

**From:** Pat & Brian Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 July 2017 19:40  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** Elm Park Land Grab

Dear Sirs,

We were absolutely horrified to hear that South Glos.Council are contemplating taking a strip of land bordering the A4174 known as Elm Park Playing Fields.

This strip of land is crucial to the recreational services provided by Filton Town Council as it contains part of the Community Garden, a Boules arena, part of the cycle speedway and the whole of the skateboard park. Many mature trees will be lost, the recently planted orchard in the Community Garden, some of the rose garden, the owl sculpture, and an elm tree which is part of a national conservation study.

We are members of Filton Community Garden Committee, a group of volunteers who have worked extremely hard over the years creating a beautiful garden for people to enjoy. The RHS have awarded us 100% outstanding for the past 3 years, & we are confident that we will achieve the same mark this year. It will be heart-breaking if all this was in vein.

Elm Park Playing fields are an important well supported part of our community that families can enjoy for free. To remove this for the sake of yet more traffic would be a tragedy.

Sincerely,  
Pat & Brian Smith.