

Our Village Green Applications Policy

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Applications to record land as town or village greens are processed in accordance with the following priority guidelines. The County Council publishes a list of the applications it holds on its website, showing the order in which they will be processed [<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/countryside/VillageGreen.pdf>].

Policy guidelines for determining applications for the registration of village green rights made under section 15 of the Commons Act 2006

1. Correctly made applications will be processed in the order that they are received, and will be held in one list, in chronological order.
2. Where the applicant (or other interested party such as the affected landowner) informs us that a 'trigger event' has occurred [<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2013/27/schedule/4/enacted>] with no corresponding 'terminating event' [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/298534/commonland-cra-guide.pdf], we will take the relevant application out of turn and process it before other existing applications that are not affected by trigger events.
3. Every request for added priority should include full details of the reasons why the application should be taken out of order.
4. Trigger events include:
 - the first publication of an application for planning permission for the land, which will include circumstances where planning permission is subsequently granted
 - the publication by the local planning authority of a draft local plan or neighbourhood plan proposal which identifies the land for potential development – Schedule 1A to the 2006 Act refers to a 'development plan document' and 'neighbourhood development plan', but they are generally referred to as 'local plans' or 'neighbourhood plans'
 - the adoption or making by the local planning authority of a local plan or neighbourhood plan which identifies the land for potential development
 - when a proposed application for development consent under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure project regime which has been accepted by the

Secretary of State (in practice the Planning Inspectorate) is first publicised by the applicant

There are currently 9 trigger events in Schedule 1A, each of which relates to a specific planning mechanism. Please note that there are no trigger events in relation to permitted development rights. Therefore, added priority will not be given to land on which permitted development has taken place, unless a trigger event has occurred in relation to that land for another reason.

5. Where more than one request for added priority is received, the order of processing will be decided after consideration is given to the urgency of the need for a determination in each case.

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