

Regulation 16 Consultation on the Submitted Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Malvern Town Council has submitted the draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan to Malvern Hills District Council. In accordance with Regulation 16, Malvern Hills District Council would like to invite comments from organisations and individuals on the Neighbourhood Plan.

This consultation runs for six weeks from Friday 9th November to 5:00pm on Friday 21st December 2018.

If you wish to comment on the draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan **please complete and return this form no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, 21st December 2018** to:

Email: policy.plans@malvern hills.gov.uk , or by

Post: Planning Policy, Malvern Hills District Council, Planning Services, The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3AF.

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Please note that your name and comments will be made publicly available when displaying the outcome of this consultation and cannot be treated as confidential. Any other details, including signatures, private telephone numbers and email addresses will not be published on the Council's website, but the original representations with personal details redacted will be published. Your details will be retained in order for us to validate your comments. We will use these details to notify you of the progress on the Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan. If you do not wish to be notified of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan please let us know by ticking the appropriate box at the end of this response form.

Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

Full Name: Arthur Jeffrey Williams

Organisation (if applicable): Pickersleigh Residents' Group

Address (including postcode):

Telephone number:

Email address:

Please state which part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

Proposed Neighbourhood Green Space at Hayslan Fields

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Pickersleigh Residents' Group wishes to strongly support the proposal that Hayslan Fields be designated Neighbourhood Green Space.

This designation is in alignment with the findings of the SWDP where it was given special mention as a good example of Green Space in private ownership.

There have been many judgements over the years confirming Hayslan Fields' value as a significant amenity supporting the health and well-being of the local community. The most recent in July 2016 was the dismissal of the appeal to develop the fields for housing. The Appeal Inspector found that it was evident that the fields were a much used and valuable resource for Pickersleigh residents and must be maintained as such.

In addition the Fields form part of the Green Corridor through Malvern and therefore provide valuable environmental and natural benefits.

Significant events concerning Hayslan Fields showing them to be an acknowledged natural amenity for the community

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| Dec 1984 | Application to develop the fields for private housing - Refused |
| July 1985 | Application to develop the fields for private housing - Refused |
| Aug 1995 | Application for conversion to football field with stand and floodlights - Refused |
| 2003 | Malvern Urban Green Space (MUGS) report compiled, designating Hayslan Fields as green space |
| 2005 | Application to change QL2 status and develop the fields - Refused |
| 2013 | Emerging SWDP designated Hayslan Fields as part of the Green Network |
| 2014 | Call for Sites Initiative - Hayslan Fields considered but rejected , due to its amenity value |
| Sept 2014 | Application by developers to build 150 houses on the site |
| Feb 2015 | Unanimously refused by the Malvern Hills Southern Area Development Planning Committee, following recommendation for refusal by Planning Officers |
| Sept/Oct 2015 | SWDP presented to local Councils for approval with the Hayslan Fields remaining on the omitted sites list |
| Feb 2016 | SWDP formally adopted with the SWDP Inspector's Report highlighting Hayslan Fields as a good example of Green Space in private ownership |
| July 2016 | Appeal by the developer to build on Hayslan Fields – Dismissed by the Inspector |

There have been several landscape reports commissioned by developers to try and support their proposals for the fields. But the only report that captured the ethos of the Fields was the independent review commissioned by MHDC as part of the 2016 appeal (this appeal was dismissed by the Inspector). The author (who has also produced the excellent MTNP Visual Study Report) said "**It's not a park but it feels like one**" That struck a chord with most of the people using the Fields and neatly sums up our feelings.

The local community continues to use the footpaths across these fields for a variety of recreational activities. The fields are very well used and are appreciated for their natural surroundings and the sense of peace and tranquillity. With stunning views towards the Town and Hills, thus providing an essential amenity for health and well-being for the whole community

Therefore the designation of Neighbourhood Green Space is appropriate for these fields


Please use a separate form for each representation.

Future Notification

Please state whether you would like to be notified of the decision on the Neighbourhood Plan proposal:

Yes

No

Signature ...  **Date** ...18th November 2018.....

Thank you for completing this form.