

## **ALTERNATIVES TO LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION**

If during the process it becomes evident that the site is not appropriate for local green space designation, there are other options that can be investigated.

### **Agreements with land-owners**

It may be possible for local communities to reach either formal or informal agreements with the owner of the site to ensure access to the site for local people. This may be an appropriate option where the site owner has a long-term connection with the local area, for example the owner of a large historic estate. It may be possible for the land-owner to dedicate the site as “open access land”.

Further information: [Right of way and open access land - GOV.UK](#)

### **Community Purchase**

In some instances, local communities have purchased important sites to ensure that they remain in community control in perpetuity. The ownership can lie with the Town or Parish Council or with a specific trust.

### **Village Green status**

Anyone can apply to register land as a green if it has been used by local people for lawful sports and pastimes (ie without permission, force or secrecy) for at least 20 years. Further information: Town and village greens: how to register Open Spaces Society Local Nature Reserves A Local Nature Reserve (LNR) provide people with special opportunities to study or learn about nature or simply to enjoy it. Local Nature Reserves are designated by district or county councils and the Local Authority must control the LNR through ownership, lease or agreement with the owner.

Further information: [Natural England](#)

### **Assets of Community Value**

The Community Right to Bid gives community groups a fairer chance to prepare and bid to buy community buildings and facilities that are important to them. This could include halls shops, pubs or allotments. The right covers private as well as public assets. It is important to nominate land and buildings to be part of the register of „assets of community value“, which is held by the Local Authority.

Further information: [Link to Gloucester Council website](#)