

PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL GREEN SPACES QUESTIONNAIRE



Introduction

Penrith Town Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan based on consultations with the public and is nearing completion. The Plan includes a policy on Identifying and Protecting Local Green Space (Policy 8); this is the final issue to be resolved before Eden District Council consider adopting the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The spaces identified under Policy 8 are listed below and were identified by residents as being important and special for a number of reasons which can be found in the Neighbourhood Plan appendix at <https://tinyurl.com/NDPPolicy8>

The Town Council believes that it is essential to protect these important green spaces for the benefit of current and future residents, providing opportunities for sport and recreation, health and wellbeing and as places for wildlife but this was not accepted by the Examiner.

What are Local Green Spaces?

National Planning Policy enables communities to '*identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them*'. This Local Green Space designation provides additional protection to that green space, restricting development from taking place there. The designation is similar to Green Belt Policy.

For green spaces to be designated, national policy states they should be:

1. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
2. Is considered to be demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife;
3. Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

What are we asking and why?

Residents of Penrith identified a number of local green spaces within the Penrith parish boundary that were important and special and gave us reasons why they felt they should be protected. Following the informal consultations and the statutory Regulation 14 and Regulation 16 consultations, the plan went to public examination.

The Independent Examiner queried whether these areas were '*demonstrably special*' to residents and suggested that Policy 8 (Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces) and Policy 9 (Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities) should be considered together despite being different in nature. Although Penrith residents had identified the Policy 8 sites as important and special, the Examiner expressed concern about the methods used to identify them and suggested both policies should be removed from the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Town Council challenged the Examiners assumption that the areas identified as local green space in Policy 8 had not been correctly identified as being '*Demonstrably Special*' under the regulations. In order to support this challenge we need to gather additional evidence on why these sites are important and special so that evidence can be reviewed and reconsideration of the designation as Local Green Space can be considered. We are asking for your help in telling us who uses these areas and how they are used.

Following meetings with Eden District Council officers, it has been accepted that the formal play, sport and recreation areas identified within Policy 9 meet the criteria and remain protected under national planning policy. It is for this reason that the consultation focusses on those green spaces identified under Policy 8.

Please note that **Beacon Hill is not included in this consultation** as it does not meet the national planning policy criteria to be classed as Local Green Space as it is an extensive tract of land being 144 acres.

What green spaces are we asking about?

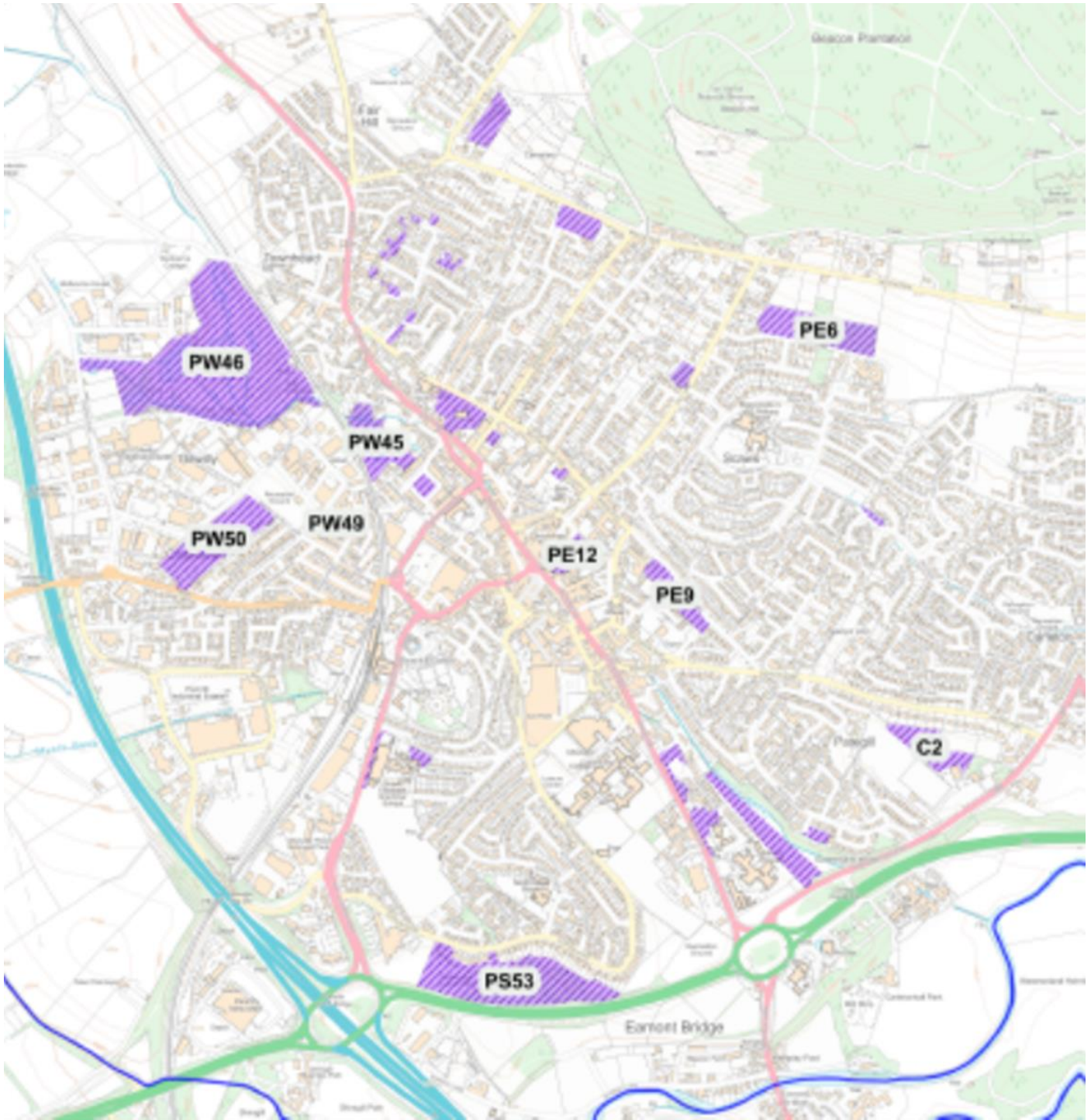
The green spaces that residents identified as being important and special to them are as follows (you can also use the maps to view their location and extent).

