

Date of meeting Monday, 24th May, 2021
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Astley Room - Castle House
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Finance, Assets & Performance Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3 MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 8)
To consider the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th March 2021.
- 4 UPDATE FROM CABINET**
- 5 CONSULTATION RESULTS - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO
NEWCASTLE CREMATORIUM GROUNDS AND DEVELOPMENT
OF ADJACENT LAND OFF CHATTERLEY CLOSE** (Pages 9 - 164)
This item includes a supplementary report.
- 6 WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 165 - 172)
- 7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council
- 8 URGENT BUSINESS**
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

Members: Councillors Mark Holland (Chair), Bert Proctor (Vice-Chair), Gillian Burnett, Andrew Fear, Tony Kearon, Mike Stubbs, Paul Waring, Amelia Rout, Graham Hutton, Sarah Pickup and David Grocott

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Substitute Members:	John Cooper	Elizabeth Shenton
	John Tagg	Dave Jones
	Kenneth Owen	Andrew Parker
	Barry Panter	

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FINANCE, ASSETS & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 25th March, 2021
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Mark Holland (Chair)

Councillors:	Bert Proctor	Mike Stubbs	Sarah Pickup
	Gillian Burnett	Paul Waring	David Grocott
	Andrew Fear	Amelia Rout	
	Tony Kearon	Graham Hutton	

Officers:	Roger Tait	Head of Operations
	Sarah Wilkes	Head of Finance / S151 Officer
	Geoff Durham	Mayor's Secretary / Member
		Support Officer
	Jordan Ibinson	Apprentice - Infrastructure
		Technician

Also in attendance: Portfolio Holder – Finance and Efficiency

Note: In line with Government directions on staying at home during the current stage of the CV-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted as hybrid with video conferencing in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January, 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

4. **UPDATE FROM CABINET**

There was no update from Cabinet.

5. **FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT THIRD QUARTER (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER) 2020 - 21**

Consideration was given to a report seeking comments on The Financial and Performance Review report for the third quarter of 2020-21.

Councillor Stubbs stated that it was good to see that the Council was forecasting to break even. The Council was looking at approximately £5m adverse variances and although there had been support from the Government, this would not fully cover the amount. An officer was asked to update Councillor Stubbs from where the shortfall would be made up.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Sweeney advised that the Government had paid out grants of almost £5m which had made a huge difference to the Council. The Council's Head of Finance/S151 Officer, Sarah Wilkes advised that the Government had helped councils out with various grants throughout the pandemic. This Council had received an income loss grant of just over £2m. Grants had also been received to help with additional expenditure incurred such as the social distancing aspect in respect of waste collection operatives where extra vehicles and staff had to be put onto the collections. The costs associated for this were also covered by the grant from the Government. As some services had to be closed due to the restrictions, some expenditure had reduced slightly such as J2 not using as much heating/lighting for the building. In respect of Council Tax and Business Rates, the Government had offered incentives to claim back a proportion of those losses and had smoothed out the losses that the Council may have incurred through non-payment of the rates over a three year period. All of the factors mentioned would enable the Council to reach a balanced outturn at the end of the current financial year.

Councillor Sweeney stated that, in addition, the 'One Council' programme would be done over the next couple of years which would help to put the Council on a more sustainable footing in the future.

The Chair thanked Councillor Sweeney and Sarah Wilkes for the report and moved on to the Performance Indicators. Members' attention was drawn to Priority 1: Local Services that work for Local People - point 1.7 relating to unmet demands to the Contact Centre. It was reasonably fair to accept that there had been a large increase in contacts as a result of the pandemic. Councillor Sweeney agreed that this was a fair point. There had been a lot of people phoning up. In addition, Councillor Sweeney praised the bin men for the recycling service and said that they deserved great credit for their efforts in maintaining the service so well.

Councillor Stubbs agreed with Councillor Sweeney with regard to the waste service. In respect of point 1.7, Councillor Stubbs asked, given that the number of calls had been so high, would measures be put into place to mitigate that happening again in the next quarter and in future? Whilst the current pandemic would begin to lessen its impact throughout the summer and into autumn, there would still be a need for people to continue to apply for various things in the near future. The Government had today agreed to extend Coronavirus measures for at least six months. Had this been taken into account looking forward? Councillor Sweeney believed that it had. The reports on the agenda were three months out of date and it would be interesting to see the final figure next Wednesday. Once known, Members would be informed. A request was made to see this as an update from Cabinet at the next meeting.

Priority 4 – A Town Centre for All. Councillor Sweeney advised that the Markets Officer was poised to reopen the market with a full programme of events and speciality markets.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the information be received.
 - (ii) That Cabinet be requested to update this Committee with

the measures that had been or would be put in place to ensure that high numbers of calls were not experienced by the Contact Centre, as previously, especially within the next 6 months.

6. COMMERCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on the Commercial Strategy.

Councillor Sweeney stated that the Commercial Strategy had not changed. It was a well written and clear Strategy. A Commercial Investment Advisor had carried out a review and the recommendations from the review were set out at paragraph 2.8 of the report. Sarah Wilkes advised that the Strategy had been approved in October, 2019 and that, due to Covid-19 some areas of work had been paused. A Commercial Portfolio Review had been completed, looking at all Council assets and advising whether they were still useful to keep and actually generating income; whether anything better could be done with those assets and, looking at the planned maintenance of all of those assets. Part of the work that was identified was that a Capital Planned Maintenance Strategy be established and also that sustainable energy solutions be investigated. Part of the Council's ten year Capital Programme, which was approved by Council in February, contained the maintenance programme for those assets for the next ten years. In addition, sustainable energy had been considered and the Council was exploring those areas such as solar panels and a boiler replacement programme which was included in the Capital Programme, and Carbon Management which were all works in progress. As other areas were explored, they would be fed back to this Committee for comment.

Councillor Sweeney stated that the aim of this was to make the Council sustainable in the long term.

Councillor Hutton stated how pleased he was that, looking at assets, the Strategy looked at those giving a good return and disposing of those that were not. The Council would want to be carrying out the best management practice possible.

Councillor Stubbs stated that the Council needed to ensure that it invested in local infrastructure as well as what was going to give the biggest return. Councillor Stubbs referred to the first bullet point under paragraph 2.8 and said that he would like to know what was being considered for disposal and if such information could be brought to this Committee and similarly for the diversification of assets and investments. He would not like for the Council to invest all of its money in stocks and shares, in London for example. A spread portfolio would be preferred. Councillor Stubbs asked for this to be a standing item on the agenda every six months to keep the Committee informed as to what was happening in the investment portfolio.

Councillor Sweeney agreed, stating that the fifth bullet point referred to the increased diversification of assets / investment base so that risk was spread across various sectors and geographies.

The Chair referred to paragraph 2.8 stating that all of the points seemed to be plausible but did seem to be intention. One bullet point was to hold fewer and better assets and another to increase the diversification of assets. The Chair asked Councillor Sweeney or Sarah Wilkes to give an example of an asset that the Council may not wish to hold or assets that the Council may wish to invest in. Councillor Sweeney stated that the best example for investment was industrial units. Sarah

Wilkes stated that there was a waiting list for units and that was something that the Council would be looking to expand upon in the future, particularly with the impact of Covid and getting businesses back on their feet. The Council had not got to the point of looking at disposing of any of the assets at present. The Council was taking a prudent approach to take stock of what was happening at present and how this had changed the different businesses and organisations and how everyone was adapting to practices during and post Covid.

Councillor Paul Waring stated that the benefits of industrial units were twofold in that the Council received income from them and the units helped the Council to promote small businesses and this was needed in order to bolster energy in the private sector.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the information be received and the update noted.
 - (ii) That the Commercial Strategy update be placed on the agenda as a standing item to be brought back to this Committee on a regular basis.

7. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on the Asset Management Strategy.

Councillor Sweeney introduced the report and referred to paragraph 2.3 which showed three sites which were currently in progress. In addition, Appendix 1 showed the current position of other items. Reference was made to Eccleshall Road, Loggerheads. The money for this site was expected to be received by the end of the financial year, next Wednesday, which would be in excess of £2m. Sarah Wilkes confirmed that this was on target. Councillor Sweeney stated that the sale provided building land for bungalows.

The Chair stated that the sale of land assets were something that generated interest, both from Members and the general public.

Councillor Paul Waring stated that a number of public conveniences appeared to be being sold off and asked what commercial valued they would have. Councillor Sweeney was unable to provide a clear answer stating that there would not be much value. However, he would find out the estimated values of those and bring the information back to this Committee.

Councillor Hutton stated that in other areas, particularly London, disused public conveniences were converted into restaurants, night clubs and bars. Alternatively, art galleries were a possible use.

Councillor Stubbs stated due to the sizes of the three mentioned in the report, the uses were limited. The one in Kidsgrove had been suggested for demolition and rebuilding as an office.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the current position in respect of the land disposal programme at Appendix 1, be noted.
 - (ii) That the current position in terms of the master-planning sites be noted.

- (iii) That the estimated commercial values of the public Conveniences being disposed of be reported back to the next meeting.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Work Programme for this Committee. The Chair stated that there was now just twelve months before the next elections. The next meeting would be the first one of the final Municipal Year of this current Council and therefore the Committee could not look at programmes which would extend over a number of years. The usual items could be brought, such as the quarterly reports for finance and performance and the budget. Members were asked what they would like to see on the Work Programme in addition to those already determined.

Councillor Stubbs had mentioned the Commercial Strategy, commencing at the meeting after the next one (September). Councillor Hutton agreed with this stating that the Strategy would change as circumstances changed. Councillor Hutton stated that he would also like to look at the Procurement Strategy to ensure that it was integrated with all of the other work done to ensure that the Council was following good management practice.

Councillor Stubbs felt that a review needed to be carried out on how the Council handled the Coronavirus. This may be a cross – committee review or just sit with one. The purpose being that, should another pandemic come along in the future, the Council would react as it had this time, if not better.

The Chair asked Councillor Sweeney what the Cabinet's attitude was towards lessons learned and the recovery plan. What provisions did the Leader have in mind for scrutinising or reflecting on the processes that the Council had been through? Councillor Sweeney advised that Cabinet received a Covid update report at every month giving the current position.

The Council's Head of Operations, Roger Tait stated that the Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee had regular updates on the Council's recovery plan.

Councillor Stubbs stated that he was looking for a proper review. Going back to day one and looking at everything step by step so that, should the worst happen and another pandemic come along, there would be structures in place. He did not feel that the Council did all what was needed this time and this was not a criticism as nobody knew what was going to happen. What was done for businesses, the public and staff should all be looked at. The Chair agreed that this was a good point and stated that no amount of preparation could have prepared this or any other authority for the pandemic.

Councillor Fear agreed that something should be done in case a pandemic was to happen again. Councillor Paul Waring also agreed. Audit and Standards had already agreed to look at this in some depth.

In the changing society, it was imperative that all efforts needed in resurrecting society were not taken away, spending time looking back at what could have been done better although it was important to recognise those things. Concentration needed to be on making things right for the future.

Councillor Sweeney stated that this Council had responded superbly to the pandemic. £30m+ had gone out to businesses and the waste collection service were

examples of why the Borough Council should be very proud of how it had performed throughout a very difficult time.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the Work Programme be received.
 - (ii) That Cabinet be asked to update this Committee on the provisions in mind to scrutinise/reflect upon the processes that the Council had used throughout the pandemic.
 - (iii) That Cabinet be asked for the best way to carry out a step by step review of the processes used during the pandemic to ensure that there was a strategy in place for future occurrences.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24 June, 2021.

Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.40 pm



NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO

Finance Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee **27 May 2021**

Report Title: Consultation Results - Proposed Extension to Newcastle Crematorium Grounds and Development of Adjacent Land off Chatterley Close

Submitted by: Simon McEneny

Portfolios: Environment and Recycling, and Finance, Town Centres and Growth

Ward(s) affected: Bradwell directly; All indirectly

Purpose of the Report

To consider the outcome of the consultation process in respect of extending the grounds of Newcastle Crematorium into adjacent land within the Council's ownership, and developing the remainder of the adjacent land for residential use with associated green infrastructure and community facilities.

Recommendations

That the Committee reviews the report and makes any observations that it wishes to make on Cabinet's proposal to utilise the land in this way, in light of the consultation responses received.

Reasons

So that Cabinet has the views of the Scrutiny Committee when it determines the proposal under consideration.

1. Background

1.1 Newcastle Crematorium, situated on Chatterley Close in Bradwell, was opened in 1966. As well as the crematorium building and offices, it consists of extensive grounds which have been laid out in phases over the last 50+ years to accommodate the burial of cremated remains and various forms of memorialisation, including small headstones, benches, trees, shrubs and scattering of ashes into lawned areas.

1.2 The grounds are now nearing capacity for burials and memorialisation and it is considered appropriate to seek to extend them onto an adjacent open space, which is in Council

ownership, thus creating additional capacity of an estimated 30 years. The extension would take up approximately 2.64ha of the adjacent 6.77ha site, leaving approximately 4.13ha which currently contains a children's play area, MUGA, and general amenity open space.

1.3 The Council's Open Space Strategy, adopted in March 2017, identifies this site as suitable for master-planning to facilitate alternative uses and in September 2018, Cabinet approved the commissioning of a study to explore this. Consultants were appointed and a Vision and Viability Appraisal was produced. The study was completed in July 2020 and concluded the following:—the site offers the opportunity to extend the crematorium whilst creating new play and recreational facilities in the retained green spaces and the development of new homes. The crematorium shall expand into the site, improving its access and movement as well as providing space for new memorial gardens. The green infrastructure would cover almost 40% of the residential area of the site. It would accommodate an enhanced and refurbished play area and MUGA, develop new ecological habitats, retain the existing woodland and re-provide green space. The remaining site would provide the opportunity to build high quality homes.

1.4 Cabinet at its meeting on 11th November 2020 considered a report setting out the proposals to extend crematorium grounds and develop adjacent land off Chatterley Close.

2. Issues

2.1 The proposed extension to the crematorium grounds would consist of boundary treatments (railings/hedges/gates), a new egress road facilitating a one way access and egress system, additional car parking, footpaths, drainage, hard and soft landscaping and associated minor structures. The estimated capital cost of this scheme is approximately £1.3 million, inclusive of fees and it is proposed to fund this from the capital receipt gained from the disposal of the remaining land.

2.2 Memorialisation is a popular choice for bereaved families at the crematorium and a range of modest options are currently offered for sale or lease by the Council, including small headstones, benches, trees and shrubs. However, it is anticipated that there may be a latent demand for further options in this area and it is therefore proposed to commission a feasibility study to explore the market and determine the range that could be incorporated into the layout of the extended grounds. The estimated cost of this study is approximately £14,000 and it is proposed that provision of this amount is made in the General Fund Capital Programme/Borough Growth Fund in 2020/21.

2.3 The existing play area and MUGA on the site is aged and in need of updating to reflect current needs in relation to play and recreation for children and young people. The masterplan provides the opportunity to facilitate this as part of a comprehensive site redevelopment and improvement.

2.4 The masterplan provides for 98 new homes with a mix of 35% two bedroom houses, 45% three bed roomed houses and 20% four bed houses and 25% affordable

housing. These are only indicative figures and would be firmed up during the planning process. Newcastle-under-Lyme's 5 Year Housing Land Supply Statement 2020-2025 states that the minimum number of homes required is 356 per annum. These 98 homes, if built, would contribute to this figure.

- 2.5 In accordance with the Asset Management Strategy 2018-21 the public and ward Councillors have been consulted on this proposal. There have been 153 responses, set out below is a summary of these responses (the detailed responses form part of the appendices). In addition a petition of over 1700 signatures, has been received, objecting to the land being built on and wanting it to be retained as local community green space. It should be noted that the petition was electronic and did not contain any addresses or signatures (full petition can be viewed in the appendices).

Summary of comments	Outcome of desktop assessment and response to consultation comments
The local school Bursley Academy have no objections to the proposed development and they currently have capacity as they have had a classroom extension	No response required
Insufficient facilities/ infrastructure overload – The doctor's surgery and dentist are already under strain as is UHNM, The nearest doctors are in Wolstanton and Chesterton. A new high school is required	These issues will be considered at the planning stage
Loss of green open space which is used by the local community for play, rambling, socialising and dog walking	The masterplan proposes an improved children's play area and MUGA
The land was donated to the people by George Poole to be used in perpetuity	There is no evidence within the deeds that this is the case
Only green space left in the community, residents particularly the elderly will have to drive to a green space to exercise or walk the dog – impacts on the carbon footprint of the area	There is a green space opposite this site and it is located very close to Bradwell Woods
Wildlife will have nowhere to go	This will be considered at the planning stage
Roads already very busy, extra housing will make it worse and increase traffic congestion and pollution	This will be considered at the planning stage

Bradwell is already overdeveloped	This will be considered at the planning stage
The lack of green space will impact the residents mental, psychological and physical health	There will be a new play area provided and there are other areas to walk nearby
Residents views will be affected/overlooked Reduce value of adjacent properties – expects compensation	Not considerations in view of the wider public interest, nor is this a planning consideration
Increase in anti-social behaviour as children won't have a place to go to burn of excess energy	A children's play area is being re-provided
There must be brownfield Council sites that could be developed for Housing	The Council is not developing greenfield sites as opposed to brownfield ones.
Environmental vandalism	This will be considered at the planning stage
Given the climate crisis and threatened biodiversity we should be planting more trees not removing then	A tree survey would be commissioned for submission with planning application
Open space was left around the Crematorium to allow for odours to dissipate – the smell can be offensive if the wind is blowing in the right direction	Regular checks are carried out on emissions as part of EHO licencing as well as there being an independent annual emission check
The land is adjacent to a small reservoir and there are water mains that run through the site	This has been considered in the masterplan and will also be considered at the planning stage
Poor public transport	No response required
I moved into Chatterley Close fully aware of the proximity of this public facility, and also fully aware that time would require its expansion. If that time is now, so be it	No response required

2.7 The primary aim of the consultation was to identify any issues that might prevent the site from proceeding to a stage where more detailed development proposals are worked up for consideration. It is believed that no such issues have emerged from the consultation process. As the table above shows, some of the responses are concerned with perceived impacts on views and prices of existing residential properties. Whilst these concerns are understood, there is a need to balance these concerns with the wider public interest requirement of making adequate provision to meet interment and memorialisation needs. This proposal presents opportunity to do that whilst minimising the impact on the public purse and making a contribution to the borough's housing needs. All of the other issues raised are more properly considered through the planning process where there can be a detailed evaluation of each concern in light of specific scheme proposals which will include measures to mitigate any harm identified.

3. Proposal

3.1 That Members accept the report and provide comments on the consultation results.

4. Reasons for Proposed Solution

4.1. So that Cabinet has the views of the Scrutiny Committee when it determines the proposal under consideration.

5. Options Considered

5.1 Members provide comments for Cabinet's consideration

6. Legal and Statutory Implications

6.1 The Council has a duty, both fiduciary and operationally, to utilise its Assets for the benefit of the community.

6.2 The Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) – Section 123 - the Council has a duty to achieve best consideration when disposing of its assets.

6.3 The Local Government Act 2000 - powers to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the Borough.

6.4 The Council is a Burial Authority and has a duty to ensure the safe burial and cremation of the deceased. It currently operates Newcastle Crematorium as part of this duty.

7. Equality Impact Assessment

7.1 Not applicable at this stage

8. Financial and Resource Implications

- 8.1 The financial appraisal which formed part of the commissioned Masterplan estimated the capital receipt for the residential development land to be in excess of £2.5m. This is based on the assumption that there are no abnormal costs relating to the site and Covid does not have an impact moving forward on land values.
- 8.2 It is estimated that £100,000 would be required to cover the fees for commissioning consultants to prepare and submit a planning application and any associated reports.
- 8.3 The estimated capital cost of the works to extend the crematorium grounds is approximately £1.3 million inclusive of fees. It is proposed to fund the work from the capital receipt gained from the sale of the residual land.
- 8.4 The cost of the various fees associated with the seeking of planning permission and the preparation of a business case for memorialisation options will be derived from the capital programme.
- 8.5 This would result in an estimated residual capital receipt of approximately £1.2 million, subject to the assumptions above.

9. Major Risks

- 9.1 As the consultation responses demonstrate, there will be resistance to the proposals. To try to accommodate all of the concerns raised, and best balance the public and private interests, the master-planning process for the site will consider the issues raised and how to best address them. The proposals seek to find a way to extend the Crematorium so that the needs of the local community can be met for the next 30 years, deliver community benefits and needed housing within the locality. Without development within the Borough the Council would need to find additional resources to provide the additional Crematorium space.

10. UN Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Change Implications

- 10.1 This project will ensure that Newcastle Crematorium can continue to meet the needs of the residents of the Borough for a further 30 years and that the Council's land assets, where appropriate, are used to facilitate the meeting of identified housing, community facility and green infrastructure needs to encourage economic growth. The project supports the realisation of the following UNSDG objectives:-



11. Key Decision Information

11.1 this is not a Key Decision

12. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

12.1 Cabinet 11th November 2020

13. List of Appendices

13.1 Copy of all the responses

13.2 Petition <http://chnq.it/Qwrb58vh>

14. Background Papers

14.1 Masterplan of the site

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From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 14:41

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject:

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I have lived in Arnold grove for 40 yrs my house backs onto this recreation space to build on this field is putting families lives at risk for there is no other green spaces for them to play and exercise also all the pollution from extra traffic from the a500 racing along 1st and 2nd ave up hillport along Arnold grove up bursley way past the school to get to the a34 to add more traffic children couldn't cross this road safely.doctors/dentist schools are full capacity. Trying to get out of my drive anytime of day is ridiculous so have the burden of extra traffic is an accident waiting to happenAccording to government children should have recreational ground for exercise and wellbeing to stop obesity and anxiety / depression The crematorium could be planned out better than making this decision .

-----Original Message-----

From:

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell field next to Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I strongly object to the plans to develop the field next to the Crematorium.This area is widely used by the community and would be a great resource lost forever.We will contest these proposals with all it takes.

Personal details removed

From: Sent: 24 February 2021 21:01

To:

<propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crem plans

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good evening martin.

I hope you are well and keeping very safe during this pandemic ?

Im just sat here watching the borough councils live meeting, nice to see everybody keeping there distance, and some working from home like boris has advised.

I heard that there will be postal votes due to the current pandemic, to minimise the spread of covid 19.

Its a really great idea, but you will not extend our public consultation period that ends today, due to covid, i guess so we as a community can not get out to meet up with others and discuss the plans you have for our green field that you will make millions on selling to build new houses on it that bradwell does not need.

