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Tuesday, 21 July 2015

Re: Wesley Avenue Open Space

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been interested to hear that the Parish council has been asked to survey open spaces in the Hanham area. I must admit to a certain amount of concern at this initiative at a time when chancellor has announced his desire that 150,000 new homes be built on public sector land by 2020, but I may just be cynical. Anyway I thought it might be good to give you my insight into the open space between Wesley Avenue and Hanham High Street.

The local Hanham community north of the High Street (the natural area bounded by Mount Road, Greenbank Road, the High Street and Hanham Road) is an area that is poorly served by local community infrastructure generally. When it comes to open spaces, there are two sets of open spaces owned by churches – the field near Ascension Church and our church yard. There is an open space below Mount Road which has been set aside as allotments so there is no public access to it. Finally, there is a sizable area to the east Greenbank Road, but this has been leased by the council to AEK-BOCO FC and is therefore closed to the public when football teams (mostly made up of people from outside of the immediate area) are using them for training and games. At other times AEK-BOCO FC openly discourage any public use of the area.

Therefore the only publically accessible open space in the area is the small field between Wesley Avenue and Hanham High Street. In the past I understand this was quite well used by families with children, but whilst the council have been investing in play facilities in other areas, the play facilities that existed in this field were removed making the site completely family unfriendly. Not surprisingly it has become the domain of dog walkers, but it has a lot more potential than this.

As a church we are committed to encouraging community life and the building of community identity and life in our area. This is quite difficult when there is so little community infrastructure, so we make the best use we can of the church premises and our small church yard. We use this for a children' holiday club that attracts 80-100 local children each summer, and varied other children's' works. We run numerous community barbecues, cream teas and the like, but numbers are severely limited by our available space. I would see this field as possibly the only space in the area large enough for community events to be held, and it has indeed provided a wonderful location for large events that the community have rallied to.

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For example, we put on a free hog roast, on what turned out to be a very damp afternoon, and yet over two hundred people showed up. Again when we put on a family fun day with bouncy castles, music and food people turned up in large numbers, almost all from the local community. When you talk to local residents, those common events are still talked about as one of the good things about living in the area. They have said that they would like more of them and we would certainly like to provide many more of them in the future.

We are also seeking to do more in partnership with the local councils to enhance community spirit, happiness and wellbeing. However, if such valuable greenfield sites are lost then that undermines the most basic community aspirations.

Over recent years I have been in discussion with the open spaces team of South Glos Council with a view to taking on this space as a community park, where the local community improve it and take ownership through planting etc. An example of how this can be done can be seen at Perretts Park in Totterdown, Bristol [see <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Community-of-Perretts-Park/213398715338071>], where the local Baptist church was a catalyst for this community venture taking place.

It should also be noted that vehicular egress to this site is severely limited by the narrowness of the access lane. Our church car park uses the same access as this field and when recently we had this car park tarmacked it was not possible for the tarmacking machines that would normally be used as they could not gain egress into the site.

I believe that this site could play a vital role in the local community and needs to be protected for it.

Yours Sincerely,

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Local Green Space Consultation – June 2015 Response Form

Your name / organisation:

HANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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In order to be able to proceed with the protection of the green spaces that have been put forward for designation as Local Green Spaces we must have for each space:

- details of the ownership of the land (if at all possible)
- a map of the boundaries
- an explanation of how it meets the criteria for designation and
- specific justification for why it is demonstrably special to the local community

Therefore please first check the List of Nominated Local Green Spaces and maps which can be viewed at: www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15 which identifies where further information on any of the above is still needed and then provide us with the additional information where necessary using this form:

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH GREEN SPACE

Name and code of nominated space:

Please clearly reference the individual Local Green Space's code provided in both the List of nominated Local Green Spaces and the maps, available from www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

LGSD 763 WESLEY AVENUE

A) Ownership of Local Green Space

Please indicate if you or your organisation are the landowner:

[REDACTED]

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

SOUTH GLOS COUNCIL

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

(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

If not previously provided. Please see List of Nominated Local Green Spaces and Mapped, nominated Local Green Spaces to check if this is required. www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

IF YOU ARE THE LANDOWNER PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP OF YOUR OWNERSHIP

This is particularly important if this differs from the area proposed for designation e.g. if you own only part of the proposed Local Green Space, see the Mapped, nominated Local Green Spaces: www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

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)

NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE

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

PROVIDED AS AN OPEN SPACE FOR A LARGE HOUSING ESTATE.

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

YES

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

Yes

Dog walking and informal recreational spare for young children. The Baptist Church is adjacent to the land and uses this for fetes and BBQ's for local residents with permission from South Glos Council.

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
7. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its historic significance
8. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value
9. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity
10. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife
11. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria 6-10.

8. The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value

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

By e-mail: PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk

By post: Strategic Planning Policy and Specialist Advice Team, South Gloucestershire Council, Environment and Community Services Department, PO Box 299, Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 0DR.

Viewing documents

The consultation documents can be viewed from: www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15

The consultation documents are also available to view online at:

- South Gloucestershire Libraries (please refer to www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries for locations and opening times); and
- The Council's One-Stop Shops, from 8.45am - 5pm Mondays to Wednesdays and 8.45am - 4.30pm Thursdays and Fridays, in the following locations:
 - Thornbury Library, St Mary Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AA
 - Yate, Kennedy Way, BS37 4DQ (access via West Walk)
 - Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR
 - Patchway Hub, Rodway Road, Patchway, BS34 5PE

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Hanham Parish

Green Space Code	Name of Nominated Space	Ward
LGSD763	Wesley Avenue	Hanham Ward

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