

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 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):

Local Green Space Site reference GS7 Glebe Meadow

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

This 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 contains 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.

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, and part is currently being used as a children's play area.

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'. This would restrict the land from any future development and seriously restrict it for the Charity, which was set up for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village. The Village Hall Managing Trustees are anxious to keep their options open for the Charity, 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. Villagers that were originally consulted for the Neighbourhood Plan were not informed of the history of the land and had no knowledge of its original purpose.

Planning approval for a Community Hub on Glebe Meadow was granted by Wychavon District Council on 30th January 2019 under reference 18/02077/FUL, but the project has not yet gone ahead.



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