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**From:** Adam Monk  
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**To:** Consultation <Consultation@southglos.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Roger Hutchinson [REDACTED] Ian Scott [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Policies, Sites and Places Plan Consultation

Good morning,

The response below is sent on behalf of Cllr Roger Hutchinson, Cllr Ian Scott and myself Cllr Adam Monk who represent Filton ward.

Q2. Do you consider the Main Modification is legally compliant.

Respondents should not be expected to address this question as it is the role of the authority to make sure all modifications are within the parameters of the legislation.

Q3 On what grounds do you consider the Main Modification is unsound.

Our objection relates to Additional Modification AM8 – ‘Change to the boundary of Local Green Space LGSD092 – Elm Park proposed for designation’. We feel the modification is unsound as there has been an institutional failure to engage adequately with stakeholders and councillors, in particular to ensure that they have been clearly advised of a major change to the proposals.

Q4 Please set out what changes you consider necessary to make the Main Modification legally compliant or sound.

We seek the reversal of Additional Modification AM8 – ‘Change to the boundary of Local Green Space LGSD092 – Elm Park proposed for designation’ and the reinstatement of the entire green space as designated.

We contend that the consultation has been poorly managed: councillors along with other stake holders have not been advised about significant modifications that have crept in. If councillors had been notified of the changes affecting this land we would have collectively objected at that point. LGSD098 & LGSD099 have both been included in the Local Green Space Designation, there has been no communication on the change of designation. Local feeling is very strongly that the consultation is being run as a tick box exercise rather than a true attempt to capture respondents’ opinions and take them on board.

Additionally we feel that South Gloucestershire Council has failed in its responsibility of Duty to Co-operate with the land owner in any way. We have double checked with Filton Town Council who have confirmed this. This is not in any way acceptable to us or our constituents.

South Gloucestershire Council has previously enquired about taking land from Elm Park to facilitate improved access to Filton Roundabout. The strength of public opposition to this when last suggested resulted in the Council dropping the idea after only one public meeting. That level of public hostility remains.

Reducing the size of Elm Park would in our opinion contravene the main modification and additional modification document of June 2017 for example PSP2 – Landscape point 3.20 and PSP44\*

*\*Amenity Space and open space provision is required to be of a high standard of design appropriate to the use of character of the development. Landscape features which contribute to landscape character are to be retained and protected and managed in a manner which ensures their long term health and viability. [PSP2 (page 9)]*

We believe that there is a requirement to consider the social impact of removal of green space in general, and the segment of Elm Park in question in particular. The impact locally within Filton will be almost immeasurable, with the area in question currently extremely well utilised with a Skate Park, fitness area, Community Garden and a pentanque area. Elm Park is the centre of the community within Filton and the proposed modifications will impact thousands or residents in a negative way. In addition, significant construction on the airfield over the coming years means this green space will be increasingly used.

The Filton community has ensured that Elm Park has ‘Fields in Trust’ status to ensure the longevity of this much loved asset. Additionally the Community Garden has won awards from the Royal Horticultural Society over the last 3 years.

The change of the border of this green space would, according to our reading of the map, lead to loss of many trees, in excess of 200, including trees planted by local Brownies over 50 years ago. There would be significant environmental impact with the loss of hedgerow. We feel that insufficient consideration has been given to this.

The change of the border of this green space would also bring the local play area much closer to the Ring Road, a very major highway. This play area is all by families from all over Filton and even further afield.

On behalf of the residents of Filton we urge you to remove Additional Modification AM8 – ‘Change to the boundary of Local Green Space LGSD092 – Elm Park proposed for designation’ and the reinstatement of the entire Elm Park green space as designated.

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