

## EVIDENCE OF USE OF LAND AT BOWRING CLOSE, COXLEY BA5 1RH EXHIBIT G

### BOWRING CLOSE

Please can you help? Any residents that have any strong feelings on the sale of Bowring Close, please add a comment here.

If you could expand on why the sale should not happen, it would be very useful.


(Thank you  &  for coming along last night & representing residents.

Very much appreciated - I will email.)

Thank you in advance

St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council

### VIA FACEBOOK

  
Have a look at the website [playingout.net](http://playingout.net) it gives lots of evidence of the benefits of children having green spaces to play in. To quote “ Safe, free, local green spaces where children can play together are invaluable and must be protected. From the smallest patch of common land close to home or local park, parkland or even wild natural places beyond, playing outside in green space is wonderful for children. And especially important if they don’t have access to a garden. In green space, children have ready made safe space to run around and play games together, without worrying about traffic. They get to explore, have more freedom and be more independent, inside or outside of any fenced off playing area. Green space also gives children more contact with nature. Nature is all around us, even if we live in the most built up area. Green space gives children grass and earth, trees, birds, insects, bushes and flowers. Children can interact with all of this and learn about the natural world around them. And all evidence shows that time in nature is also good for mental health”.

### PLAYINGOUT.NET

Make our street a place to play

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Author

Top contributor

Good morning & thank you all for your input so far. 2 further questions, please.. is it possible to make contact with the resident of 13 Bowring Close, and can anyone say whether the grass/front lawns of No.s 10-13 is owned by each dwelling or owned & maintained by the council? Thank you ever so much.

[REDACTED]  
I think what I submitted last time still stands:  
Dear whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the auction of two small plots of land at the end on bowring close and I would like to voice my objection. My husband and I live opposite at 5 Harters close along with my 3 year old son.

We are deeply concerned that a decision has been made to sell this land for property development. One of the things that drew us to this location was the rural location and with having a small child a space for him to play with other children in the close. I have such fond memories growing up using a space like this in my own close that I wanted the same for my son. Over the last 3 years this has become a reality, with him making friends here, learning to walk, making daisy chains etc essentially being able to be a kid. But sadly if this land is sold this won't be the case.

In addition on the plot of land opposite mine is a beautiful cherry tree and another mature tree. By selling this land these much needed trees will be chopped down a huge loss to wildlife in the area.

I would very much like it if the sale of this land could be stopped. There is a number of local residents who would appose any building work to take place. The land is so small that keeping it as it currently is hugely beneficial compared to trying to fit an another two houses on the land with already limited parking in the close.

R  
[REDACTED]

I grew up in coxley and have lots of special memories of playing around the close, including those bits of land. When I moved back I was really sad to see that the school has fenced off the school feild. Makes no sense to me. And now the only small bits of green to play on are being sold off!!!! Its absoulutly disgraceful. Wheres the community!!!! Theres a lot more cars now and they drive fast around the estate. Where are the kids supposed to play together?? Oh yes walk down the really busy main road to the park....

[REDACTED]  
Moderator

Top contributor

We live in Coxley wick and often walk this way aswell as having a child attend coxley primary. Myself and [REDACTED] are deeply concerned at the possibility of this land being sold off for housing. It offers many benefits including quality of life for children living in the area aswell as a safety buffer for the bend in the road. The nearest park is a walk along an already busy main road which i find personally so dangerous I refuse to let my children walk along it! It's my belief that parking for local residents will become a problem too as it is already restricted.

[REDACTED]  
Good afternoon, I live at number 13. I'm not sure who owns the lawn at the front of my property, but it is maintained by the local council, albeit irregularly! I am hugely against the development of both areas of land for a number of reasons. Over the summer my grandchildren who live out of area came to stay with me and have made friends with children here in Coxley due to the play area. It is unthinkable that children should have to cross the very busy Glastonbury Road to access the park, over the summer holidays both areas of land

were a hive of activity for local kids and dog walkers. There is also congestion to consider with regard to parking for residents, school runs and any church business. Lastly, the trees.... How do we go about looking into whether there any protection orders in place? I'm not able to attend any meetings at the moment as I have just had surgery, but will gladly put my name to the campaign.

