

Dear Planning Office,

As a resident and co-owner of the Green space in Catmead Puddletown I am writing in response to the proposed local plan for Puddletown with regard Designated Local Green Spaces.

After both a promise in person from a Parish Council Member, who visited the site and heard the objections of the Catmead Committee and subsequently in writing contained in the rewrite of the local Parish plan, I was more than a little angered that the wording of the local parish plan has again been changed (without consultation of the Catmead Committee) and our land has now again been included in the plan.

I do not know why the Parish Council has decided to renege on their promise, but it paints a very worrying picture if elected officials cannot be trusted to uphold the wishes of the residents, who after all are paying for their services via Council Tax payments.

I object to Catmead being included as a designated Local green Space as it is private land, bought, owned and maintained at a premium by the Catmead residents. It is a private communal garden for the exclusive use of the Catmead residents and their invited family and friends.

If the members of the Parish Council wish to open their private gardens for the use of other members of the public then that is their choice ( although I didn't notice any included in the plan). But our land is not up for grabs.

Furthermore this breaches the Human Rights of my neighbours and myself.

Schedule 1, Article 8 of The Human Rights Act 1998 refers to Right to respect for private and family life. With sub-section 2 stating There shall be no interference by a public authority, which the Local Parish Plan clearly breaches. My neighbours and I are willing to seek legal opinion and action on this point.

If it is included in the plan it will create confusion and people will stray from the public footpath and onto our private land. Unless you want a Police unit in Catmead 24/7 in order to Prevent a Breach of the Peace whilst trespassers are lawfully ejected from private land then I strongly suggest that Catmead and any thought of it is removed from the Local Parish Plan as a Designated Local Green Space.

Regards

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