

Sedgeberrow Submitted Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Sedgeberrow Parish Council has submitted its Neighbourhood Plan to Wychavon District Council. In accordance with Regulation 16, Wychavon District Council would like to invite comments from individuals and organisations on the submitted Neighbourhood Plan.

This consultation runs from Monday 18 July to 5pm on Monday 5 September 2022.

All comments will be made publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). The personal information you provide on this form will be held and processed in accordance with the requirements of Data Protection Legislation. More information on how we will hold your data can be found at:

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Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

Full Name: Sedgeberrow Village Hall Committee of Management

Organisation (if applicable): Sedgeberrow Village Hall

Registered charity number 523189

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Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

5.8 Local Green Space Policy SB2 Map ref GS7 Glebe Meadow, the recreational ground

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

As managing trustees of the charity we have not been consulted about this being a green space.

The land was purchased from the Church Authorities with monies collected in the village. The Conveyance is dated 21st March 1961 and the charitable trust was set up by that deed. Sedgeberrow Parish Council was appointed as Custodian Trustee and Sedgeberrow Village Hall Committee of Management as the Managing Trustees. The Conveyance includes covenants that the land is to be used as the site for a Village Hall or private dwellinghouses.

Subsequently, Worcestershire County Council built a new School in the village and offered to build an enlarged hall that could be used as a Village Hall provided a contribution was made towards the extra cost. To cover the cost of an enlarged school hall, part of Glebe Meadow was sold for housing with the consent of the Charity Commission dated 30th June 1977. This school hall is now used as a Village Hall under a Joint Use Agreement with Worcestershire County Council, for a term of 60 years with the option to extend further.

A new Charity Scheme was agreed and sealed by the Charity Commission on 10th December 1984 to further regulate the Charity and enable the remainder of Glebe Meadow to be used for recreational purposes. The Glebe Meadow is not large enough to be used for a sports field, but part is currently being used as a children's play area.

To date, Sedgeberrow Parish Council, through its Steering Group and Consultants, is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the village. At no time have the Village Hall Managing Trustees been consulted about the history or intended future use of Glebe Meadow, but the Parish Council has declared the land as a 'Local Green Space' in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This would restrict the land from any future development and seriously devalue it for the Charity, which was set up for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village.

The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 11th May 2022 and has been submitted to Wychavon District Council under Regulation 16 for public consultation by 5th September 2022. The Village Hall Managing Trustees are anxious to keep their options open to either build a new Village Hall in the future on the remainder of Glebe Meadow, or to sell a further part for housing to finance a larger recreation ground should the opportunity arise. The Managing Trustees have agreed to make representations to Wychavon District Council on behalf of the Committee of Management, but also the Charity Commission should be made aware that Sedgeberrow Parish Council, as Custodian Trustee of the Charity is not acting in the best interest of the Charity.

Previously the village hall management committee agreed with the Parish council to obtain planning permission to put a community hub onto the Glebe meadow , the planning permission was obtained in early 2019 but the project did not go ahead.

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