Getting it through the back door comes to mind, and not playing fair is another.

The council can not maintain the streets that you already have with out building some more, pavements, roads are shocking, litter all over the place, grass verges don't get cut enough, its embarrassing, i used to be proud to say i live in Newcastle compared to stoke, but its all equal <http://now.so> i guess youre doing a great job hey ?

If you know whats fair, you will extend this period until we are out of lockdown.

Kind regards

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From: Sent: 22 January 2021 14:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Crematorium development

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am writing to inform you that as a Bradwell resident I strongly object to the potential that this land be developed or changed in any way. This is the only green space that we have in Bradwell for people to walk, play and socialise. It is a free natural resource that the residents of Bradwell can use and is important to their health and wellbeing. There is a lack of public services in Bradwell, no gyms or other places to exercise. In addition the state of the pavements means that they are not suitable for walking for lots of residents, i.e. elderly, disabled, pushchairs. The traffic in Bradwell near to where the Council would develop on the field is already dangerous. There are too many parked cars on the roads and too much speeding. If the field were used for housing then this would exacerbate the issue. Residents already feel very strongly about the traffic levels; there are many issues of road rage and Hillport Ave is considered a 'rat run'.

The local infrastructure is already overloaded and can not sustain any more people. There are no doctors surgeries, nor any dental practices in Bradwell even though I'd imagine the population exceeds 7000 people. There are no high schools in Bradwell and the primary schools have some capacity now that Bursley Academy has had an extension but I'd imagine it will be full without more housing. This area of Newcastle is one of the largest, if not the largest and there is simply no room for any further people or houses. What would this development bring to the existing population of Bradwell? Nothing just more pressure on overstretched public services, infrastructure and more traffic problems.

If the council is going to use the Crematorium needing expansion to front this development then the council will need to demonstrate that they have fully utilised the space that exists already. The car park is very rarely full and local residents are aware that in some cases there will be a need for mourners to use the side roads to park. At the Crematorium there are now burials with headstones, if space is so limited then maybe this should be stopped? There needs to be a sustainable approach to how to develop the site into the future.

I do not support the development of this land, especially for housing.

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Sent: 27 January 2021 21:15

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Bradwell Crematorium Expansion Objection

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I wish to object to the planned changes, to build houses on the field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

I have lived in Bradwell for the majority of my life and have used this field for nearly 40years. As a child I played on the park and the field. Now as an adult my family uses the field on a daily basis, to walk our dog and our son will ride his bike on the field.

There has clearly been no investment at the park over the years. It would appear to the locals that there has been a plan to run down the area so that less people use it and therefore less people to oppose the plans to make the council money by selling the land. Even though the park area is getting run down, this land is still regularly used. Which is testament to the needs of the local users of the field.

I can see in the plans that a token park will remain but the greenspace will be practical zero further reducing any greenbelt in the local area. This small space would not be suitable for any suitable recreational activities for families and children or a well balanced dog walk, where dogs and their owners can get adequate exercise, socialize and meet other's safely.

Local Infrastructure

The additional houses will bring additional needs for school and doctors etc, the local school is already oversubscribed and although expanding, the land opposite the school has had attempts to build houses. If anything, this land would better suit housing as it is unsuitable for walking on in autumn and winter, as it becomes extremely boggy. The local doctors also seem to be at full capacity.

The field is the only safe space locally

As a female dog owner, this is the only place locally I feel safe walking alone with my dog, where he is allowed off his lead. I, like many other females locally, do not feel safe walking alone in the woodland area due to inadequate police patrolling in areas with known issues surrounding Bradwell woods. Areas within Bradwell Woods are avoided by locals due to it being a known cruising area. It is also the only fenced off field locally where dogs can be suitably trained and quietly walked based on suitable guidance to a dog owner. Removing will force more owners on the streets leading to further issues with fowling.

The field is well used

This field is used everyday by my family. I walk our dog on the weekend, and my husband takes him during the week. This Sunday morning, whilst I walked my dog for 1h30 round the field, in that time, I counted 11 dogs and 13 adults, plus 4 walkers and a runner using the field to its full advantage.

Last Saturday, I walked my dog also for 1h30 in that time I saw 10 dogs and 12 adults walking them, plus 1 child using the park, 4 adults walking and a runner.

The field is not only used by Bradwell residents

This field represents the green space available in Bradwell, it is certainly one important element of why I (as many others) chose to live in Bradwell. However, the field is not just used by Bradwell residents, I know dog walkers who come from Porthill due to the lack of green space in their area.

Environmental Impact

The loss of this green space will mean that people with dogs will either need to drive somewhere increasing local pollution or resort to street walking with their dog. Street walking dogs does not allow dogs/puppies to socialise correctly. Lockdown has resulted in a huge increase in puppies, and this field is the best place for dogs to socialise with other dogs. The loss of the huge field could result in a lot more unruly dogs in the area. Dog walkers could also increasingly start to use the crematorium, as a means to exercise, which I am sure would not be ideal for the crematorium.

Also, by building houses on our green space it will bring more people to our local area, with less green space for them to use and resulting in over population.

This will also reduce house prices in the area due to a reduction of greenbelt which is always a selling point to any buyer. With this the area will result in being less sought after and become another statistic for an undesirable area in the local county.

Council Unfair and Underhanded Strategy

I feel the council has been very strategic in the timing of these plans. Choosing to do so over winter and whilst there is a pandemic on, local residents are unable to canvas support due to restrictions being placed on the county with social distancing and not being able to attend any formal meetings. Many people are unable to go out of their homes due to the pandemic or may only be able to use the field in summer and therefore may not be aware of the loss of the field, until it is too late. The council should consider this when assessing the level of objections made as I feel this underhand timing has made it very difficult and challenging to oppose.

Money Making Exercise

I feel that this is clearly a money making exercise for the local council, as the plans ensure there are additional funds over, rather than reducing spending and addressing the budgetary issues they are choosing to sell off our green space, a long term loss for a short term gain. The local council is wanting to sell off the crown jewels of Bradwell. The council is already selling off additional land in the local area for residential development off the A34 north of Bradwell Hospital, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 8JH.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 11:59

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Bradwell crematorium

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From:

Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2021 at 11:56

Subject:

To: propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

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We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 22 January 2021 09:22

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell Development

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Good Morning,

As a resident of Hillport Avenue, I am writing to state my objection of the proposed development adjacent to Bradwell crematorium.

Not only will this take away much needed green space from the community but my main concern is the volume of traffic short cutting down Hillport Avenue.

This road already resembles a racetrack following the building of a new estate some years ago, following which the value of properties significantly decreased in Hillport Avenue.

Yours faithfully

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 16:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hi, I'd like to let you know that I am strongly against the proposed plans to build on the green space in Bradwell. As a local resident I feel that it will have a terrible effect on the local community and wildlife. Please respond to me if you wish to discuss it further.

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 10:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hi

I'm writing to heavily emphasise my (and the rest of Bradwells) strong objection to your plans on Bradwell green and the crematorium.

Whilst I appreciate the need for housing, I don't think this is the best use of space.

The road down to the crematorium when there are large funerals on is ridiculous, causing issues for residents. Adding more houses here will not only cause more issues, but is a real safety concern as a lot of children walk down and play on that road. Moreover, you're essentially over crowding an already crowded estate. Mark my words there will be an increase in road accidents due to this and not only will you devalue the area, you will cause a lot of friction and people moving away from the area.

The green space is a foundation for the community here, and is used daily by hundreds of dog walkers and recreational users. Cutting this space will be damaging for the community and users.

Do not go ahead with this, please consider other more suitable sites with less disruption.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 14:46

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Crematorium Development

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I object to the crematorium development

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From: **Sent:** 24 February 2021 12:30

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Crematorium

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I object to the Crematorium development.

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From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 14:25

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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----- Forwarded message -----

From:

To: propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

Sent: Friday, 15 January 2021, 14:17:32 GMT

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council
Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue, Hillport Avenue, Arnold Grove and Bradwell Lane, more housing will bring more traffic which is not supportive to healthy communities. Increased traffic to the area will not only impact on the environment but also in the noise pollution in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing, not to mention the increased safety concerns to pedestrians.
- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment in fact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years, how can the council state in their marketing materials that there is a good regular bus service when in fact there isn't.
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Regards

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From:

Sent: 21 January 2021 17:23

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Hoon Avenue Housing Development

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to raise objection to the proposed Hoon Avenue Housing Development.

This project is earmarked to be constructed on a valuable piece of green land used by many residents in the Milehouse/ Wolstanton area.

It is a popular space for a variety of different residents, from dog walkers, children, to the elderly. This area is even more valuable in the time of a pandemic when regular, local exercise is crucial for our community.

A lot of residents use this land regularly and it is vital to our community to lose it would have a detrimental impact.

This piece of land is also home to many species of animals including hedgehogs which are classified as vulnerable to extinction. Building on it would have a massive environmental impact and a huge effect on the local wildlife

The current road infrastructure would also not cope with increased traffic, Milehouse lane is already a very busy road. Any housing development would also present more danger to the pupils attending wolstanton high school, which is in close proximity. I also wonder if this is against the Councils own clean air targets?

The catchment primary school for this area is Hempstalls, which is currently already well oversubscribed. More housing would increase the pressure on the local schools, doctors and dentists, which are already full.

Where are the amenities to accommodate new residents?

Perhaps there are brown field sites that could be utilised for the building of new homes.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 13:23

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: I Object - Crematorium Development

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Dear Sirs

I object to the Crematorium development.

The green area is greatly used by all members of the public even more so over the last 12 months, it is a great green space for all families for exercise and relaxation and for wellbeing purposes.

This area also homes a wide range of wildlife which would also be a great loss.

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From:

Sent: 21 January 2021 17:27

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: I OBJECT - Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Importance: High

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Sent: 24 February 2021 13:41

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Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

I object to the redevelopment of the field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

Bradwell does not need anymore housing as this is already densely populated.

There are already existing traffic problems within the area, this would only worsen the issue. Increased traffic could result in a decline in people's health and wellbeing within the area.

There is currently NO GP surgery in Bradwell. It is already a struggle to get an appointment at the surgeries in Wolstanton. With more housing, more residents this will only get worse.

There are 2 primary schools within the area. More housing brings forth more children. Where will these children be educated or will the schools continue to be oversubscribed. What effect does that have on the children's education.

Bus routes- Bradwell has not had a decent bus route for years. Not everyone drives.

Where will children play? Taking away the field will force them to be on the streets. This may cause an increase in anti social behaviour as there will be nowhere for the children to go to play/burn off energy. For years the field has been used for dog walking, exercise, football on a Sunday and during the week, kids camping. Where will they go?

This green space is needed for fresh air and exercise for everyone to enjoy.

As an alternative could the space already within the crematorium be used more effectively?

Regards

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From:

Sent: 22 January 2021 16:06

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Regards,

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Sent: 23 January 2021 12:30

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>;

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Sent: 22 January 2021 16:19

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to bradwell crematorium

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From:

Sent: 22 January 2021 13:21

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Please find attached our letter of objection to this land being developed on.

Save Bradwell Green Space

Save Bradwell's Green Space
savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

4th January 2021

Louise Beeby – Property Manager, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council

SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Councillors of Newcastle under Lyme

We write to you to highlight our concerns about and **objection** to the proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

An overview of our concerns;

- Loss of only remaining green space in Bradwell
- Adverse impact to local residents mental health and wellbeing
- Increased traffic congestion and increased pollution
- Infrastructure overload for local schools and amenities
- Reasoning behind the site selection

Bradwell is a densely populated area with approximately 7000 residents. Over recent years there have been continuous housing development projects which have led to the demise of green space access within this area. There is now only one remaining green space that is well used by our community, the field that you are planning to redevelop for housing. Bradwell is disproportionately developed in relation to other areas of the Borough and already an over developed ward. How would this development benefit the people of Bradwell? We already have an online petition with over 1100 signatures.

Public Heath England released its '*Improving access to greenspace*' in March 2020. It highlights how green spaces are an essential requirement to support resident's health and wellbeing. They mention how green spaces can reduce health and social care costs, reduce health inequalities, promote social cohesion and support positive action to address climate change. All of these are major issues in the Bradwell area, which means we have a duty to take a proactive approach and look at solutions that do not take away our precious green space. The Council should be investing in our local green space and support the national Government with this initiative. The report recommends that local councils should look at green spaces as critical assets and invest in their future. There would be increased pollution from this proposed development and no green space, reduced trees, and plants to sequester or absorb carbon in the atmosphere in the form of CO2.

The social demographics of Bradwell indicate that many people live on low incomes. If we lose this green space then families would not have a playing field within walking distance. This is a well used space by people that may not have cars or the money to take their families to paid attractions during their leisure time. During Lockdown this field is used so well by families, groups and walkers. It was a lifeline to many.

A huge concern currently by local residents is the traffic in Bradwell. It is a talking point that all residents feel strongly about and are concerned. The roads are heavily congested from Porthill bank across First Avenue and Hillport Avenue. This area is considered a 'rat run' to avoid Bradwell Lane. Arnold Grove is a terribly busy road already without further development. This is likely to increase in usage once Basford Bank is closed. Most high school children are not within walking distance to their school. Bus routes have been slashed. There are no doctors surgeries in Bradwell, residents use neighbouring practices in in Wolstanton and Chesterton and they are already struggling to cope with demand. There is no other primary care available to the residents of Bradwell. There are no gyms in Bradwell or places to exercise. The local infrastructure is failing the people already in this area without expanding the population further.

The field adjacent to the crematorium which is being considered for redevelopment is an area frequently used by the people of our community. You can find children playing on the field and in the park, numerous people walking their dogs or just getting fresh air and socialising interacting with others. We have an 80-year-old gentleman who litter picks on the field every evening, children's football teams training in warmer months and Dads and their Sons practicing their golf skills. Even though the area has been neglected by the council and the facilities are

run down the area is still well used. The green space is a true asset to the people of Bradwell and should it be lost we fear the health and wellbeing of the community will be affected.

We understand there is some need for the Crematoriums parking to be redesigned but we feel other options should be considered first rather than taking a large chunk of well used green space. Very rarely is the existing car park full and residents accept that there are times when the surrounding estate roads will be used to park. The proposals refer to taking some of the green space for future burial sites, however on surveying the crematorium site there is potential to use areas within the grounds in a more effective way. There has been an introduction of headstones being used on burial plots which clearly uses more space than before, is this a sustainable idea for the future if space is so limited? We would be happy to share our thoughts on how carparking and burial plots could be improved without taking away our precious green space should you wish to hear them.

We ask that before you make your decision about our green space please come and speak to us. We feel that developing on this land will be detrimental to our community and going against everything that the government are saying about green spaces. You will hear the stories of how lifelong friendships have been forged by meeting on the field and how children can play for hours in a safe environment, which is something we all want for our children and future generations. If the field were not used, we would not be complaining but it is a valued part of our community which we want to secure for future generations.

As a residents group we do not oppose reasonable plans to expand the Crematorium if it is proven that it is fully utilised and expansion is the only way forward. We do however not support such a large scale housing development on our only green space which would place more pressure on our over developed community and bring no benefit to local people only unhappiness.

Kindest Regards

Save Bradwell's Green Space

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From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 18:37

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruim

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Regards

From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 08:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 14:59

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: Cooper, Jennifer (Cllr) <Jennifer.Cooper@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; Fox-Hewitt, Andrew (Cllr) <Andrew.Fox-Hewitt@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Ms Beeby

I am writing to object in the strongest terms to the proposal to build on greenfield land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium. I am representing myself and also my mother, who lives in Hillport Avenue. What is most shocking about this outrageous plan is the

complete disregard to the needs of the local people for a place to exercise and enjoy the environment. This really is a classic case of selling the family silver to supposedly address a need when you are just using it as an excuse to solve a short term financial problem. I can think of no other local open space nearby where people can walk, play football, exercise their dogs and lots of other healthy activities. The government is telling us all to exercise more but in this proposal you are actively discouraging this. It's not as if you haven't got enough empty brownfield space to build on in places like Newcastle centre. You are also proposing to remove a beautiful area of maturing woodland at a time when there is a great effort to plant more trees. It would also put an unacceptable load on the infrastructure - Hillport Avenue already has far too much traffic. I am concerned that the tone of the letter suggests that it is a 'done deal' and the consultation relates only to practical matters. My mother and her neighbours were completely unaware of the proposal prior to this letter.

Put simply, what you are proposing is environmental vandalism which will be opposed in every way possible. I hope you cancel this ill-judged action which will reflect very badly on the council.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 27 January 2021 13:15

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to development of the field in Broadwell

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Hello,

I am writing to object to the development plans for the field next to the park in Bradwell. I have lived just off the field in Hillport Avenue all of my life and I have seen first hand how vital the space is to the local community. The space provides somewhere to exercise and somewhere for people to walk their dogs. I know for a fact that a lot of people in the surrounding streets have limited mobility and some disabilities, my parents included. Take this space away and you take away their only usable space as they do not have the means to drive or travel to another accessible area. In addition to this, the traffic on Hillport Avenue has gotten worse since the speed bumps were added to Bradwell Lane and adding more houses to the area will only make this worse.

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From: Sent: 26 January 2021 10:41

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to proposed development of Bradwell Green Space

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Good morning

I am contacting you in regards to the proposed development of the green space in Bradwell, connected to the Crematorium.

My husband and I live on Cheswardine Road, very close to this area and feel very strongly that this would significantly impact our lives.

One of the reasons we purchased our house was because of the quietness of the area which would be affected by the development.

It will also lead to more traffic pollution combined with busier roads.

We hope to one day have children and to lose the green space for them to play would be a great shame.

We sincerely hope you can reconsider this proposal and look for an alternative solution.

Kind regards

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 23 January 2021 14:35

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Our field

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

During this pandemic Newcastle Borough Council seem to be ploughing through plans to take away what few green spaces we have, particularly in Bradwell, Porthill & Wolstanton.

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

Because of the COVID-19 virus our only means of communication is virtual. This rules out a whole group of people who do not use social media & given the number of bungalows / flats in the Bradwell area, there are a lot of elderly people who would oppose the development but don't use the technology that's needed to voice their objections.

We cannot use a paper petition during these times.

Such decisions, affect so many people's lives in so many ways and should not be made during a pandemic.

It seems that what has become a lifeline to many, during these difficult times, is being taken away from our community with little consultation.

Yours faithfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 17 January 2021 19:55

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Application Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to Object to the Planning Application to build on one of the very few the Green Open Spaces we have left in the area, this one right next to Bradwell Crematorium! 150 New Houses, that's at least 300+ to 600+ extra people, probably at least 150+ to 300+ Extra Vehicles of all kinds! The roads in Bradwell are already congested! Arnold Grove is already being used as a cut through to Porthill Bank and the A500, using Hillport Avenue and First or Second Avenue, making this area extremely busy most of the day! This from very early, 4am onwards in the morning till late at night, 11pm, 7 days a week! Cars of residents already double parked all the way down Arnold Grove, 7 days a week as well as most other roads in this direct area! Public Transports a complete and utter joke in Bradwell, with No Services on Sundays or Bank Holidays, it's as if Residents don't have to go to work on those days! Add two access roads one off Arnold Grove and the other off Chatterley Close, probably directly opposite Cheswardine Road, is absolutely crazy!

The infrastructure cannot continue to be used and abused like this! Most drivers already appear not to know there's a 30 mph limit on these roads as it is! Add an extra 300+ vehicles on top of these already very busy roads, which are getting busier and busier already, without those extra 300+ vehicles from a new estate, is a clear recipe for disaster and without doubt more accidents! There have been plenty of accidents over the years on Arnold Grove and the Roundabout at the end of Arnold Grove, Riceyman Road over the years, adding even more vehicles unnecessarily makes no sense whatsoever! The local infrastructure also just cannot continue maintain all these extra people, schools, shops, Drs Surgeries! It's time for common sense to prevail, if as it appears we need more homes, why not compulsory purchase the very many empty and those poorly maintained homes that are throughout the Borough! Problem solved!

Regards

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From:

Sent: 17 January 2021 16:20

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning permission objection

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

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From: Sent: 27 January 2021 13:57
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: PLANS TO DEVELOP FIELD NEXT TO BRADWELL CREMATORIUM

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection to plans to build new houses on the recreation field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

The field is needed for recreation and much used by many of the local residents.

It will also add traffic noise and traffic air pollution to neighbouring roads and homes. For example many people from Bradwell, when travelling by vehicle to Burslem, Hanley, Stoke, or onto the southbound A500, do so via Porthill Bank. This is already one of the worst roads in the Borough for air pollution and congestion. A large new development in Bradwell will only add to this problem.

Regards,

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 21:08

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed crematorium development - Bradwell.

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am sending this email to voice my strong objection to the proposed crematorium development In Bradwell. Based on the plans set out I believe this will cause havoc on the roads and create additional safety issues. Further to these concerns i and many people within community value the open green space for dog walking and for children to enjoy the outdoor open fields to play.

Best Regards.

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From:

Sent: 19 January 2021 20:03

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed redevelopment Bradwell

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We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 11:49

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as I am concerned about the plans to remove Bradwell's green space by the crematorium, to instead be used as housing and a carpark.

As I walk from my house, the nearest green space is Bradwell woods and the surrounding field area by the Crematorium (my house actually overlooks the field by the crematorium). There is nothing, within walking distance, that replicates this green space - and that is a huge concern.

I use the green space regularly, which is used by families, dog walkers, children, teenagers, fitness groups and I'm sure others that I am unaware of too. Whilst the plans show that Bradwell woods will remain (which is a hive of natural wildlife so the thought of that being removed is devastating), it is the woods that provide a space for antisocial behaviour - regular used by motorbikes and quadbikes, littered with alcohol and drug paraphernalia, making it a

space that I cannot safely use when I'm on my own. The large, green space by the crematorium is a safe space where there is no antisocial behaviour; to take this away from the hundreds of people that use it regularly, is just simply awful.

My other concern is the road links to the crematorium and the planned housing. First Avenue/ Hillport Avenue is tight enough as it is with all the parked cars and traffic - and is the direct link to the A500. To get direct links to the A34, roads such as Bursley Way and Cardway, again, have many cars parked on the side of the roads (and a school on Bursley way) which is a huge concern for traffic (and potential accidents) when you have more people walking on the roads as the green space would be taken, and more traffic due to more housing.

All in all, removing the green space in Bradwell is a big worry. There are plenty of spaces that the local councils could use to build housing if this is needed - what about all the brown space in Middleport/Longport and along the A500 towards Stoke? These are not spaces used by people to exercise and for mental health, yet could easily be built on for housing without causing safety and mental health concerns.

