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Dear Sir,

I understand that
Glaxton County High School want
to build 10 new classrooms + a
4 court Sports Hall. To be able
to do this they want to take
some of the Recreation ground.

Sir, I beg you! do not allow
them to do this. The 'Rec' is
the only green space in that area.
It is very well used for many sports
and other activities - including a
lot of dog walkers.

To do this would mean the
loss of many well established trees.

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We cannot afford to lose these trees - especially with the climate as it is at the moment. They are also 'home' to many birds and other wild life.

There is an area of land at the rear of the school's playing field, why cannot that be cleared for the school to use?

You say that an area of land will be added to Rush Green Recreation Ground, in my opinion it does not need it. It does not have the facilities of Vista Road. It is a beautiful place to walk & for children to play.

I do not understand why you cannot use this extra land to build the extra classrooms.

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Also why cannot the extra children just use the Jaywick Lane school? It has everything in place there already. It is just a lovely building going to waste.

Just think of all the money it would save!

I do hope Vista Road 'Rec' will not be ruined as it means a lot to the people who use it.

Yours sincerely,

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(Mrs.)

Andy White

From: Personal Information redacted AW @btinternet.com>
Sent: 16 August 2019 19:54
To: Assets
Subject: Disposal of Land - Vista Road Recreation

I, and quite a few of my neighbours who live on the Greenacres Estate are appalled to hear we are going to lose more open space on the above recreation ground. We are going to lose more trees so wildlife will suffer, when lets face it we need all the trees we can get to ward off all the acrid poisons that are in the air!!

Why does the school need more open space? I never see any students actually playing in the space there already as they have always got their eyes peeled on their mobile phones or Ipads. Lunchtimes are spent at the local mobile sandwich bar parked in Valleybridge Road so who will really use this open space??

Summer games are played once a year near the end of June and that's about it.

This space is used by a lot of local elderly people and mothers with very young pre school children, who lets face it will not be able to drive to Rush Green let alone walk to it so that's a bit of a farce!! We have already lost a few trees when the new Bungalows were recently built and which, to this day still remain empty as they are so expensive, so they are becoming a bit of a waste of space.

How about putting better facilities in place on the recreation ground for local people like a few benches to sit on. In the 11 years I have been walking my dog on the recreation ground I have only ever seen two benches on there. WHY?? Some older people can not sit on the grass as they have difficulty getting up again. It is all very well saying you are making for the future generations but remember without the older generation these youngsters would not exist!!!

Let's remember the people who use it 7 days a week not just weekdays. Remember something else, it is the local people who keep it tidy as well. It is us locals who pick up all the rubbish left by the students when they walk back from the sandwich bar and discard all there empty chip cartons on the ground and also we clear up a lot of the mess left by football and rugby fans as what they leave behind can be poisonous to our dogs.

Lets hope these plans are scapped for all our sakes.

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Andy White

From: Personal Information redacted AW [redacted]@l.com>
Sent: 21 August 2019 09:25
To: Assets
Subject: CCHS - Vista Road Proposals

Dear Mr White

I am opposed to the above proposals.

1. The loss of amenity space in central Clacton (1.8 hectares) is not outweighed by the possible gain of some land, quantity unspecified, on the outskirts. For elderly residents without transport there are no benefits whatsoever.
2. The transformation of an irregularly shaped piece of land into an oblong is unwelcome.
3. CCHS has plenty of land already. There is also the neglected area at the northern end of their property - no doubt a wildlife area. In addition, if CCHS does not have sufficient land for sporting activities, I cannot see why CCHS cannot share part of the recreation ground with other users - as already happens on some school sports days.

I am also disappointed about the quality of your plan and documentation. For example, who are Sigma Trust to whom the land is being given?

As the professional responsible for this plan it is not reassuring to note errors. For example, Points A and B on the Vista Road plan are not shown on the itemised description - presumably they correspond to numbers 3 and 4.

Yours sincerely

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Andy White

From: Personal Information redacted AW <[redacted]@ptmail.com>
Sent: 21 August 2019 12:03
To: Andy White
Subject: Disposal of land at Vista Rd Recreation Ground.

I object to the disposal of the above Public Space to Clacton County High. This is well used space which also accommodates the schools Sports Days. At the far end of the schools sports field is an overgrown never used piece of land which along with part of their playing field could be used to accommodate the proposed classrooms. Part of the recreation ground has already been sold off for housing and to suggest 'an anticipated piece of land at Rush Green' would somehow compensate for selling this land does not even consider that vast difference of mileage between the two areas as they are not even in the same vicinity. This has been a Public Space for for a very long time and it is slowly being made smaller and smaller. The schools grounds could easily accommodate the classrooms without any more impact of this stealthy erosion of space and anymore impact of wildlife.