[REDACTED]

We moved to coxley just over a year ago we moved so our children can enjoy the out door space and lead an active,health and social life, this has been a positive we live in harters and haveing the green space around and close to home has improved not just the childrens mental heath but also ours as parents to know they have somewhere to play with friends. Or familys will meet so adults can also have a social life as well as the children. Selling this bit of land would not be visable as there would be more traffic with no parking, wich would also cause dangerous parking as tractors and other farming vehicles use the lanes also with the school seconds away it would cause more conjestion.

[REDACTED]  
Top contributor

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I've seen that you've all used this land recently with your children or your children have, so please please give your objections to. And tag anyone else you know that uses this land xx

[REDACTED]

As I was unable to attend the parish council meeting I wanted to register my opposition to the sale of the land at the end of Bowring Close in Coxley.

I live right opposite the smaller plot, meaning I will be directly affected by any development of this space.

I previously lived in Bristol, where any available space in my local area had been sold off and built on. I chose to move to Coxley for a better quality of life and improved mental health. I did my due diligence and completed solicitors searches to ensure there were no planned developments before buying the property . Clearly this was pointless.

One of the reasons I chose this property was the outlook on to a grassy communal space and the view across the fields to Glastonbury tor. Both these will be gone, including the removal of 3 mature trees, if this land is built on. These two spaces are the only place for children to play - the nearest park is a 15 minute walk across a busy main road. Parking is limited in Bowring/Harters Close and if new homes are built this will increase demand meaning people will literally have nowhere at all to park their cars.

The disruption caused by any building work on these plots will be significant. Not only will access from our properties be compromised but the noise will be excessive. My partner, along with other people living on the street, work nights. Our bedrooms are at the front of the house so the likelihood of being unable to sleep during the day while building work is going on is high. The impact on our quality of life cannot be understated.

We were previously informed that any decision to sell this land would not be made without a community consultation. Obviously this was not true.

The decision to sell this land prioritises profit over community wellbeing.

[REDACTED]

I agree with all that has been said and I am against them selling the land. I also can't understand why it is happening again. It had already been turned down. Its the same district just a name change to Somerset council instead of Mendip council or am I missing something. How can this be happening. How are they allowed to do this? Disgusting.

[REDACTED]

I don't live close to this mentioned land. But we do regularly walk this way and the kids enjoy the space to have a play on the swings and as mentioned above often meet others kids for a short play.

I also agree that with the sharp corner and the amount of cars parked either side of the corner on the road these bits of land provide extra space to be able to walk round the corner safely.

Would be a great shame to build houses here, as someone else mentioned barely big enough for a house, let alone a drive as well, which would mean more cars parked on the road.

[REDACTED]

As mentioned I think what I wrote last time still stands

I understand the above is due to be discussed tomorrow evening. Sadly I have an in-patient appointment tomorrow and cannot attend the meeting in person.

I am appalled that the remaining two pieces of land in Harters Close/Bowring Close, which is the only area for the children to play, is to be sold for potential building. Is this to encourage the children to play in the road?

For those of us of a certain age will remember that we used to have a nice green area where the bungalows are built through the middle road of Harters Close. The Council took that away for building. I know there is a playing field but that is right at the other end of the village, along a very busy main road. That is great for 2/3 hours of play but not for a half hour play before bedtime. This land is the only space for the children of Harters Close and Bowring Close to play.

I do wonder why when the houses and bungalows in Bowring Close were built that they never included this land. Was there some clause in the deeds at the time that land had to be kept for recreational purposes? I am not a legal beaver but I do wonder if this has been checked? I do hope that the Parish Council will object in the strongest terms to the selling of this land for potential building.

[REDACTED]

Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my objection to the sale of parcels of land at Bow Ring Close via email as I will not be able to attend the parish meeting due to being at work.

My main objections (amongst others) is the fact that the road is full to capacity for vehicle parking by current residents (let alone during school hours when parking is even more at a premium). There is physically no more room to accommodate extra vehicles, especially considering the smaller of the parcels of land is barely capable of having a building upon it regardless of a driveway. Secondly and maybe more importantly is the safety factor of having

strips of land near the very sharp corner in the road and the junction for Bow Ring Close. As you are probably aware, there are many motorists who speed along this section of road, especially when the are road works going on on the main road, thus traffic is heavier. These two strips provide a certain amount of sighting in both directions when driving out of the junction. If buildings were erected on the sites, this would completely eradicate any sighting until being right on the junction

Also if permission is granted for say a double story dwelling, this would be in very close proximity to my own property located literally across the road from the smaller plot, thus my own privacy would be severely restricted. The bigger plot would also look into/block natural light going into the existing end property on Bow Ring Close which has a window looking out onto the land. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I emlore you to convey our upmost concern as residents to the authorities concerned with this matter.