I await your reply eagerly, in the hope you will be able to give me some peace of mind.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 27 January 2021 14:18

To: savebradwellgreendpwce@gmail.com; propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: save our field

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To whom it may concern,

Having seen the plans to build more house around the crematorium in Bradwell, I would like to raise my objection please.

I live in Melvyn Crescent off First Avenue, and would like to oppose more building due to traffic issues which are already a nuisance along First Avenue and Hillport Avenue already, as this is used as a thoroughfare already, due to the humps in the road in Bradwell Lane.

Apart from this the local doctors would be over-run with new patients, we can't get an appointment as it is, and also potentially class sizes would increase in the local primary schools.

Yours sincerely

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 16:35

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save our green space bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I object to the building of houses /crem extension opposite our house I don't like the idea of facing a junction it will cause traffic problems and parking problems. Lose the view and the freedom for walks exercise etc. It's the we have lived and this will spoil things for a lot of people in this community

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From: propertydept

Sent: 25 January 2021 12:26

To:

Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED/ORG] FW: Planning proposal Chatterley Close Bradwell

[Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational]

Good Afternoon

Thank you for your email.

We are required consult with all the residents of properties adjacent to the land, for residents who's for properties that are not adjacent to the land, notices have been placed at the entrances and at the playground.

I have attached a copy of the letter sent for your information.

With Regards

The Property Team

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 13:28

To: PlanningDMSupport <PlanningDMSupport@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning proposal Chatterley Close Bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

It has recently come to my attention of the proposed change of land use of the above green space. I live on Hillport avenue overlooking the crematorium field and am concerned that my residence being directly affected by the proposal has not as yet had any written communication from your department, whilst the houses on the other side of the road have. Is this some kind of under hand measure to try to keep opposition of these plans to a minimum by only informing about 10% of the residences affected? I am looking forward to your departments response, I also shall be writing to my MP over the matter.

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From: Se

Sent: 20 February 2021 10:46

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space - Objection to Development

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Hi Property Dept at N-u-L Borough Council,

I am writing to lodge my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed extension of Bradwell Crematorium and sell-off of important community green space, for yet more housing development.

I am local resident (living in Hanbridge Avenue, Bradwell) who makes regular use of that green space as a valued local asset for exercise, socialising, wellbeing and accessing quietness of nature for relaxation and mental health.

I also run a local social enterprise (business address based in Bradwell) called Human-Nature Escapes CIC (Community Interest Company). 'Human-Nature' is a not-for-profit community project which connects people to nature and local green space for improved wellbeing and positive mental health. Our group knows from its own 'lived experience' the important wellbeing and mental health benefits of very local and accessible green spaces.

Our project also offers support to community groups fighting against the loss of green space and has been pro-active in supporting the action group making progress in preventing development on Berryhill Fields (Stoke-on-Trent Council). We are well connected to many other green space and environmental organisations which serve to protect nature and green space.

We are now offering our voice and support to the 'Save Bradwell's Green Space' Action Group in campaigning against this proposed development, and may reach out to seek the support from other campaign groups locally, regionally and across the UK, to help safeguard Bradwell Field.

Escalating this campaign action would potentially damage the reputation of N-u-L Borough Council in respect of whether it's doing its best to protect green space and the wellbeing its local citizens.

I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

1) Continual loss of green space in Bradwell & Over-Development of Housing:

Bradwell has already lost considerable green space and playing fields capacity due to new housing development. Significant green space was lost with the development of new housing on the former Bradwell High School site, additional new housing at Old Hall Drive and N-u-L Borough Council currently already has green space playing field land up for sale on the A34 (to the rear of Sun Academy School, Bradwell). This increases local resident numbers, puts ever-increasing pressure on roads and local services, whilst at the same time reducing the available green space resource left for leisure and wellbeing for the ever-increasing local population.

2) Plenty of Spare Crematorium Capacity:

I've personally reviewed the land available as burial site at Bradwell Crematorium, there is no shortage of land capacity. Ashes burial requires very little space and burials do not need a formal headstone (taking space). There is a huge amount of land area to the south of the site, which is yet to be utilised for any burials, which is just natural landscape. There's also huge swathes of garden/grassed areas with massive spare capacity. There is scope for extending car parking within the existing perimeter of the Crematorium. I have advised the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group to do a formal analysis of the land area to prove that the existing site has many more decades of space still available. Maybe an independent professional land surveyor could assess this capacity to prove this is the case and confirm that this is simply being used as an excuse to sell-off adjacent green space for housing. (Additional over-spill car parking could also be secured by acquiring un-used land adjacent to the water supply tank on the nearby water authority land).

3) Proposal Goes Against 'Levelling-Up':

In other parts of Newcastle Borough, 'Levelling-Up' Towns Funding is placing specific emphasis on priority projects which support community health and wellbeing, leisure, sport and green spaces - in Kildgrov.

Both Kildgrov and Newcastle have been identified as target areas for Towns Fund investment. It does not make any sense that in one of the ear-marked Towns Fund areas, the council are investing on leisure, wellbeing and green space initiatives for the benefit of the Kildgrov Community, whilst at the same time proposing to take away existing green space/leisure assets for from the Bradwell (Newcastle) Community. This is not 'Levelling-Up' it's actually 'Levelling-Down' (taking away). I think there is a strong case of emphasising this point through our local MP's.

The proposal is not 'build back better', it's 'build back worse'!

4) Feasibility and Risk:

The proposed development site has significant technical difficulties for building new housing. We understand that there is major underground mains drinking water supply pipeline serving a huge area of Newcastle.

This should make the land unsuitable, or at least very costly (and possibly cost prohibitive) and therefore unattractive to a property developer. I would urge the action group to contact the water company, to assess the costs, risks, feasibility and suitability of this land for development and whether they have concerns over the risk of this proposed development.

5) Safety Risk - Construction Traffic:

The proposed new housing development is in a well developed residential area, very close to Bursley Academy (Primary & Nursery School) as well as a Community Centre. Construction traffic would pose a risk to the safety of parents and children making their way from residential areas to the school and community facilities.

6) Plenty of Spare Capacity for New Housing in Newcastle Town Centre:

We understand the need for good quality housing and accept this presents a challenge for councils against government targets for new housing.

Currently there is considerable new apartment housing being developed (and remaining partially built) in Newcastle Town Centre, right opposite your new Headquarters building. Wouldn't it make more sense to complete this partially built dwellings rather than taking away green space?

Also, we have seen a marked increase in the vacant shop/retail/office premises in the town centre (especially Newcastle). This is only likely to increase as a consequence of the pandemic and more home/on-line working. Surely it makes more sense to convert vacant shops/retail/office premises in the town centre on existing occupied land, rather than taking away green space from local communities. This would have the added benefit of re-imagining and re-vitalising our town centres, which are now at serious risk of becoming ghost-towns. More residents living directly in the town centre would increase footfall and spending in the remain shops/retail, preserving future business rate income for the council.

8) Importance of Local Green Space for Wellbeing, Wildlife & Climate Change:

Lastly our project will shortly be working on a '15 Minute City' concept with local students, academics and local citizens. This will analyse a model of how residents/communities can walk or cycle to all the local assets and facilities they need within a 15 minute time frame. Taking away very local green space flies in the face of these concepts which would address climate change and result in happier healthier neighbourhoods and help the council meet their climate change objectives and promises. Removing access to very local community green spaces like Bradwell Field, forces people to use their cars and travel to green space further afield - in all likelihood Westport Lake, which already has capacity issues and parking problems impacting local residents.

Continual loss of green space also has an impact on wildlife at a time when we are facing massive biodiversity loss. It discourages wildlife entering our urban areas, and blocks passage of wildlife through and across our urban centres.

We believe these are strong and indisputable arguments against the proposed development and loss of vitally important green space which currently enhances the wellbeing, appeal and enjoyment of living in Bradwell, Newcastle and helps us as residents lead flourishing, healthy lives.

Could you (and the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group) please acknowledge receipt of this email as my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed development and loss of local community green space.

Regards,

Councillor Andrew Fox-Hewitt
Bradwell and Porthill Ward
Newcastle-Under-Lyme
09-01-2021

Louise Beeby – Property Manager, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council
SENT VIA EMAIL

Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Louise

I write further to your correspondence dated 26th November 2020 where you sought the views / representations of local residents, community groups and local ward councillors. In response I wish to record my own views based on dialogue with a large number of residents since the proposals were published by the council cabinet.

The proposals have generated a large vocal response by local residents, whom have been unanimous in their opposition to the plans.

Residents generally support a small expansion of the Crematorium to enable sufficient capacity in the future in terms of burials and remembrance. The expansion of the car park has drawn numerous questions as many have commented that the car park is very rarely full and this is something I have also witnessed on each occasion I have visited the crematorium.

The element of the proposals which have not drawn any support are the plans and redevelopment being linked to the selling off of land for what appears to be large scale housing. This is also something that I unequivocally oppose.

The land next to the crematorium is a well-used community asset, with dog walkers, children, parent and toddler groups and local sports teams all using the green space. As you will be aware, Bradwell is already overdeveloped, indeed it is the largest ward by population and density in the whole borough. This is the only green space for community use.

Urban green spaces reduce the UHI effect by providing shade and by cooling the air through the process of evapotranspiration. Overall, urban green spaces take in more carbon than they return to the atmosphere. Greenspace is multifunctional – it provides social, economic and environmental benefits

The importance of green spaces on air pollution cannot be overstated. Trees and plants “sequester,” or absorb, carbon from the atmosphere in the form of CO₂. Urban green spaces relieve the effects of what is referred to as the ‘urban heat island’. The urban heat island effect appears in towns and cities that are highly populated. It refers to the heat that’s generated from houses, shops, industrial buildings, vehicles and people simply living their day-to-day lives in close proximity. Unfortunately, the buildings, pathways and roads prevent the heat from rising into the atmosphere. This means that the temperature increases within the city, sometimes by 34-37,5° F, in comparison to surrounding rural areas.

The effects on mental health is also a fundamental objective consideration when deciding on whether to support these proposals. Urban green spaces, such as parks, playgrounds, and residential greenery, can promote mental and physical health, and reduce morbidity and mortality in urban residents by providing psychological relaxation and stress alleviation, stimulating social cohesion, supporting physical activity, and reducing exposure to air pollutants, noise and excessive heat.

Finally, a large number of residents have been clear that this land was gifted to the people of Bradwell by the Land owner (George Poole) to be used in perpetuity. Put simply it is not viewed as the Councils land to ‘sell off’.

You will be aware that within 7 days of these proposals being published, a community petition was launched on the ‘Change.org’ platform with more than 1100 signatories.

It is for the reasons above that I cannot support the proposals as I do not believe they are in the best interests of the local community and hope that they are withdrawn in earnest.

I would be grateful if you would record this as my formal response to the consultation.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew

Cllr Andrew Fox-Hewitt

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 17:10

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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It is a big part of the community and for the council to take that away will have a massive negative effect on the local community. There are very few other local fields in the area that the community could use if this were to disappear to build new houses on and I do not agree with this going ahead.

The need for outdoor recreational space is even more important given the current difficult times and as parents it is so important for these amenities to be left available for our children to enjoy.

I sincerely hope that this project does not go ahead and hope that you take note of the local community.

I would like for you to keep me informed with this subject.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 17:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

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Sent: 21 May 2021 10:16
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED] FW:

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Sent: 24 February 2021 13:31
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I object to the crematorium development,

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To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject:

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Bradwell green space.

Dear sir.

I would like to object to the councils plans to build on the Bradwell green space this is the only field in Bradwell that residents can walk there dogs and exercise, the area already suffers from the D road on one side. The area is already built up and there are no parks in the area for residents to get some fresh air. Over the last 20 years there has been a considerable build up of houses in the area and a further development in this area would be detrimental to the health of people living in the area especially the elder generation.

Yours sincerely

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 10:33

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject:

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Dear whomever this concerns

The fact remains that Bradwell is a **VERY HIGHLY AND DENSELY** populated area already. **VERY LIMITED GREEN SPACE**

Schools are limited, no doctors surgeries close by.

The roads for the most part are narrow and (when you think about the considerable amount of vehicular traffic that use these roads) **dangerous**.

Now thinking about the density of the population, in the main each of these properties has a car or two or even 3 or 4. A lot of these vehicles are camper vans , motor homes, WORK VEHICLES (which I should think should be parked at place of work, not on residential land), small wagons and all sorts.

Everybody does not have off road parking, so a lot are parked on the road or the footpath or the grass verges. This can make walking on the footpath dangerous. There a lot of people with children in buggies up and down these so called FOOTPATHS also the elderly and people in wheelchairs. Even those that have parking space choose to park anywhere but.

Arnold Grove is a main bus route and extremely busy, and since the traffic calming was put in on Bradwell Lane the traffic flow has increased considerably as people are using it to avoid the humps on Bradwell Lane, shortcutting to the 500. Besides which it is like a race track, because cars are up and down regularly, at a lot more than 30 mph.

I have also heard (I don't know details) that there have been crested newts seen there. There are bodies of water in the surrounding area, so this is possible. And there are some in Chesterton which is close by. If this is the case they and the surrounding environment are protected. It is against the law to kill, injure or disturb them.

This needs to be taken into consideration

Regarding the Crem. The car park stands empty most of the time so what is the point in making it bigger than it already is?

The only time it is used is for funerals, not all day every day.

It would be better if the council didn't spend so much of OUR money on white elephants, they would probably be in pocket now instead of doing something else that nobody wants.

These things need to be discussed with taxpayers at the outset, not when everything is almost settled

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I object to the crematorium development,

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From:

Sent: 13 January 2021 21:39

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crem field

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good evening.

Having read your proposal for the above green open space, you make the plans look so attractive.

What about the disruption to the directly affected residents ? I.e

All the noise , dust , dust and vibration to our houses which are pre fabricated and any movement to this kind of property will cause a lot of damage which due to the current situation people would not be able to afford to have put right, these houses were not meant to still be standing as

they were built quickly after the war, hence why the council houses have had alterations on them to update them and the people who bought them could not afford to have the work done.

The roads around this area are not meant for big heavy trucks that will be going to and from the site for months, hillport avenue and arnold grove have a lot of parked cars so that you have to keep stopping to give the right of way, the streets are congested now without any more houses been built up here. the pavements are shocking, they hold water and the tarmac has worn off, they have not been resurfaced for years.

The public transport in Bradwell is a joke, who wants to go to Congleton from here? I don't think you can get to Hanley without going to Newcastle first.

Please tell me in 30 years time when the crem is near capacity again, where will you extend it to? As you would have sold off the green space that could have been used to extend again.

My right of way into the field after 45 years access into the field will no longer exist if these houses are built,

We have no dentists, doctors, high schools here in Bradwell, so where will all these other people go for these services as the ones we use now are overflowing and the services are not fit for purpose as it is.

We as a community do not want any more houses up here, I know money talks and this will go through, if the council didn't waste money and ran the organisation properly and didn't waste money you wouldn't be looking for ways to raise money to get other things upgraded and extended that have been neglected over the years.

I dread to think what the pollution readings will be with new houses, more cars on the road, the crem burning and the traffic off the A500. We as a community are ready for a fight to stop this going ahead,

Kind regards

A upset resident

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From: Planning Applications <planningapplications@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 February 2021 10:09

To: Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED] Bradwell Crem

[Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED**]

Hi Please find attached an objection to the Bradwell Crem

Regards

Assistant Support Officer
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crematorium expansion

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Good afternoon.

I would like to log an objection to the Bradwell Crematorium development proposal.

Kind regards,

Bradwell resident

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From:

Sent: 21 February 2021 08:43

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crematorium proposal

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Morning,

I wish to inform you of my strong objection to your proposals in relation to Bradwell crematorium field.

My concern and objection not only arises as a resident but also as a public health nurse.

The community of Bradwell has little in the way of beauty. Taking away the field will add to this further.

The field provides the community with an escapism from this. Your sense of well being through meeting others, seeing your children play or taking your dog for a walk is restored in all seasons by a walk on this field.

This is beneficial for everyone's physical emotional and mental health needs within a community known to have poorer mental health, higher levels of deprivation and lower life expectancy than other areas with the Borough of Newcastle Under Lyme.

Furthermore, I remain concerned about the impact your proposals will have upon our already over stretched local G.P and educational service provision.

I trust that you will take my objection seriously when considering your plans. Yours faithfully

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 19:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crematorium

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I object to the development of Bradwell crematorium

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From:

Sent: 31 January 2021 11:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell field

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Dear property department

My late father has a bench at the children's play area dedicated to the hard work he did as a Councillor for Bradwell to keep green spaces for the people of Bradwell. This was done with a quality life drive for residents in the area to build on these green spaces is a travesty and goes against everything he fought for. If anything should ever be built on the crem field it should be a new high school and a doctors surgery something the area really needs and could be used to bring various age groups together like the old High school did. It's no use building more houses without facilities that is the reason my family feel this is not an acceptable planning application for the field if these plans do go ahead I want the bench to be returned to us not just thrown in a skip.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 13:21

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell field developments

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14 January 2021

Property Department
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Dear Sirs/Madam

Proposed Developments at Bradwell Crematorium/fields

I am writing to oppose the building of houses on the fields adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium. Our local population have very few green spaces around us. We have always enjoyed walking and playing games here and during this last year it has been a God-send for our mental health to be able to get out to somewhere where there are trees and grass. We are being encouraged to get out and get active but where can we if you take our fields?

Building a new housing complex will add to the traffic. Bradwell Crematorium has its own car park but on busy days every part of this location has cars in the streets. Building more houses will only add to this. The streets are narrow and there is hardly enough space for traffic corteges to pass each other. I predict there will be road traffic accidents if traffic is increased.

Taking our green spaces is an easy option for the council to find additional building sites. There must be other brown sites which are eyesores and could be used and developed for housing.

Yours faithfully
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From:
Sent: 01 February 2021 06:55
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell field

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Dear Sir/madam,

With reference to the planned development on Bradwell field I would like to raise my strong objections to these plans.

From a personal perspective, my dad lives near to these fields and uses them every day to take his dog for exercise. It's the only green space within walking distance. He's a pensioner who is recently widowed and it's not possible for him to walk for miles to find an alternative space to do this. He needs the

convenience of this nearby green space and has even mentioned he may have to move out of the area (and out of the house he lived in with my mum) if he no longer has anywhere nearby to exercise his dog. This will be extremely distressing for both him and the family if he is forced to do this especially since my mum is buried at Bradwell crematorium and dad wants to remain close to there.

Regardless of these very important personal reasons, I know that there is many local residents who use the field for exercise for both themselves, their children and their dogs. Especially in the past year when life has been so tough for everyone dealing with lockdown and the restrictions, it's even more important to have green spaces where people can exercise. For reasons of mental and physical health, green spaces are extremely important.

To take away the few remaining green areas and to remove such a valuable community resource, is very damaging. I would like you to really take the time to think about how something so simple would impact the lives of local residents. Many elderly people and children rely on these areas. To build more houses would mean more people living in an area without green space for the children and dogs to play on, making their lives more difficult when times are already so challenging.

I hope that you will consider an alternative siting for the housing you propose.

Yours faithfully,

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:28

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Field

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you to tell you I strongly OBJECT to the development that has been proposed to expand Bradwell crematorium and build new houses. You are taking away or green space as a community and also our schools in the area are already at breaking point. We don't have a GP surgery in the area and again the only local ones are hard enough to gain appointments without extra added overheads. Once again I would like to make it clear I OBJECT to any development that is being proposed in or around Bradwell crematorium.

Kind regards

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From:
Sent: 28 January 2021 17:06
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell fields

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Sir The plan to turn the fields at Bradwell into an extension to the Crem and to build houses and a car park is both thoughtless and selfish.
These fields have been used and enjoyed by many people for along time.To deprive children and adults of these facilities is against the principles of local government on behalf of the electorate and should not be allowed to take place

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 21:06

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Bradwell Green space / recreation ground - I object to the Crematorium and Housing Development.

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern,

I object to the Crematorium and Housing Development on Bradwell Green Space / recreation field.

I live at and the Bradwell Green space / recreation ground is a short walk away, and I use it on a daily basis to walk, and enjoy the open air and the views, it helps me to clear my mind and relax.

Local people use this land for walking, family time, children playing, exercise, running, etc, all activities which aid good mental health .

It is the only open and accessible area locally which can be used as such, as it is reasonably flat, the elderly, less mobile and people with children can all access it easily, whereas the woods are not accessible when it is wet, which is approx. 9 months of the year and become muddy, slippery and therefore too dangerous for these groups to access.

Also, the council has built on every other piece of green space locally, this increases traffic, pollution and demand on local health and social services which are already struggling to provide services to the local community.

We also have poor public transport links in the area, which forces people to travel in cars to get where they want to go.

This open area has been invaluable to local people since this pandemic started, and has been extremely well used by all who live locally.

The Crematorium does not require extra parking, the car park is very rarely full, and if busy, then cars do park on the access road which does not inconvenience local people. The proposal just postpones the inevitable as the Council will still need to build another Crematorium in approx. 20 years time – why not plan ahead for the future ? - rather than build on every little green space !

If this Development goes ahead, all that will be left is a postage stamp sized triangular bit of Green where locals can sit on a bench and look at a small landscaped area, which is too small to be used for anything else !

Please do not build on this land !

Yours Sincerely,

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From:

Sent: 03 February 2021 19:17

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell green space

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I object to you building on our fields, when I was growing up we had the fields around twiggy's farm to play in, you built a housing estate on it & old people's home, we had a cricket ground & pavilion, you built a housing estate on it, I went to school at bradwell high guess what you built a housing estate on it. Could you just leave us some green space to enjoy as well as the woods which are being encroached on from the under pass of the A500, & don't suggest I use the marsh, why when I've a perfectly good green space 5 minutes away, the crematorium certainly doesn't need extra parking & I will probably end up in the crematorium one day along with my parents & grandparents who are already there & they aren't taking much room up! Generations have played on that park, football teams train on the grass, people like myself walk our dogs there chat with friends. No thanks I don't want to look at another estate, I like the green of the grass & trees not to mention the wildlife I get to see, if you build on it, it will all be lost forever

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From:

Sent: 11 February 2021 11:44

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green Space Re-Development

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I object to the re-development of land next to Bradwell Crematorium.

This is one of the only green spaces left in Bradwell and Newcastle in general. There are several brown field sites that are a complete eye-sore and the town centre is a ghost town, surely these are the areas that should be being re-developed first and foremost?

