

## Ombersley and Doverdale Submitted Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

### RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Ombersley and Doverdale 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 Friday 26 February to 5pm on Friday 16 April 2021.**

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: <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/privacy-policy>

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

The Lloyds Educational Foundation responded to the initial consultation with the Parish Council airing their concerns and objecting to the inclusion of The Longheadland Allotments in the designation of Green Space under TOAD8 LGS2, as this land is privately owned by Lloyds and although providing a managed 'community' facility they are concerned that this restriction, whilst affording some 'protection', does in fact mean that any future use of the land would not afford the flexibility in the decision making for Lloyds if and when required. There are no plans at the moment to consider any alternative use of the land but Lloyds wish to maintain control of any decisions in this respect which they feel the plan does not allow them. This is an extensive plot 3.2ha, to be included in such a scheme, when measured against the other sites which all bar one range from 0.4ha, 0.5ha, 0.6ha, 0.9ha. All income from this land goes towards the charity's support for educational opportunities for the children in the area, particularly for those who are or have attended the two schools of Ombersley and Sytchampton. Without this control it could affect the fundamental ethos that Lloyds represents.

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



No



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# The Lloyds Educational Foundation

8 September 2020

Mr John Jordan  
Clerk to the Council  
Ombersley and Doverdale Parish Council

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## CONFIDENTIAL

Dear John

### **Ombersley and Doverdale Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) - Proposed Local Green Space**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 August outlining your proposals for the Neighbourhood Development Plan and identification of areas to be included as Local Green Space, one of which is the allotments owned by The Lloyds Educational Foundation. Whilst, at first glance, it would seem a positive move to afford some protection for areas of land that have a community benefit in the hope that this would make it more difficult to develop these areas going forward from, for example, housing, there is increasing concern among the Trustees of Lloyds about the proposal. The level of security any 'Green Space' / 'Green Belt' designation affords is somewhat limited and therefore limited assurances to owners of the assets.

Open space has its value but closing it off, albeit under "loose" restrictions in name, could limit its future, and only provide a small level of obstruction to prevent easy development. Unfortunately Green Space or Green Belt in other terms only provides limited protection under the National Planning Framework.

As you may be aware Lloyds Educational Foundation is a charity set up in the 1800s to support education for the children of the parish, and as such it has a responsibility to the local community to support the two schools of Ombersley and Doverdale that it owns, and to promote the provision of education. It is very much reliant on a modest income from its assets and any changes to its assets could have a significant impact on its Constitution and its future.

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The Longheadland Allotment land is a valuable asset of Lloyds for the Foundation and has been used as such for decades. However, the allotment use declined in popularity with the demise of local market gardeners, and Lloyds have struggled in recent years to attract allotment holders. Thankfully during 2020 this scenario has improved due to good marketing and diligent management and extending its membership to outside the parish, and also possibly Covid, and in May this year, for the first time in many years, we had full membership. Albeit some plot holders are retaining plots which they no longer use.

Lloyds very much sees the benefit of this local amenity and has no intention of altering this scenario, but it would wish to retain flexibility for the future so that it can discharge its responsibilities as a Charitable Trust in providing support to the educational provision in the area. Income from this land helps to support the work of Lloyds to meet the needs of the children of Ombersley and Doverdale and the Schools it owns, which it does in many ways throughout the school year.

For these reasons The Lloyds Educational Foundation will not support the proposal. The Trust needs to understand more on the proposals and other designated areas in order for it to give the plan any further consideration.

In addition Lloyds would be apprehensive about the future control of the allotment site, should it be determined as a local green space, and the day to day management and public liability of what is in effect private land.

I would be grateful if these initial comments are raised at your meeting which I understand is on 15 September. The Lloyds Trustees are next due to meet on 19 October and this item will be put on the agenda.

Yours sincerely,

**Steve**

Stephen Hatch

Secretary to the Trustees of

**The Lloyds Educational Foundation**