Ref No	Site
C2	Land between rugby pitches and houses on Carleton Road
PE6	Land and wood above Scaws Drive
PE8	Land between Brentfield Way and Meadowcroft
PE9	Folly Lane Allotments
PE12	St Andrew's Churchyard
PN17	Open area at top of Croft Terrace against Beacon Edge
PN18	Field on Beacon Edge
PN24	Fell Lane Pinfold
PN27	Cockell House Gardens / Drovers Lane
PN28	Cockell House Gardens / Macadam Gardens
PN29	Voreda Park Central Space
PN30	Head of Macadam Way
PN31	Pembroke Place
PN32	Land in Voreda Park
PN33	Plimsoll Close
PN34	Cambridge Drive
PN36	St Catherine's Churchyard
PN37	Christchurch Churchyard
PN39	Salkeld Road Allotments
PN40	Coronation Gardens
PN42	Bowscar
PN43	Friends Meeting House Allotment Gardens
PW45	Nichol Hill Nature Reserve
PW46	Thacka Beck Nature Reserve
PW47	Brunswick Square Gardens
PW49	James Street Allotments
PW50	Castletown/Musgrave St/Brackenber Allotments
PW52	Recreation area between Musgrave Street Allotments and Newton Road
PP66	Thacka Glen
PS53	Wetheriggs Country Park
PP67	Pategill Back Field
PP70	Open space to south of Eden Housing Association (EHA)
PP71	Open space to the north of EHA
PP72	Open space to the north of Greengarth

Reminder

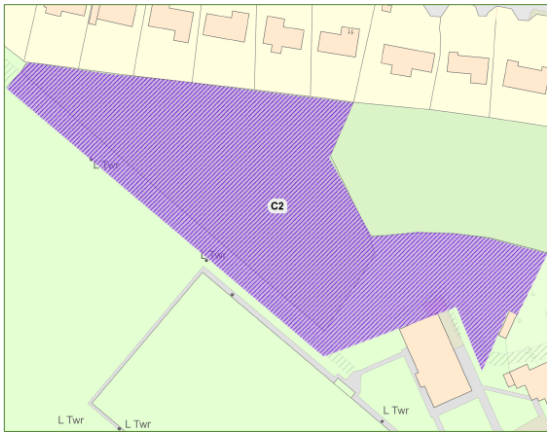
Formal play areas and leisure and recreation facilities are identified for protection in Policy 9 of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and are not subject to this current and final consultation. They will be protected in accordance with Eden Local Plan Policy COM2.

