

**At the meeting of Rottingdean Parish Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 a motion was proposed and adopted to designate the playing field of St Aubyns School as a Local Green Space within the Neighbourhood Plan currently in preparation.**

**This Local Green Space designation will be in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and the recent St Aubyns Planning Brief.**

Local Green Space (LGS) criteria

**1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves.**

**2. Demonstrably special to a local community.** Evidence must be provided of the land's value to and use by the local community to show the landholder particular local significance. The land must fulfil one or more of the following criteria:-

a) **Beauty** this relates to the visual attractiveness of the site and its contributions the landscape character or setting of the settlement. LGS would need to contribute to local identity character of the area and a sense of place, and make an important contribution to the physical form and layout of the settlement. It may link up with other open spaces which are valued locally.

b) **Historic significance.** The land should provide a setting for allow views of heritage assets and other locally valued landmarks.

c) **Recreational value.** It must have local significance for recreation, perhaps through the variety of activities. It supports, and is of value to the community.

d) **Tranquillity.** Some authorities already have an existing tranquillity map showing areas provide an oasis of calm in a space for quiet reflection

e) **Richness of wildlife.** This might include the value of its habitat, and priority areas may have been identified by the council. It may require some objective evidence, such as a designation, like a wildlife sites or local nature reserve.

**3. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.** The criteria may differ between settlements, depending on the physical size of population. The areas would normally be fairly self-contained, with clearly defined edges. Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent settlements would not be appropriate. There is no minimum size limit for LGS

Some areas may be available for public access, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access.

Rottingdean Parish Council is assembling evidence to show that St Aubyns Field fulfils almost all of the above criteria.

If you have evidence to support any of the above criteria which you believe the Parish Council is not as yet aware of, please contact our Parish Clerk, Nicky Jackman at [nicky.jackman@rottingdean-pc.gov.uk](mailto:nicky.jackman@rottingdean-pc.gov.uk)