Bleadon Parish Council

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Policy LP15 – Local Green Space

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Summary

Bleadon Parish Council (BPC) is of the following opinion:

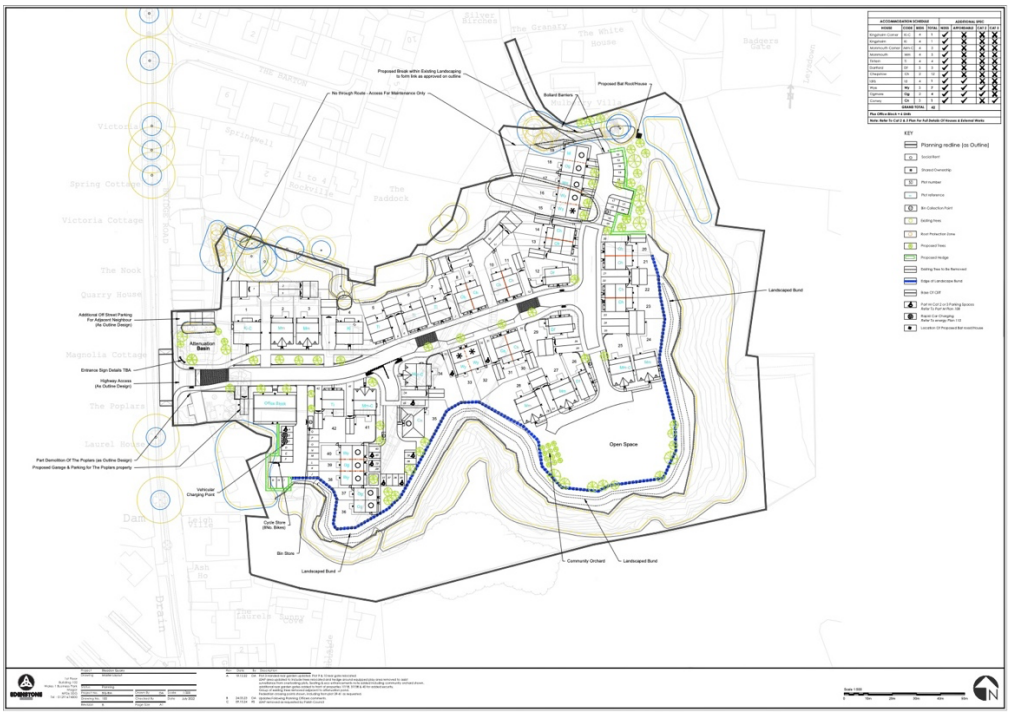
- The Plan is not considered to be sound

BPC is of the opinion – and has previously requested - that the area of Public Open Space identified by way of planning permission 19/P/0835/OUT (the development of the former quarry site) should be included within the relevant schedule and afforded the same degree of status and protection as other Green Space sites within Schedule 3.

Context

This land will be the only significant parcel of public open space land within the entire Parish – the only other area of public open space being a 4m square area of green space adjacent to the car park in the centre of the village.

The site in question is within a former quarry, which has received planning permission. The development is largely complete and the area identified in the plan below is designated as open space. The land will comprise of a grassed area and a small community orchard with a newly constructed access to enable movement between the development and the village centre.



The development approved was for 42 properties (not the 24 properties listed on page 299 of the Local Plan) and has already been the subject of modification to convert a building required for employment purposes to 6 flats. The actual number of properties on the site is, therefore, twice the number stated in the Local Plan. BPC is of the opinion that there may be further proposals to develop the area of open space.

Rationale

The location in question will comprise of the following:

- Grassed recreation area
- A treed area (community orchard)
- A unique landscape (as a former limestone quarry) with associated flora and fauna
- Planned to be used for informal recreation

There are countless examples in Schedule 3 which include identical grounds for justification as those stated above.

Conclusion

BPC can see no reason why the site has not been included for designation as Local Green Space and included within Schedule 3 accordingly. It requests that this position be rectified as part of the inquiry process.