

Matter 2 Written Statement – Policy SL02 – Western Park Golf Course

Mr Barrie Shaw

Further to my previous communication I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development on the green wildlife area located at Western Park Golf Course.

I am unsure if any of the Labour panel that voted in favour of this development are even interested in climate change and environmental effects of what destruction of the beautiful vast established Green area would have on the environment or have been to view it .

With the loss of essential woodland and 1000's & 1000's of trees and shrubs will be unacceptable devastation to the environment with trees reducing our Carbon footprint.

Whilst I understand housing is required I do not understand why this area is even being considered or justified

Find other areas with least destruction as I'm sure David Attenborough conservationist would be absolutely alarmed at the destruction of your plans .

This beautiful green area is now an established wildlife reclaimed designated area.

This is home to over 1,000 trees and a diverse array of wildlife including buzzards, represents a critical habitat that supports local biodiversity and contributes significantly to the environmental health of our community.

The ecological value of this area cannot be overstated. The presence of such a large number of trees provides essential ecosystem services, including carbon sequestration, air purification, and soil stabilization. Moreover, the area serves as a crucial habitat for buzzards and other wildlife species, some of which may be rare or endangered. The destruction of this habitat would not only result in the loss of these trees and the displacement of wildlife but also disrupt the ecological balance, leading to long-term detrimental effects on local biodiversity.

Additionally, green spaces like this offer immense benefits to the local community. They provide a natural area for recreation and mental well-being, act as natural flood defenses, and contribute to the overall aesthetic and environmental quality of our region. In an era where the effects of climate change are increasingly felt, the preservation of such areas becomes even more critical.

The proposed development, while potentially beneficial in economic terms, fails to account for the irreplaceable environmental and social value of this green space. I urge you to consider alternative locations for development that do not compromise our natural heritage. The loss of this biodiverse area would be an irreversible decision that future generations would lament.

I kindly request that you seriously reconsider the development plans and prioritize the conservation of this vital green space. I am confident that with thoughtful planning and consideration, a solution that balances development needs with environmental conservation can be achieved.

Go and take a walk around the course and see the beauty of this Area !! I'm sure all the planners/ labour voters will be in awe of the biodiversity that they plan to destroy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your positive response.