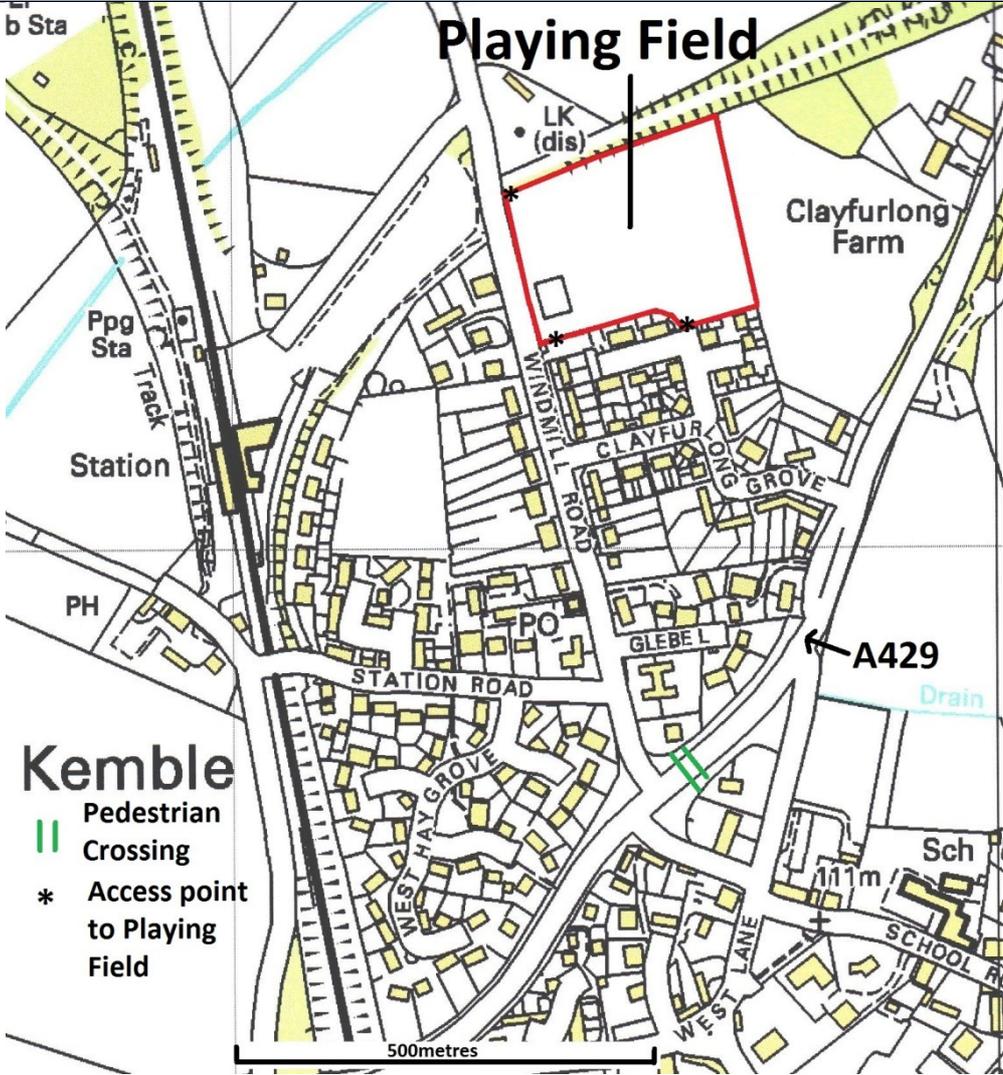




COTSWOLD  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION  
TOOLKIT FOR  
KEMBLE PLAYING FIELD**

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| 1   | <b>General Information</b>   | Tick if relevant evidence provided |
| 1.1 | Name and address of site<br><i>Some sites have several names and all known names should be given</i>   |                                    |
|     | <a href="#"><u>Kemble Playing Field, Windmill Road, Kemble.</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>NGR ST987977</u></a>   |                                    |
| 1.2 | Site location plan<br><i>The plan can be at any scale, but must show the location and boundaries of the site.</i><br><i>Please indicate the scale.</i> |                                    |
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| 1.3 | <p>Organisation or individual proposing site for designation<br/> <i>This will normally be a Town or Parish Council or a recognised community group</i></p>   |  |
|     | <p><u>Kemble and Ewen Parish Council</u></p>  |  |
| 1.4 | <p>Ownership of site if known<br/> <i>Information on land ownership can be obtained from the <a href="#">Land Registry</a>. Some land parcels are not registered however local people may know the owner.</i></p>   |  |
|     | <p><u>Kemble Farms Ltd/ Bathurst Estate. This is leased to Kemble and Ewen Parish Council who manage the site and have provided, maintained and insured the facilities on the site. See Figures 1 – 4, below, of the facilities.</u></p>  |  |
| 1.5 | <p>Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation? (Sites may be designated as Local Green Spaces, even if there are objections from the site owners)</p>   |  |
|     | <p><u>Yes. Not known whether they support.</u></p>  |  |
| 1.6 | <p>Photographs of site</p>  |  |
|     |  <p><u>Figure 1 Looking south from north west corner. Basketball hoop and playing surface, cableway – Zip Line, Shelter and Cycle Box. Clayfurlong Grove housing estate can be seen along the edge of the field.</u></p> |  |



