



14 April 2016

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My name is Brian Walker and I am one of the owners of land off Cheltenham Road, Bredon which is locally known as Bensham Allotments. Back in May 2013 we submitted an outline planning application for 33 houses which included 13 affordable homes (Wychavon Reference W/13/01150/OU) This land falls within the boundary of LGS7 of the Neighbourhood Plan that the Parish Council are seeking to identify as Local Green Space.

As an interested party I would like to make the following points related to the Bredon Parish Neighbourhood Plan:

My son played rugby for a number of years for Bredon but has only recently been able to buy a property in Bredon. Many of his friends have not been so lucky and have not been able to afford to buy within the Parish and have reluctantly had to move away. Addressing the chronic lack of affordable housing should be looked <sup>at</sup> as a matter of urgency. I would like to know <sup>how</sup> many of the 100 or so houses delivered through recently built or approved schemes were allocated to affordable housing and reassurance future developments include the proposed target of 40% affordable housing which should be prioritised for people with a local connection.

With regard to the views when entering Bredon from Kinsham on the

Cheltenham Road, much is made of the beautiful views of traditional orchards, hedges and other natural heritage sites. This not the case. The first thing you actually see is a farm silage pit which when filled is also covered with 100s of tyres.

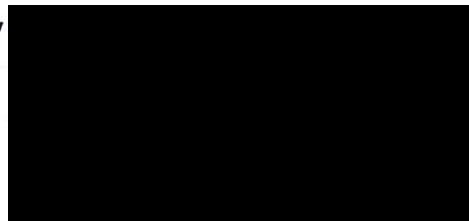
In a similar vein the views from Bensham are advertised as being able to see Bredon Church and views to Kinsham. Neither of these can be seen from Bensham Allotments.

Also "Neighbourhood plans must show that Parish Councils or Neighbourhood Forums have properly consulted local people." Only 237 responses seems a very low percentage of the population of Bredon. Similarly at a meeting called to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan, there was a very small turnout.

I would like to remind Wychavon Council of our plan for the 33 houses, including 13 identified as affordable, which when the government ask for the provision of additional housing within the District to meet additional quotas which could be re-examined at very short notice. I notice with interest that the 28 houses of Orchard Close extension came up against similar opposition from the Parish Council. As can be clearly seen despite this opposition these houses have integrated seamlessly into the fabric of the village, indeed they form almost a half of the figure for Projected windfall development in Bredon village 2007-2015.

The development of Bensham Allotments would similarly help alleviate the shortage of affordable local housing and go a long way to making up the required number of houses required under the Forecast for Development for 2016-2030 (which is based on the 2007-2015 figures)

Yours sincerely  
Brian Walker



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## Bredon Parish Submitted Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

### RESPONSE FORM

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

**This consultation runs from 9am Monday 4 July to midday Monday 15 August 2016.**

All comments will be made publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by Wychavon District Council in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

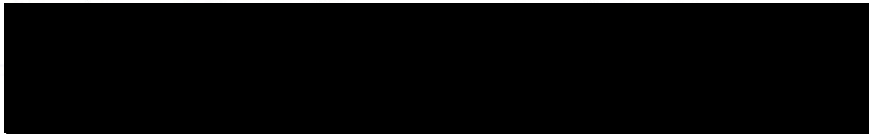
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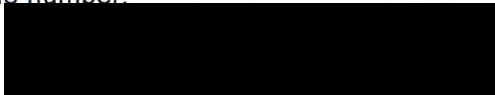
MR. BRIAN WALKER

Organisation (if applicable):

Address (including postcode):



Telephone number:



Email address:





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):

BENSHAM ALLOTMENTS,  
CHELTENHAM ROAD, BREDON

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

I enclose a copy of the letter that was sent to Wychavon on the 14th April 2016 outlining some of my comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Who gave Bredon Parish Council the authority to make Bensham Allotments Green Space/Open Space. These are privately owned. There is other land around Bredon that has not been mentioned as Green Space/Open Space.

The outline planning application for 33 houses (including affordable) was refused. This would have been an ideal small development giving Bredon youngsters a chance to stay in the Village. In a few years the way Planning Applications are being refused Bredon will be a village of old people as the youngsters are having to leave as they cannot afford to live there.

Please use a separate form for each representation.

Please state whether you would like to be notified of the Council's decision on the Neighbourhood Plan proposal:

Yes

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No

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Please email this form to [policy.plans@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:policy.plans@wychavon.gov.uk) or post it to Planning Policy, Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT.