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Consultation responses

From: C COLE <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Friday, August 9, 2024 4:50:38 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: 2 end plots of bowring close coxley

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Dear Zoe

My family has lived in Bowring Close since the houses were built in 1970, all the children have played there (we had 4 sons) so why have the council sold the land.

My family and I want it kept as a COMMUNITY SPACE and for it to stay as a green space for the future not for some outsider to come to village and spoil it.

We support your application for it to be a village green. my children and I are
Coxley born and bread we do not want others spoil it for us

Good luck with the application

The Cole Family (Carole Cole)

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From: Richard & Jenny Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, July 25, 2024 4:56:00 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
CC: Lisa Pool <parishclerk@stcuthbertout-pc.gov.uk>; Cllr
Hathway <tony.hathway@stcuthbertout-pc.gov.uk>; Cllr
Zorab <chairman@stcuthbertout-pc.gov.uk>
Subject: Bowring Close, Coxley

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We are writing to support the application for Village Green status for the two little pieces of land either side of the entrance to Bowring Close, Coxley.

This is the only public play space this end of the village; the school playground is NOT available to children except during school hours, (and even then only to current pupils at the school) so afternoons, evenings, weekends and throughout the school holidays many children have nowhere to play, unless an adult is available to go the half mile or more along the A39, along a very dangerous narrow pavement, to the Recreation Ground off Mill Lane.

Many times over the 29 years we have been here, children have asked for a playground close to their own homes, ideally with swings and other play equipment.

Jenny & Richard Henderson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Somerset

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Mobile / WhatsApp (Jenny): [REDACTED]

Mobile / WhatsApp (Richard): [REDACTED]

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From: Terry Wadman <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Monday, July 15, 2024 2:15:49 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Commons Act 2006 - Section 15 Application.

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Dear Zoe,

I write in response to the letter received today regarding - Two Plots of land at the Eastern end of Bowring Close, Coxley.

My wife and I live across the road from these plots of land and have done for fifty plus years. We were very concerned on hearing that the plots had been put up for sale as they are enjoyed as play areas for children in the locality as well the pleasure of green space for all in this part of the village.

We have attended meetings with St Cuthbert Out Council members at the site including our then MP James Heapey. All of whom were in total support of the land being kept for the benefit of the community which we, and everyone I know support.

We whole heartedly support this application.

Yours faithfully,

Terry Wadman.

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From: Keith Cowan <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Monday, July 15, 2024 2:21:13 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Commons act 2006 section 15 application, parcels of land, Coxley

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FAO Zoe Williamson

Madam, I am writing in reply to your letter dated 11th July 2024 regarding the application to register the 2 parcels of land by Bowring Close, Coxley. My wife and I are delighted to have received the news that Somerset Council is considering the application to class the land as a village green for all. We live directly opposite the smaller parcel of land, which were it to be built on would absolutely destroy the aesthetics of Bowring Close and Harters Close. Our son uses the land to play with our neighbours children. We therefore wholeheartedly approve of the application.

Yours sincerely, Keith & Elizabeth Cowan, [REDACTED].
Sent from my iPad

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From: James Barnett <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Monday, July 15, 2024 2:07:28 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Coxley - land at Bowring close

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Hi Zoe,

I support the application of these parcels of land (x2) being village green spaces. The children of the village need somewhere safe to play and for the green space including trees to be undisturbed and embraced for ecological reasons.

Kind regards

James Barnett

[REDACTED]
Church Road, Coxley, BA5 1R

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Martin Oram <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 9:42:05 AM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Coxley Community Space

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I am just emailing you to support the parish council application for our village green. There are already parking issues at times in Bowring Close apart from the fact that the children need this space in particular. Thanks,

Martin

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2
Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 8:16:25 AM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Bowring Close, Coxley. BA5

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I would like to register my disapproval of the sale of these two plots of land for development and support the application to make the land village greens. I understand children in that area of Coxley have used that land for decades as a safe area to play and long may it continue.

Angela Rivers

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Sent from my Galaxy

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From: deborah hussey <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 4:04:43 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Bowring Close, Coxley

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Good afternoon,

I have received a letter about the application to register land in Bowring Close, Coxley as a village green.

I am writing to express my support for this application.

I live opposite one of the pieces of land in question, and as well as using it myself on a daily basis, I see what an important resource it is for the whole community. It brings local people together, some of whom would be completely isolated otherwise, as this is a rural area with few other community amenities.

I very much hope this application is successful and the space continues to be used to bring our community together for many more years to come.

Kind regards,

Deborah Hussey

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From: Hayley Meddings [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, July 25, 2024 9:12:41 AM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: OBJECTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF PLOTS OF LAND AT THE EASTERN END OF BOWRING CLOSE

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Dear Zoe,

I am emailing to lodge my objection to the development of the land at the side of my bungalow, 13 Bowring Close.

Any development of this small piece of land would directly affect the residents of Bowring Close and Harters Hill detrimentally. The areas concerned service the local children as the only play areas available without the necessity to cross an extremely busy road and have enabled my grandchildren when they come to visit to integrate with local children. It's a safe peaceful environment for all the children to play.

The bungalows in Bowring Close, have been adapted for disabled residents and any building work would cause disruption to accessibility and congestion, along with noise and dust pollution.

There is also the impact on the natural environment as there are a number of trees that would be felled, one of which is over 100 years old.