Identified Local Green Space (All Sites)



Identified Local Green Space (Individual Sites)

C2 – Land between Rugby Pitches & Carleton Road



PE9 – Folly Lane Allotments



PE6 – Land and Wood above Scaws Drive



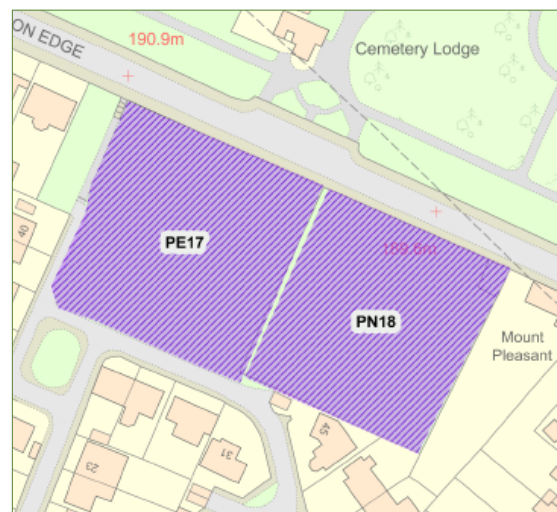
PE12 – St Andrew's Churchyard



PE8 – Land between Brentfield Way and Meadowcroft



PN17 & 18 – Open Area Croft Terrace and Field on Beacon Edge



PN24 – Fell Lane Pinfold



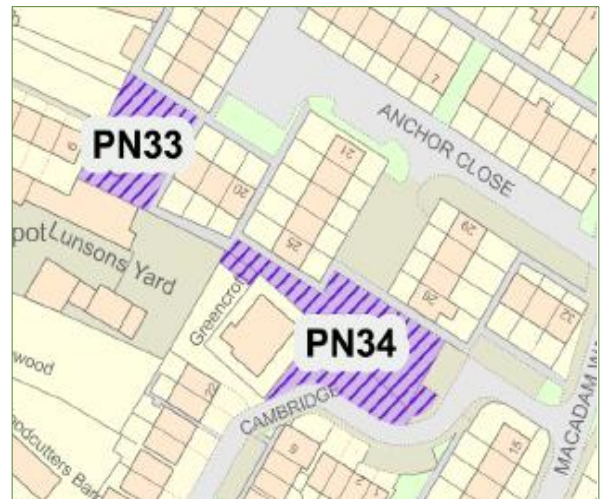
PN30, 31 & 32 – Head of Macadam Way, Pembroke Place and land in Voreda Park



PN27 & 28 Cockell House Gardens



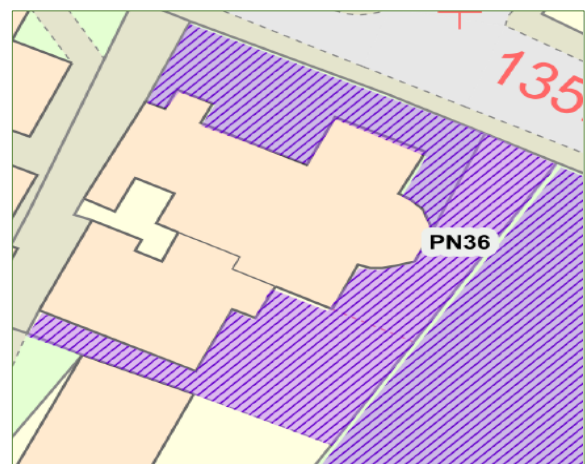
PN33 & 34 – Plimsoll Close & Cambridge Drive



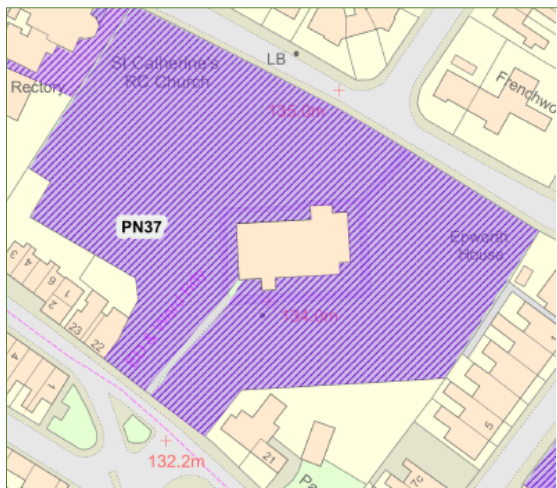
PN29 – Voreda Park / Anchor Farm Central Space