This particular green space is extremely important to the community and it is widely used. It is a place for both adults and children to walk their dogs, exercise, ride bikes, play football, run around and let off steam and get fresh air. All of these things are vital to maintain, not only physical health, but mental health. Stripping the community of this green space will be extremely detrimental to this. Over the last

year, lockdowns have reiterated just how important having green spaces within walking distance are to a community and it is being used now more than ever.

I know that Newcastle and Stoke councils are both working towards creating cleaner air in the area and for me the destruction of this green space is a total contradiction to this. People that can drive will have to travel miles to find a wide open green space like this, thus doing nothing to reduce the amount of traffic on our roads and adding to air pollution. Plus, there will be one less green space in our community to get much needed fresh air.

Another concern is where will the residents of new homes go to school? Even with the planned expansion to Bursley Academy it is over-crowded, as is Bradwell Primary. Chesterton High School and Orme Academy will also have to deal with an increase of students. Teachers will have less and less time to give children adequate support and the education of our children will surely suffer.

Likewise, which doctors surgery will residents of the new homes attend? The doctors nearest to these new homes will see an increase of patients because all doctors surgeries have a catchment area that mean people in that area can only go to those surgeries. It will be impossible to get an appointment as it is already near impossible. Again, the health of the community will suffer.

I whole-heartedly object to the re-development of this green space because it will only be detrimental to the community.

Many thanks,

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 18:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green Space

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue and Bradwell Lane, additional housing will bring more traffic and compounding an already controversial issue in this area. Increased traffic to the area will impact on the levels of NO2 resulting in a decline of people's health and wellbeing.
- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan)

evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment, infact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.

- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years. The Council state in their marketing materials for the proposed development that there are good regular bus services, this is not true.

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Regards

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From:

Sent: 16 February 2021 16:20

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Bradwell green space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am writing to register my objection to the expansion of the crematorium and the building of new housing on the land adjacent to Chatterley Close.

I have lived in Porthill for over thirty years and have used the field on an almost daily basis for exercise and recreation since the day I moved to the area. Green open spaces are essential for physical health and mental wellbeing. The field and play area under consideration play a huge part in this regard for a great many local residents. Many people who may not have used the field regularly in the past have certainly benefited from it during the current pandemic and will hopefully continue to do so in the future.

Additionally, the building of houses on this land will put further pressure on the local amenities and increase road congestion/pollution, which is already a problem at peak times in this area.

I urge the council therefore to find an alternative means of increasing the amount of burial land and housing within the borough without taking away valuable, well used, green space from this, or any other, local community.

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From:
Sent: 29 January 2021 12:51
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwells Green space...

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sir,
i wish to object to your plans for the sale and development of the playing fields/ recreation site off Arnold grove, Bradwell. I and a number of others walk our dogs on there, whilst my wife takes the grand-children into the playground. The open field and the tree's make a welcome relief in the lockdown and difficult times...

From:
Sent: 31 January 2021 15:08
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwells Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir

I would like to put in an objection against the councils plans to destroy Bradwell's Green Space. I have lived in this area all my life and have lived on Hillport Avenue and Laurance Court off Chatterley Close for 35 years. The Green Space is the only field in this area which is used by so many people both young and old to walk their dogs and for exercise. By building a new estate is would cause more traffic congestion and pollution on Chatterly Close affecting everyone's health and well being in the area.
Please think about what you will be destroying for all the local people of Bradwell.

Yours faithfully

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From:
Sent: 21 February 2021 21:35
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell's green space

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I object to the destruction of Bradwell's green space by the plans to extend the crematorium and other residential development.

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From:

Sent: 15 February 2021 12:15

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebrdawellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Bradwell's green space

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I was born in Porthill and apart from 3 years at university and 2 years working away I have lived in Porthill all my life.

I have seen Bradwell go from a council estate with a bad reputation to an area that is a pleasant place to live. The residents have done this. Houses have been improved and generally the tone of the area has calmed.

Green space is a very important and necessary feature of this improvement. The Victorians understood this and built parks.

Do **not** create the environment that takes Bradwell and its surrounding wards back to the bad old days for the sake of short term profit.

Think of the future and convert some brownfield sites for the sake of the people you represent.

Yours sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 30 January 2021 12:51

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwells green spaces

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Dear Persons,

I would like to register my protest against the proposed development of the green space near Bradwell crematorium.

This area has seen enough encroachment on green areas over the past several years including by Bradwell nursing home and Bradwell community centre.

This area needs space to breathe where people can step onto grass and enjoy fresh air recreation, where our children can run and play.

Please do not remove any more open fields from this area.

From: finance <finance@bursley.staffs.sch.uk>

Sent: 15 January 2021 11:31

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bursley Academy - Land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium

Importance: High

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good morning,

Please find attached letter from our Principal, , in respect of the land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

Kind regards

The Praxis Trust
Bursley Academy
Bursley Way
Bradwell
Newcastle
Staffs ST5 8JQ

Property Section
Newcastle Borough Council
Castle House
Barracks Road
Newcastle under Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 1BL

15th January 2021

Dear Planning,

Ref: Land Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

We have been made aware of a post on Facebook that names our school in a letter of objection to the above development. Please be advised that we are not in any way affiliated with this post which is factually incorrect as, at this moment in time, we are not 'over-subscribed' as stated thanks to our classroom extension and increased PAN (intake) of 60. Bursley Academy have no objections to this development.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate in calling or e-mailing me.

Your sincerely

Principal

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 19:54

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crem

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I object to the Crematorium development

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From:

Sent: 20 February 2021 20:38

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium development

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To whom it may concern,

I object to the crematorium development in Bradwell

Yours faithfully,

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 20 February 2021 21:14

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium development, Bradwell

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To whom it may concern,

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Yours faithfully,

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Sent: 20 February 2021 20:41

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Subject: Crematorium development

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To whom it may concern,

I object to the crematorium development in Bradwell.

Yours faithfully,

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From:

Sent: 30 January 2021 11:02

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium Fi

Bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I have seen in the local media that the council is proposing to sell off the open space green field next door to the Bradwell Crematorium for housing development. I object to this proposal for several reasons, there is not much green space left around this area within walking distance from my house on Hillport Avenue where wild life thrives, as most of the fields around the old Bradwell school have already been developed, in the name of progress. There is loads of space nearby in Stoke on Trent, with undeveloped brown field sites all through the Etruria and Chatterley valleys that are available to be developed before the Crematorium Park I also object on the principal that more houses in this area, will inevitably generate a lot more through traffic to Porthill Bank travelling along my street, a narrow estate road, which has become a dangerous rat run because of the ill thought out Bradwell Lane traffic calming measures. I think that an open space was originally left around the Crematorium to allow any inevitable odours to dissipate, before reaching any nearby residences. If the wind is in the wrong direction, when the crematorium is operating where I live the smell is offensive but this is not very often. There are a load of problems being caused at the moment in the borough due to an ill thought housing development

at Hamptons Fields, next door to the land fill, causing nauseous offensive smells. This is another one in the making, the Crematorium is a permanent feature but the land fill will be covered over in a decade or so every time the wind is in the north or north east there will be complaints.

Regards

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 14:25

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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----- Forwarded message -----

From:

To: propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

Sent: Friday, 15 January 2021, 14:17:32 GMT

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruim

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue, Hillport Avenue, Arnold Grove and Bradwell Lane, more housing will bring more traffic which is not supportive to healthy communities. Increased traffic to the area will not only impact on the environment but also in the noise pollution in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing, not to mention the increased safety concerns to pedestrians.

- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment in fact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
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Regards

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 20:37

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Development on land next to bradwell crematorium 200121

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hello members of Newcastle Borough Council,

Regarding development on the open land next to bradwell crematorium/ to the rear of bradwell service reservoir, has any consideration or consultation been made with regard to the large water mains that

are the main inlet and outlet mains to bradwell reservoir (see attached plan) and the reservoir itself. Should the land be used as I have seen purposed as a burial and memorial site, this could lead to the following issues-

- 1 Possible contamination of water main or reservoir in the event of a burst and depressurisation etc, planning laws also prevent remains to be buried near water mains for this reason.
- 2 Possible severe damage to the site in the event that mains should burst or if reservoir should overflow due to level monitors showing 40% for example when reservoir is full.
- 3 possible damage to mains while site is being developed, there is a cluster of valves near a large tree that was removed on one of the proposal drawings as an example.
- 4 Issues with access- if the reservoir should ever need major works, replacement of mains or just access to repair a single burst or broken valve etc.

My personal details - I work for Severn Trent Water on the drinking water distribution network, I am not in a position to officially advise the council regarding the above, however I would strongly recommend the council look into the above and speak with Severn Trent Water through official channels before making any decision.

Thanks

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From:

Sent: 05 February 2021 10:56

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

This is to place my objection to the above green space being sold off for housing and to extend the Crematorium car park which is quite adequate.

Please DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN. Keep our green spaces green!!!

Your serious consideration to this matter would be very much appreciated Thank you

Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

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From:
Sent: 24 February 2021 14:49
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Green space

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I object to it been sold

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From:
Sent: 20 February 2021 19:10
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: I object to the Crematorium development

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I object to the crematorium Development!

I use that green space to take my little boy on walks and he enjoys playing on the park. Please do not take this away from us..

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From:
Sent: 24 February 2021 13:42
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: I object to the crematorium development

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From:
Sent: 14 January 2021 21:29
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Sent: 22 January 2021 16:20

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to bradwell crem

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Sent: 24 February 2021 19:02

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Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium

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I wish to object to the development of the land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium, we have very little open green space for recreation particularly noticeable in the past year following COVID-19, it would be destroying wildlife habitats. It is used by families with children for outdoor activities as well as dog walkers, play areas are all well and good, but children need areas to play football, run around on grass where they are less liable to hurt themselves. I do not necessarily object to the extension of the crematorium, even though families have to wait more than 12 months to have their loved ones interred due to the council delays in providing funding and plot numbers, but I do object to selling the land for housing and there is an area opposite the aforementioned field that could be used for an extension of the crematorium. It would cause an increase in road traffic, increasing road traffic accidents, increasing pollution which in turn affects public health with potential increase in asthma and other pollution related health problems. There are not enough primary/high school provision now for the present housing population, never mind if there is an increase in housing and Covid-19 restrictions, GP services in the area are already under pressure with their current caseloads without increasing the housing population.

There are plenty of other spaces within the wider Newcastle borough that are not as well used by the general public, that could be sold off for housing. Living in the area affected by the construction would cause an increase in noise by heavy vehicle traffic, disruption of the local roads, disruption of very valued peace and quiet in these already trialling times.

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Regards

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From: Sent: 14 January 2021 20:04

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to bradwell crematorium

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From:

Sent: 17 January 2021 11:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed land development by Bradwell Crematorium. Bradwell has little green field space and this is a vital area for local families. I do not feel that developing the site is beneficial to local residents. This area is used by many local people as an area for exercise and fresh air, something that is so important especially in the current climate.

The area is also struggling to meet the demands of schooling. the local school has already expanded to meet the demand. I worry that bringing in more families will again bring this to capacity and prevent children being placed in the local school.

Please consider the needs of the local residents, there are plenty of areas that need developing in the local area. I do not see why we destroy areas of nature when we could improve other areas that are in need of improvement. I feel this development is purely for profit rather than considering the needs of the people that live here.

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council ,

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of our field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

This well used and well loved green space is a priceless asset to many people now and (if left alone) for generations to come.

It would be very short sighted to give it up now for short term gain . Once gone it is gone forever ..!

The current pandemic situation has revealed to us more than ever the value of such open SPACE .

Real measurable value to our physical and mental health .

From a personal perspective as an amateur naturalist I regularly walk across and around the field to access Bradwell woods .

The small copse planted on the field is quickly becoming a natural annex to the woods and its wildlife with many species of birds , mammals invertebrates calling it home . Over the last few years I have been adding native bluebell seed from Bradwell woods to this maturing copse. The aim being to try and bring the classic spring time bluebell beauty closer to people who might be unable to access the main woodland. With some vision this small pocket of woodland could be

managed and developed with pathways opened up to the surrounding grassland. Thus becoming a therapeutic and educational resource for the whole community ?

Surely at this time of climate crisis and threatened biodiversity we should be planting more trees not removing them ?

I do not believe the crematorium grounds should be allowed to encroach on our fields. I am sure the deceased would agree this space should be for the living !!!

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 18:58

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

I wholeheartedly object your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

There are a vast number of reasons for this objection, more than I could say on one email. I implore you to look at the wider implications of this decision and the negative impact it will have on the people of Bradwell and the environment we live in.

Mental and physical health are affected hugely by this decision. There are vast amounts of residents in the area who use that land for recreational purposes, for exercise, for enjoyment and relaxation. Whilst this plot is used heavily in the spring and summer, for those looking to enjoy some fresh air in one of the few local open spaces, it is also used greatly over the autumn and winter period by walkers. Without a space like this people's mental health will suffer, people's physical health will suffer and your decision to sell that land will be a direct cause of this.

Every single time you choose to remove a green space from the world you are allowing yourself to be part of a bigger environmental problem. You may look at a large open piece of land like that and not see the wildlife that makes use of it, but they are there. Whether that's insects beneath the earth or creatures that are often in hiding. It is used and the destruction of that land, proposed by building more unnecessary houses in an already heavily populated area (one with a complete lack of appropriate amenities already), will contribute further to the degradation of wildlife populations.

I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematorium, there is sufficient space within the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crematorium could be used more effectively. This takes

effort, but it is far more worth it in the long run to make use of land that is already fit for that purpose.

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Just consider the next time you, alone or with your family or friends, are out enjoying a green space, imagine it instead being filled with houses, or even just no longer being able to return because it has become something else. That's how we feel now every time we visit this space for our daily exercise.

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Dear Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council,

I would like to state my strongest objection to the proposed planning application for the redevelopment of the green space adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

Bradwell is a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.

The impact on our air pollution would be a catastrophe for people's Health and Well being with higher levels of emissions, Our Doctors have already seen an increase in Asthma and Heart Disease in our area (Information from Newcastle -Under-Lyme Air Quality Action Plan). We need to ensure our community have local green spaces with lots of trees to enable people to breathe fresh air.

Our local school Bursley Academy is already over subscribed even though it has had a extension built,

There is no Doctors Surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get appointments at neighbouring practices with more housing this problem will get worse.

The impact on people's Mental Health which has worsened over this pandemic would put more lives at risk if the green space was taken away from us.

This land has always been used for recreation in one form or another by the community and that should continue, Where will our children play, where will our Teenagers aged 11-17 go for recreation and happiness, where will all the Dogs go for a walk?

We want our green space to be left alone as it is for the whole community to enjoy. If any changes are made it should be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the Green Space remains a part of our community.

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There are many, many studies available outlining the benefits of green spaces in urban areas, as I'm sure the council is well aware of, regardless of its propensity to ignore these. One such study is the World Health Organisation (WHO) Urban green spaces and health - a review of evidence [\(2016\)](#) which states that:-

Urban green spaces, such as parks, playgrounds, and residential greenery, can promote mental and physical health, and reduce morbidity and mortality in urban residents by providing psychological relaxation and stress alleviation, stimulating social cohesion, supporting physical activity, and reducing exposure to air pollutants, noise and excessive heat.

Also to take into account would be the increased amount of traffic generated, not only whilst during the construction of the new homes planned, but by the residents living within them. There is already a high volume of traffic created by the Crematorium itself, far too high at times for the road infrastructure that surrounds it. These plans would make this situation even worse and increase air pollution in the local area.

This area is already overdeveloped, with little or no alternative green spaces for the local population to utilise and facilities such as the local School and GP Surgeries already under pressure and oversubscribed.

In short these plans are simply unacceptable and to summarise I believe that they show a complete disregard by council members of the physical and mental health and well-being, as well as the safety of, it's constituents.

Yours sincerely

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Regards

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 08:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

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Sent: 18 February 2021 15:39

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

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Regards,

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From:

Sent: 13 January 2021 20:30

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

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- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from Public Health England tell local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities. I am passionate about nurturing people's wellbeing, taking this field away will result in the deterioration of the older people who use the field. For some it's the only time they see people, combining this with the exercise is fundamental in keeping these people independent, without I fear we would see a quick change in the physical and mental wellbeing. The Care Act 2014 tells us that we should work to prevent people needing services, taking away the field will only increase the needs of the community.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematorium, there is sufficient space within the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crem could be used more effectively.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

I OBJECT to housing and expansion of the crematoruim.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 17:10

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land at Chatterley Close, Bradwell - BRADWELL Crematorium Extension, Play Area
Refurbishment & New Homes

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to register my objection to the planning application mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 13:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: My objection

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am sending you this email on regards to the land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium.building homes will add to the all ready immense traffic problem and overcrowd local school. There will be a lack of a doctors service and no where for children to play and sledge in the winter.

SAVE OUR GREEN SPACE!!

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 20:26

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection is o the land adjacent to bradwell

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Dear to whom it may concern

Re: Objection to the Land adjacent to Bradwell
the area and had been a great help outdoor area for our mental health during and out of lockdown. Getting our children out into the open air makes a big difference. Instead of being stuck in on computers etc;

Our local community adults and children needs this green space to exercise and get fresh air.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 16:19

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection letter

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Hi,

I am writing to object to the proposed development of the playing field next to bradwell crematorium for many reasons. Mainly, I am deeply concerned about the congestion this will cause on the roads as well as the lack of green space which I and my family often use for leisure purposes.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 10 February 2021 20:03

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection Re. Proposed plans to develop green space adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good evening,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed plans for the development of green space adjacent to the Bradwell Crematorium.

This green space is well used by the local community and I feel that the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the health and well being of local people who use the green space for exercise and mental well-being.

I do not see how this development is in keeping with the governments 10 point plan for a green industrial revolution.

With item 9 of that 10 point plan being “protecting our natural environment” in which it details that the government will ‘safeguard our cherished landscapes’.

I am certain that this landscape is cherished by all those that reside in the local community.

I note from recent literature that the council stand to make an estimated profit of £1.2 million from the sale of the land. Could you please confirm how this money is to be reinvested in Bradwell and how the local community stand to benefit from any such investment?

Regards

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 14:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: [UNCLASSIFIED] RE: Objection to Bradwell crematorium development

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Hello

I object to the development at Bradwell crematorium as a local Resident and an asthma sufferer, green spaces are vital for air quality for better breathing. “ studies show that being around trees and greenery is good for your breathing” is from Asthma UK’s website.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 19 January 2021 19:31

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Planning for House on the land off Arnold Grove stretching to the Crem in Bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hi,

I want to lodge my objection to the above planning proposal. The land is valuable green space for all the local residents in Bradwell, especially for the kids with the park and footballing area.

There's not enough facilities for the local kids, the park in the centre of Bradwell as had it's equipment removed so it doesn't make sense to keep removing the facilities available to our younger generation, the need to keep active and without things to do the anti social behaviour will increase.

The traffic flow along First and Second Avenue's is really busy, these roads are not designed for the current traffic level's, there is no off road parking so the car's are parked on the roads, it's not fair on these residents that the traffic flow will increase. All the people who will live in these new house's will work out that the quickest way from the A500 is via these 2 roads.

Furthermore Bradwell Lane is very busy road, very difficult for people to cross and the junction of Bradwell Lane, Claire Ave and Arnold Grove is a nightmare to use, we have already had one death of Mick Thompson who died at that junction a few years back. We have asked for traffic lights which would help with the access onto the estate where the new house's would be, but this was rejected so more houses mean more cars and this brings a greater risk of more accidents at this junction.

Extra residents will put pressure on our local GP facilities, there is no local GP surgery in Bradwell and the other surgeries are that busy so it's not going to fair to overload these doctors. Extra traffic means extra pollution in the area and I've been lead to believe that there's already an issue with the air quality in our area.

As the proposals are to build family housing where are the kids from these house's going to go to school, Burlsey way school is having an extension just to cope with current levels, how will this cope with all the extra children for this new estate.

I live on Cheswardine Road, so I'm very close to the crem and it's only occasionally busy, it's ridiculous to think that a massive housing estate is needed to fund the expansion, all the crem need's is a larger car park and burial facility – this no way justifies taking away all our local green space that we use.

Yours faithfully

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 12:02

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to plans for sale and development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium/Chatterley Close.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object in the strongest terms to the proposed sale and development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium/Chatterley Close. This I believe is a truly awful potential blow to the local area, and has, in my view, the potential to diminish the quality of life of current and future generations. The area has few green spaces as it is, and the loss of this green space would I feel be devastating to the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of residents. This green space is a vital exercise resource for local people, particularly children and young people. I myself played sports on this field as a young person, and can truthfully state that I benefited not only from recreation with friends but also from physical exercise that I would not otherwise have had. This field is also a source of connection with nature and a green space to aid people's mental health in an area which is predominately urban. I therefore feel that any sale or development of the land brings costs which far outweigh any potential benefits for local people, and would like to clearly state my objection to this. I implore the council to reconsider this plan, for the good for current and future generations in Bradwell and the wider area. Indeed, I would suggest that the council should if anything be attempting to increase public access to green spaces and physical exercise, rather than diminish them.

Thank you,

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 23:13

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: OBJECTION to Proposed development of Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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(I previously submitted an incomplete draft in error. I now submit this email as my completed communication for inclusion in your file)

To the planning committee, Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council.

As a Newcastle under Lyme resident, living close to the area of Bradwell, the field and the Crematorium, I have become aware of the proposals to extend the Crematorium parking onto Bradwell Field and sell off the remaining land as parcels for housing development.

I must add my voice to those of other local people and register an objection.

I object for several reasons.

The first being that the space under threat is an outdoor 'community centre' for the people of the area, we need it and use it. Bradwell is a densely populated area, home to working class people, people with young families, people on low and middle incomes who need access to green space locally, for both their physical and mental well being and I include myself. The area is surrounded by major/busy roads (A34, A500, Porthill Bank and Bradwell Lane) and the air quality is affected by the pollution that they generate. This is borne out by Newcastle under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan that reports local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease.

Green space and trees are vital, as they provide a place to get away from noxious fumes. The field has been invaluable, this year in particular, as an easily accessible green space to relax, to be mindful and enjoy nature;(the bird population is magnificent year round);also to take some exercise for an hour or so before returning to our houses and complying with the 'stay at home' message.

There was mention of the developers 'improving' The Dingle in exchange for the privilege of building on the field. Do you know the Dingle? It isn't in Bradwell, it isn't an open green space, it is a small wooded area with a large duck pond, it's a place to 'cut the corner' between Porthill Bank and Wolstanton High Street, it isn't a place anyone lingers and doing it up would not benefit the people of Bradwell.

