

From: Alan Madgwick

Subject: Camp Field, Birchwood Avenue

For the attention of Nick Woollett

Dear Mr Woollett,

We are acting for Mr Foster, regarding your letter of 9th December, 2024 where you have included within your pre-submission version of Southborough and High Brooms Neighbourhood Development Plan the above land as a local green space.

We take the view that this site is neither appropriate or desirable to be included as a designated local green space due to the following:

1. The National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024) Chapter 8 - Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities sets out in Paragraph 07(c) the local green space designations should only be used where the green space is local in character and is not an extension tract of land. This area of land is approximately 20 acres and therefore is extensive and considerably larger than other areas you have identified as suitable local green spaces.
2. This land is used for Agriculture and has been subject of subsidies and therefore will be kept in an Agricultural use.
3. At the moment the land is being used for grazing. With crop rotation, this area must be used again for Arable use, i.e. the growing of wheat, barley etc for example where of course this would be totally unsuitable for informal recreational use including walking. There is a public footpath at the edge of the field but there is no public access on the land itself.

In view of the above, we hope that you will now agree to delete this site as a local green space from your pre-submission consultation.

Finally, we would welcome the opportunity of discussing this land with you further as there are alternative uses we feel can be explored further.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

[name redacted]