Yours sincerely, Keith Cowan- No. 5 Harters Close, Coxley

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[REDACTED]  
Top contributor

The land next to number 1 bowring close that has the swings on it is a much used piece of land by the community, its somewhere the local kids play, and the adults chat.

[REDACTED] im in agreement with kerry and would state the same reson why it souldnt be up for sale

J [REDACTED]  
What do you mean the sale of Bowring Close ?

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- **J** Hello Jean. Somerset Council are potentially going to sell the wide verges bordering Harters Hill Lane, which they inherited from Mendip District Council. (Sorry for causing alarm-it's not the whole of Bowring Close)
- [St Cuthbert Out Parish Council](#) is that the piece of land that was sale before ?, my mum lives in Bowring Close that's why I am interested.

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The two wide verges next to Harters Hill Lane, Jean. One has the notice board, dog waste bin & grit bin, the other a lovely established tree and smaller fruit tree. Yes, they were both due to be sold in February 2023.

**VIA EMAIL**

Q1. Please identify the nature of the recreational activities that you have seen taking place on this land.

Kids playing on the swings  
Picnics  
Kids playing tag  
Kids using bikes  
After school meet ups  
Puddle jumping  
Obstacle course

Q2. Please identify the frequency of these activities giving approximate years.

During the summer these activities are happening every day. During winter the land is still in use with kids still using the swings.

I have lived at Harters close for 6 years.

Q3. Please estimate the number of people you have seen undertaking these activities.

10-20 depending on the day

Q4. Have you ever had to ask anyone's permission to use this land?

No - it's just common land for us to use and always have been the case since I moved in.

Q5. Would you like to organise a community event on this land and if so, what would it be?

Would love one. Would be nice to hold a community bbq

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Q1. Please identify the nature of the recreational activities that you have seen taking place on this land.

Children use the green area for playing and relaxing.

Q2. Please identify the frequency of these activities giving approximate years.

We've been living here for 6 years and it's in constant use by anyone who wants to use it

Q3. Please estimate the number of people you have seen undertaking these activities.

It's impossible to say but like I've said, a lot of children and their parents rely on this area and really enjoy it.

Q4. Have you ever had to ask anyone's permission to use this land?

No.

Q5. Would you like to organise a community event on this land and if so, what would it be?

Not at the moment, but it should be available if someone wanted to do that.

( [REDACTED]





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We need your input to support to support the application - please can you answer the following questions:

Q1. Please identify the nature of the recreational activities that you have seen taking place on this land. *Children play on the land*

Q2. Please identify the frequency of these activities giving approximate years. *back to the 1970 they have played there*

Q3. Please estimate the number of people you have seen undertaking these activities.

Q4. Have you ever had to ask anyone's permission to use this land? *NO*

Q5. Would you like to organise a community event on this land and if so, what would it be?

*No because I am 99yrs*

Please respond by MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER. Drop off your comments to Mr Terry Wadman at 6a Harters Close & the Parish Council will pick them up from there & **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

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- Q2. Please identify the frequency of these activities giving *foraging* approximate years. *20 years.*
- Q3. Please estimate the number of people you have seen undertaking these activities. *Up to groups of 6, 2-3 playing with a bali. 1-2 using swings. 1-2 mushroom foraging*
- Q4. Have you ever had to ask anyone's permission to use this land? *NO*
- Q5. Would you like to organise a community event on this land and if so, what would it be? *A pop up or catering van eg coffee to chat to help elderly mix with community to young social. Pop up library, craft activities etc.*

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Q2. Please identify the frequency of these activities giving approximate years. *I've lived here for 5 years so all of that time.*

Q3. Please estimate the number of people you have seen undertaking these activities. *20+*

Q4. Have you ever had to ask anyone's permission to use this land? *NO*

Q5. Would you like to organise a community event on this land and if so, what would it be?

