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Planning Policy Team
Brentwood Borough Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Brentwood Local Plan: Tipps Cross Remembrance Hall Recreation Field – Site 085B

We moved into Blackmore Road in 1974 and for the first ten years I was delighted to watch the weekend cricket matches played on the recreation field adjoining the Stondon Massey Ex-servicemen's Club.

When this hall closed in 1986, the site was acquired by Brentwood Council. In 1991 they undertook the construction of the current premise which they renamed Tipps Cross Remembrance Hall. The Council provided a netball post at the edge of the field, which they would presumably not have done had they not regard the field as a recreational facility. This recreation field is used frequently by local youngsters; it is also used by the local Croquet Club with two croquet lawns which they use regularly throughout the Summer months. Other uses include the annual booking by a local cycle club and wedding, anniversary and children's parties.

I am a member of the Carpet Bowls Club that meets twice a week and my wife is a member of both the Carpet Bowls Club and the Senior Citizens Club. The field is an integral part of the premises and I understand that it has been used for recreation for almost 100 years. It is certainly not "Small village infill" as described in the Local Development Plan. It is a recreational field within the Green Belt. If the field is converted into housing the hall will no longer be attractive to residents such as me – we have used the hall for a wedding anniversary and two other parties and would not have done so if the field had not also been available.

I would be very upset if the hall was forced to close due to the loss of valuable weekend bookings. I am no longer able to drive due to poor eyesight and as the local bus service is very infrequent would not easily access alternative centres. The provision of a local leisure facility is of vital importance to residents such as myself and should not be taken away.

I wish to register my strong objections to this proposal which restricts our local leisure opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