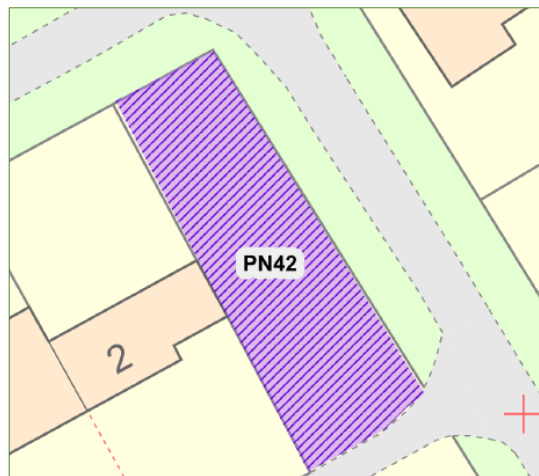
PN36 – St Catherine’s Churchyard



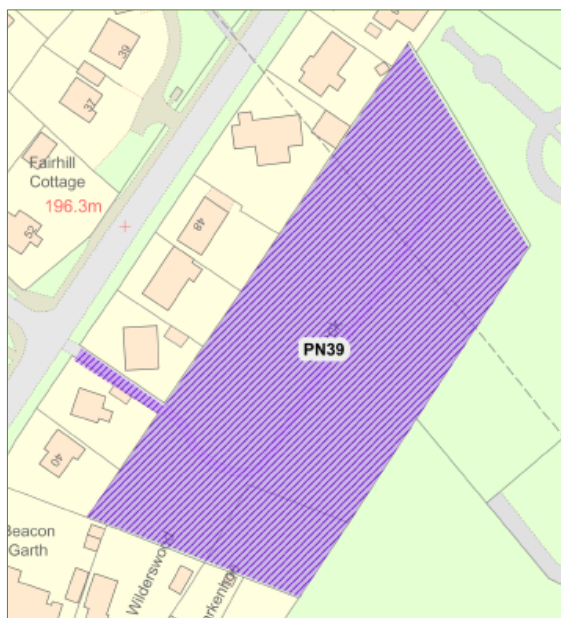
PN37 – Christchurch Churchyard



PN42 - Bowscar



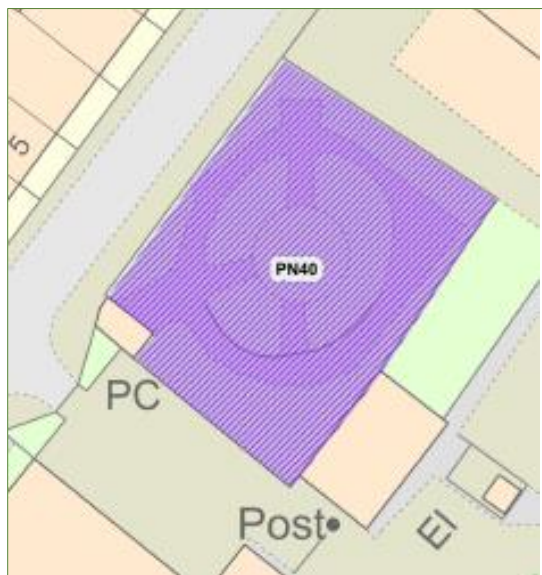
PN39 – Salkeld Road Allotments



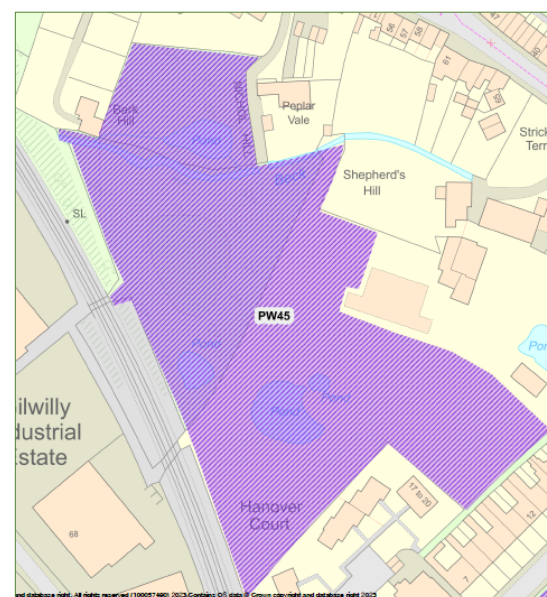
PN43 – Friends Meeting House Allotment Garden



