

Assessment of open spaces in Shobnall against the criteria for protection as Local Green Spaces

Map Number	Name	Criteria 1: Reasonable distance	Criteria 2: Special character					Criteria 3: Not being extensive tracts of land	Fulfilling LGS criteria
			Beauty	Historic significance	Recreational value	Tranquillity	Rich in wildlife		
1	Shobnall Leisure Complex	✓			✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: Leisure complex is used for recreation and includes a tennis court, sports track and playing fields									
2	The Marl Pitt	✓			✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: Location is used for sport and recreational purposes									
3	Old Robirch Sport Grounds / Shobnall Sports and Social Club	✓			✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: Location is used for sport and recreational purposes									
4	Black Eagle Court Play Area	✓			✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: Location is used as a children's play area, amongst a housing development									
5	Grange Street Tennis Courts, Grange Lawn Tennis Club	✓			✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: Location consists of tennis courts used for recreation									
6	The Link	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
LGS justification: Location is important for wildlife, as well as being used as a children's play area and includes a BMX track									
7	Pipers Way landscaped area	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: Location provides shared recreation space for residents									
8	Sawmill Way Play Area	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: Space provides recreation for children living in the surrounding play area									
9	St. Pauls Square	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: Location is of historic importance and is noted for its tranquil surroundings									
10	Unity Park	✓			✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: A medium sized park with recreational facilities									
11	Shobnall Fields	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: An open and tranquil area consisting of several playing fields used for recreational purposes									
12	Kingfisher Trail LNR and canal corridor	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: The area is designated as a Local Nature Reserve and the canal corridor is used as a green walkway for the local population.									

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13	Shobnall Marina	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: Location is used as a marina to house boats which use the nearby canal									
14	Marston's Sports and Social Club	✓			✓			✓	✓
LGS justification: The club's grounds offer recreational facilities to the local community									
15	Oaks Wood	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS justification: This wooded area has been designated a Local Wildlife Site. It is of tranquil nature and has recreational uses for the local population.									
16	Outwoods Park	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS justification: This location is noted for its tranquillity and its importance to wildlife									
17	Sinai Park / Entrance	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: The site is an attractive open space forming part of the grounds of the historical site									
18	Shobnall Brickyards	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS justification: Location contains a Badger sett as well as being an important site for other wildlife. It is noted for its beauty and tranquillity.									
19	Landscaped Area on Parkway	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS justification: Location is habitat to wildlife and there are tranquil areas of greenspace present either side of the road									
20	Woods at Sinai Park	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
LGS justification: Area is noted for its biodiversity and its natural beauty									
21	Banks of Shobnall Brook	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LGS justification: The fields adjacent to Shobnall Brook provide a pleasant space for walking									
22	Lordswell Road	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: A small incidental green space adjacent Shobnall Brook to providing informal play opportunities for local residents									
23	Price Court Shobnall Road	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: A tranquil location with an abundance of greenspace									
24	St. Aidan's Church rear	✓				✓		✓	✓
LGS justification: A pleasant, calm and secluded green space adjacent to Shobnall Brook.									

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25	Land between A38 and T&M Canal		✓				✓	✓	x
26	Bridgwater Road	✓						✓	x
27	Butler Court Rear	✓						✓	x
28	Halcyon Way	✓						✓	x
29	Jennings Way Frontage	✓						✓	x
30	Richmond Street	✓						✓	x

The above table assesses the green spaces specified in the Shobnall Parish Open Spaces report, for appropriateness for designation as Local Green Spaces, against the appropriate criteria for LGSs.

The spaces have been assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework's criteria for protection as Local Green Spaces. Almost all of these green spaces meet the first criteria (reasonable distance from the community they serve) and third criteria (not being extensive tracts of land). The first twenty-four sites in the above list, which also meet at least one aspect of criteria 2 (special character), have therefore been proposed as Local Green Spaces. Some of these sites meet several aspects of Criteria 2.

A further six sites (numbers 25-30) that are not considered to meet all of the three criteria, but are nonetheless recognised as important green spaces to the local community.