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DARLINGTON LOCAL PLAN – LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATIONS

Submission Form

1. GENERAL INFORMATION		
1.1 Organisation proposing site for designation:		
1.2 Contact name:	1.3 Telephone:	1.4 Email:
1.5 Name and address or grid reference of site		
The site should lie within the parish boundary or area of interest and it must be of significance to some or all of the residents within your parish/ community		
1.6 Have you enclosed a location plan with the proposal form?		
The boundaries of the site must be clearly identified and must show the location of the site.		
1.7 Ownership of site (if known)		
1.8 Have you enclosed photographs of the site with the proposal form?		

2. EVIDENCE TO SHOW THE SITE IS DEMONSTRABLY SPECIAL TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
2.1 How was this site identified as being special? Was it raised at a meeting or through a survey? Is it used regularly? Has it been subject to discussion or planning processes before?	
2.2 Is there evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals? Please submit letters of support, petitions, surveys etc.	

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3. EVIDENCE TO SHOW THE SITE IS LOCAL IN CHARACTER	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
3.1 Who would the Local Green Space serve? Does the site serve the whole village/ town, a particular geographical area or group of people?	
3.2 How far is the site from the community it serves? A map showing the nearest and furthest distances could evidence this.	
3.3 Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes? Is the site open to public access? Is access to the site necessary to benefit from the site? Are there any physical barriers such as a main road or railway line and if so, how are these overcome?	
3.4 How does the site relate to the local area? Does the site feel part of the local area? Why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the area? What is your evidence?	
3.5 Is the site an extensive tract of land? How large is the site in comparison to the community it serves and areas of land in the vicinity? Does the site feel extensive? Does the site surround all or part of village/ town/local area?	
3.6 How has the size of the site been decided? Does the site follow natural features or existing constraints? Does the whole site justify designation or could a section of the site be designated?	
3.7 Is there a need for Local Green Space in this location? Is there a shortage of accessible green space in the area? Is there evidence of a need?	

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4. PLANNING HISTORY	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
4.1 Is there currently a planning application for this site? Could part of the site still be used as a Local Green Space? To check if a planning application has been made visit https://publicaccess.darlington.gov.uk/online-applications/	
4.2 Was the site considered as part of the Darlington Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2017 – 2018? If yes, could part of the site still be used as a Local Green Space? Please visit our assessment map for further information	

5. DOES THE SITE HOLD PARTICULAR LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF ITS BEAUTY? If “no”, continue to section 6	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
5.1 Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.	
5.2 Site visibility Is the site visible from a public place? Are there views of the site from any key locations?	
5.3 Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations? Conservation Areas, Special Landscape Area etc.	
5.4 Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents? Landscape character assessments and conservation area appraisals can be viewed at the landscape character assessment webpage	
5.5 Does the site bring interest from further afield to the local area? Is the site used in tourism brochures? Does it feature in well-known paintings or poems?	

6. DOES THE SITE HOLD PARTICULAR LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE? If “no”, continue to section 7	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
6.1 Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, war memorials etc.	
6.2 Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features	
6.3 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	
6.4 Did any important historic events take place on the site?	
6.5 Is there a long-standing event which takes place on the site? For example, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg plays, market	

7. DOES THE SITE HOLD PARTICULAR LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF ITS RECREATIONAL VALUE? If “no”, continue to section 8	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
7.1 Is the site used for playing sport? Which sport? Is this sports provision free or is club membership required?	
7.2 Is the site used for informal recreation? For example dog-walking and sledging. If so, since when?	

8. DOES THE SITE HOLD PARTICULAR LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF ITS TRANQUILLITY? If “no”, continue to section 9	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
8.1 Is the site within a recognised tranquil area? CPRE have produced a tranquillity map which can be accessed at www.cpre.org.uk	
8.2 Why is the site considered to be tranquil? What features make it feel tranquil? Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area?	

Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting?	

9. DOES THE SITE HOLD PARTICULAR LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF ITS RICHNESS OF WILDLIFE? If “no”, continue to section 10	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
9.1 Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value? Internationally and Nationally designated sites: Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Areas or Sites of Special Scientific Interest Local designation sites: Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, Local Nature Reserves etc. To see if your site is designated visit www.magic.gov.uk	
9.2 Are any important habitats or species found on the site? These include all species of bats, breeding birds, barn owls, great crested newts, water voles, otters, white clawed crayfish and badgers. For further information on priority habitats and species please see the Tees Valley Biodiversity Action Plan at http://teesvalleynaturepartnership.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Tees-Valley-priority-habitats-and-species-updated-5-jan-2012-pdf.pdf	
9.3 What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?	

10. DOES THE SITE HOLD PARTICULAR LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR ANY OTHER REASON? If “no”, you have completed the submission form	Tick if relevant evidence submitted
10.1 What are the other reasons which make the site significant for the local community? Is the site a focal point or stopping place? Does it provide key views across or looking out of the local area?	
10.2 What features make this site important?	

11. Additional Questions	Tick if required
11.1 If you have supplied an e-mail address, are you happy for it to be the main way that the Council contacts you about future consultations on planning policy documents?	
11.2 Do you wish to be kept informed of progress on the preparation of the Darlington Local Plan?	

Please return your form and attachments by email to planning.policy@darlington.gov.uk or by post to:

Planning Policy, Room 401, Level 4,
Darlington Borough Council
Town Hall, Feethams
Darlington, DL1 5QT

If you would like to discuss the Local Green Space Designation process or anything relating to Planning Policy and the Draft Darlington Local Plan please contact us at the above email address or 01325 406724.