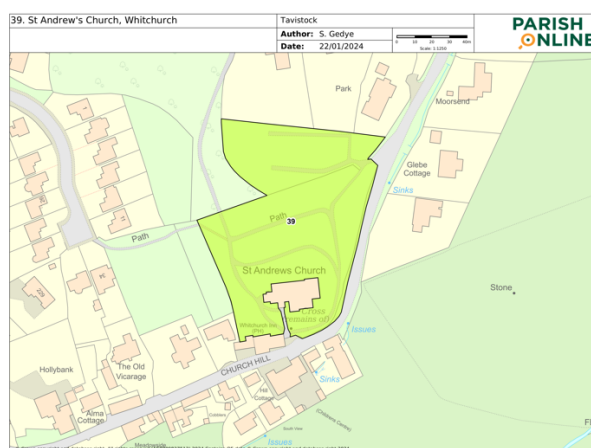


39. St Andrew's Church, Whitchurch



Site	St Andrew's Church, Whitchurch	
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

	<p>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?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below :</i></p> <p>As a church graveyard St Andrew's, Whitchurch is of central and historic significance to the Whitchurch part of Tavistock Parish. It is a spiritual and heritage space and as a burial ground of deep social and character importance. The site is defined by the walls/hedges of the graveyard.</p>	
	<p>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> <p><i>Please provide justification below:</i></p> <p><i>The site is 0.87 Ha compared to a parish area of 1,330 Ha.</i></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 size is reasonable and justified on the basis of its defined and bounded area as a cemetery/burial ground.</p>	Y
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>Cemeteries possess a particular type of beauty and this site, which dates from the medieval, is particularly lovely. Its beauty arises in part through the interest and diversity of the graves monuments, the backdrop of the church, and its mature trees.</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>	Y

	The site is next to the road and it forms an important part of the village- scape of Whitchurch.	
	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> The cemetery forms part of the Whitchurch Conservation Area.	Y
	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations? <i>Please provide justification below</i> It is a designated cemetery	Y
	Are there any cultural references to the site's scenic quality? <i>Please provide justification below</i> See above	Y
	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> Graveyards in association with their parish churches are a classic and beloved element to British village landscapes.	Y
5.2	Historic Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	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> The church of St Andrew's is a Listed Grade 1 building. There is also a war memorial in the church grounds. \	Y
	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>	Y

	As a medieval graveyard the boundaries of the churchyard are likely to be ancient, as are some of the trees within its grounds.	
	<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>It played the important role that burial grounds have in parish society, in this case, probably with a life span of nearly a millennia.</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>Unknown</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>	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>If yes, please provide details below</i></p> <p>Cemeteries are tranquil spaces full of wildlife and cultural interest. As a large cemetery, this will be a place that some people value as a place to stroll, taking informal exercise; cemeteries now being recognised places of informal leisure.</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>The cemetery has footpaths within it but importantly, these connect to footpaths that lead through the site, meaning the cemetery helps connect parts of Whitchurch to Whitchurch Down (to the north) and the countryside to the south and east of the site.</p>	Y
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>Cemeteries are typically tranquil spaces. As an ancient cemetery it is full of a variety of beautiful trees and other plants. The graves also generate the atmosphere of spiritual calm and rest.</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>As above.</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>	N
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>Cemeteries are well known as area of wildlife havens, offering well established and protected habitats, often with a suite of mature trees, and some shrubs and wilder areas of meadow. This cemetery offers these features, which in addition to the plant habitats, also offers stone surfaces and nooks and crannies, that benefit diverse fauna.</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>Unknown</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>	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>As an ancient cemetery it is likely that some of the trees will be ancient as well as hedge boundaries.</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>Unlike some green spaces, such as play areas, it is not possible to provide an alternative historic green space such as a medieval cemetery. Whilst it has not been possible to undertake a survey of local support, given the nature of this site, it will be highly valued and a green space in the local community.</p>	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
	<i>If yes, please provide details below</i> The cemetery is home to a number of mature trees which lock up carbon, hold water and provide shade, all of value in relation to mitigating climate change.	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
	<i>If yes, please provide details below</i> As above.	Y
9	Conclusion - Should site be considered for allocation?	Y
	<i>Please provide any concluding remarks below</i> This green space should be considered for allocation because it is a medieval churchyard of historic significance, offering multiple green space benefits across all of the facets of green space designation including beauty, tranquillity, historic significance, wildlife benefits and leisure.	Y