I trust that by sending this email, you will take my objection into consideration.

Regards
Hayley Meddings
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jane Ballantyne <jane.violin@yahoo.com>
Sent on: Sunday, July 28, 2024 11:26:23 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>; jane ballantyne <jane.violin@yahoo.com>
Subject: Village Green Coxley

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Dear Zoe Williamson

Please can you add my name to the list of supporters for the two plots of land at BowRing Close in Coxley to become a village green.

I fully support this happening and think it's disgusting that the council is trying to sell off the land.

I hope you can enable the land to become a village green.

Kind regards
Jane Ballantyne

[Yahoo Mail: Search, organise, conquer](#)

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From: Gill Davey <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 12:55:27 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Two plots of land at Bowring Close, Coxley

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Dear Ms Williamson

I write in connection with the application for these two plots of land to be made into village greens.

I was born and bred in Coxley, and still live there. I was appalled when these two pieces of land were sold with possible potential for building but delighted that there is now an application for these to be designated village greens.

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. These two bits of land are the only spaces for the children of Harters Close and Bowring Close to play. Take this away and they will only have the road to play in.

I would fully support this land being designated village greens.

Yours

Gillian Davey

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From: Liz Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Wednesday, August 14, 2014, 10:11:37 PM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Coxley village green application

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Dear Ms Williamson,

I have lived opposite the small patches of green for over thirty years. When my three sons were young they played on these little areas but were also able to play on Coxley school field. Now the school grounds are out of bounds to local children and the adjoining fields are gated and padlocked with no entry signs. The playing field is some distance away along a very busy main road. This small grassed area is the only communal piece of land where children and neighbours can meet for play and a chat on the Harters Close side of the main road. It would benefit from some benches to facilitate its use as a meeting place for our village community which is rather cut off from the main village by the main road. Most of the children in the village are probably in our small enclave yet we have no facility for them to play and socialise. It already has a grit bin., dog waste bin and our village noticeboard in situ so is used for the benefit of the village. This will be lost if the land is used for housing.
Elizabeth Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rosy Henderson <rosy.henderson@stcuthbertout-pc.gov.uk>
Sent on: Friday, July 26, 2024 8:24:28 AM
To: Zoe Williamson <zoe.williamson@somerset.gov.uk>;
parishclerk@stcuthbertout-pc.gov.uk; tony.hathway@stcuthbertout-
pc.gov.uk; chairman@stcuthbertout-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Development of Bowring Close, Coxley

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Dear Ms Williamson,

I am writing to express my objection to the planned development of land at the entrance to Bowring Close in Coxley.

I grew up in Coxley, just a little further up Harters Hill Lane, and still visit often. My siblings, our friends from the village, and I, would often play on those two patches of grass, as there was nowhere else we could safely go to play. If this land is built on, it will deprive already-deprived children of even this small opportunity.

I realise there is a playground in Coxley. However, it is a long walk away from Harters Hill Lane (long by adult standards, even more so for young children) and not safe for young children to walk or cycle to unaccompanied, being along a very narrow pavement next to a busy main road which is notorious for careless driving and speeding. Once there, it is not overlooked by neighbouring homes, meaning that if something were to happen, the chances of an adult seeing and being able to take appropriate action are minimal.

Meanwhile the open spaces on Bowring Close are overlooked by several homes, who are likely to know the children playing there, and be able to act if necessary.

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When I visit Coxley as an adult, I now have my daughter with me, who is almost 3. She adores playgrounds. However, I have only taken her to the playground in Coxley twice, because it is such an unpleasant journey to get there, even if I know she will be physically safe because I am with her. I'm painfully aware of all the exhaust fumes she will be breathing in along the main road, and in places where the hedge is overgrown across the pavement it can be very hard to get through without stepping out into the busy road. If you have walked along this road yourself I am sure you will understand. I say this as someone who now lives in central London and is perfectly used to co-existing with traffic - at least the pavements in London are wide enough to walk side-by-side holding her hand, and for her to be walking more than a few centimetres away from the exhaust pipes of passing cars.

I recognise that we have a housing crisis in Britain and swift action needs to be taken. However, new homes must surely be built in the right places if they are to go any way towards solving the problems we are facing, without creating new ones. Building on this particular patch of land is unlikely to be more than a drop in the ocean in terms of the housing crisis, but is creating additional problems on other fronts, in terms of depriving children of a safe space to play - children are more likely to play in the road and/or attempt the dangerous journey to the isolated playground at the far end of the village, both of which would be an accident waiting to happen. Additionally, there is plenty of research to show that if children do not have access to safe play spaces, their attainment at school drops considerably and they are more likely to fall into antisocial and ultimately criminal behaviour.

I am not a NIMBY. I welcome the building of new homes, as long as they are affordable to the people who need them, and in places where the residents will be able to access everything they need easily. Coxley I am sure could expand further to home more people - but there needs to be more community provision first if it is to be anything other than a commuter dormitory for nearby larger towns. Currently there is not even a village shop, and practically all the amenities residents need require a car or public transport (which as you will know is not cheap in Somerset) to access them. Removing the only viable public play space at this end of the village will only exacerbate the problem.

When considering this application I would ask you to consider who would benefit from this development. It is surely not the existing residents of Bowring Close and Harters Hill Lane.

Kind regards,

Rosy Henderson