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Site	Gillow Heath Old Station
Grid Reference / Post Code	SJ 88116 58364
Brief Description	Site of former platform and track for the Gillow Heath Rail Station Constructed in c.1860. This site is important in terms of its' local history, being the former site of Gillow Heath Railway Station. It is a gateway to the Biddulph Valley Way, with an associated car park and opportunity for enhanced interpretation of this important route.

Criteria.		
Location <i>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</i>	√	Direct access as the platform feature forms one side of the Biddulph Valley Way (NCN Route 55). Car park and footpath access directly to the side off Smokies Way (off Halls and Station Road).
Local Significance <i>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife.</i>	√	History: Opportunity to provide interpretation of the Biddulph Valley Way, wider links to the industrial history of the area. Leisure and recreation: wider links to the footpath network linking further afield to the Staffordshire Way and the Gritstone Trail. The site is also a gateway to National Cycle Route 55 which runs the length of the Biddulph Valley Way.
Size, Scale <i>Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.</i>	√	c.0.2 acres
Recommendation	√	Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Pictures:



Maps:

