

Appendix B - Totnes Neighbourhood Plan – Local Green Spaces

Policy Code	Description	Ownership	Justification as LGS	Close proximity to community in minutes	Demonstrably special and holding particular significance					
					Beauty	Tranquility	Historic Significance	Recreation Value	Richness of Wildlife	Other Specific
C3a	Totnes Cemetery, Plymouth Road	Totnes Town Council	This is the Totnes' cemetery and a site of local importance serving many in the community. It is surrounded by housing on three sides and the railway line, offering a level of visual amenity and visitors a quiet place to reflect.	5-10						Cemetery/ Churchyard
	St Mary's Churchyard	Rector of St Mary's Church	St Mary's is a closed churchyard and provides a vital green space in the centre of the town (just off the High Street) for residents, workers and visitors a quiet space to reflect.	5	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	St John's Churchyard	Rector of St Mary's Church	St John's churchyard is a functioning burial space which is surrounded by housing in Bridgetown, providing an importance local service for residents.	5-10						
C3b	Allotments - Castle Meadow	Totnes Town Council	Providing opportunities for people to grow their own food is important for individual health and wellbeing. The provision of allotments has increased in Totnes over the last 8 years. At a time of increased interest in sustainability, healthy eating and locally produced food, increasing the number of allotments is an important issue.	5-10						Allotments – local food production
	Allotments – Kingsbridge Hill	Totnes Allotment Association		5-15						
	Allotments - Camomile Lawn	Linden Homes		5-15	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Allotments - Smithfield	South Hams District Council		5-10						
C3c	Borough Park	South Hams District Council	The municipal park for the town which houses the Bowls, Tennis and Rugby Clubs, as well as the Pavilion Leisure	10						Municipal Park with access for all path

			Centre, play areas and the skate park. It is an important recreational area used by those of all ages, whether as part of a team or as families and individuals. It is a short walk from the town centre, has car parking provision nearby. Borough Park is the start of the Totnes - Dartington Access for All Path, a countryside walk with frequent seating and an audio-description, supporting health and wellbeing for all in the community including wheelchair users, frail, elderly and visually impaired people. The path forms part of the National Cycle Network (Routes 2 and 28) which link the town centre to the railway station and Dartington village, avoiding the busy and dangerous Station Road and A385.		✓	✓		✓	✓	
C3d	Leechwell Garden	South Hams District Council	This garden is a just under an acre and provides a green space and play area in the centre of Totnes just a short walk from the High Street and residential. The Leechwell Garden Association and SHDC jointly manage and maintain the garden. It combines mown and long grass areas, winding paths, mature and new trees, a herb garden and rose pergola, a water course and shallow pools providing a major natural play area for children aged 12 years and under and locally made benches, gates and public art.	5-10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Public Gardens
	Heath Garden	South Hams District Council	This small garden is a gateway between the town centre and the main car parks and provides an attractive walkway with green space, trees and benches. It features murals by local schoolchildren on the history of the site as part of Totnes' former market garden. A large oak structure offers seating.	5			✓	✓		

	Lamb Garden	South Hams District Council	The garden's name is taken from its original use as part of Totnes' sheep market and the listed building is the former Auctioneer's Office. This small space helps assist the health and wellbeing of residents on a practical level through the 'Gardening For Health' programme, with raised vegetable and herb beds and fruit trees tended by members, and benches to encourage people to enjoy the views.	5		✓	✓	✓		
C3e	Vire Island	South Hams District Council	This is a green space enjoyed by residents of all ages and visitors alike throughout the year, and with ramp access and level paths to the end of the island it is a space that can be accessed by all. With benches encouraging people to walk and rest, and a small play area to supplement natural exploration by young people on the island. The variety of specimen trees present visual amenity for those on the island and on adjacent river banks, as well as providing an important habitat for river wildlife and the bat corridor alongside the river. Spring tides means that there is some tidal flooding of the lower lying areas.	5-10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Amenity Green Spaces
C3f	The Chicken Run, Bridgetown	South Hams District Council	The green space known by locals as 'The Chicken Run' connects the residents of Berry Pomeroy on Elm Walk and Furze Road to Weston Lane, below St John's School to Meadow Park and Parkers Way, (where a footpath then links to Steamer Quay). The recently installed ramps make the path easier for bike users. Items of exercise equipment have been placed on the lower section near Westonfields Park which encourages residents to improve or maintain fitness and health. The woodland	5	✓	✓		✓	✓	