*Enjoying the quiet, Admiring the trees, Looking at the birds*

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*Celebrating the village green - a drink!*

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  - Q2. Please identify the frequency of these activities giving approximate years. *kids on swings + playing ball games if weather*
  - Q3. Please estimate the number of people you have seen undertaking these activities. *btw. 1-6 ppl at a time*
  - Q4. Have you ever had to ask anyone's permission to use this land? *NO*
  - Q5. Would you like to organise a community event on this land and if so, what would it be? *pop up Cafe once a week for the lonely ppl*
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- mainly for Royal Celebrations or planting WILD FLOWERS*

Q1

Kids play here regularly throughout the day especially in the nicer weather families meet here even occasionally picnic here and as a mum myself I love being able to sit on the swings with my daughter in the evening and chat!

Q2

I've lived here for approx 8 years now and this land has always been used regularly even before the swings were put here. during the summer months I would even say its used daily

Q3

I may have only been here a few years but have witnessed change in families that use this land but on average I think theres always been about a dozen families using the land regularly and many more that just stop for a few mins as they walk past.

Q4  
no

Q5

I would love to see more community events on this land, family picnics, BBQ's any thing that brings families together.

- Q1 The local children often play on this grass, building dens, playing at shops or putting on "shows"
- Q2 I have lived here for 25 years and see such activities frequently, especially in the summer holidays.
- Q3 All the children on the estate play there, depending how many there are; from 2 or 3 up to over a dozen.
- Q4 Nobody asks permission to use it. Anyone can play there, though the prohibition on ball-games is respected. It's always kept clean and tidy by local people.
- Q5 The land is already used to site the dog bin and a public noticeboard. It would be suitable for a community picnic, or small fete. The neighboring school field is locked now; has been for many years. The nearest green space is across a busy A road, and some distance away. Without the grassy area at Bowring Close, the children have nowhere to play but in the road.

Bowring Close

18/9/23

1. Children playing, dog walking, people sitting and chatting, playing football.
2. Since I was a kid over 30 years.
3. Hundreds over the years.
4. No. and has been enjoyed by the whole community over the years.
5. Village BBQ.

These plots, parking will also be a serious problem, as residents even now sometimes are parking on grass outside their properties as no road parking available.

These 2 plots are really not suitable for housing, use your common sense and let the Parish Council register as a Village Green.

Yours Sincerely  
M. Owen

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MARTIN + DGE  
3A Harters  
Close,  
Coxley,  
BAS TRE.

13/9/23

I am writing in support of the Parish Council in regard to the 2 plots of land in Bowring Close, Coxley as a Village Green.

We really need this land for recreational activities. The kids around here used to use the school field years ago, before they put a locked gate there, now they are seen in the road end on the pavements, traffic flows fast sometimes up and down the road.

If they build houses on



RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP TWO PLOTS OF GRASSED/TREE LAND, BOWRING CLOSE, COXLEY. WE WANT IT TO BE A VILLAGE GREEN. NO TO MORE HOUSING.

Q1 - CHILDREN ALWAYS PLAYING ON GRASS AREAS SWINGING ON TREES, PLAYING GAMES AND GATHERING WITH THEIR FRIENDS FROM THE ESTATE AS IT IS ONLY GREEN AREA TO PLAY ON - in ALL SEASONS.

Q2. WE HAVE LIVED HERE OVER FORTY YEARS, AND HAVE SEEN CHILDREN + ADULTS AT ALL TIMES OF YEARS, YOUNG MUMS WITH BABIES + TODDLERS CHATTING + RELAXING. ALSO MEN WITH KIDS. TEENAGERS "HANGING OUT". AND AT NO TIME DURING THE FORTY HAS THERE BEEN ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT BEHAVIOUR OR NOISE. NO VANDALISM OR DIS-RESPECT OF THE AREA.

Q3. OVER FORTY YEARS, DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, LOTS OF CHILDREN + ADULTS USING THE AREA. THE NUMBERS OBVIOUSLY HAVE VARIED OVER FORTY YEARS AS DIFFERENT FAMILIES COME + GO IN THE ESTATE, AND RECENTLY BECAUSE OF THE INFILUX OF PEOPLE FROM THE NEW BUILDS THAT HAVE GROWN AROUND THE AREAS THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE/CHILDREN USING THIS GREEN AREA.