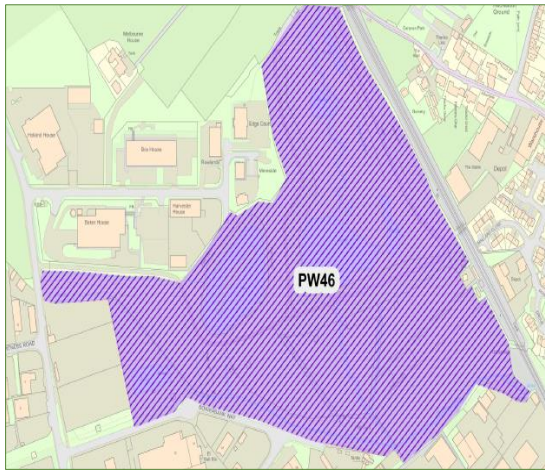
PN 40 – Coronation Gardens



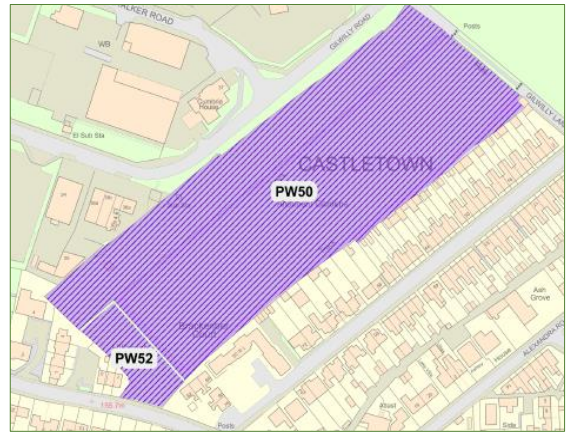
PW45 – Nicol Hill Nature Reserve



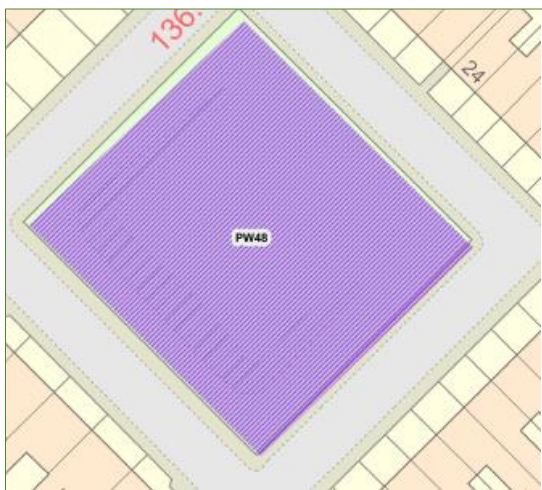
PW46 – Thacka Beck Nature Reserve



PW50 & 52 – Brackenber Allotments and adjoining recreation ground



PW47 – Brunswick Square Gardens



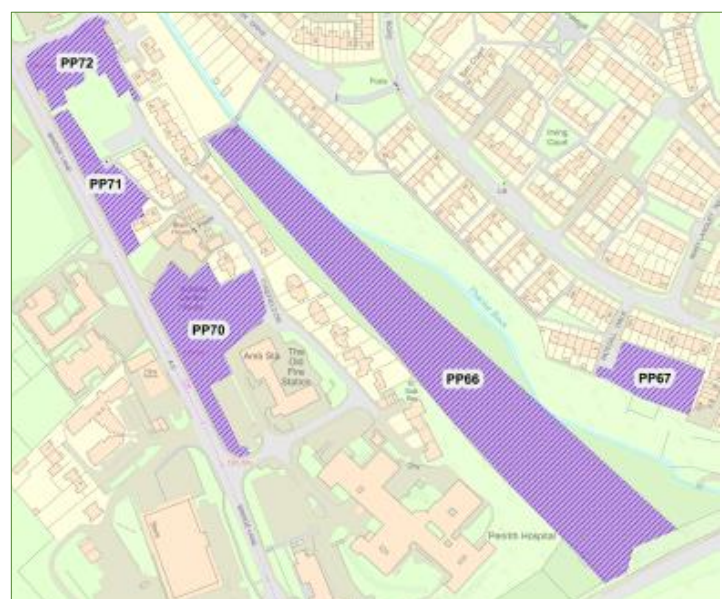
PS53 – Wetheriggs Country Park



PW49 – James Street Allotments



PP66 to PP72 – Thacka Beck Field, Pategill Back Field and land off Bridge Lane



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Questionnaire Deadline

The consultation lasts for 4 weeks. Please complete this questionnaire on Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTCGreenSpaces> by 5pm on Tuesday 28 February 2023. After this date the consultation will close and the online questionnaire will become inactive.

