



Bristol Parks Forum

*Campaigning to protect and enhance
public green space in the City of Bristol.
See our Vision for Parks & Green Spaces at
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To:

Cllr Tony Dyer
Cllr Andrew Brown
Cllr Stephen Williams
Bristol City Council

cc: Richard Fletcher, Head of Parks and Green Spaces, BCC
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By email only

Dear Councillors

I am writing on behalf of Bristol Parks Forum to request that Bristol City Council formally protects Bristol's Parks and Green Spaces, and in particular that the Council will not dispose of those sites that were identified as Local Green Space during the Local Plan consultation process.

Bristol Parks Forum understands that in response to the Bristol Local Plan, and following the Examination in Public (2025), the Inspector recommended the removal of the Local Green Space (LGS) designation from all of the sites that were identified by Bristol as suitable for such designation and protection.

The Council undertook full public consultation regarding these sites¹ and provided information about each site and its ability to meet the LGS designation criteria.

Since 2019, the Bristol public has had a reasonable expectation that the high level of protection afforded by the LGS designation would apply to the sites listed in the 2019 document and shown in the 2023 Publication Version of the Local Plan Policies Map as Local Green Space².

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1. Consultations on Parks and Green Spaces site designation took place in 2018 and a full consultation on proposed site designations was undertaken in 2019 - <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/7645-pcd002b-bristol-local-plan-review-new-protections-for-open-space-consultation-march-2019/file>

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/7599-tpc005-local-green-space-and-reserved-open-green-space-topic-paper-november-2023/file>

2. <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/6891-bristol-local-plan-policies-map-publication/file>

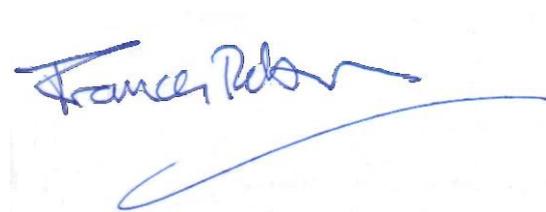
The communities served by the Local Green Spaces agreed that these spaces are special and meet the criteria for having the greatest protection and retention as public parks and green spaces. We note that the majority of these are Council owned sites.

The clear value these sites have is shown by the matrix demonstrating the sites value against the NPPF criteria of beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquility or richness of its wildlife. Given this clear value, these sites should be afforded formal protection by the City Council on behalf of the communities it represents.

Bristol Parks Forum believe that the detail provided in the many documents regarding the open spaces designation clearly showed the level of community importance these sites hold and that consultations had underlined that.

The evidence that the Council has regarding the community support for LGS designated Parks and Green Spaces indicates that the Council must publicly state, and include in all policies, that the removal from Local Green Space protection would not open Parks and Green Spaces up to disposal by the Council at any time due to pressure from government or developers. This will reassure the local communities who highly value these sites.

Yours faithfully,



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Bristol Parks Forum Committee

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