Q4 NO

Q.5 OF COURSE WE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE AN EVENT, POSSIBLY WITH SOME FUNDING HELP FROM THE PARISH OR EVEN COUNTY COUNCIL!

e.g. COMMUNITY PICNICS. CELEBRATIONS OF BIRTHDAYS MARRIAGES, DEATHS/FUNERALS, <sup>MEMORIALS</sup> PET RELATED EVENTS. SPORTS FOR KIDS + ADULTS. PARTIES. MUSICAL EVENTS.

COMMENTS ON THE IDEA OF BUILDING MORE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ON THE ONLY AVAILABLE GREEN COMMUNAL SPACE IN THIS AREA OF COXLEY + WHY WE THE UNDERNAMED STRONGLY OPPOSE!!

THE FIELD THAT IS CLASSED AS PLAYGROUND IS ISOLATED, RARELY USED. IT IS OFF A VERY BUSY ROAD OFF "THE BEATEN TRACK". THE PATHWAY ALONG ROAD IS UNSAFE i.e. VERY NARROW + NOT MAINTAINED; HARD TO WALK ALONG WITH PUSHCHAIRS OR YOUNG CHILDREN + PARENTS, WHEELCHAIRS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO USE. TARMAC NOT WIDE ENOUGH + BUSHES + VEGETATION NOT CUT BACK REGULARLY. LORRIES + BUSES IN PARTICULAR PUT MANY PEOPLE OFF GOING TO USE PLAYPARK. PARK ITSELF HAS AN OPEN ACCESS TO AN UNSAFE RIVER, NO SAFETY MEASURES. LOTS OF DOG WALKERS "LEAVE" DOG FEACES WHICH CHILDREN COULD CONTRACT SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM. BECAUSE IT IS ~~WAY FAR FROM SCHOOL~~ ISOLATED IT IS POTENTIALLY A HAVEN FOR PEDOPHILES.

THE SCHOOL FIELD USED TO BE USED A LOT BY CHILDREN + ADULTS FOR EXAMPLE, PLAYING FOOTBALL, ROUNDERS, CRICKET etc. THERE WAS NEVER ANY KNOWN CASES OF VANDALISM OR DISRESPECT OR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. NOW THE SCHOOL FIELD IS CLOSED

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AND UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE. WHY?!

WE DO NOT LIKE THE FACT THAT A DOG-SHIT BIN HAS BEEN PUT ON A COMMUNAL PLAY AREA. IT IS UNHYGEINIC UNSAFE + WHY HAS A "COUNCIL ESTATE" BEEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR SUCH A MONSTROSITY AS A DOG-SHIT BIN. WHY CAN'T PEOPLE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR PETS FEACES? WE DO NOT WANT AN OFFENSIVE SHIT BIN IT ENCOURAGES IRRESPONSIBILITY + IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE WHOLE BREAKDOWN OF PET OWNERSHIP, TO THE EXTENT THAT RECENTLY KILLER DOGS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING PEOPLE.

WHY, IF PEOPLE WANT A DOG-SHIT BIN ISN'T THERE ONE ON THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL ESTATES, + NOT ON ONE OF FEW GREEN SPACES.

THERE IS UNUSED LAND BEHIND THE GARAGES IN HARTERS CLOSE. WHY CAN'T THAT BE A BEAUTIFUL PLAY/COMMUNAL GREEN AREA ?? OR EVEN MORE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT TO FUND COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEMES TO GENERATE MONEY. ?

ROBERT + JOSEPHINE HAWKINS

GERALDINE LEE

BARBARA

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- ① FOOTBALL, CRICKET, SWINGS.
- ② VERY OFTEN IN SUMMER. BUT NOT SO MUCH NOW.
- ③ BOWRING CLOSE WAS BUILT 53 YEARS AGO.
- ④ THERE USED TO BE 19 CHILDREN LIVING IN THE CLOSE. ALSO CHILDREN NEARBY
- ⑤ NO. AND IT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN OVERFLOW CAR PARK. WITHOUT PERMISSION.