**Figure 2** Looking north from corner of Windmill Park play area. Cableway-Zip Line, Cycle Box and BMX ramps.



**Figure 3** Windmill Park, the fenced play area for younger children. In the foreground, picnic benches.

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|     | <p><b>Figure 4</b> <u>Looking east across the playing field with the edge of Clayfurlong Grove.</u></p>  |  |
| 1.7 | <p>Community served by the potential Local Green Space<br/><i>i.e. does the site serve the whole village/town or a particular geographic area or group of people?</i></p>  |  |
|     | <p><u>Kemble Playing Field is on the northern edge of the village next to Clayfurlong Grove and Windmill Road which is one of the most densely populated parts of the village. The part of the village north of the A429 is the most densely populated part of the village and has the greatest number of young children, see map.</u></p> |  |
| 2   | <p><b>Planning History</b></p>   |  |
| 2.1 | <p>Is there currently a planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?<br/><i>Further Information – Cotswold District Council – <a href="#">planning applications</a></i></p>   |  |
|     | <p><u>None.</u></p>  |  |
| 2.2 | <p>Is the site allocated for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?<br/><i>Further Information – Cotswold District Council – <a href="#">planning policy</a>.</i></p>   |  |
|     | <p><u>No</u></p>   |  |
| 3   | <p><b>Size, scale and “local nature” of proposed Local Green Space</b></p>   |  |
| 3.1 | <p>Area of proposed site<br/><i>It is unlikely that a site of over 20ha (50 acres) would be considered suitable for designation.</i></p>   |  |
|     | <p><u>1.6 hectares</u></p>   |  |

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| 3.2 | Is the site an “extensive tract of land”?<br><i>(Extensive tracts of land cannot be designated as Local Green Space)<br/>e.g. how large is it in comparison to other fields; groups of fields; areas of land in the vicinity etc.? Does the site “feel” extensive or more local in scale?</i>   |  |
|     | <u>The Playing Field is not an “extensive tract of land”. It is local in scale</u>  |  |
| 3.3 | Is the proposed site “local in character”?<br><i>e.g. does the site feel as though it is part of the local area? And why? How does it connect physically, visually and socially to the local area? What is your evidence?</i>   |  |
|     | <u>The Playing Field is part of the local area. There are houses against the southern boundary and it is easy for people to get access to the field, see map for access points. It is especially easy to get to Windmill Park, the fenced play area, which is in the south west corner, area marked but not named on map. The playing field falls within that part of the village with the highest population density, and with the greatest number of children living nearby. The local children are able to play safely by being away from the busy Windmill Road. As can be seen on the map, in Clayfurlong Grove and Old Manor Gardens, this area has some of the smallest gardens, which makes the playing field doubly important for the physical and emotional development and overall wellbeing of both the children and their parents.</u> |  |
| 4   | <b>Need for Local Green Space</b>   |  |
| 4.1 | Is there a need for a local green space in this location?<br><i>e.g. is there a shortage of accessible greenspace in the area? Is there a village needs survey or parish plan that provides evidence of that need. Further information – Natural England (<a href="#">Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard</a>)<br/>Cotswold District Council - <a href="#">Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study</a></i>   |  |
|     | <u>“The Cotswold District Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study identifies that the provision of play space falls below the minimum standard in Kemble.” SHLAA page 75.<br/>In the next year 50 new houses are to be built in Kemble and it is proposed in the new CDC plan that more should be built in Kemble in the next twenty years. As the playing field is not public land there is danger that this site could be proposed for housing development in the future.</u>  |  |
| 5   | <b>Evidence to show that “the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves”</b><br><b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>   |  |
| 5.1 | How far is the site from the community it serves?<br>Is the site within 2km of the local community?<br><i>Possible evidence – a map to show that distance</i>   |  |
|     | <u>See answer to 1.7 and map in 1.2</u>   |  |
| 5.2 | Are there any barriers to the local community accessing the site from their homes?<br><i>e.g. railway line; main road</i><br><i>Possible evidence – a map to show any potential barriers and how those can be overcome.</i>   |  |