Secondly, I feel the same mistakes are being made over and over again across the country. We understand the need for more housing but why does it have to be on soft green earth that importantly soaks up and holds the excessive rain we are seeing more and more frequently, floods are in the news tonight. It is to maximise the profits for developers/shareholders who want an easy job and quick profit. Please don't take away our green space for short term financial gain, only to see ill health and mental ill health increase as a result.

We would like to see developers move in and revive derelict land and transform it into lovely places to live. This area (Newcastle and Stoke) has its share of blighted/ugly land; along the A500, along the canal, crumbling pot banks and other derelict buildings, let's see those areas enhanced. The new building at Middleport, where the terraced streets were cleared, is a great example of building that lifts an area.

I was initially confused by Bradwell Crematoriums need to expand and I was shocked to be told that ashes are buried there, in plots. I don't want to be disrespectful to anyone's memory but at this time when available land is at a premium we are talking about squeezing the living population off their 'park', to make room for the dead. My own father died in 2019 and was cremated, his remains are in a canister in mums wardrobe, not taking up a plot of green space. If the crematorium needs to expand, perhaps it could relocate too, to land off the A500, although I've chatted with others, while on the field funnily enough, who feel the Crematorium could use the land it has, more efficiently.

We want our green space left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it and benefit from it.

Thank you

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From:

Sent: 19 January 2021 10:37

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Proposed Land Development Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Objection to Proposed Land Development Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Property Department,

My letter of objection is attached.

Regards,

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From:

Sent: 13 February 2021 16:45

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection

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To whom it may concern, I object to the crematorium development in Bradwell.

From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 16:55

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objections RE: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Please also find attached

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Newcastle-under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 8QR

23rd February 2021

Property Department
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
Castle House
Barracks Road
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 1BL

Dear Sirs

RE: LAND ADJACENT TO BRADWELL CREMATORIUM

I oppose the proposal for the development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium on the following grounds:

1. HM Treasury states “*The fiduciary duties of those handling public resources to work to high standards of probity*” (*1) and a fiduciary duty to spend public money prudently. The proposed plan’s extension, additional car parks, boundary extension and burial garden is disproportionate to the value for the money the taxpayer will receive, and therefore cannot go ahead as it is a breach of mandates proposed by national government, local borough council and the local planning department itself.

2. “*Local authority members are involved in planning matters to represent the interests of the community and must maintain an open mind when considering planning applications*” (*2). The minutes of the cabinet meeting dated 11th November 2020 and the detailed level of the plans received, debated, reviewed and provisionally agreed, show it is clear that the council have not met the correct statutory conditions regarding delivery of the fair, open, transparency of the planning procedure in this way. As “*at the point of making a decision, members must carefully consider all the evidence that is put before them, and be prepared to modify or change their initial view in the light of the arguments and evidence presented. They then must make their final decision at the meeting with an open mind based on all the evidence*” (*3). As not all the evidence and arguments were known prior to the meeting and preliminary agreement to the proposal, it shows that the cabinet has breached its obligation in light of this.

3. “*A distinction can be drawn between pre-determination and pre-disposition. Members must not have a closed mind when they make a decision, as decisions taken by those with pre-determined views are vulnerable to successful legal challenge*” (*3). I believe if approved, this proposal would indeed risk a successful legal challenge, incurring further costs to the taxpayer.

4. The proposal contravenes the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - “*The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. At a very high level, the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*” (*2). The proposed plan would remove access to irreplaceable green space, currently fully utilised by the local community, and therefore cannot be considered to be a sustainable plan.

5. The plan contravenes both the Joint Local Plan (JLP) & the Local Plan Update (LPU) - “*To make sure sound planning decisions to deliver sustainable development in the future can continue to be made*” (*3). To appropriate the majority of the usable green space available in just one small area flouts this.

6. The proposal would lead to damage of the social and environmental sustainability objectives and targets set out in the NPPF. The proposed development would inhibit “*accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities’ health, social and cultural wellbeing, and an environmental objective to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment*” (*4).

7. The report has quantified the site boundaries at Hillport Avenue, Chatterley Close and Arnold Grove as having “sensitive interfaces” to the development, which shows the anticipated and accepted disturbance, disruption and, crucially, the loss of privacy, which is a material planning consideration for all the affected residents, meaning the development cannot possibly go ahead as planned.

8. The proposed development would undoubtedly irreparably damage the existing environment, through the increase of impermeable covered surfaces; increasing rapid run-off of surface water; increased flooding risk and subsidence damage, already seen in some Hillport Avenue properties. Increased traffic, including many heavy vehicles, will lead to the damage of highways and an increased probability of road traffic accidents, especially considering the close proximity of two schools. Congestion will rise, as will the associated noise, as Hillport Avenue is already used as a shortcut; and the associated rise in emissions, toxins and contaminants surrounding, supposedly, the green land where the plan suggests we exercise

and relax, and our children play. We would also suffer from the light pollution that will affect all current residents that back onto the development.

9. The proposed reduction in the amount of green space, and particularly factoring in the potential increase of new residents in the area, will mean the outdoor space to be provided for a healthy lifestyle will be insufficient. Long-term, this will lead to a surge in health-related illnesses such as obesity, putting further strain on the NHS and the mental health of the community as a whole, due to lack of usable outdoor space for exercising, and the need for it to be utilised for positive mental health, particularly in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

10. I believe that due to the strong feeling and magnitude of opposition of the local residents to the development, these factors are obliged to be deemed a material planning consideration.

11. I believe that due to the strong feeling and magnitude of opposition of the local residents to the development, there has been an oversight of risk of disruption posed to the site being developed, and the contractors and equipment used.

Yours faithfully

(BY EMAIL)

References:

*1 www.assets.publishing.service.gov.uk HM Treasury: Managing Public Money, Chapter 1

*2. www.gov.uk, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Paragraph 16

*3 www.gov.uk, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Paragraph 18

*4 www.gov.uk, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Section 2 Paragraphs 7-14.

From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 13:07

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objections to Proposal for Land Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium (closing date 24/02/2021)

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With attachment this time!

Regards

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From:

Sent: 11 February 2021 21:54

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planned development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Your ref : LB/

F.A.O. Louise Beeby (Property Department) and officers of Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Dear Sirs / Mesdames,

May I first extend my thanks for providing access to the highly informative materials presented under Item 8 of the 11th November 2020 Cabinet meeting Agenda Report, and the proposal for the development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

As a resident of Chatterley Close and a regular user of the playing field in question, I have significant interest in the various forms of proposed development put forward for the site, some of which I am inclined to favour, others not.

1. Of the proposal to extend the Crematorium site to *'meet the needs of the community for the next thirty years'*, I can see that this is a likely necessary requirement that might affect any community in time. Wherever they may live, it is a simple fact that the deceased need a form of 'disposal' for which, in this case, the Crematorium at Bradwell serves its necessary purpose, along with its excellent presentation of forms of memorial and remembrance which it provides in its gardens. The space required for such activity will always at times need increase, such is the activity it represents. I have no issue with this. I moved into Chatterley Close fully aware of the proximity of this public facility, and also fully aware that time would require its expansion. If that time is now, so be it. The extension of parking there is a valid proposal. It is an infrequent event but there are occasions when parking can 'back-up' a significant way along the length of Chatterley Close, and additional parking space would help to mitigate against this. I anticipate the day when those dear to me will make use of the Bradwell facility, and there is some reassurance to know that the provision there will be of high quality and thoughtful in its physical presentation.

SUMMARY : SUPPORT EXPANSION OF BRADWELL CREMATORIUM SITE.

2. Of the proposal to address the aging play facilities on the south-western side of the site, I applaud the Council's consideration of the social and recreational requirements of the community. The facilities

provided at present are indeed *'aged and in need of up-dating to reflect the current needs in relation to play'*. If we have learned one thing through-out this period of COVID restriction the need for open space, fresh air, for exercise, and for social interaction are of paramount importance to us as human beings. These ideals would be encouraged by the provision of up-dated recreational facility, as proposed ... though I hope that those members of the community who might be deemed age-appropriate to the use of the facility might be consulted on what might be their preferences for the equipment provided. It is a very rare day that I see the current facilities in use by young children at all; in fact, the only 'signs of life' appear after dark in the form of teen-age children who utilise it at that time of night, for what purpose I know not. Updating the facility might encourage its use by children there to play and exercise properly and an additional provision of lighting and means of surveillance would, may I suggest, discourage potentially less desirable gatherings and behaviour. At other parks I have seen in other areas, items best-described as being similar to robust 'gym' equipment appear popular with the older child, and indeed even the adult.

I would also add, that whilst provision of recreational equipment for the older child is one thing to consider for their health and social benefit, I question whether better use might come from the re-instatement of a youth club in the locality, where constructive and meaningful activity could be accommodated. Bradwell has been in the local newspaper recently for its anti-social behaviour around the Hanbridge shops area, and Police presence is reported to have been required on several occasions. The youth population of Bradwell in general is not well-served with social facility, and the social-education that a youth club might provide could reap dividends in the addressing of anti-social behaviour. The youth club scheme used to do so much more than 'just' keep kids off the streets; involvement in schemes such as The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and other voluntary activity would promote social awareness and cohesion, foster commitment, and encourage a sense of pride in self and community. This is not to say that this spirit has all gone in the Bradwell area but it has most evidently suffered with the demise of the local provision for youth. Combine the demise of the Youth Club with an apparent lack of responsibility on the part of some parents, who allow their offspring out (even under COVID restrictions!) without awareness of or care for their whereabouts or activity, and the resultant negative reports in the newspaper become understandable.

Whilst I applaud the recommendation for health-enhancing improved play equipment, the proposal does not extend to the health needs of other members of the community. As a dog-walker who visits the site regularly, I use the field for the benefit of my own physical and mental health and that of my dog, and indeed, my interest in my property in Chatterley Close at time of purchase was in part motivated by the provision of the field for such activity. Removal of the open space for this activity for housing development would remove a vital asset for many local residents and indeed even those who come a distance by car. It might be said that there is land adjacent to the field which could be used for similar activity (the rough grassland extending from the other side of Chatterley Close, adjacent to Bradwell Woods) but were this ever to become as popular with dog walkers it would require management. Long grass, rough shrubbery and water-logged terrain limit its use now, and frankly it feels less safe, being more remote. Its current deployment by (illegal?) off-road motorbikes does not help its status as dog-walking ground.

The site for proposed housing development also has current provision for field play such as football, and whilst I think its historical use as an actual pitch has long-ended, prior to COVID restriction it was used for training. So it is not as if the field does not get good use from various health-enhancing activities which would be removed if development occurred, with no obvious replacement within the locality.

SUMMARY : REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL / SOCIAL FACILITY AT THE BRADWELL SITE

3. Of the proposal to use the site for the development of ‘*quality 2,3,and 4 bedroom housing*’ in part to re-coup cost of crematorium development, this I hold most umbrage with, and would wish for re-consideration. At a time when the high street in many localities is experiencing decline, Newcastle under Lyme has to look no further than its own Ironmarket and High Street to see how retail facility is unlikely to ever return to its historical form. It is simple, but the modern population is no longer being served as it was by the small shop, and this is a trend which will continue, a fact exaggerated by the significant increase in on-line shopping prompted by the COVID pandemic, and preference for out-of-town retail parks, too. We have units out of use and boarded up, which represent poor attraction to the town. Their consideration for development is obvious, but might they not be considered for transition to some form of domestic provision? Re-aligning such building stock to domestic use could provide use for redundant buildings and add to the aesthetic appeal of the town centre, and via their sale provide funding for alternative projects such as the Crematorium development.

As for why the Bradwell field site would be unsuitable for housing, I would refer to the already over-stretched infrastructure serving the area. I would be interested to know what numbers of increased population would be anticipated by the provision of family-orientated housing, but I imagine it could be considerable. When the housing estates were added (from Chatterley Close on the old Bradwell School site and along Old Hall Drive) in the late 1990’s, considerable numbers were added to the Bradwell population, but at the same time, no added provision by way of shops was made. The Hanbridge shops and the small Riceyman Road convenience store, as it is now, remain the only local retail facility. Both have limited parking facility, and vehicular congestion, certainly at the Hanbridge shops, is common. Add yet more to the population and the stress on the provision will be further exaggerated.

When the aforesaid housing estates were created in the 1990’s there was no addition to health services in the locality by way of a new GP surgery (nor a dental surgery ...), and already the Bradwell population has to travel to Wolstanton to one of the two GP surgeries. The report itself acknowledges a limitation to the service by noting ‘*the nearest medical facility appears to associate with Bradwell Hospital*’; indeed so, but this is not a GP surgery, and anyway the status of the hospital has been under review for some time, too. Further strain will be placed on this service, too.

Add to this the impact on educational provision. Bursley Academy has already undergone further expansion in 2020 into its playing field area to accommodate the current pre-school / primary age children of the area, and this will see transfer in time to the secondary school environment at The Orme Academy, too, as these children grow up. Whilst I know that there will be wax and wain in school-age populations, the addition of family-orientated housing stock is likely to add pressure to this area of consideration.

I would also query also the health-related aspects of encouraging further vehicles upon the roads of Bradwell. More cars mean an increase in health-impacting emissions, at least for the time-being until the forced *commencement* of the removal of petrol and diesel vehicles from UK roads, from 2030. Whilst this Government initiative means that, longer term, the emission argument will become less of an issue, we would still be looking at a number of years when adding to vehicle stock in the Bradwell area will be detrimental to the health of the populace.

Furthermore, adding more vehicular stock to key-locations such as the junction at Clare Avenue and Arnold Grove, where we have seen several accidents in recent years, even leading to fatality, is prompting exaggeration of the same. There have been calls on several occasions from the local populace for enhancement of safety measures there, with request for the provision of traffic lights, all to no effect. Where one death is surely one too many, *as it is*, (at least this is the view of the Bradwell residents, though apparently not the Roadway authorities, who have rejected requests for improved safety measure of the like of traffic lights on more than one occasion) the major roadways and junctions local to the proposed housing development are not adequate now in terms of safety and certainly will not be if more vehicles were passing along them.

Within the environs of the Chatterley Close estate the increase in road-side parking as more and more cars are aligned to each residence, prompted in part by the family-orientated housing there which accommodates many more stay-at-home children of teenage and young adult age than was the historical norm. The entrance to Chatterley Close is quite often the victim of congestion, it being narrow in itself, but also 'complicated' by the forced road-side parking of residents. The same is said for Arnold Grove, which sees 'double road-side parking' as a norm. We already have congested roadways in the vicinity of the proposed development, in other words, to not wish to add yet more vehicle stock to it. I think you would only have to consult with the funerary providers of the area to know the issues that this can prompt to their service as they seek access to the Crematorium as it is, and the relative unsafety that this causes in this particular area of Bradwell. And whilst prompting thought of the detrimental effect of road-side parking as it is *now* in Bradwell, what of the parking-facility design at the new proposed housing? Are we anticipating that a new 4-bedroomed house would have more than a double driveway, to accommodate the multiple cars they are likely to associate with, or will the potential that congestion becomes a feature along the roadways of the 'new-build' be likely? Further road-unsafety within an already compromised area would not be welcome.

SUMMARY : REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE BRADWELL SITE

The consultation process

Thankyou for offering your consideration of the items presented here, and thankyou, too, for providing the opportunity to voice them. I feel I must add, though, that I am disappointed about the overall manner in which the people of Bradwell in general are being involved in the consultation process. The timing is inconsiderate, in having a date for comments to be received at Council which lies within a period of significant social limitation. I am sure the people of Bradwell would wish to have opportunity for meeting, but this lies beyond the possible whilst social shielding is the norm for so many. Greater consideration should, I feel, have been applied here. There is a feeling locally that this proposal is being 'rail-roaded' through, and advantage being taken of the very unfortunate situation promoted by the current pandemic.

That written notification of the opportunity to lodge comments, which came in the form of hand-delivered letters to Chatterley Close, Arnold Grove and First Avenue, also disappoints me, for the reason that they were delivered to such a small proportion of the residents of Bradwell. From what I gather, letters were presented only to the residents of those properties which *back onto* the field, but they are but few in respect of the number who have interest in this issue. I myself am a resident of Chatterley Close, the very road noted and named frequently within the report. I reside in one of the 'newer-build

houses' of the road, on the side furthest from the field ... and received no letter, relying upon being shown one by a neighbour. I can only assume that the Council and Property Department consider that I will experience no impact from the potential development of the site, and thus considered it unnecessary to communicate directly with me. This much I find most dissatisfactory and disappointing. *Of course* I shall be impacted, in fact I shall realise direct impact if it comes to Chatterley Close becoming a route for more vehicles, first those of contractors and then of new-home dwellers! I register, therefore, that I believe I, and fellow residents of Chatterley Close, should have been kept better informed of the proposal. Further, I consider it would have been appropriate to circulate notices further within the Bradwell community, since it is the community at large which makes use of the field in question, not just the residents whose properties adjoin it.

|Again, with thanks.
Yours faithfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 23 February 2021 20:13
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Plans

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I object to the plans to build on bradwell fields.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sent: 27 January 2021 13:57
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: PLANS TO DEVELOP FIELD NEXT TO BRADWELL CREMATORIUM

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Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection to plans to build new houses on the recreation field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

The field is needed for recreation and much used by many of the local residents.

It will also add traffic noise and traffic air pollution to neighbouring roads and homes. For example many people from Bradwell, when travelling by vehicle to Burslem, Hanley, Stoke, or onto the southbound A500, do so via Porthill Bank. This is already one of the worst roads in the Borough for air pollution and congestion. A large new development in Bradwell will only add to this problem.

Regards,

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 22:31

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Prop

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue and Bradwell Lane, more housing will bring more traffic which is not supportive to healthy communities. Increased traffic to the area will impact on the levels of NO2 resulting in a decline of people's health and wellbeing.
- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment in fact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breathe fresh air.
- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though it had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years, how can the council state in their marketing materials that there is a good regular bus service when in fact there isn't.
- Where will the children play, taking away their green spaces will force them to play on the streets which is not safe. It is evidenced that children thrive when able to play in safe green spaces. We can expect an increase in antisocial behaviour as the children won't have a place to go to burn off excess energy.

- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from public health England tells local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematorium, there is sufficient space within the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crem could be used more effectively.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 21 February 2021 10:56

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed extension to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to register our opposition to the proposed development of the land off Chatterley Close.

We have lived on Hillport Avenue for 40 years and raised 4 children in that time. The fields at the rear of our property were our childrens playground and where they have their fondest memories. From playing on the swings, playing manhunt in the woods to playing football all year round and sledging when the snow came.

Our children are all grown up now and all live locally and have children of their own who use the field, but there are many other young families in the area whose children rely on this green space for fun and exercise, not to mention the many dog walkers who exercise there on a daily basis.

We are living through the most testing time in our history and we are regularly told how much daily exercise is vital for health and wellbeing. To take this green space away from the local people would surely be an ill advised decision.

We would also like to point out the extra pressure that another housing estate would put on the local infrastructure. Roads, schools and nurseries would be put under pressure. The local shops at Bradwell have barely enough parking to cope with the existing traffic.

There is also the thorny issue of property values. The houses all around the proposed development would have their value considerably reduced and I don't believe that the council has included any compensation in their figures.

As we look out of our window, we can see at least six varieties of birds, small boys playing football, dogs rushing around enjoying their little bit of freedom.

We beseech you, rethink your plans. There are alternatives to this proposal that would have far less effect on the populace.

Yours sincerely.

From:

Sent: 17 February 2021 10:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Fw: Public consultation period

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From: "

To: "

Cc:

Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 at 10:14

Subject: Public consultation period

Good morning

Hope you are well and keeping safe during this pandemic ?

I'm just contacting you regarding the public consultation period that we have currently got until the 24th of february.

Could you please tell me how this can actually take place, as we are currently in a lock down ?

You know yourself what the current regulations are regarding the lock down rules,so how can the public actually consult ?

This period needs to be extended until we are out of the lock down, so i am asking you to reconsider please.

From 1 or 2 residents I've spoken to over the garden fence are against the plans going ahead, as our access into the field will go, which has been there for years, and any houses on the back of ours would make the value of our houses reducing, and we would be looking for compensation, but like i said we do not want this to go ahead.

Please do the correct thing and extend this period please.

I understand that you as a council are in a mess with things happening in the borough,there's alot of upset residents in the borough with 1 thing or another the council are trying to do,people used to be proud to say they came from Newcastle,but not any more, its changing, but in the wrong way.

Kind regards

Resident of arnold grove

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From:

Sent: 17 January 2021 15:42

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: RE:- Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a Bradwell property owner and resident to object strongly to the planning application for the land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

I have read the agenda document thoroughly, my house is on Chatterley Close and it would back onto parcel one.

I am of the opinion that Bradwell and Newcastle is unable to cope with the current infrastructure so adding more houses onto it would be detrimental to the area. Our local hospital - UHNM is unable to cope with the demand at present - (I work in the Accident and Emergency Department) and there are no emergency/acute facilities at Bradwell Hospital. The closest Gp surgeries are in Wolstanton and Chesterton and they are already under severe strain. It can take weeks to get an appointment at a suitable time.

I believe that the grounds of the play park do need improvement so our children have somewhere safe to play and the Crematorium needs extending, however, not to the detriment of the Bradwell residents sacrificing this much needed green space.

Yours Sincerely,

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From:

Sent: 30 January 2021 18:09

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re:

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On Sat, 30 Jan 2021, 1

Hi

I would like it known that I strongly object to the development of houses on the field next to the crematorium in Bradwell. I don't have an issue with the expansion of the crematorium.

My reasoning are as follows

1. It is a busy area with lots of cars either parked or travelling through.
2. Having more homes will increase this traffic which will increase the risk of accidents.
3. This will also affect the local wildlife and reduce the places for children and adults to exercise.
4. Increase light pollution

Thank you

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 11:44

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference; Redevelopment of Land, Chatterley Close, Bradwell, ST5 8LE

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Reference; land of Chatterley Close, Bradwell, ST5 8LE

Hello Newcastle BC Property Dept,

A, I object to the proposal of the redevelopment of a Recreational Area within an urban environment. The area is designated a recreation area on Government maps and by land registry.

This area is used by locals all year round, dog walkers, kids playing, picnics, football, (both training and knockabout), just somewhere to sit, local cycle club for coaching of kids. There has been no replacement area been put forward as a replacement at all, just the current area getting too small for these activities to take place. The "Vision Statement" photos look very appealing at first glance but are just promising what a "dream delivery" may look like but not the reality of what, will be/can be, delivered within the proposed development and are just "off the shelf" photos.

B, I object to the proposal of the redevelopment of Parcel 6 due to the current woodland.

The area was planted over 10 years ago, there are now mature trees and shrubs, this is home to nesting birds and other wildlife, including field mice.