⑤ SKITTLES - WHERE GOLF EQUIPMENT BE HIRED

CHILDREN WERE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE SCHOOL FIELD THEY WERE IN TROUBLE ON MONDAY MORNINGS. MAIN ROAD TO PLAYING FIELD TOO DANGEROUS (USED TO BE DOWNHILL)

MR J. COUS NO 6.

16<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*To Whom It May Concern - Pieces of Land in Bowring Close, Coxley.*

*My wife and I have lived opposite the entrance to Bowring Close and the two parcels of land for fifty plus years.*

*Our two daughters grew up and played on these patches of land with many other children from Bowring Close and Harters Close as has been the case for generations. Now our Grandchildren and their friends have the opportunity to do the same. Close to home where an eye can be kept on them.*

*The established trees provide shelter if needed. Children can play on the swings attached to one of the trees, and the visual attraction of the cherry Blossom trees is amazing.*

*The current open space provides a clear visual view for vehicle drivers when exiting Bowring Close into Harters Hill Lane which is a busy road with agricultural, commercial and private vehicles continually passing up and down.*

*Development of these bits of land would have a detrimental impact on residents of No's 1 and 13 Bowring close. Increase vehicle parking on an already congested junction. Loss of established trees and the community grassed area for children and adults alike.*

*I appreciate there may be need for social housing but it doesn't make any sense for the Council sell off houses that become vacant as in the case of No7 Bowring Close, and a few years back No11 Harters Close. Both perfectly good houses that a bit of TLC by the Councils (Aster) own Maintenance department could have carried out. I wonder how many others have been lost in the same way.*

*I think some of the comments on the Coxley Village Life Face book page is a good indication as the level of feeling on this matter.*



14th September 2023

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter to support The parish council with regards to Bowring close on Harters Hill Lane in their application to register the 2 plots of grassed land in Bowring Close as a Village green. I am a mother of 3 children whom 2 of which attend Coxley Primary School on Harters Hill Lane.

I myself have witnessed and partaken in on multiple occasions the children and parents from and surrounding Bowring Close enjoying the 2 plots of grassed land described above in many ways such as - picnicking, enjoying the tree swing and outdoor activities.

I have been a part of the Coxley School community for the last 3.5 years and almost on a daily basis have seen children and parents alike enjoying this space.

I know of at least 4 different families who regularly enjoy these green spaces from Coxley but it would be my educated guess that many more like myself who have associations with Coxley through friends/family and the school bring that number to a notably higher amount.

I have not had to receive permission to use this space as I was not under the impression it was specifically owned by any one resident of Coxley and it has always felt very communal and enjoyed by all.

A community event on this piece of land would be a wonderful asset to Coxley with in being in an area highly inhabited by children and families being so close to Coxley primary School where the community spirit and safety is strong and prevalent. Things such as community picnics and gatherings for families to enjoy the wonderful tree situated on one of the plots of land would be an asset.

Finally, the safety of selling the 2 plots of land described above to be sold and then used for housing development would be a serious concern for me. Being so close to a primary school where children regularly use scooters, bikes etc to get to and from school and to enjoy this space regularly would be at further

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risk of potential harm from vehicles due to the location of the plots of land being on a tight corner where people often drive over the speed limit and limited parking in the area. There simply is not enough space for this property to be built and the space could be continued to be enjoyed by the local community indefinitely.

Sincerely,



I feel, and have always felt, very strongly, that this end of the village really needs those bits of green for children to play on. They have nowhere as the school playground is not available to them except in school hours. . The Mill Lane playground is much too far away and they can only get there accompanied. They need somewhere in view of the houses where the children can go to meet friends safely, with adults who know them near at hand, in the houses nearby.

In years gone by (when my children were that sort of age, say 1995-2005), residents put toys and bits of play equipment there at their own expense, and also strategically placed things like ride on toys, a small bike or toy pram, by the side of the road to make motorists notice there are children around, and slow down. It worked. If residents knew the ground was to be protected as a community facility in perpetuity, I dare say locals could raise the funds to provide and install a few things, or continue with the borrowing and lending on an informal basis.

When I was a parish councillor I tried hard to find a route via Aster to make a play space where the garages in Harters Close are, but they were not prepared to evict tenants of those garages and convert the space back into a community use. Parking was also a big issue just there which didn't help.

Regards,



This is the Exhibit Marked 'G'  
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