

Turvey Neighbourhood Plan

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Introduction

1. A consultation process took place in March 2019 where residents were invited to comment on the recommended sites for designation as Local Green Spaces as part of the Turvey Neighbourhood Plan. These sites had been assessed against the criteria for designation by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Steering Group's recommendations were endorsed by Turvey Parish Council. Full details of the consultation process and the information available to residents can be found at www.turveyndp.org.uk

A Questionnaire was made available in hard copy at a consultation exhibition held in three sessions on 15th, 16th and 17th March. A total of 56 responses were received.

2. This report provides a summary of key messages from the consultation followed by a detailed analysis of all comments received.

Shared comments from questionnaire responses

3. The following three questions were listed in the questionnaire;
 - Question 1
Do you agree that these sites should be put forward for designation as Local Green Spaces? (*Please give reasons if you consider any should not be so designated*)
 - Question 2
Are there any other sites you consider should be designated as Local Green Spaces?
 - Question 3
Do you have any other comments on these proposals?
4. The responses to question 1 were
 - Agree – 52
 - Partly agree – 4
 - Disagree – 0
5. The respondents who disagreed indicated that the sites which should not be put forward for designation were
 - Abbey Square -2
 - Priory Close playground -2

The reasons given were

- Abbey Square – not necessary as long as the footpath is kept open
- Priory Close playground – the space could be better used for housing

6. The following comments were made about aspects of the recommendations that respondents viewed positively;

- i. Important to maintain the character of the village (14)
- ii. Good that the paddocks on the south side of the village are included (2)
- iii. The areas have been open spaces for a long time (1)
- iv. The proposals are well thought through (2)

7. The following sites were suggested in addition for designation as Local Green Spaces;

- i. Spinney behind Norfolk Road off the footpath to Elmwood (3)
- ii. Patch at bottom of Elmwood (2)
- iii. Land adjacent to Abbey Cottage
- iv. Land either side of the river in front of Turvey House
- v. Abbey Fields (Between Jacks Lane and Abbey Farm)
- vi. Allotments on Newton Lane – should be brought back into use
- vii. Grove Road squares
- viii. Area surrounding the Abbey
- ix. Newton Lane East

One site that had already been included (Layby at Station End) was mentioned

Two sites outside the parish boundary were suggested – the Neighbourhood Plan is unable to include these

- x. Land on the other side of the river bridge
- xi. Sams Island

The Neighbourhood Plan team will consider the case for including sites i) to ix) for designation.

8. Other matters which were commented on were

- The need to ensure these spaces are properly maintained
- The Roundel may be needed for road improvements
- Priory Close playground needs updating with new facilities

Key messages and conclusions from responses and comments

9. The following key messages are apparent from the responses and comments submitted;
- i. **93% respondents agreed** that all the recommended sites be designated as Local Green Space
 - ii. **7% partly agreed** but proposed one site be removed from the list.
10. Responses showed that a number of people thought that **other sites could be included for designation**, which the Neighbourhood Plan team will evaluate.

Appendix

Comments from those who fully agreed	
	Keep Turvey as rural as possible
	Very important to keep the village shape and structure
	These sites will preserve the feel and aspect of Turvey
	The more space the better. All areas are currently used well and should be kept maintained and updated during the year.
	Great to see the paddocks on south side included
	These are all very well thought through
	Interesting and important locations that would change the character of Turvey if they were built on
	All Turvey's green spaces are vital to maintain the character of our rural village. I worry that our green spaces will disappear under bricks and mortar
	I think it is important to retain green spaces within the village. These help to give the village its character and prevent over-development.
	Good analysis and judgement
	These areas have been open spaces for a long time
	None could be built on although understand that Roundel could be needed for changes in road access to Carlton Road.
	Pleased to see that the paddocks between Newton Lane and Jacks Lane have been included, as these have been proposed for development previously.
	Protect integrity of the village, village life and all the history and keep beauty we all see from day to day as we chose to live in this beautiful village.
	They need to be protected. We need to protect our history! There are plenty of new build villages that can accommodate more housing. Turvey has significant history which needs to be protected! The houses and architecture are stunning and this needs to be protected!
	I think it is good to nominate sites as local green spaces in order to maintain the rural feel of the village.
	I agree that ALL the green spaces should be kept!
	I agree that these sites should be put forward as local green spaces. Good choices
	Its good to keep green spaces within the heart of the village
	We need to keep green spaces in the village – and footpaths
	Are these sites in village or private ownership? How is maintenance managed? Important that these are suitably looked after.
	The above sites have got to be kept as green spaces
	I have already made a full submission on site A to the Committee
	Priory Close playground needs to be updated.
Comments from those who partially agreed	
	Good to get something formal to save green spaces. I would query the Priory Close playground as to the degree of use of the facility, the fact that it is not 'green' ie concrete and could the space be better used to add to the proposed housing requirement of the future currently being looked at
	I would question the suitability of Priory Close playground
	In general the more green sites the better. However I am not sure of the reason for the Abbey Square site, provided that the footpath was kept open. I am strongly in favour of all the other recommended sites
	Not A as long as the footpath is still accessible

Reasons given for additional sites proposed

Site	Reason given
Spinney behind Norfolk Road off footpath to Elmwood	Adjacent to Meadow House & farm. A huge amount of wildlife in the spinney and the Meadow Farm fields
Patch at bottom of Elmwood	
Land adjacent to Abbey Cottage	Should be classed as parkland. Trees should have TPOs. Large population of Great Crested Newts. Orchids including a Bee Orchid have been see, Hunting ground for Barn Owls. Wood has elm trees. Pond & pond in field. Ancient ridge & furrow. Ant hills
Land beside river in front of Turvey House	The views coming into Turvey are stunning.
Abbey Fields (between Jacks Lane and Abbey Farm)	Outstanding in terms of their heritage (ridge & furrow) and landscape value
Allotments on Newton Lane	Should be regenerated as allotments for use by Turvey residents
Grove Road squares	
Area surrounding the Abbey	
Newton Lane East	