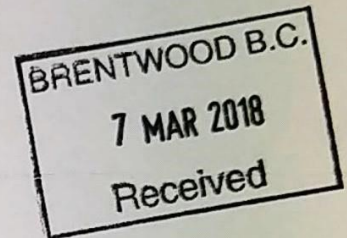




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Dear Sirs/Mesdames

**re: Brentwood Draft Local Plan Preferred Site Allocations  
Recreational Field/Chestnut Field,Tipps Cross**

I have lived in Deal Tree Close [originally Stondon Massey but now Hook End] since 1962 and am really upset and concerned to hear of the Council's intentions in respect of the Recreation Fields at Tipps Cross. I also served as a member of the Committee of the Stondon & District Ex Servicemen's Club and my late husband was a member of the well-established Cricket Club.

You have detailed the recreation field as "small village infill". This statement is quite incorrect as the fields in question are designated Metropolitan Green Belt and presumably, the original Covenant stipulating that the area remained as open space, still stands today.

The current Tipps Cross Remembrance Hall and fields are very well used both by local groups and individuals from outside the area who wish to hold Wedding receptions, Engagement parties, general Birthday and Anniversary parties and Funeral receptions etc., etc. Local groups include the Papworth Trust [group for disabled youngsters when funding is available], four Badminton clubs, a Table tennis club, a Senior Citizens Club, three Carpet bowls clubs, a daily pre-School Nursery, two Dance clubs, a Post Office [Monday opening and of extreme importance to the local elderly folk], a Weight Watchers group, a Pilates group and a Croquet club. A Karate club has only recently ceased due to the Instructor's family commitments. The Blackmore Parish Clerk's office is also housed within the Hall.

This means that the hall and fields are used regularly by about 200/250 local people and a probable 100/300 on booked weekends. Such facilities have been in existence for the past 25/30 years. During the 1960s and 1970s the hall was used for political meetings, several clubs and Saturday night "Dances".

Part of the land in question cannot, by the Council's own ruling, be built on! The Council has a building line which, although maintained by residents, restricts them from building on the area which probably measures some 30 foot from the roadside. This obviously reduces the space available to build houses. The proposed road to the area known as Chestnut field reduces the space even further.

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The infrastructure of the area has obviously not been taken into account. There are no spaces available at the local infant and junior schools, the Doctor's surgery is at overflowing capacity, the local Water Tanks sometimes cannot cope with the existing households [especially in Doddinghurst], the sewer drainage system is often a problem and the local transport is a very "on/off" situation depending on the Contractor.

To take away the only recreational facilities in the area is extremely short-sighted of the Council – it is clear from usage that more facilities are required, not less.

Councils do not HAVE to abide by the Government's guidelines regarding places to build on Metropolitan Green Belt areas and only under exceptional circumstances are able to disregard the guidelines.

I object strongly to the Council's proposals and I urge the Council to re-consider such proposals to ensure that the Metropolitan Green Belt area of Tipps Cross Recreational Field and Chestnut Field is left well alone.

Yours faithfully



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