

Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

Friends of Hill House Park

Address and contact details (please include phone number & email address):

[Redacted address and contact details]

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Name and code of nominated space:

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LGSD080 Downend and Bromley Heath, Downend Ward, Hill House Park.

A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

No.

If you are not the landowner can you provide their name and contact details?

South Gloucestershire Council

Is the land owner aware of the proposal to designate their land?

Yes.

(If you are not the landowner please now continue to Section B)

If you are the landowner, are you in support of or objecting to the proposals to designate this land?

If you are objecting to the proposals to designate your land, what are your reasons? (please refer to criteria in sections C and D below in particular)

B) Map of proposed Local Green Space

PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP WHICH SHOWS THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACE

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C) Does the space meet the national criteria for designation as a Local Green Space?

Please provide a response to each of the following 5 criteria - where information has not already been provided or is incorrect in the List of nominated Local Green Spaces. (Table 1 of the Local Green Space Designation Updated Guidance Note (June 2015) www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15 provides further details of the criteria and guidance on what sort of information you may wish to submit):

1. Is the proposed space subject to a planning permission for development? (See Criteria 1 in the guidance note)

No.

2. Is the proposed space the subject of an allocation, or proposal to allocate, for development in the Local Plan? (See Criteria 2 in the guidance note)

No.

3. Is the proposed space an extensive tract of land and is it local in character? (See Criteria 3 in the guidance note)

It is not an extensive tract of land, is surrounded by local households who use the site for recreational purposes.

4. Is the space within close proximity to the community it serves? (See Criteria 4 in the guidance note)

The space is within close walking distance of the community it serves.

5. Is the specific space demonstrably special to the local community? e.g. not a blanket designation (see Criteria 5 in the guidance note)

The space is of interest to the Friends of Hill House Park, and the local Downend and Bromley Heath Parish Council, who wish to lease the land from South Gloucestershire Council, and submitted a request to do so approximately six months ago.

D) Why is the space of particular local significance?

Please use the following response box to provide specific evidence as to how at least one of the following criteria is relevant:

Please state which criterion, 6-11, are relevant to the nominated space. Table 2 of the Local Green Space Designation Updated Guidance Note (June 2015) www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15 provides further details on the criteria and guidance on what sort of information you may wish to submit to justify how the space is of particular local significance and demonstrably special to the community that use it:

6. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty
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11. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria 6-10.

The space is of particular local interest due to its recreational value. It is used/has been used for the following:

- Training by local boys/girls football teams.
- Regular/extensive use of Park by local dog walkers, who value the safe/secure site to let dogs run free chasing a ball etc....
- After term parties by local schoolchildren.
- Wedding Party.
- Barbecue's/picnics by local residents.
- Used by local Church for some Sunday Schools/Church festivals.
- Designated safe landing area for Hot Air balloons during yearly Bristol balloon festival.
- South Gloucestershire Big Spring Clean 06/04/2014 organised by Friends Group with help from local residents.
- Picnic in the Park organised by Friends Group, (07/09/2014), combined with launch of consultation document to canvas views of local residents for future use of Hill House Park.
- Feedback from consultation was majority wanted an open space to be used by local

residents, and next most popular suggestions were for a Wildlife Garden, Community Orchard, Exercise Area, and Picnic Area.

- Planting of 400 spring bulbs (November 2014) by Friends Group and local residents.
- Installation of 8 bird boxes by Friends Group and local residents (November 2014).
- Extra off street parking available for Armed Forces Day 27/06/2015.
- A local orchard specialist [REDACTED] has been commissioned to produce a planting plan for fruit trees, following consultation.
- South Gloucestershire Council have spent approximately £2500 of the 106 monies available for the Friends Group, to purchase/install on their behalf a notice-board in the park. This has been delivered to the Council, and the Streetcare Team will be installing as soon as they can.
- Friends AGM in the Park (plus picnic) July 2015 with David Morrison from South Gloucestershire Council. Local MP Chris Skidmore was invited, but due to other commitments was unable to attend.

Please return completed forms by close of business on 30th July 2015:

