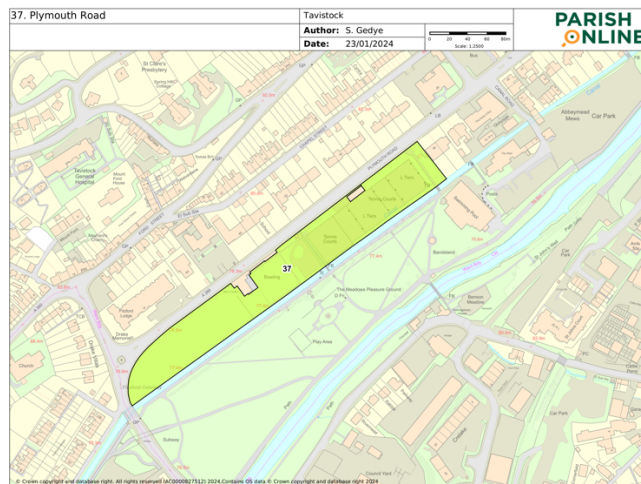


37. Plymouth Road



Site	Plymouth Road	
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> The site is a very important, well-used and visible recreational area in the centre of Tavistock. Forming a strip bounded by Plymouth Road and the canal the site houses tennis courts, a sensory garden, a bowling club, a BMX dirt track as well as wild spaces.	
	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 1.74 Ha compared to a parish area of 1,330 Ha.	

	<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 extent is defined by its land use, which is mainly used for leisure activities. It is also defined by its boundaries, these chiefly being the Tavistock canal and Plymouth Road.</p>	Y
5	Particular Local Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
5.1	Beauty - Does it meet LGS criteria?	N
	<p>Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p>	
	<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>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>Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p>	
	<p>Are there any cultural references to the site's scenic quality?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></p>	
	<p>Does the site bring interest from further afield to the local area?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below</i></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>	
5.2	Historic Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	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>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>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>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>	
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> <p>There are a number sports provisions within this site (informal and formal). The two formal sports are Tavistock Tennis Club and the Tavistock Sir Francis Drake Bowling Club.</p> <p>There is also the Tavi Trails BMX dirt track, developed in association with the Tavistock Youth Cafe.</p>	Y
	<p>Which Sport?</p> <p>Tennis, Bowls and BMX</p>	

	<p>Is this sports provision free?</p> <p>The BMX provision is free, the tennis courts are open to the public subject to booking and paying a fee. Bowling is members only.</p>	
	<p>Is it good quality?</p> <p>Yes. The tennis club has seven courts, five of which are floodlit. The bowling club has a high-quality green. Both clubs have clubhouses.</p>	
	<p>Are there better facilities nearby?</p> <p>No</p>	
	<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>The site contains play equipment.</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>As well as the formal tennis and bowling clubs the area also has Tavi Trails BMX dirt track. As well as organised events this site is open access and therefore provides informal leisure, particularly directed towards young people.</p> <p>Additionally this area also has a sensory garden developed and maintained by the Tavistock Community Sensory Garden. The sensory garden, designed in an accessible way, particularly with the height, feel and smell of plants in mind. Vegetables are also grown. Community events are held here and there is also a petanque court.</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>	N

5.4	Tranquillity - Does it meet LGS criteria?	N
	<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>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>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>	
5.5	Richness in Wildlife - Does it meet LGS criteria?	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>The sensory garden has enhanced the diversity of plants on the site. The team have also influenced planting along the canal bank through this site and have undertaken measures that support insects and the water birds. Whilst not natural habitats, it is clear the sensory garden community have made improvements to the flora and fauna of this place.</p> <p>Additionally, at the western part of the site there is a wild area of mature trees and undergrowth.</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>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> <p>The trees in the wild area on the western end of the site are mature.</p>	Y
6	<p>Evidence of Local Support and Alternate Green Space Provision - Is there sufficient current evidence of Local Support?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>This site is heavily and regularly used by the community. Vibrant club membership also shows how valued these leisure spaces are.</p> <p>The Sensory Garden was started in 2016 and is a joint initiative between Tavistock Town Council, Tavistock Lions Club, Tavistock Rotary Club, Roots to Transition and Tavistock Dementia Alliance.</p>	N
7	<p>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?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p>	N
8	<p>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?</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details below</i></p>	N
9	<p>Conclusion - Should site be considered for allocation?</p> <p>Sitting at the heart of Tavistock parish, this site supports a diversity of leisure use, with sport and leisure spanning all ages and all levels of activity/mobility. Additionally, the visible and accessible town centre location is really important in terms of the activity, leisure and community messages the site provides. Whilst mainly a site of sports and leisure pastimes, the site also contains wild spaces and more formally managed biodiverse gardens.</p>	Y