			and stream are good for wildlife attracting birds, insects and mammals, and provide a bat corridor route. Close to residents in Westonfields and Christina Park, the Chicken Run provides both a green space for recreation as well as visual amenity for residents from their homes and gardens.							
C3g	Follaton House Arboretum	South Hams District Council	The arboretum is used by many residents for recreation and dog walking. There is an area of sculpture for people to place memorials for children. A number of community groups maintain areas within the arboretum, such as the Forest Garden and the Fruit and Nut Orchards, providing an opportunity for the community to get involved in maintenance of the plants and trees, as well as providing food. The car park for SHDC also provides opportunities for those from further away to enjoy the arboretum. The large wooded area has visual amenity from other areas of the town.	10	✓	✓		✓	✓	
C3h	Totnes Castle Grounds	English Heritage	The green spaces within the outer castle boundary are an important part of preserving the outlook, setting and atmosphere of this historic monument.	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Totnes Castle Meadow	Totnes Town Council	Castle Meadow was gifted to Totnes by the Elmhirst family on the condition that it was preserved as a green space. There is a footpath across the field linking the Castle Hill Allotments to Castle Street. The visual amenity of this green space for those in the town and particularly for visitors from the railway line and those on the A381 ensures that the castle can be appreciated to the full, and gives an idea of the castles past purpose as a fortress for the town and its walls.	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

C3i	Follaton Oak	Horizon Homes	The green spaces that have been created as part of this new housing development are welcome. They include: a common area for residents to meet which contains a number of planters and a water butt for growing flowers and vegetables; a small children’s play area which has a number of play equipment pieces for organised play; and an area planted with trees which provides footpath linking to Jackman’s Lane.	5	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Baltic Wharf	TQ9 Developments Ltd	The green space that has been created as part of this new housing development is welcome. They include: a community orchard and food growing spaces, and two footpaths that link Sharpham Drive to the original footpath with a permissive path onto St Peters Way.							
	Camomile Lawn	Linden Homes	The green space that has been created as part of this new housing development is welcome. They include: a green area with tree planting at the top of the estate; and a footpath which links onto Steamer Quay which has been planted with trees.							
C3j	Wetland area adjacent to Brutus Bridge	SHDC	This area of wetland provides foot access between Totnes and Brutus Bridge, and is haven for wildlife, with many water fowl nesting here. The path is liable to flood on spring tides, but it is one of the few paths on the river bank that is un-tarmacked and therefore provides a very natural feel for the walker to their surroundings.	5	✓	✓		✓	✓	
C3k	Smithfields Park	South Hams District Council	These areas are designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters. The opportunity for free exploratory play	5				✓		Play Areas
	Meadow Park	South Hams District Council		5				✓		
	Westonfields Park	South Hams District Council		5				✓		

	Higher Westonfields Loop	South Hams District Council	is fundamental to a child's ability to develop their physical and social skills. The opportunity for children over the last thirty to forty years to enjoy free unhindered open play has been curtailed and play has tended to be seen as a formalised activity within "play areas".	5				✓		
	Follaton Community Hall	South Hams District Council		5				✓		
	Collapark	South Hams District Council		5				✓		

All landowners have been contacted to see if they have any objection to the land identified in this proposed policy being included. To date, one landowner has confirmed that they are content to be included, and there have been no objections to these proposed sites.