C, I object to the proposal of the redevelopment due to the increase of population in the area.

The report is misleading, there is extremely poor local public transport, non at weekends, it is not possible for a student to go to Newcastle Collage for 9.00am due to lack of buses, even before COVID-19. Longport Station is only serviced by one train an hour during the day, non after 8pm, these trains are on the Crewe to Derby train.

There are no doctors or dentists and there is not a medical centre within the Bradwell area, the nearest are in Wolsatanton, which for most people can only be reached by car or taxi. The top of Hillport and Porthill Bank can only be crossed by the fit and able, there are no dropped curbs or easy access crossings. Crossing point refuges are not marked out for improvement on Arnold Grove at any points that would make even travel from bus stops safe.

The local primary schools that are highlighted on the information are all running at full capacity and are oversubscribed. Bursley Primary has just extended, and already at capacity, it is unlikely that it can expanded any further.

D, I object to the proposal due to the lack of traffic information on the traffic flow changes in the area.

With the access from Arnold Grove, how is traffic from the site going to increase the traffic flow, what change in road markings? The increase in traffic flow due to the traffic calming measures on Bradwell Lane, has made for more traffic and at faster speeds along Arnold Grove, how will this interact with the increase off the proposed development.

E, I object to the due to lack of information on water runoff from the development.

With over 50% of the site becoming hard standing, rain run off could become a problem. Now the rainwater is held by the ground/grass and increase of flow would affect the flow of the water run in to the stream at the bottom of the site. There is already a problem of excess raw sewage and rainwater in the stream in heavy rain conditions, this then goes to a holding pond by the roundabout at the bottom of Porthill Bank. The restriction is caused by the pipe size for the water to go under the A500, if the holding pond overflows this would cause flooding on the A500 and possible Orford Street, which has been a constant problem.

And to finish.

“ 5.6 Whilst the loss of any recreation ground is contentious this site has already been identified for redevelopment as part of the Boroughs’ wider Green Space Strategy”
Since when has a “Green Space Strategy” been to remove green spaces?

The Strategy must be to improve the Green Spaces that the Council has and add more green spaces, not remove.

Yours

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From:

Sent: 31 January 2021 17:13

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Response to building on land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good afternoon,

I hope this finds you well.

The point of writing is to voice mine and my partner's honest opinions on the proposal of extending the crematorium and then continuing to build on the adjacent land. We perfectly understand the need to extend the crematorium and have no issues with this. It is the construction site, that will be building the new houses that upsets and concerns us.

We bought this house at the start of lockdown with one of the major selling points being the lovely open greenspace behind our house and those of our neighbours. We are concerned that having the houses built so close to ours (Hillport Avenue) that this may decrease the value of our home. We are fully aware that the houses on this side of the road are valued at more than those on the other side of the road and this is because of our lovely field. The one which, you are so eager to build on.

I am also worried about the fact that we will be living (for the foreseeable future) next to a building site. The noise pollution will obviously be horrendous, but so will the fumes and other aspects of air pollution. Building new houses will mean that there will be more vehicles on the road in our community, adding to the noise/air pollution. The traffic is bad enough in this area. Wing mirrors are often knocked off cars on our street which is used frequently as a rat run for traffic eagerly avoiding Bradwell Lane due to the newly installed speed bumps. We are happy that the speed bumps were installed and have no problem with them at all, but with the addition of new houses will obviously have a negative impact on the amount of traffic using our avenue as a shortcut. I suffer from asthma and struggle enough as it is at the minute without the added extra air pollution which you will create.

The field is such an important part of our community, especially at the minute. It has been used continuously over the last 34 years (as long as I have lived in Porthill/Bradwell) but since March last year, it has become an important part of everyone's daily life. It has supported people with their physical and mental wellbeing and now you are taking that away from us. We all struggle so much at the minute with all aspects of health and well being and with mental health being such an issue currently, it seems insane that you are taking something away from us that's helps us so much to cope with these difficult times! Everyone that I have met within the community and everyone I have spoken to that access and use the field regularly have voiced their thoughts about losing it and how it will have such a detrimental effect on them and their lives'. Dog walkers use the field, runners, children playing football and on the park, those just going for a walk as they have nothing else to do, so many different people access and enjoy the field, the one in which you are going to take from them. Sometimes a walk in our green area, is all people have at the moment. It provides people with exercise, the chance to meet up with others and feel apart of a community. It allows others to carry out sport, play and exercise their dogs. I wish you could have seen how much the field has been used within the last year! When it had snowed, the field was so busy, it was really amazing. Children sledging, building snowmen and playing. Such a strong sense of community and it was something so positive that the field provided for us all, during really difficult times. During summer, the field was full of people again (young and old) playing sport, flying kites, just meeting up with loved ones and enjoying being together in such a lovely, safe and open greenspace. It truly was fantastic! I'm afraid this will all come to an end once you begin to build. The impact it will have on the surrounding community is going to be incredibly detrimental. This will all be gone. The negative impact it will have on people's mental, physical and overall wellbeing is going to be hard.

I am currently a keyworker, working in a day nursery with very young children. We are struggling so much at the minute, having to keep everyone safe and adhere to our bubbles, it is a really trying time. Building more houses is going to bring more children, naturally. The neighbouring schools are struggling

enough having to accommodate and provide for the children they already have. The new builds are going to put such a strain on their incredibly limited space and resources as they too, have to reduce their class sizes and work within small, safe bubbles.

I understand perfectly that this response most likely have no impact whatsoever and that 'the plans are already in place' and that it's probably going to go ahead anyway however, I just thought you should know that it will not go down well with those living in the surrounding area. I just wanted to point out what impact it will have on those living locally and of course I cannot speak for everyone, but how the new builds will be received within the community. I understand that 'you're leaving some space and we aren't building on that much land, etc, etc' but I just wanted to highlight how detrimental it is going to be to our community. Especially at this time in everyone's lives and moving forward into hopefully more positive times.

I have lived in this area all my life and have so many fond memories of playing in the field myself and just enjoying such a lovely, positive open green space. I love how it connects to Bradwell woods, Westport lake and others local areas of beauty. The amount of wildlife that can be found is phenomenal. Once that digging/drilling starts, that is all going to disappear. What a shame that our future generations cannot enjoy what we had and loved. Do we really need more houses? Especially here, when there is so much wasteland in other local areas in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Areas that would welcome new builds as it would benefit their local area, rather than destroy it. Areas where business is struggling and anti-social behaviour is rife. Areas where their open spaces are used for wrong, not for good, like our field.

I am thankful that we have been provided with an opportunity to voice our opinions on the matter and I remain hopeful that they will at least be considered before our much loved field is taken away from us. I feel incredibly strongly about everything I have above mentioned (as I am sure you can tell). I would be more than happy to discuss anything further with regards to the new builds. I shall provide my mobile number at the bottom, should you wish to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

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Sent: 08 February 2021 07:44

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Sale of land adjoining bradwell crematorium.

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Firstly I hope whomever receives this email is well.

My name is Mr. and I currently reside in denry crescent which is one street removed from the area I wish to address. I am frankly disgusted that I have received no communique of any kind regarding the sale of the last field for public access in my area.

I wish to object to the sale of bradwell last field for leisure activities that is currently ongoing.

There is not only a moral issue here which is the complete urbanisation of bradwell into a mini metropolis but also a health issue especially in these times of pandemic. I might say a legal issue given we are only allowed to walk locally for exercise and you are choosing to remove this option for all dog walkers local to this area.

The moral issue is reasonably straight forward. Where will put children be able to goto for recreational activities in the future? They are currently forbidden from ball games on any green or in any street as I recall due to possible damage to private property. Also children need exercise to develop physically. Fathers and mothers may wish to goto these fields to play any number of sports with their children without any fear of damage to private property. Dog walkers utilise these fields along to allow their pets freedom to roam and play. This all is very important for mental well being of both human and animal. Arent we supposed to be more considerate to mental health in these days especially??

The legal approach is slightly more nuanced. Will the council, once the removal of these fields that is, provide identification of private property once people are forced to conduct social activities in the street? You see the council has taken the decision to remove this are not the locals who have to reside here and deal with these repercussions. Also considering the potential medium and long term issues from covid wont the council be forcing us to closer interaction regarding dog walkers, those who exercise and so on? How will the council deal with this breaking of the law?

This is an absurd proposal. There is pripkett aplenty abandoned along the canal (one only has to drive down the 600 to see it) that should be the main priority for where new houses are to be built.

I hope that you reconsider this proposal.

Regards.

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From:

Sent: 12 February 2021 12:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell Green Space

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Good Morning

I am contacting you to object to the development plans on the field next to the crematorium in Bradwell. I use this space on a daily basis to walk my dog, exercise and for my child to play on the park, with the pandemic this year this space has become even more valuable to the local community and a much-needed escape from the situation. I would be really upset to see this space go as I feel that it is one of the few green spaces we have left in the area.

I have lived in the Porthill/ Bradwell area all of my life and have been a regular visitor to this space, I feel if we lost this, it would change the whole feel of the area and the community that joins there. It is a regular meeting point for dog walkers and parents with their children. If this was to be taken away this community connection could be lost for good. With the current year we have just experienced, this could be the only place some people have seen a friendly face and checked in with someone.

I hope that this decision will be reconsidered as I feel this would be a real loss to the Bradwell area

Thank you for your time

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 06 February 2021 14:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern,

I wish to register my objections to the planning proposal regarding the expansion of the Crematorium car park and burial space.

This green space is a valuable community asset and should not be destroyed for the sake of more housing, when there are brownfield

sites available, which, although costing more to develop, would be of greater benefit to the community and improve the social and economic

infrastructure of the area, whilst simultaneously getting rid of 'a blot on the landscape'.

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 18:17

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell green space

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you my objection to your planned proposal to develop the field next to Bradwell crematorium. I do not feel this is in the best interest of the community.

I use this field twice a day to exercise my two dogs, as well as my son using the field to run around on.

My son attends Bursley way primary school and I feel this will have a massive impact on applications to the school as well as traffic during busy times of the day.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 27 January 2021 14:21

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's green space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hello

I wish to protest the development plans for the green field and woodland next to Bradwell Crematorium. This area is a great social space where children play and Bradwell's large dog walking community exercise their dogs and socialise.

I understand the need for growth but we should also strive to save what green space we have.

Regards

Personal details removed

-----Original Message-----

From: Se

Sent: 20 February 2021 10:46

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space - Objection to Development

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Hi Property Dept at N-u-L Borough Council,

I am writing to lodge my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed extension of Bradwell Crematorium and sell-off of important community green space, for yet more housing development.

I am local resident (living in Hanbridge Avenue, Bradwell) who makes regular use of that green space as a valued local asset for exercise, socialising, wellbeing and accessing quietness of nature for relaxation and mental health.

I also run a local social enterprise (business address based in Bradwell) called Human-Nature Escapes CIC (Community Interest Company). 'Human-Nature' is a not-for-profit community project which connects people to nature and local green space for improved wellbeing and positive mental health. Our group knows from its own 'lived experience' the important wellbeing and mental health benefits of very local and accessible green spaces.

Our project also offers support to community groups fighting against the loss of green space and has been pro-active in supporting the action group making progress in preventing development on Berryhill Fields (Stoke-on-Trent Council). We are well connected to many other green space and environmental organisations which serve to protect nature and green space.

We are now offering our voice and support to the 'Save Bradwell's Green Space' Action Group in campaigning against this proposed development, and may reach out to seek the support from other campaign groups locally, regionally and across the UK, to help safeguard Bradwell Field.

Escalating this campaign action would potentially damage the reputation of N-u-L Borough Council in respect of whether it's doing its best to protect green space and the wellbeing its local citizens.

I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

1) Continual loss of green space in Bradwell & Over-Development of Housing:

Bradwell has already lost considerable green space and playing fields capacity due to new housing development. Significant green space was lost with the development of new housing on the former Bradwell High School site, additional new housing at Old Hall Drive and N-u-L Borough Council currently already has green space playing field land up for sale on the A34 (to the rear of Sun Academy School,

Bradwell). This increases local resident numbers, puts ever-increasing pressure on roads and local services, whilst at the same time reducing the available green space resource left for leisure and wellbeing for the ever-increasing local population.

2) Plenty of Spare Crematorium Capacity:

I've personally reviewed the land available as burial site at Bradwell Crematorium, there is no shortage of land capacity. Ashes burial requires very little space and burials do not need a formal headstone (taking space). There is a huge amount of land area to the south of the site, which is yet to be utilised for any burials, which is just natural landscape. There's also huge swathes of garden/grassed areas with massive spare capacity. There is scope for extending car parking within the existing perimeter of the Crematorium. I have advised the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group to do a formal analysis of the land area to prove that the existing site has many more decades of space still available. Maybe an independent professional land surveyor could assess this capacity to prove this is the case and confirm that this is simply being used as an excuse to sell-off adjacent green space for housing. (Additional over-spill car parking could also be secured by acquiring un-used land adjacent to the water supply tank on the nearby water authority land).

3) Proposal Goes Against 'Levelling-Up':

In other parts of Newcastle Borough, 'Levelling-Up' Towns Funding is placing specific emphasis on priority projects which support community health and wellbeing, leisure, sport and green spaces - in Kidsgrove.

Both Kidsgrove and Newcastle have been identified as target areas for Towns Fund investment. It does not make any sense that in one of the ear-marked Towns Fund areas, the council are investing on leisure, wellbeing and green space initiatives for the benefit of the Kidsgrove Community, whilst at the same time proposing to take away existing green space/leisure assets for from the Bradwell (Newcastle) Community. This is not 'Levelling-Up' it's actually 'Levelling-Down' (taking away). I think there is a strong case of emphasising this point through our local MP's.

The proposal is not 'build back better', it's 'build back worse'!

4) Feasibility and Risk:

The proposed development site has significant technical difficulties for building new housing. We understand that there is major underground mains drinking water supply pipeline serving a huge area of Newcastle.

This should make the land unsuitable, or at least very costly (and possibly cost prohibitive) and therefore unattractive to a property developer. I would urge the action group to contact the water company, to assess the costs, risks, feasibility and suitability of this land for development and whether they have concerns over the risk of this proposed development.

5) Safety Risk - Construction Traffic:

The proposed new housing development is in a well developed residential area, very close to Bursley Academy (Primary & Nursery School) as well as a Community Centre. Construction traffic would pose a risk to the safety of parents and children making their way from residential areas to the school and community facilities.

6) Plenty of Spare Capacity for New Housing in Newcastle Town Centre:

We understand the need for good quality housing and accept this presents a challenge for councils against government targets for new housing.

Currently there is considerable new apartment housing being developed (and remaining partially built) in Newcastle Town Centre, right opposite your new Headquarters building. Wouldn't it make more sense to complete this partially built dwellings rather than taking away green space?

Also, we have seen a marked increase in the vacant shop/retail/office premises in the town centre (especially Newcastle). This is only likely to increase as a consequence of the pandemic and more home/on-line working. Surely it makes more sense to convert vacant shops/retail/office premises in the town centre on existing occupied land, rather than taking away green space from local communities. This would have the added benefit of re-imagining and re-vitalising our town centres, which are now at serious risk of becoming ghost-towns. More residents living directly in the town centre would increase footfall and spending in the remain shops/retail, preserving future business rate income for the council.

8) Importance of Local Green Space for Wellbeing, Wildlife & Climate Change:

Lastly our project will shortly be working on a '15 Minute City' concept with local students, academics and local citizens. This will analyse a model of how residents/communities can walk or cycle to all the local assets and facilities they need within a 15 minute time frame. Taking away very local green space flies in the face of these concepts which would address climate change and result in happier healthier neighbourhoods and help the council meet their climate change objectives and promises. Removing access to very local community green spaces like Bradwell Field, forces people to use their cars and travel to green space further afield - in all likelihood Westport Lake, which already has capacity issues and parking problems impacting local residents.

Continual loss of green space also has an impact on wildlife at a time when were are facing massive bio-diversity loss. It discourages wildlife entering our urban areas, and blocks passage of wildlife through and across our urban centres.

We believe these are strong and indisputable arguments against the proposed development and loss of vitally important green space which currently enhances the wellbeing, appeal and enjoyment of living in Bradwell, Newcastle and helps us as residents lead flourishing, healthy lives.

Could you (and the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group' please acknowledge receipt of this email as my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed development and loss of local community green space.

Regards,

Personal details removed

From:

Sent: 29 January 2021 18:45

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern.

I appose the council selling off the land to build more houses on the green, the road is very busy as it is with only 1 way in and out already.

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From:

Sent: 20 February 2021 14:15

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell's green space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good afternoon,

We are writing to object to the plans relating to the development of the field next to Bradwell Crematorium, to expand the Crematorium and build a new Housing development. We live in Arnold Grove and we will be directly affected by this development. Arnold Grove is already a busy road with traffic to the School, Crematorium and surrounding areas. The new development will increase the traffic in turn increasing noise and pollution levels. There will be a junction opposite our house which will increase light and noise pollution and increase the risk of road traffic accidents, to which the junction at the top of Arnold Grove where it meets Bradwell Lane is already a hotspot for. There are many families with small children around this area that regularly use the green space and park and footfall here has increased dramatically under Covid restrictions. As this is a socially deprived area introducing this development will have a significant detrimental impact on the health and mental well-being of the residents of Bradwell and as such we strongly object to this development, please register this as such.

Kind Regards

Mr and Mrs
Bradwell
Newcastle-Under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 8LD

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 07:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Please note my objection to the proposed development of the green fields next to Bradwell's Crematorium. This is a unique area that is a local amenity and one used by the wider area as well especially important recently for physical and mental wellbeing. Once the area has been developed this is something that can never be restored and a great loss to the Newcastle under Lyme and local area. There are also important implications for those living locally of a loss of a local amenity and the increase in traffic with limited access to the housing estate on the development nearest to the Crematorium.

Yours

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 18:53

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Our Field - Chatterley Close Bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dears Sirs

With reference to the proposed development of the field behind Chatterley Close Bradwell.

Objections to this development are as follows:

1. Arnold Grove is already a busy road. It feeds the school in Bursley Way, the Riceman Road/Fearns Avenue housing estates, the Chatterley Close housing estate and the Crematorium. Another housing development would deliver more traffic and pollution which would be detrimental to the area.
2. Is the infrastructure in place to deal with additional housing? There is no doctors surgery, dentist or high school on Bradwell estate.

3. The field in question is the only recreational space available for the residents in the immediate area. It is extremely well used and helps with the physical and mental well-being of the community. The government are stressing the increase of obesity and mental health problems amongst the general public (especially with the Coronavirus Pandemic) taking away local green spaces is not going to help with these issues.

4. A new road running from Arnold Grove to the Crematorium would be dangerous next to a children's play area.

I trust these points will be consisted.

Yours faithfully

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:10

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: SAVE OUR FIELD!!!!

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

My email is to protest against the development of housing being built on Bradwell playing fields on Arnold Grove. There is not enough green space left now and this area gets enjoyed by many young children for the park, older children playing football, and adults walking their dogs. This area of land has been here for many, many years why do we have to lose it now?

There is new housing developments going up everywhere lately which is not fair for us to lose our piece of countryside so near to where we live!

It will create more traffic and these roads are busy enough with the funerals we have coming past and buses, and lorries. The roads are in no fit state to take anymore heavy traffic.

They ask for cars to be road worthy when the roads are not worthy for our cars!

PLEASE SAVE OUR FIELD!!!!

REGARDS

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 16:49

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save our Green Space BRADWELL

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hi,

I would like to object to the proposed new developments for Bradwell field. I live directly opposite the field entrance on Arnold Grove.

Me and my family were relocated here in 2010 from Cross Heath, after years of suffering in the Charter Road regeneration program. The field has been a life saver to us, it has helped us to socialise and build community links, it has brought us closer with our neighbours too.

Especially in the current climate, the field has been a life line, not just for us but for the whole community in Bradwell. The view from our house is so peaceful and the freedom to use the park has benefitted my mental health and many others. I have never seen it as busy as it has been the past 12 months.

Bradwell is already an overcrowded area with no high school, overcrowded primary schools, and no doctors or dentist surgery. First Avenue and Arnold Grove are extremely busy routes now, especially since the speed humps have been installed on Bradwell Lane. Surely increasing the local population isn't the answer.

I am also very worried at the prospect of a junction being created opposite our home and the repercussions of an estate being built in a peaceful area

I don't ask but I beg, please let us keep the field that we have and love.

From:

Sent: 02 February 2021 16:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Saving Bradwell green spaces.

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am e.mailing to object to the sale of land and building of houses next to Bradwell crematorium. I have lived in Bradwell for 58 years and have seen almost all off the green spaces built on over the years including on Bradwell school fields off fearns avenue and along Chatterley close.the green space you are planning to sell off is the last one.this is used by many residents of Bradwell for walking and for children to safely play on.bradwell has seen it's population grow immensely over the years and in my mind has no more space to give up.the nature of the road system means that all traffic coming from Bradwell Lane has to return the same way as there is no thru road due to Bradwell woods causing traffic build ups around the area.please do not sell the land of our last piece of green space

Regards.

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From:

Sent: 08 February 2021 18:38

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Subject Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Re Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I would like to put my reasons forward to objecting to the land being developed as above

Since Covid 19 in March 2020 people such a Captain Tom have done their best for the NHS by walking albeit around his property due to having open space, alternative people throughout lockdown have also enjoyed open space as there only form of exercise and for their own health and wellbeing.

I cannot understand why developers would feel the need to deprive open space to the community of Bradwell in the form of affordable houses adjacent to the crematorium.

Prior to Covid in March this area has proved to be detrimental to the children and elderly members of the community in providing a park area and open space to run around and have fun for the children and a means for the grandparents who care for these young children to have some where to go and enjoy and feel safe, it also excellent for dog walker and those alike to exercise by walking the distance around the perimeter.

We should be enhancing open space in communities by planting more tree's and leaving the ground untouched for natural drainage and encouraging more wildlife rather than filling the ground with concrete and wondering why there is so much flooding.

There is not enough open space around due to development in a lot of areas even though building lie derelict along the canal sides which are left unused and could be put to more use is offering more stable useable accommodation that has stood the test of time and offer character to the area instead of building quantity rather than quality houses for profit.

I hope my comments don't fall on blinkered eyes or deaf ears . Kind regards

Personal details removed

From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 12:29

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: The land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am writing to object to the plans to develop the land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

I have used this public space for more than 50 years.

I have played cricket and football on this field. I have cycled and I walk my dogs on their twice every day.

I now have "Special Guardianship" of my Grand daughter who I take onto the field and the play area. Over the Christmas holidays we sledged and built snowmen every day. A great many people use the fields and play area regularly.