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|          | <u>The busy main road, A429, forms a barrier to the village to the south and east of it, but there is a pedestrian crossing marked on the map in 1.2.</u>   |  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Evidence to show that the green area is “demonstrably special to a local community”</b><br><b>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</b>  |  |
| 6.1      | Evidence of support from Parish or Town Council<br><i>e.g. letter of support; Council minutes</i>   |  |
|          | <u>Letter</u>   |  |
| 6.2      | Evidence of support from other local community groups or individuals.<br><i>e.g. letters of support; petitions; surveys etc.</i>  |  |
|          | <u>A questionnaire survey was given out to the village and results of that survey are attached. Sixty people responded to the survey currently and more will be collected, but this seems to a good cross section of the village.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>80% visit the playing field. Of these 44% use it in four or more of the ways offered on the questionnaire.</u></li> <li>• <u>73%of those using the site were taking children to the pay area, Windmill Park. Comments on the surveys showed that many of the 60+ age group were taking grandchildren to the play area.</u></li> <li>• <u>For questions 6 and 7, the mean of the answers is 4.5 and 4.8 respectively showing that villagers strongly agreed that this is an important area to them.</u></li> <li>• <u>Many comments show that the playing field is valued for the social and health benefits that it offers to all ages, though especially the young.</u></li> </ul> |  |
| 6.3      | Evidence of support from community leaders<br><i>e.g. letters of support from Ward Members; County Councillors; MP etc.</i><br><i>Further information on contact details - Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, House of Commons</i>  |  |
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| 6.4      | Evidence of support from other groups<br><i>e.g. letters of support from organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England; Cotswolds Conservation Board; Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust; Gloucestershire Rural Community Council; Cotswold Water Park Trust; local amenity societies; local schools etc.</i>   |  |
|          | <u>Letter of support awaited from CPRE.</u>   |  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty,” (if applicable)</b><br><b>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</b>   |  |
| 7.1      | Is this criteria relevant to this site ?  |  |
|          | <b>NO</b>   |  |
| 7.2      | Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.  |  |
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| 7.3 | Site visibility<br><i>e.g. is it easy to see the site from a public place? Are there long-distance views of the site? Are there views of the site from any key locations?</i>   |  |
|     | <u>The site is enclosed by hedges on three sides and the houses to the south.</u>   |  |
| 7.4 | Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?<br><i>e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; Conservation Area; Special Landscape Area</i><br><i>Further information – <a href="#">Cotswold District Council</a>; <a href="#">Natural England</a>; <a href="#">Cotswolds Conservation Board</a></i>   |  |
|     | <u>It is part of the SLA. It is a buffer between the village and the farmland beyond.</u>   |  |
| 7.5 | Is the site (or the type of site) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or similar documents?<br><i>e.g. Cotswolds AONB landscape character assessment. Further information – <a href="#">Cotswold District Council</a>; <a href="#">Natural England</a>; <a href="#">Cotswolds Conservation Board</a></i>   |  |
|     | <u>The Playing Field is approximately 500 metres from the Thames. Along the northern boundary is the route of a disused railway line. Beyond this the land drops down to a winterbourne that flows into the Thames at Clayfurlong Bridge.</u>   |  |
| 7.6 | Does the site contribute to the setting of a historic building or other special feature?  |  |
|     | <u>The Playing Field is 400metres from Clayfurlong Farm, a grade 2 listed building.</u>   |  |
| 7.7 | Is the site highlighted in literature or art?<br><i>e.g. is the site mentioned in a well-known poem or shown in a famous painting?</i>  |  |
|     | <u>No</u>   |  |
| 8   | <b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance for example because of its historic significance” (if applicable)</b><br><b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>   |  |
| 8.1 | <b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b>   |  |
|     | <b>NO</b>   |  |
| 8.2 | Are there any historic buildings or remains on the site?<br><i>e.g. listed buildings; scheduled ancient monuments ; registered parks and gardens; war memorials; other historic remains or structures.</i><br><i>Further information – <a href="#">Cotswold District Council</a>; <a href="#">English Heritage</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Archives</a>; <a href="#">local history society</a>;</i> |  |
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| 8.3 | Are there any important historic landscape features on the site?<br><i>e.g. old hedgerows; ancient trees; historic ponds or historic garden features</i>  |  |

