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To whom it may concern

I wish to register my opposition to the Cricket Ground at Abbots Road not being included in the recent Green Space Designation.

Frankly such an omission beggars belief.

The local MP Chris Skidmore has publicly demonstrated his opposition by collecting over 1000 signatures opposing any development here and on greenbelt land opposite Bickley Farm.

Does this not bear any weight?

It is my belief that development proposals may have been drawn up by "The Owner"

The ground is part of a PUBLIC Trust administered body i.e. the Hanham Folk Centre. Their Constitution clearly states they act only as Trustees "For the benefit of the people of Hanham"

Such people have clearly stated they wish the ground to remain as it is.

I question therefore whether they would have the authority to even contemplate selling the ground without a public mandate.

With regard to impact.

The Colliers Report claims the public can be served by the Bus Service that operates along Abbots Road. No such service has EVER existed. They also claim "Easy pedestrian access" to the new proposed sports site. That road is a death trap. There are no pavements from the Elm Tree Public House to the Ring Road, and none again from Bickley Farm to the top of Sally Barnes Hill.

Any increase in traffic along Abbots Road will be extremely detrimental.

Extra housing will put an intolerable strain on local amenities. The excellent Doctors Surgery is over subscribed. All Local schools have huge waiting lists. Nurseries are also full.

Finally the derelict site at the old Kleeneze site is a far better proposal for development.

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