I have lifelong friends I have met on this field. During this pandemic it has been the only safe place to meet up with people (Socially distanced).

It is crucial to the mental and physical health of all of Bradwell's residents.

It is the only safe place locally, other fields and play areas are too far away and necessitate crossing the busy dangerous Bradwell lane.

There are already insufficient local services for the existing residents without adding hundreds of new houses whilst taking away our only safe space.

There is no Doctors surgery, the junior school is completely full despite recently being extended, there is too much pressure on our local services.

The plans you have will leave nothing for the residents, a small patch of grass adjacent to a road is of no use for dog walking and having a play area adjacent to a road is unsafe for our children.

To take away this facility just to line the Council's coffers is despicable.

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Sent: 13 January 2021 22:02

To: Beeby, Louise

Subject: land adjacent to bradwell crematorium

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Bradwell

Newcastle Staffs ST5 8LD

13/012021

Hello

i am writing to you with my concerns after receiving a letter today off Newcastle Council about the intentions of building on the spare land of the playing fields that joins my property. After looking at the proposal the only houses that this will really affect is where the new houses join the boundaries of the ones in Arnold Grove from the park to the roundabout . We have lived in our property for 37 years my concerns are that the new propertys will be obscuring my view, and i will be overlooked, distruption and noise of all the building work which will go on for a long time, and we are nearly reaching retirement age so there will be noise coming from the other propertys so there will be a lack of peace and quiet, also there has already been a lot more traffic using Arnold Grove from the other new estate where bradwell high school was so another estate will make this a lot worse and very busy .Looking at the proposal i see that were they are building parcel one there will be no spare land between us and it will now be in front of the new houses, at the back of my property i have a lot of mature trees that i will not allow to be removed Please could you tell me why this is the first letter we have received informing us of this proposal. I feel this is the only spare land left in Bradwell and is used by a lot of people dog walking children playing on it and should not be allowed to be built on

thanks

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LAND AT CHATTERLEY CLOSE, BRADWELL



Vision Statement

October 2020

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Vision Statement

- 1.1 The combined team of e*SCAPE Urbanists and Lambert Smith Hampton (LSH) have been appointed by Newcastle-under-Lyme Council to prepare a masterplan and viability appraisal for an area of land to the south of Chatterley Close, Bradwell hereafter referred to as ‘the site’.
- 1.2 The site is located within the north of the Borough and also north of Newcastle-under-Lyme town centre, as illustrated in Figure 01:01, close to the borough boundary with the City of Stoke on Trent.

- 1.3 The site boundary is illustrated in Figure 01:02 opposite which indicates the site location sitting, as it does, to the south of Chatterley Close, west of the existing Bradwell Crematorium and behind homes fronting Arnold Grove and Hillport Avenue.
- 1.4 The brief requested that the team prepare a masterplan which sets out a clear direction for the future development of the land described and illustrated here. A viability assessment of these proposals has been developed by LSH and that report should be read alongside this Vision Statement.

- 1.5 The objectives of the masterplan were to:
- Provide for an extension to the Crematorium grounds incorporating a new access, parking and burial ground,
 - Re-provide existing play elements to accord with Open Space and Green Infrastructure Strategy, and
 - Redevelop the remainder of the site for housing.
- 1.6 The consultant team has worked closely with officers of the council in developing the proposals to ensure that the above objectives have been achieved.
- 1.7 e*SCAPE Urbanists have utilised the previously developed Phase I Geoenvironmental Assessment, as well as Utilities information provided by the council and our own assessment of the existing physical form, structure, neighbouring uses, views and topography of the site to inform the development of our masterplan.
- 1.8 Therefore, this study covers the following topics in a logical and sequential order charting the development of the masterplan and the viability of its proposals. The structure is as follows:
- Context, Constraints & Opportunities
 - Vision
 - Parameters Masterplan
 - Conclusions
- 1.9 The scope and content of the document demonstrates the commitment of the team and client to deliver a high quality development, based on a thorough process of contextual appreciation, to ensure the proposals integrate with and are open to the established surrounding neighbourhoods, sympathetically respond to the site whilst fulfilling the needs of the crematorium and create accessible open spaces for use by all users and residents of the wider area.

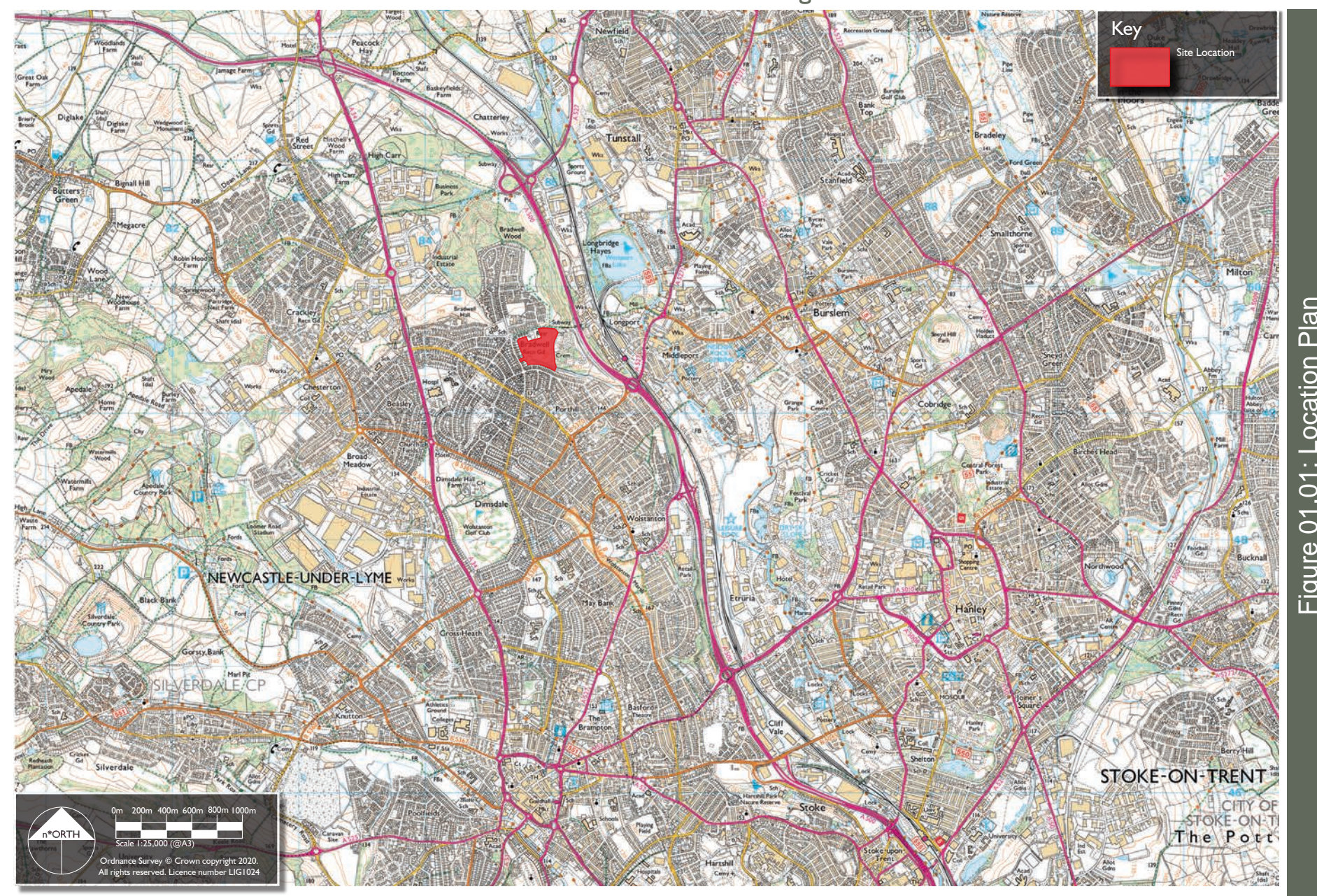


Figure 02.01 : Site Boundary



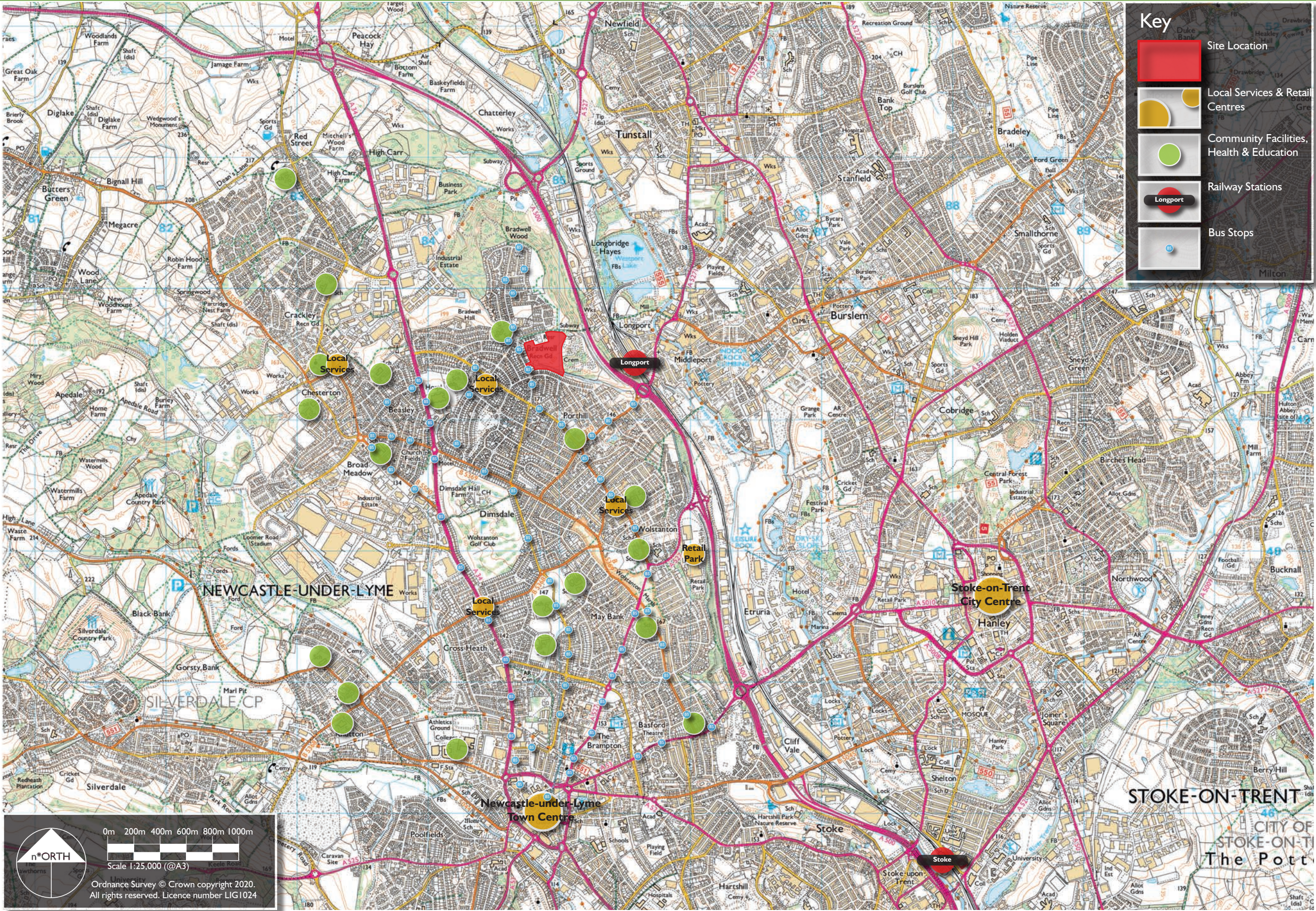


Figure 02.01: Town Context Plan

Town Context

- 2.1 The site lies on the northern fringe of the town of Newcastle-under-Lyme, as illustrated in Figure 02:01 opposite.
- 2.2 The Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme lies in the County of Staffordshire on the northern fringes of the West Midlands adjoining the city of Stoke-on-Trent and close to the North West and Cheshire County border.
- 2.3 The town of Newcastle-under-Lyme is located approximately 3.7 Kilometres from Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent's City Centre, 24 kilometres from Stafford, 63 Kilometres from Birmingham and 51 kilometres from Manchester.
- 2.4 The town borders the City of Stoke-on-Trent along the Etruria Valley and some parts of the borough's settlements merge with the adjoining city.
- 2.5 Historically Newcastle-under-Lyme did not have a strong pottery industry unlike its neighbour but developed industries around coal extraction, brick manufacturing, iron casting and engineering. Modern industries focus on the service sector, light engineering and distribution.
- 2.6 The towns railway station opened in 1852 and closed to passenger traffic in 1964 with public transport currently relying on its bus services and links to railway stations in Stoke-on-Trent.
- 2.7 Stoke-on-Trent railway station lies on the West Coast main line with services running between London Euston and Manchester Piccadilly with services also to Birmingham, Rugby, Crewe and stations in between.
- 2.8 Longport Station which is just 0.6 kilometres from the site provides local services between Derby and Crewe, as well as to Manchester Piccadilly and Deansgate stations and is linked to Newcastle-under-Lyme town centre via various bus services.

- 2.9 The M6, Junction 16 lies about 10 kilometres to the west of the town centre and under 8 kilometres from the site and is directly accessible via the main road network including the A500 'D-Road'.
- 2.10 Newcastle still has a strong and vibrant town centre with the mix and choice of retailing, cafés and restaurants, as well as a market 6 days a week, reflecting the affluent nature of the towns' surrounding rural hinterland.
- 2.11 A number of local service and retail centres exist between the site and the town centre as illustrated by the orange circles in Figure 02:01 opposite. These consist of a mix of community facilities and/or retail shops and are usually located within the heart of local neighbourhoods or on communication corridors, such as the A34.
- 2.12 Additional community facilities, hospitals and schools are highlighted by the green circles in the same illustration and again these lie in historic locations at the heart of neighbourhoods or within communication corridors.
- 2.13 The two railway stations described in the above narrative are also illustrated, with Longport close to the site, within the Etruria Valley and Stoke lying to the east of the town centre.
- 2.14 Finally, the bus routes between the site locality and town centre are illustrated in Figure 02:01 and indicate a strong public transport network between the site and town centre running through and past a number of the local/neighbourhood centres also illustrated.
- 2.15 In essence, the site might be located on the northern fringes of the town but it is well served by local schools, facilities and the public transport network so that there is good access to facilities in the town centre as well as locally.



Wooded Crematorium burial grounds



Existing memorial wall/columbaria at Crematorium



Reservoir boundary fence and homes on Chatterley Close

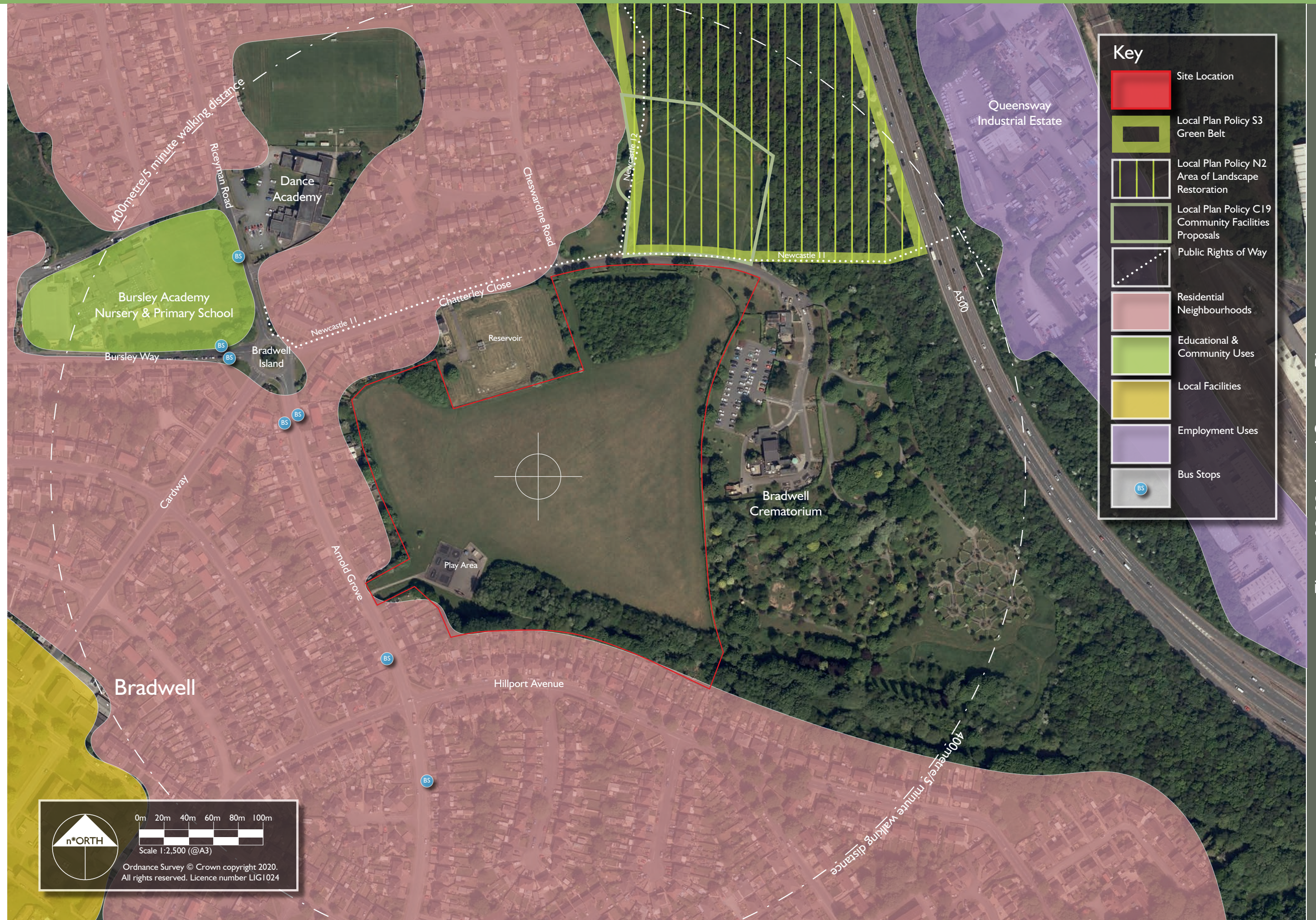


Figure 02.02: Local Context Plan

Local Context

- 2.16 The site is surrounded on three sides, north, west and south by the established neighbourhood of Bradwell, a suburb of Newcastle-under-Lyme.
- 2.17 Bradwell Crematorium borders the site on the eastern edge and is separated from it by a steel fence and hedgerow. The Crematorium serves a wide area beyond the borough boundaries including Stoke-on-Trent and adjoining areas of Cheshire.
- 2.18 The site is well located with good local and regional access via public transport and the local road network as highlighted earlier, with bus stops immediately adjacent to the site on Arnold Grove, as illustrated in Figure 02.02 over page.
- 2.19 The bus service number 94, pre Covid19, appears to have provided connections between the site, Newcastle Bus Station and Chell, with connections on to Congleton and Biddulph. Currently there appears to be a reduced service stopping at Porthill to the south east of the site as well as other routes between Bradwell Hospital and the town centre to the west.
- 2.20 In addition to the local bus service a Public Right of Way (PRoW) 'Newcastle 11', as illustrated in Figure 02:02 over page runs east to west along Chatterley Close to the north of the site. The PRoW continues east through woodland before running under the A500 D-Road via a subway thus providing a walking route to Longport Station via Longbridge Hayes Lane some 1,000 metres/12 minutes walk to the east.
- 2.21 Whilst the site is not the subject specifically of any Local Plan spatial designations or policies in March 2017 the Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council approved The Open Space and Green Infrastructure Strategy which identified this site as requiring masterplanning. The site was previously a recreation ground and this

use continues informally, a play area, muga and skate park is also located on a corner of the site and are in continued and active use (pre-Covid 19) and will be replaced/upgraded as part of this masterplan vision.

- 2.22 Immediately adjacent to the site and across Chatterley Close to the north east is an area of undeveloped land which is the subject of three local plan policy designations; S3, N2 and C19 as illustrated in Figure 02:02 opposite.
- 2.23 Policy S3 is the general Local Plan Green Belt policy pertaining primarily to maintaining the openness of the Green Belt through restricting development within it.
- 2.24 Policy N2 relates to development and nature conservation and requires any development covering more than 0.25 hectares to carry out and submit a preliminary habitat and protected species survey, along with a desktop study of past surveys and/or other ecological information.
- 2.25 Policy C19 relates to the allocation of the site covered by the designation as a potential location for the extension of Bradwell Crematorium burial ground.
- 2.26 Bursley Academy Nursery and Primary School is located within 400 metres or a 5 minute walk from the centre of the site, as illustrated in Figure 02.02. A second primary school; Bradwell Primary School, is located south west of the site just beyond the local centre (not illustrated in Figure 02:02) some 670 metres/8 minutes walk from the centre of the site. The nearest High School is Woolstanton which is 1.7km to the south of the site.
- 2.27 In addition to the local primary schools there are a number of food and non-food retail stores, as well as a post office and pharmacy located in the centre of the Bradwell neighbourhood, just over 400 metres/5

minutes walk from the centre of the site, as illustrated in Figure 02:02 opposite.

- 2.28 The nearest medical facilities appears to be associated with Bradwell Hospital.
- 2.29 As illustrated opposite, the site adjoins areas of public open space and green infrastructure previously associated with the boroughs' industrial past. The green infrastructure network includes the crematorium grounds, structure planting associated with the D-Road corridor, areas of open space which in turn link out to the surrounding woods and rural landscape. The site is thus part of this green infrastructure network and these connection will need to be retained and enhanced as part of the masterplanning process.

Local Built Context

- 2.30 The Bradwell neighbourhood which surrounds the site appears to be of an inter war and post war layout and design following the local authority Garden Settlement model designed circa 1935 to 1950.
- 2.31 The movement hierarchy is laid out as a series of avenues, street and closes focused around a central local centre with associated shops, community facilities and central green. The roads radiate out from this central core with the site located on the north eastern edge of the neighbourhood.
- 2.32 The typical archetype of the neighbourhood is the semi detached home, primarily containing three bedrooms. Their style varies through the neighbourhood and looks to be dependent on which phase they were built in. Earlier phases; circa late 1930's, of the neighbourhood contain brick built homes with hipped roofs, forward facing gables and single storey entrances porches. Later post war homes appear to use mass fabricated elements such as upper floor composite panels or



Figure 02.03: Site Constraints & Opportunities

pebble dash finishes to structural masonry with limited to no architectural detailing in terms of hipped roofs, gables or porches. Some of these later properties have had bay windows or porches added later by the home owners.

