

Council

18 October 2021

Motions (1 total)

Motion A	Proposed by: Councillor Horwood	Seconded by: Councillor Fisher
	<p>This council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- recognises the value of local green space to fighting climate change, promoting biodiversity, combatting particulate pollution and cleaning our air, providing areas of tranquillity and increasing the physical and mental wellbeing of local people;- therefore welcomes the inclusion since 2012 of the Local Green Space designation for green areas of local community value in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)- further welcomes and reiterates its support for the designation of Local Green Spaces (LGS) through the Cheltenham Plan of 16 Local Green Spaces at Swindon Village, Fairview Green, St Mark's, Lynworth Green, Albemarle Orchard Gardens, Colesbourne Road, Harrington Drive, George Readings Way, Henley Road, Newcourt Green, Cheriton Park, Holmer Park and Greatfield Park, Pilgrove Way and the Leckhampton Fields;- Recognises that most if not all of these Local Green Spaces have been designated thanks to campaigns fought over many years by local communities, campaigners and residents, Parish Councils and ward councillors;- Notes that all LGS sites have been tested through public examination and have been found to meet the criteria in the NPPF and that the Cheltenham Plan Inspector's acceptance of the LGS sites has also been supported by the courts and the period for legal challenge has now passed. <p>On that basis, this council declares its intention to defend all the LGS sites in future plan-making processes, whether at JCS, local or neighbourhood level. Should zoning be introduced in any government changes to the planning system, this council will regard LGS sites as being protected areas alongside the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and other protected areas.</p> <p>This council further resolves to contact the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and our local MPs urging them to protect the Local Green Space designation</p>	