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|     | <i>Further information – <a href="#">Cotswold District Council</a>; <a href="#">English Heritage</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record</a>; local history society</i>  |  |
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| 8.4 | Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town?<br><i>e.g. the old site of the town railway station; the old garden for the manor house etc.</i>  |  |
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| 8.5 | Did any important historic events take place on the site?   |  |
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| 8.6 | Do any historic rituals take place on the site?<br><i>e.g. well-dressing; maypole dancing etc.</i>  |  |
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| 9   | <b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its <u>recreational value</u> (including as a playing field)”, (if applicable)</b><br><b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b>  |  |
| 9.1 | <b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b>   |  |
|     | <b>YES</b>  |  |
| 9.2 | Is the site used for playing sport?<br><i>If so what sport? How long has it been used for sports provision? Is this sports provision free or is a club membership required?</i><br><i>Further information – <a href="#">Sport England</a></i>   |  |
|     | <u>The playing field site is ideal for its task. It is flat, open and well drained as can be seen from the photographs.</u><br><u>There is a football pitch. The village had a football team in the 1930’s and there was a football team playing here in the 1960’s and through to the 1980’s. There were wooden changing rooms etc. but they were demolished in the 1990’s when they became too costly to replace.</u><br><u>There are facilities present for BMX and practising basketball, but no competitive team games are now played here.</u><br><u>Comments on the survey showed that teenagers did use Facebook to come together to play football and valued the site for this. Attempts to finance facilities floundered recently because the site is on a lease. Nine years to go on current lease. A more secure tenure would enable the parish council to develop the facilities. A football and cricket club would be popular additions to the village.</u><br><u>To maintain a basic level of health, children and young people aged 5 – 18 need to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day which should range between moderate - intensity activity, such as cycling and playground activities and vigorous – intensity activity, such as fast running and football. Kemble Playing Field provides an environment for this to happen.</u> |  |
| 9.3 | Are the public able to physically access the site?<br><i>e.g. are there any public rights of way across the site? Or adjacent to the</i>  |  |

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|      | <p>site? Has access been allowed on a discretionary basis? Is there public access to the whole site or only part? Is there good disabled access to the site? (A site can still be designated even if there is no public access.)</p> <p>Further information – <a href="#">Gloucestershire County Council</a></p>  |  |
|      | <p>Public rights of way are adjacent to the site, Windmill Road and Clayfurlong Grove. There are no public rights of way across the site. Access is easy and there is a discretionary footpath along the western edge of the field to allow safe pedestrian access to the railway station. In the survey it was remarked that this is a safe footpath to the railway station which by passes Windmill Road, a narrow busy road in a cutting along the western boundary of the playing field.</p>  |  |
| 9.4  | <p>Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?</p> <p>e.g. dog walking; sledging; ball games etc</p>   |  |
|      | <p>People will walk across the playing field. There are areas for people to sit and have a picnic and waste bins are provided and emptied on a regular basis. Dogs are banned from the playing field for health reasons. The field is used by runners. The survey showed that 27% of users saw the playing field as a place where they could socialise. Mothers and their children valued this aspect of visits.</p> <p>The young children’s play area is obviously a very important facility in an area with young families and small gardens; see comments from the survey. The Cableway – Zip Line, basketball hoop, shelter and football pitch cater for teenagers.</p> |  |
| 10   | <p><b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of its tranquillity” (if applicable)</b></p> <p><b>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</b></p>   |  |
| 10.1 | <p>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</p>   |  |
|      | <p><b>NO</b></p>  |  |
| 10.2 | <p>Do you consider the site to be tranquil?</p> <p>e.g. are there any roads or busy areas close by?</p>   |  |
| 10.3 | <p>Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?</p> <p>e.g. within the <a href="#">Campaign to Protect Rural England</a>’s tranquillity maps</p>  |  |
| 11   | <p><b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for example because of the richness of its wildlife”; (if applicable)</b></p> <p><b>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</b></p>  |  |
| 11.1 | <p>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</p>   |  |
|      | <p><b>NO</b></p>  |  |
| 11.2 | <p>Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?</p> <p>e.g. as a site of special scientific interest; a key wildlife site etc</p> <p>Further information - <a href="#">Natural England</a>; <a href="#">Gloucestershire Centre for</a></p>   |  |

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|             | <a href="#"><u>Environmental Records</u></a>  |  |
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| 11.3        | <p>Are any important habitats or species found on the site?<br/> <i>e.g. habitats and species listed in the UK priority habitats and species lists or in the Cotswold Water Park or Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action Plans or protected species or on the red/amber lists of birds of conservation concern.</i></p> <p><i>Further information - <a href="#"><u>Natural England</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>National Biodiversity Network</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>Cotswold Water Park Trust</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>RSPB</u></a></i></p> |  |
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| 11.4        | <p>What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?<br/> <i>Further information - <a href="#"><u>Natural England</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>National Biodiversity Network</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>Cotswold Water Park Trust</u></a></i></p>  |  |
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| 11.5        | <p>Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community?<br/> <i>e.g. long-term monitoring of breeding birds.</i></p>  |  |
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| <b>12</b>   | <p><b>Evidence to show that the green area “holds a particular local significance, for <u>any other reason</u>”; (if applicable)</b><br/> <b><i>Please indicate what evidence you have provided against each point.</i></b></p>   |  |
| <b>12.1</b> | <p><b>Is this criteria relevant to this site ?</b></p>  |  |
|             | <b>YES / NO</b>   |  |
| <b>12.2</b> | <p>Are there any other reasons why the site has a particular local significance for the local community?</p>  |  |
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