You can also download and print a hard copy of this questionnaire off our website at <https://www.penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Or you can collect a copy from

- Penrith Library
- *Another Weigh* in Penrith New Squares
- or the Town Council offices which are at 19-24 Friargate, Penrith CA11 7XR

The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete.

Hard copies should be posted through our letterbox at our offices of Friargate by 5pm on 28 February.

If you have any queries on this consultation or on how to complete this questionnaire please contact the Deputy Town Clerk, Penrith Town Council on 01768 899773 or by email at deputytownclerk@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk

Thank you for your help

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Feedback on Proposed Local Green Space

1. How often do you make use of any of the green spaces below? Please tick all those that apply

Code	Green Space	2-3 times per week	Weekly	2-3 times per month	Monthly	Less Often	Historically Often (access now restricted)
C2	Land at between Rugby Club and Carleton Rd						
PE6	Land & wood above Scaws Drive						
PE8	Land between Brentfield Way and Meadowcroft						
PE9	Folly Lane Allotments						
PE12	St Andrews Churchyard						
PN17	Top of Croft Terrace						
PN18	Field off Beacon Edge						
PN24	Fell Lane Pinfold						
PN27-28	Cockell Ho Gardens						
PN29	Voreda Park Central Space						
PN30-32	Head of Macadam Way, Pembroke Place and land in Voreda Park						
PN33-34	Plimsoll Cl Cambridge Dr						
PN36	St Catherine's Churchyard						
PN37	Christchurch Churchyard						
PN39	Salkeld Rd Allotments						
PN40	Coronation Gardens						
PN40	Bowscar						
PN43	Friends Meeting Ho Allotments						
PW45	Nicol Hill Nature Reserve						
PW46	Thacka Beck Nature Reserve						
PW47	Brunswick Sq Gardens						
PW49	James Street Allotments						
PW50	Brackenber Allotments						
PW52	Land between Allotments & Newton Rd						
PS53	Wetheriggs Country Park						
PP66	Thacka Beck Field						
PP67	Pategill Back Field						
PP70-72	Land off Bridge Lane						

2. How did/do you use any of the following green spaces? (Please tick all that apply)

For each area ticked we will need as much information as possible about why it is special and important and how you use it or see it used – if you have photos you can include please add them.

Ref	Green Space	Informal exercise inc dog walking	Children's play	General relaxation	Cultivation Gardening	Watching bird / wildlife	Other
C2	Land at between Rugby Club and Carleton Rd						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PE6	Land & wood above Scaws Drive						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PE8	Land between Brentfield Way and Meadowcroft						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PE9	Folly Lane Allotments						
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PE12	St Andrews Churchyard						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN17	Top of Croft Terrace						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN18	Field off Beacon Edge						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN24	Fell Lane Pinfold						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN27-28	Cockell Ho Gardens						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							

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PN29	Voreda Park Central Space						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN30-32	Head of Macadam Way, Pembroke Place and land in Voreda Park						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN33-34	Plimsoll Cl Cambridge Dr						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN36	St Catherine's Churchyard						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN37	Christchurch Churchyard						
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PN39	Salkeld Rd Allotments						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN40	Coronation Gardens						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN40	Bowscar						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							
PN43	Friends Meeting Ho Allotments						
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PW47	Brunswick Sq Gardens						
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PW49	James Street Allotments						
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PW50	Brackenber Allotments						
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PP70-72	Land off Bridge Lane						
Why is it special to you, explain who uses the area and how is it used:							

3. If you have any other comments on any of the green spaces listed please add them here with the .

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5. Please provide:

Name:	
Postcode:	
Organisation (if applicable)	

6. Are you (please tick all that apply)

A resident of Penrith	
An employee in Penrith	
Visiting Penrith	
Other (Please specify)	

Data:

This data is being collected by Penrith Town Council. Data in this questionnaire will be analysed to inform the Neighbourhood Development Plan and will be shared as evidence that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the aspirations of the community as originally communicated to us. Email addresses will not be shared with third parties. If you wish your data to be removed or to change your contact details please email deputytownclerk@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk Please see our privacy and data retention policies at <https://www.penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk/council-business/budget/>