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Principal Planning Officer
LDP Team
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Dear Mr McCaughey

Objection to the rezoning of land at Deer Park Field Prehen

I understand as someone who lives in Prehen that there are plans to re-designate the Deer Park Field at Prehen from passive recreational use to zoning for housing.

I wish to raise my objections to the potential loss of yet another green space at Prehen, and to the loss of recreational space and biodiversity which building houses on the green area would bring about.

I understand that from the Green Infrastructure Plan green spaces like the Deer Park field should be protected as valued areas; as stated in the plan, 'By 2032, the district will have a multi-functional green infrastructure, with a network of green & blue spaces that provide a shared space for amenity, recreation, health & wellbeing, conservation of biodiversity, ecosystem services and adaptation to climate change.' Protecting the green spaces of Prehen is totally compatible with this Green Infrastructure Plan.

What I wish to see is Planning bringing about the enforcement of its own green policies through the protection of any remaining green spaces in Prehen. In particular I wish to see the protection of trees in the Prehen area, especially those in the vicinity of the listed Prehen House.

Also, as a local stakeholder I would like to be kept fully informed of any discussions on matters relating to the Deer Park Field.

I apologise in advance if anything I have written is inaccurate, but even though I am a Prehen resident I have had no official communication on this issue.

Regards

Wendy P Kelly