2.33 Flats and maisonettes are found in local centre and look to be of a post war style with some short rows of terraced properties found enclosing gateways and junctions. It is assumed that many of these properties are of one and two beds.

2.34 The materials and detailing of the homes in the above areas are quite varied, as touched on already with the use of dark red/brown facing brick which is assumed to be from the local brick manufacturers and a similarly coloured pan tile to the roofs. Other properties are rendered in pebble dash or painted smooth render whilst others appear to be of prefabricated design finished in vertical timber cladding.

2.35 Fearn Avenue appears to be of a similar era to the above areas but consists of a street of semi-detached bungalows with hipped roofs, tall chimneys, front bay windows adjacent to an interesting hexagonal window, with front doors located to the side elevation. The facing brick is the same red/brown local brick as described above. It is assumed that these properties contain two bedrooms, although a number of them appear to have had dormer extensions in the roof spacing increasing the accommodation to three bedrooms.

2.36 Newer residential developments from the later 20th and early 21st centuries are found to the north of the site. These properties are detached and look to offer 3, 4 and 5 bed accommodation and are typical of their era with front drives, integral or detached garages arranged around spine roads with a series of short cul de sacs leading off them. These layouts back onto the surrounding green space network.

2.37 The materials and detailing of these homes is typical of the era and can be found across the country with forward pointing gables, a red facing brick, buff engineering brick detailing to heads, cills, banded courses and corbels with single storey roof details over a bay window, entrance porch and integral garage. Roofs look to use 'Marley Modern' concrete roof tiles.

2.38 Later properties on the fringes of this neighbourhood extension utilise mock Tudor boarding and blue engineering brick banded courses and diamond pattern decorative brick panels.

The Sites' Constraints & Opportunities

2.39 The site lies to the north east of Bradwell immediately adjacent to the crematorium site as stated previously.

2.40 The site roughly forms a rectangle and is bounded by housing backing onto the site, a covered reservoir, Chatterley Close and the crematorium and burial grounds, as illustrated in Figure 02:03 opposite.

2.41 A shallow wooded valley and water course runs within the site along the southern edge of the site and is an historical feature illustrated on all of the historical mapping of the site prior to the surrounding area being developed in the 1930's onwards

2.42 A stand of native woodland has been planted in the recent past on an area of the site adjoining Chatterley Close and is yet to reach maturity.

2.43 In addition there are areas of naturally regenerated scrub woodland within the site, along with garden trees adjacent to or forming the boundary of the site with adjoining gardens.

2.44 Existing hedgerow consist of a mixture of native and ornamental hedgerows associated with the rear gardens of the homes backing onto the site, fronting Chatterley Close or forming the boundary with the crematorium.



Site access from Arnold Grove



Existing play area



Woodland within the site used for informal play



Panorama of existing approach to Crematorium along Chatterley Close



Panorama of Crematorium boundary from within site



Panorama looking across site from north west

Figure 02.04: Panoramic Views

2.45 As stated earlier in this chapter the site links out to the surrounding green infrastructure network with a link to the shallow valley woodland sweeping through to the site via the crematorium gardens, as illustrated opposite. A second green infrastructure link runs across the sites northern edge related to the avenue trees, hedgerow and reservoir along Chatterley Close.

2.46 These links will be retained and enhanced as part of the masterplan proposals.

2.47 Existing established homes back onto the site from Chatterley Close, Arnold Grove and Hillport Avenue. These properties have a sensitive interface with the site and the residents residential amenity must be carefully considered in the development of the masterplan.

2.48 In undertaking the assessment of the site crop marks were identified within the aerial photography and subsequently these linear markings were identified as water mains crossing the site from the reservoirs. The main run is roughly a north east to south western direction, doglegging through the site as illustrated in Figure 02:03 opposite.

2.49 Whilst undertaking an initial site walk over, pre Covid19 restrictions, potential site access points have been identified as indicated by the orange arrows in

Figure 02:03. These access points could be vehicular and/or pedestrian.

2.50 In terms of topography the site gently slopes from the north to the south east and offers views from the northern areas of the site across the Etruria Valley, south west to Stoke City Centre (Hanley).

2.51 The site has remained undeveloped as the town has grown up around it and according to the historic mapping has never contained any built development. Whilst Chatterley Close and Arnold Grove lie over pre-existing tracks/lanes, as illustrated on the historical maps within the Geoenvironmental report there appears to be no archaeological or heritage assets on the site.

2.52 The flood mapping for this area has been examined and the site lies fully within Flood Zone 1 which indicates it has the lowest probability of flooding.

2.53 Section 5 of the Cremation Act 1902 states that no crematorium shall be constructed any nearer a dwelling house than 200 yards/182 metres, except with written consent from the owner/lessee/occupier of the property. It should be noted that this Act relates to new crematoria and existing homes whereas here the crematorium is in situ and prospective home buyers will be able to note the location of the crematorium prior to purchase.

2.54 In terms of emissions from the crematorium, this is covered by the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and subsequent guidance notes. In order to comply with the emissions requirements, as set out in the Act, it is recommended that air quality monitoring takes place as part of the additional baseline survey work required for a planning application in order to affirm emissions are within the required limits, as set-out in the Act and subsequent guidance.



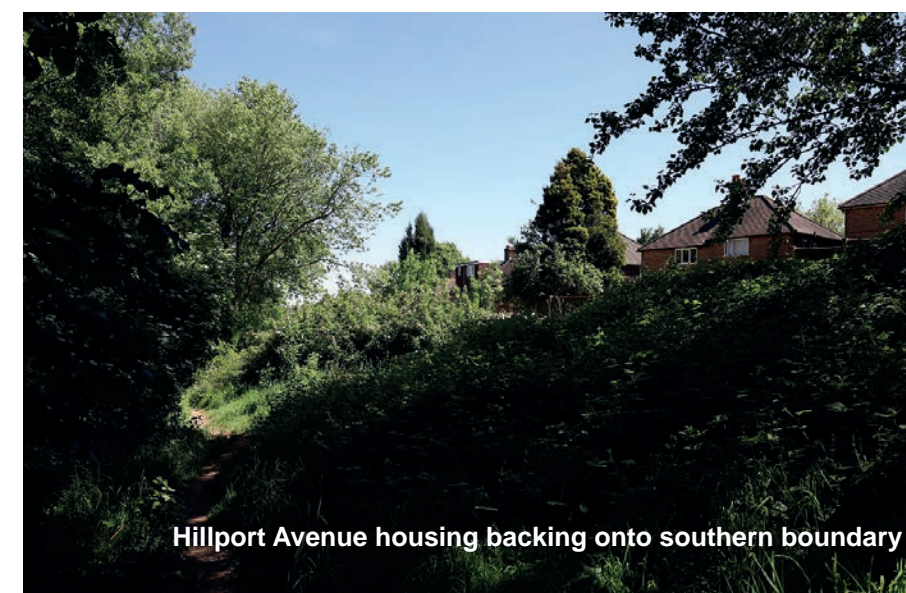
View to Stoke City Centre (Hanley)



View to St Margaret's Church Spire, Wolstanton



View looking north across site towards reservoir



Hillport Avenue housing backing onto southern boundary



A Vision for the site

- 3.1 Our Vision for the site has sprung out of the appreciation of the surrounding context and features of the site itself, as set out earlier in this statement.
- 3.2 This proposal will create a sympathetic and high quality crematorium extension, improved play facilities and new homes on what is left of the site.
- 3.3 The proposed development will be set into a strong network of green spaces, wildlife corridors, ecological habitats and recreational footpaths/cycleways. All these elements will form an integral part of the existing green infrastructure network, linking the site to the local facilities, adjoining suburbs and countryside.
- 3.4 The masterplanning team has carefully considered all the opportunities and constraints to inform this Vision, which demonstrates that the site can comfortably accommodate not only the burial ground extension and an extended and refurbished play area, but also a sustainably located residential neighbourhood with enough general amenity space for the proposed homes and existing adjacent neighbourhoods.
- 3.5 The proposals will enable the provision of a network of public open spaces for use by the existing and new members of the community.
- 3.6 The result will be a sympathetic crematorium-led development supported by a sustainable and integrated neighbourhood on the eastern edge of Bradwell, creating a strong addition to the wider town.
- 3.7 In addition to the crematorium extension this proposed development creates not just houses but homes, a neighbourhood rather than an estate and gives the proposals an individual identity, making it a place that people will want to live in and become a real part of the community that will emerge.

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Figure 04.01: Parameters Masterplan

Parameters Masterplan

4.1 Now that the Vision has been developed from the appreciation of the site and its context, a meaningful parameters masterplan can be developed which explores the connections, spatial relationships and potential uses of the site. Due to working with the context the concept is strong, dynamic and integrated.

Green & Blue Infrastructure

4.2 The green infrastructure network as illustrated in Figure 04:01 creates a linked network of green spaces and corridors which runs between and around the development parcels and retains the character related to the area. This includes the ability of the existing vegetation to soften and screen views and create a setting for the development.

4.3 The green infrastructure covers some 1.65 hectares of the residential site area and can accommodate the enhanced and refurbished play area/muga/skate park and develop new ecological habitats. The green infrastructure network will ensure the retention of the much of the existing vegetation or allow space to mitigate any losses.

4.4 The burial ground could all be primarily classed as green infrastructure under the Landscape Institutes definition, however here the burial ground and proposed gardens have been split out as separate elements with the peripheral landscape setting and retained valley woodland been classed as the green infrastructure related to the burial ground extension. This area covers 0.84 hectares of that part of the site.

4.5 Set within the green infrastructure network will be the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS). Consisting of new ponds, swales and water meadow style inundation zones which will have the capacity to hold and safely disperse storm water collected from the site. Wildlife

habitats and corridors will be an integral element of the green infrastructure network.

4.6 Additional detail as to the form and character of the green infrastructure network is described below as part of the landscape strategy for the site. The strategy sets out to describe the various landscape treatments associated with the proposed residential neighbourhood and crematorium extension, including the indicative proposals for the refurbishment and enhancement of the play area.

Scale & Mass

4.7 The character of the neighbourhood that is to be created lends itself principally to 2 storey development, based on the local vernacular and designed to reflect the human scale of built form found in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

4.8 2.5 To 3 storey elements will only be used as header buildings in squares and at junctions to create announcements of arrival.

Quantum & Mix of Uses

4.9 The location of this site for residential use is sustainably located on the edge of Bradwell, within easy reach of local facilities by walking, cycling, bus or motor vehicle.

4.10 The site is 6.77 hectares in total and will include a balanced mix of residential development, landscaped burial grounds and green infrastructure. It is proposed that the homes will be set within a strong open space network.

4.11 The highest density housing is proposed to be located in the heart of the site around the square and mews with lower density homes on the fringes to ensure it integrates with the existing neighbourhood and the





Figure 04.02: Landscape Strategy

open space to the north east. The development parcels takes up just 2.48 hectares of the overall site area.

- 4.12 The burial ground extension will take up 2.64 hectares of the site in total and beside the car parks will consist primarily of landscaped and wooded gardens, similar to those already found within the existing crematorium site.

- 4.13 Additional information on the proposals within the proposed crematorium extension can be found within landscape strategy below.

Gateways & Nodes

- 4.14 A series of gateways and focal points/nodes will be created within the site. These are either in primary gateway locations, announcing arrival into the site or within the heart of the site creating focal features and reference points within the development.

- 4.15 The internal nodes are focussed on creating areas of public realm in the form of shared surface squares or mews, the open space or woodland play area.

Sympathetic Boundaries

- 4.16 The development will respect existing residential properties by backing onto existing properties to the north and west and ensuring overlooking distances are maintained (21 metres minimum back to back) and by retaining the tree'd valley on the southern boundary which backs onto the existing housing, thus preserving the character of this area.

The Movement Hierarchy

- 4.17 The proposed street hierarchy is clear and logical comprising a series of inter-connected primary and secondary streets and shared drives. The arrangement of streets and other routes within the site is designed to ensure good connectivity with the surrounding street network, provide logical and efficient routes through the development and ensure a layout which is clear and legible.

- 4.18 This new movement network includes the crematorium extension by providing improved access and creating a one way processional route through the existing crematorium site and parking area on into the burial ground extension and back out via the proposed new movement network.

- 4.19 The street pattern flows with the topography of the site with the avenue gently curving with the contours along the hillside.

- 4.20 The Avenue is at the top of the route hierarchy and provides the access through the heart of the site from Arnold Grove to Chatterley Avenue. It is traditional in form with a bitmac carriageway and pavements. This is the widest street in the hierarchy with a carriageway of between 6 and 7 metres. The Avenue also contains a shared space Square to aid in slowing traffic speeds and creating a focal area at the heart of the development.

- 4.21 Streets and Lanes are secondary in the route hierarchy and provide the main accesses into the residential areas from the Avenue. They are again traditional in form, the Street carriageway width of 5.5m and the Lane 4.8m wide, with a bitmac carriageway and pavements. The built form is set back from the road, allowing sufficient room for the planting of street trees within gardens.

- 4.22 The Square and Mews are interlinked in the higher density residential heart of the development and like the Square the Mews has a shared space feel with the carriageways, pedestrian zones and green spaces defined within the space as a whole, rather than by a traditional carriageway and footpath arrangement.

- 4.23 The Shared Drives are the last element in the hierarchy of routes. They are domestic in nature, designed as a simple shared surface routes which provides access to only a small number of properties along their length (maximum of five properties if a dead end or ten if the route connects through). Shared drives are associated with the development edge and interface with the wider countryside and open spaces, often sitting alongside pedestrian/cycleways. As a rule shared drives are 4.5 metres wide and depending on length can widen locally to allow some visitor parking or a passing place to be accommodated.

- 4.24 Below the street hierarchy, a network of pedestrian routes are illustrated providing a choice of routes through and out of the site, increasing permeability and encouraging walking.

- 4.25 Where possible, footpaths are directed to pass landscape features to provide points of interest along the routes. Completed circuits through and around the edges of the site are created by linking footpaths with shared-surface lanes where appropriate. Wherever possible, footpaths follow likely desire lines.

- 4.26 Paths would be between 2 and 3 metres wide depending on the nature and intended use of the paths by pedestrians and/or bicycles. Surface finishes would again depend on amount of use, location and wear and tear expected and can vary between self binding aggregates/clays (i.e. Hoggins), resin bound aggregates and/or bitmacs.



Figure 04.03: Precedent Imagery

Landscape Strategy

- 4.27 The proposals have been influenced by the existing green infrastructure and the potential landscape opportunities which will set Hillside within an already mature landscape structure.
- 4.28 The aim of the landscape strategy is to enhance the character and appearance of the site through the retention of the existing vegetation and the introduction of a high quality scheme that provides an attractive landscape that not only increases the aesthetic, functional and recreational value but also the biodiversity value of the site.
- 4.29 Much of the existing woodland, hedgerows and boundary treatments are to be retained, these will be maintained, and any infill planting provided where necessary. There are significant opportunities for new tree, hedgerow and shrub planting within the site. The existing ecological and wildlife corridors will therefore continue to provide ecological benefits and the proposed planting will seek to strengthen and extend the green network.
- 4.30 As the Landscape Strategy drawing (Figure 04:02) demonstrates the design of the development will bring large areas of public open space within the residential area, and provide tree lined streets, improved play provision, landscape buffers to the boundaries, gateway features and an extension to the crematorium.
- 4.31 The key elements of the Landscape Strategy for the site can be summarised as follows:
- Retention of the existing elements that make up the site's green infrastructure, such as tree and hedgerow vegetation along the boundaries and integrating these into the development, giving the scheme an immediate sense of maturity;

- Management of the woodland to open up areas and enhance the user experience along the woodland trails and to integrate this existing landscape feature into the development;
- Improve the play provision within the site by reusing the existing equipment and incorporating natural play elements along the woodland trail;
- High quality ornamental and native tree and hedge planting to be planted in and around the proposed development to soften the effects of the built form and reinforce the street hierarchy;
- Create a landscape buffer between the proposed development and the extension to burial ground;
- Enhance the permeability of the site by providing a network of footpaths providing connectivity to existing local networks and the development;
- Areas of wildflower planting to increase the biodiversity levels and provide attractive seasonal planting;
- Create attractive woodland walks through the extended burial ground;
- Columbaria walls within sensory and scented gardens to provide tranquil spaces for reflection;
- Areas of seating throughout the public open space and the burial ground woodland walk;
- Strategic tree and shrub planting around the extension to the Crematorium to create a sense of calm and peace;
- High quality materials to enhance user experience and reflect the character of the area and the functional qualities of the space;
- Mitigate any landscape and visual effects arising from the proposed development.





Figure 06.01: Parameters Masterplan

- 5.1 This Vision for this site at Bradwell illustrates a masterplan with a balanced mix of the new burial ground extension, open space and new homes which works spatially and is also viable and delivers capital for reinvestment in the local community in terms of improved facilities and services.
- 5.2 The burial ground has been developed to ensure there is enough capacity for the next 25 years and has been designed to flow with the current burial ground’s layout whilst also enhancing the experience for those families and friends unfortunate enough to require its services.
- 5.3 The proposals enhance the current play area, making use of the retained valley woodland and creating a facility for use by not only new residents but also those in the established neighbourhoods who use the facilities already.
- 5.4 The proposed new homes are of a similar density to those in the surrounding neighbourhood so as not to be detrimental to the neighbourhoods existing character and will provide new homes in a mix of sizes and locations.
- 5.5 The proposals have been proved to be viable as stated by LSH in their Market Analysis & Viability Report which has been prepared as part of this masterplanning process.
- 5.6 Whilst the loss of any recreation ground is contentious this site has already been identified for redevelopment as part of the Boroughs’ wider Green Space Strategy.
- 5.7 The proposals illustrated in this vision balances the need to accommodate an extension to the crematorium site, enhancement of the play area, retained green infrastructure network and the development of the new homes to create a sympathetic and thoughtful masterplan as a positive contribution to the well established neighbourhood of Bradwell .

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Thursday 19 September 2019	Q1 Finance and Performance		
	Work Programme		
	Revenues and Benefits – Universal Credit	Impact on benefit claimants and organisational impact on NULBC.	
	Digital Strategy	Pre-Cabinet scrutiny of Outline Business Case	
	ICT Strategy and Development Programme	Review of ICT strategy and development programme including plans to migrate to Windows 10/Office 365.	
Monday 16 December 2019	Revenue and Capital Budgets	Pre-cabinet Scrutiny of draft savings proposals and capital programme	Alignment to Council Plan
	MTFS	Pre-cabinet Scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan

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	Commercial Strategy	Review Governance and Risk Management	Assurance that risks are being appropriately managed. Compliance to MTFS.
	Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services	Update on restructure proposals	Assurance that resourcing levels will be sufficient to ensure achievement of agreed performance targets
	Quarter 2 Performance Report	Review performance indicators.	Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan. Alignment to MTFS and Budget.
Thursday 16 January 2020	Revenue/Capital Budget and Council Tax	Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS.
	Capital Strategy	Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS.
	Investment Strategy	Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS.
	Scale of Fees and Charges	Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS.
	Treasury Management	Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS.
Thursday 19 March 2020	Asset Transfer/Community Management	Review examples (e.g. Guildhall) and determine preferred model based on learning points. Consider other potential assets for transfer (e.g. Community Centres, Kidsgrove Sports Centre).	Adequate community capacity and capability. Financial sustainability.
	Kidsgrove Sports Centre	Review progress on asset repair/transfer and CIC operating model.	Financial sustainability. Community demands.

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			Councillor Burnett to be asked to undertake some research into this topic initially and report back to the committee.
	Ethical Debt Collection	Review progress of pilot schemes in Hammersmith & Fulham and Bristol, and draft NULBC Code of Collection Practice.	Assurance that use of collection agent is appropriate and proportionate, and impact on vulnerable residents is minimised.
	Outsourcing of Payroll Services	Review of progress.	Assurance that new arrangements have delivered an improved service and cost savings.
	Quarter 3 Performance Reports	Review Performance Indicators	Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan. Alignment to MTFS and Budget.
Thursday 25 June 2020	LAPS	Review of impact on local services.	Focus on key local issues. Resource solutions.
	Procurements	Review commissioning and procurement process including whole life costs of projects/contracts and robustness of contract management procedures.	Best value.
	Quarter 4 Performance Reports	Review Performance Indicators.	Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan. Alignment to MTFS and Budget.
	Procurement	Review commissioning and procurement process including whole life costs of	Councillor Hutton to report back on his investigative findings.

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		projects/contracts and robustness of contract management procedures.	
Thursday 17 September 2020	Financial Sustainability and Recovery Plan Quarter 1 Performance Report CIPFA Guide to Financial Scrutiny	Pre-cabinet scrutiny Review Performance Indicators Information and guidance to members on best practice	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan. Alignment to MTFS and Budget Financial scrutiny is carried out in accordance with best practice
14 December 2020	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 – 2025/26 Revenue and Capital Budget 2021/22 – First Draft Savings Plan	Review Performance Indicators	

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	Quarter 2 Performance Report		Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan.
18 January 2021	Revenue/Capital Budget plus Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy	Pre-cabinet scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS
	Scale of fees and charges	Pre-cabinet scrutiny	
25 March 2021	Quarter 3 Performance Report	Review Performance Indicators	Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan
	Commercial Strategy and Portfolio	Update on progress and review	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS
	Asset Management Strategy	Update on progress	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS
24 May 2021	Newcastle Crematorium - outcome of consultation	Pre-cabinet scrutiny	
16 September, 2021	Commercial Strategy Update	Regular update	6 month review requested by the Committee

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	Procurement Review Q4 Finance and Performance Review MTFS 2022/23 Q1 Finance and Performance Review	Review Performance Indicators Review Performance Indicators	Requested by the Committee Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan
13 December 2021	Q2 Finance and Performance Review Draft savings proposals 2022/23 MTFS 2022/23	Review Performance Indicators	Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan
January 2022	Draft Revenue & Capital Budget and Strategies 2022/23 Schedule of Fees and Charges	Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny	Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS Alignment to Council Plan and MTFS
24 March 2022	Commercial Strategy update Q3 Finance and Performance Review Asset Management Strategy	Regular update Review Performance Indicators Update on progress	6 month review requested by the Committee Assurance that indicators accurately reflect progress with Council Plan

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30 June 2022	Q4 Finance and Performance Review	Review Performance Indicators	

To keep under review

- Procurement Strategy – to review whether resources are available to provide a report for June/September 2021
- Commercial Strategy Update – 6 monthly update to the Committee

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