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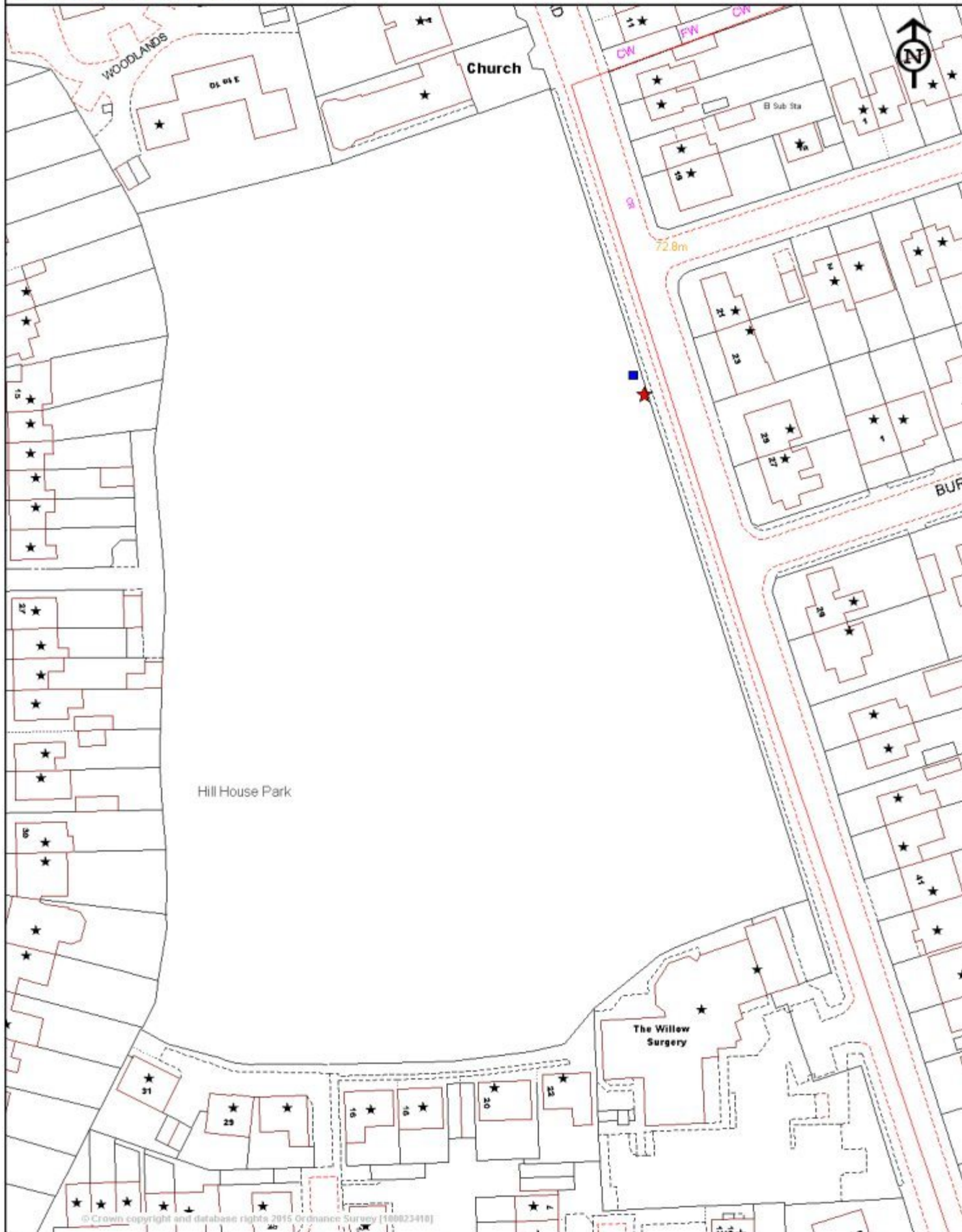
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Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council

Address and contact details (please include phone number & email address):

Clerk to the Council

[REDACTED]

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Hill House Park. LGSD080

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No but it is local in character.

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Yes. It is adjacent to the Doctors Surgery and has houses either side of the area. Also the lower end of the field is near a Church.

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Yes. Community use.

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The Friends Group carried out a consultation regarding use of park. It emerged that an open space for dog walking/picnics/family area would serve the community best.

Friends have commissioned [REDACTED] to plan planting 20 fruit trees in lower part of the field, close to the church. There are plans to install a wildlife garden between the fruit trees possibly in November 2015.

A noticeboard has been ordered and delivered to South Gloucestershire Council awaiting instalment within the park area. Discussion about installing a pathway around the edge of the park for runners/dog walkers etc is current.

10 nest boxes have been installed on the site by the Friends Group. 300/400 spring bulbs around the trees by the entrance have been planted.

Football teams use the park on a regular basis which includes girls football!
There are two picnics per year within the park.

Hot air balloons have often landed onto the Green Space in Hill House Park and it is a popular gathering place for families for barbecues.

If the 106 monies cannot be used until March next year as the Friends have been told, the Parish Council will have to consider making a donation/grant, in part at least, to the Friends in order to allow for some of their plans to be put into place; as this local green space is an extremely valuable area for the nearby local population.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 August 2015 09:48
To: Jane Wormald
Subject: FW: Local Green Space Consultation

Jane

Thanks for your letter regarding the green space consultation. I have just returned from holiday and am now able to access all the link documents!

I believe the area that we are being consulted about is land in the vicinity of Page Park, Staple Hill which formed part of the old Downend School lower site in North View. However this site closed in 2006 and we have not had any claim on it since.

As an academy, we hold land off Westerleigh Road on a 125 year lease from the council, which includes all the school buildings and hard standing, the all weather pitch, and an area of playing field in between the all weather pitch and the cemetery. Our playing field opens directly onto the King George V Field and currently does not have a boundary fence.

My understanding is that there is no consultation affecting the land which we lease, but I would be grateful if you could confirm this.

Separately, there is a possibility that we may in the future wish to install a boundary fence around our area of playing field, in particular when our all weather pitch is upgraded in 12-18 months time. It would be helpful to have guidance on any planning etc implications that we need to consider. I am happy to discuss this over the phone if that would be easier.

With thanks,

[REDACTED]

WILLIAM ROBERTS
Headteacher, Downend School
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From: Jane Wormald [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2015 10:30
To: Downend School
Cc: Planning LDF
Subject: Local Green Space Consultation

Dear Mr W Roberts,

Please find attached a letter regarding South Gloucestershire Council's Local Green Space Consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Wormald
Planning Officer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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