

Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space Report

Appendix 4 – Consultation letter and form sent to each residence in Seend Parish

See overleaf

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL



3rd August 2018

Dear Seend Parish Resident,

I am writing as chair of the Steering Group for the Seend Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. As part of our work in developing the Plan, the Steering Group and local people have suggested some small areas of land that they think could benefit from being formally designated in the Plan as 'Local Green Spaces' (LGS). LGS designation 'allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them' (National Planning Policy Framework 2018, paragraph 99).

The spaces proposed so far are outlined in red on the enclosed Local Green Space Nominations map sheet. They are:

1. The Horsepond (High Street/Spout Lane junction)
2. Entrance to Love Walk
3. Green areas in The Lye:
 - A - Area adjacent to 37 The Lye
 - B – Large grass area in lower area of The Lye.
4. Bowerhill Residents Association Group (BRAG) picnic area (adjacent to the canal swing bridge at Seend Park)
5. WI Allotments
6. Parish Council Allotments.

The legislation on LGS is very strict; the spaces above are those that we have assessed and found to be potentially compliant with national planning policy criteria. Other spaces, such as Giles Wood and footpaths across the Parish, can be included in the Plan in other ways, for example as part of the Parish's Green Infrastructure network.

In order to satisfy the rigorous legal process to designate a space, we first of all need to know the views of those who value the sites because community support is essential. According to national planning policy, sites must be '*demonstrably special to a local community, and hold a particular local significance*' (National Planning Policy Framework, para. 100). That significance is about whether a site is:

- Beautiful (as local people see that);
- Historically significant (can be in terms of very local history);
- Valuable for recreation (anything from formal or informal dog walking);
- Tranquil (mostly quiet);
- Rich in, or important to, wildlife (not necessarily living on the site, but also using it, eg. bats).

The enclosed questionnaire can relate to any of the above sites (as indicated on the enclosed maps sheet), and is being distributed, in line with national practice, to all properties in the Parish. If you know other people who may wish to comment, they can contact me or the Parish Council for an additional form (or simply use a copy of this form).

To our knowledge there is no current intention to develop the sites. Please let us know, by filling in and returning the form overleaf, if it meets – for you – any of the five criteria above. If you and others value it highly, we will contact the landowner, who has the right to object to the proposed designation. The results will then be assessed by the independent Examiner who will eventually report on the Neighbourhood Plan, and so the strength of local evidence is crucial.

We have included two forms with this letter so that you can comment on the proposed LGS that you feel are most special. If you would like further forms to comment on more of the proposed spaces, please get in touch to request another form, or download one from our website (www.seendparishplan.org).

Please return completed forms by **12th October 2018**. You can return the form, by post or by hand, to any of the addresses below:

- █ [REDACTED]
- █ [REDACTED]
- █ [REDACTED]

Or return electronically to: seendparishplan@gmail.com

If you have any comments, please contact me using the details below.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Chair, Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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Name of Possible Local Green Space:

What is your general view as to whether this area of land should be a Local Green Space? (please circle as appropriate)

YES NO

Please note down in the boxes below, as briefly as possible, how you think the space you have chosen might meet the various criteria (or not, if that is your view).

Please refer to only one site per form.

Only fill in the boxes you consider to be relevant.

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Seend Parish NDP - Local Green Space Nominations

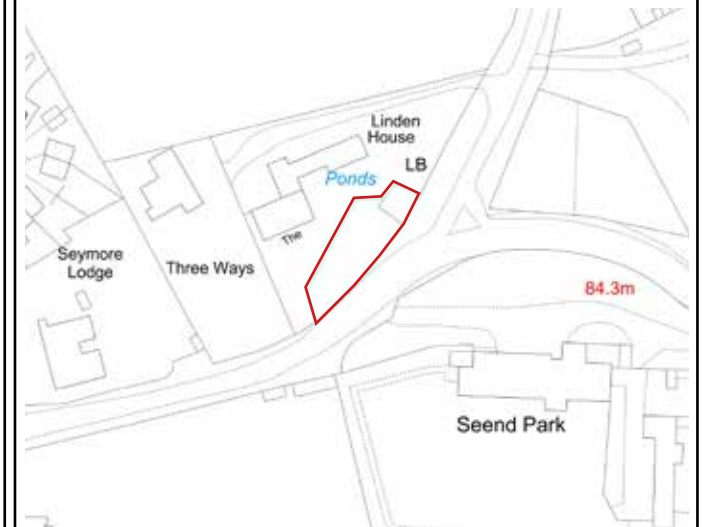
Bowerhill Residents Association Group Picnic Area



The Lye Green Areas A & B



The Horse Pond (High Street / Spout Lane Junction)



Parish Council Allotments



WI Allotments



Entrance to Love Walk

