

I have made representations to previous versions of the emerging local plan objecting to the proposed designation of the former ICL ground at Udney Park Road as Local Green space. I did ask to attend the oral examination in my representation but no longer wish to so. However I would like to make the following points:

I have now had the opportunity to see other representations made on the council website, in particular the representations made by the Quantum Group and the TCSG CIC. I completely support the positions they have put forward and their technical evidence base demonstrating that the green space allocation is inappropriate. We understand that in order to be allocated formerly as green space a number of criteria must be achieved. I note from Barton Wilmore's submission that this has not been achieved and we feel the basis on which the council has put forward the allocation is not sound and therefore not justified.

As local residents we want to protect the character and green appearance of the area, however in this instance, we can see that there could be major benefits to the community through considering how Udney Park Road could be better used and accessible to everyone whilst protecting its predominately open character and appearance.

I disagree with those that support the allocation of Local Green Space as I disagree with their view that maintaining the site as it currently is more important than potentially allowing some appropriate development on a small part of the site in order to gain substantial benefits for borough residents in the wider possible sense. I see no benefit in keeping the site exactly in its current form as all this does is maintain a small number of resident's present environment.

I think the council should strengthen the policy by confirming that should some sort of development be proposed then the remainder of the site must be made publically available in order to justify some loss of open space. Designating this as local green space does not make it publically accessible and will therefore deprive the community of public open space.

regards
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