

Local Green Space Designation: Community Consultation

Methodology

Public consultation was undertaken at two major all-day community events, one in Par and one in Tywardreath. On 25th May 2019, Tywardreath held a Medieval Street Fair to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the publication of Daphne du Maurier's novel 'The House on the Strand' which was set in the village. On 9th June 2019, the Big Lunch event was held in Cornubia Hall, Par (a community trust owned facility)¹. On both occasions the display was staffed throughout the day by members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

Initially, fourteen potential 'Green spaces' were identified using maps, aerial photographs, local knowledge and on the ground survey. These were photographed and their locations indicated on a map of the settlement. The fourteen potential sites were:

- 1 Cemetery Playing field (Southpark Road, Tywardreath)
2. Cemetery (Southpark road, Tywardreath)
- 3 Allotment – Woodland Avenue
- 4 St Andrew's Church, Churchyard
- 5 Play area – Poldrea
- 6 Allotment - Poldrea
- 7 Community orchard – Polmear
- 8 Par Beach
- 9 Polmear Lake and Nature Reserve
- 10 Par Beach play area
- 11 Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear
- 12 Par Track, playground and associated fields
- 13 Par Duck Pond and 'Bunny Field'
- 14 Tywardreath Marsh

Visitors to the display were presented with the following statement:

DESIGNATING GREEN SPACES - YOUR OPINIONS PLEASE

As part of the Neighbourhood plan we are able to designate 'Green spaces' in our community. This gives these areas extra protection from future development. We have identified a number of possible places around Par and Tywardreath and would like your views on them. Some already have protection, for example as designated Local Nature Reserves. Do you agree with any or all of the selection that we have identified so far?

Are there any other areas that we should consider?

Please write your ideas and opinions on a post it and leave it with us.

Following an analysis of the results of the first consultation some minor changes were made due to suggestions made by members of the community:

¹ <https://www.parbaydiary.co.uk/cornubia>

- Two additional allotment areas were added and all four allotments were grouped together.
- Par Beach and Par Duck Pond were added together
- Three new areas were added: 'Vine Place' and 'Trevance Park' in Tywardreath are both currently overgrown with weeds and brambles, but could serve as valuable community green spaces. Glencliffe Community Garden in Par was also added.

All the additional sites were photographed, so that for the second consultation in Par 15 sites were presented:

- 1 Cemetery Playing field (Southpark Road, Tywardreath)
2. Cemetery (Southpark Road, Tywardreath)
- 3 Allotments – (a)Woodland Avenue, (b) Upper Poldrea (c) Lower Poldrea (d) Glen View
- 4 St Andrew's Church, Churchyard, Tywardreath
- 5 Poldrea Play area
- 6 Glencliffe Community Garden, Par
- 7 Polmear Community Orchard
- 8 Par Beach and Polmear Lake Nature Reserve
- 9 Vine Place, Tywardreath
- 10 Par Beach play area
- 11 Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear
- 12 Par track, playground and associated fields
- 13 Par Duck Pond and 'Bunny Field'
- 14 Tywardreath Marsh
- 15 Trevance Park, Tywardreath

Results

At both consultation events, 100% of respondents supported the designation of the identified Green Spaces within the parish. The site that attracted by far the most specific support was number 11, the fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear settlements, with over 20% of all respondents singling out this site as being of special importance. It was seen as particularly important by Tywardreath residents amongst whom over 40% stated this was the most important area to protect. Central to this site is CHICKS², a residential holiday facility for disadvantaged urban children. The other specific sites which consultees mentioned as being particularly appropriate for Green Space Designation were the Allotments in Tywardreath.

During the consultations, several residents were asked if they would like to comment and responded that they had already expressed their views in earlier consultations. This was encouraging in that it suggested that we had managed to reach out to the community in previous consultations. It did mean though that it was more difficult to get individuals to express their views on this specific topic. See individual comments at the end of the document.

² <https://www.chicks.org.uk/about-us/>

Follow up

All landowners and stakeholders have been identified wherever possible and are being consulted on the proposals. County Councillors for Tywardreath and Par Parish have been consulted directly and support for the designation of all the proposed areas has been received from Councillor Rowse. The Chairman of the Allotment Association has verbally indicated his support for the designation of the allotments. Written support has also been received from the owner of Glencliffe Community Garden, St Andrew's Parochial Church Council, Tywardreath for the designation of the Churchyard, the Chairman of Par Track Ltd for the designation of Par Track and playing fields and the Chairman of St Andrews Wetland Reserve for the designation of Par Duck Pond and 'Bunny Field'. (Letters and mails from individuals are recorded and kept by the Clerk of Tywardreath and Par Parish Council but are not published on the Parish Council's website). Further consultation with other potentially interested groups and organisations is on-going.

Comments from Tywardreath Street fair event:

Keep all the Green Spaces that we can

No. 11 (Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear) is a vital piece of green space providing separation between the distinct villages of Par and Tywardreath. The view toward Tywardreath Church from the end of Tehidy Road is spectacular and should be preserved

3 & 6 Allotments are a valuable source people with no gardens can enjoy. Encourages birds and bees and insects. Getting outside working the soil is good for mental health

Conserve as much green space as possible, kerb developments

We are so lucky to have such a variety of green spaces. I agree with all of the selection

All the green spaces around Tywardreath are important and a vital source of enjoyment to all ages

Keeping the 'Green Spaces' is so important to the community, all areas we need to protect!

Number 11 (Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear) To lose this would be terrible

I live opposite to the fields in number 11 and the bottom is a wetland in the making. To lose this field would be a huge loss to the village enjoying the green space visually

All the Green spaces must stay that way, must not be built on. No way should number 11 (Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear) be built on and the same goes for the other side of Tywardreath Hill. Please try and get these areas incorporated into the Settlement Boundary area

Keep them all especially 11 (Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear)

All green areas should be kept! Especially number 11 (Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear) I love this view every time I drive into the village

Beware Greedy developers

One comment could not be deciphered

Comments from Par Big Lunch event:

Our green spaces are so important and a part of the nature of our fantastic community. If looking for an area to develop, look at turning industrial space over to a different use, e.g. Par docks

I walk through at least one of these every day, it's one of the reasons we moved to Par

I support all efforts to keep the green spaces in Tywardreath/Par

Keep all green spaces, it's identifiable countryside and makes a more welcome atmosphere for visitors and an important area for wildlife

Fields between Tywardreath, Par and Polmear are an essential green space between these communities which serves to enhance the environment and adds to the scenic beauty of the area. Any development would spoil this!

Green spaces are part of country living and the lifestyle we want for ourselves and future generations. The freedom to walk explore and enjoy nature is the beauty of living here

Preservation of green spaces for future generations is very important

General walking will be greatly facilitated if the footpath alongside the railway line is maintained and the surface improved to prevent puddling

Yes please! We need the green space to protect us from flooding

We don't need any more houses. We have not got the roads, parking, jobs within the area. Doctors, dentists, teachers etc etc. preserve green spaces

15 proposed green designated spaces – I support all these areas to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan

We have had our 8 acre green space at Barn Park farm for 16 years and do intend keeping it for at least another 16 years! Good luck

The allotments at Tywardreath are more of an greenhouse building site not plants and veg!!!!

It is extremely important to keep green spaces for future generations. We don't want concrete jungles!!!

We need all the green space we can get. So do all the animals birds plants and insects

Par running track – encourage walking football build small astro 5-a-side pitch

I support the idea of the 15 designated green spaces to be included in the Tywardreath and Par parish neighbourhood plan because there is creeping suburbia all the way from St. Austell

Need to keep all green spaces, essential to stop flooding