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Andy White

From: [Personal Information redacted AW]@nail.com>
Sent: 22 August 2019 16:07
To: Assets
Subject: Potential disposal of land held for open space purposes at 'vista Road Clacton on sea

Re the map sent to us .clacton leisure centre orientation plan :-w e are very concerned that we know nothing about Clacton County High Schools intentions re the land (1) that abuts our property [Personal Information redacted AW] Clacton CO15 6LG

Very concerned for the future of the old established trees surrounding the CCCHS existing boundary. They must remain at all costs and we need confirmation of this issue.

We know only of T D C plan, are you gifting it to CCHS or are they buying the designated area?

We only have half a story at present and need full facts plus a communication from CCHS they need to communicate with the property owners that will be effected by this proposal, As our property is on the boundary we are entitled to this information as soon as possible before we lodge any objections

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Layla Davey

From: Personal data Redacted AW [redacted]@internet.com>
Sent: 28 August 2019 10:09
To: Assets
Cc: Cllr. Sue Honeywood
Subject: Objection to disposal of open space land - Vista Road

Dear Mr White,

I write to formally object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to dispose of public open space at the Vista Road recreation ground.

The site is currently used by numerous groups, dog walkers, groups playing ad hoc games of football, rounders etc, fitness training and families doing various activities.

At present there is sufficient space for these groups to enjoy their activity without coming into conflict with each other.

Taking out of public use the substantial amount of land proposed will reduce the land available with the real potential for conflict between the various users.

When the football and rugby season commences, even less space will be available, leaving the cricket pitch as the only open area.

Already an area of land in the fields has been sold off by the council, where 8 bungalows sit empty a year on.

Your document states the school require more playing field space. I walk in the field on a daily basis and must say the current school playing field is well under used.

The school do at present use the Vista Road field without any issues, why the need to deny a greater number of people the use of what is ever decreasing open space.

Finally for Essex County Council to propose giving some land at Rush Green to offset the loss in Vista Road is of absolutely no use to the people in this area.

Yours sincerely,

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Layla Davey

From: Personal data Redacted AW
Sent: 02 September 2019 18:54
To: Assets
Subject: Proposed development of open space land at Vista Road.

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Dear Mr.White.

I have recently learned of a proposed development to Clacton High School which will extend its premises into the open space land at Vista Road , used daily by many members of the public. As far as I am aware no public announcement of this development has been made and therefore I can only assume that the decision has already been taken. However, I would like to take this opportunity to register my opposition to this when it appears that available land at the school is under used. The worry is also concerning the affect that any increase in traffic flow could have on the small side roads close to the school.

I understand that there is a proposal to add land to the recreation ground at Rush Green to compensate, but this is so far away from Vista Road that I think it makes little sense, I cannot see that many people will use the Rush Green ground as an alternative and for non-drivers it will be impossible.

Yours hopefully

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Layla Davey

From: Personal data Redacted AW [redacted]@k.net>
Sent: 03 September 2019 11:49
To: Assets
Subject: FAO, Andrew R White re: Potential disposal of land held for open space purposes at Vista Road, Clacton-on-Sea.

Dear Mr White,

Yet again the local residents and regular users of the recreation ground have been given no consideration in this proposal. There have been no public notices put up in the area concerned. Yes there was an article in the local paper in July and a very small public notice in the back of the local paper in August, but not everybody reads the local paper and not everybody has access to a computer. Having found a letter on the CCHS website from Neil Gallagher, Executive Headteacher, addressed to the the parents / carers, I was interested to note the following sentence 'The public consultation on the Vista Road land transfer will take place at the end of July, and residents will be encouraged to give their opinions.' I have spoken to many people who knew nothing of this proposal. Several groups take football training in this area and even they are unaware of the situation. I understand that you are only obliged to place two public notices in the local paper but in the circumstances I feel that the consultation period should be extended and full information be posted clearly in several areas of the recreation ground. It would also be useful if the council would send individual copies of the information to local residents.

On a personal level, as a dog owner, the recreation ground was a big factor in my choosing to live in this locality. The school was far enough away to have little impact on me. The potential for that will change. Wyndham Crescent is a quiet residential road with a predominantly retired population. It is a concern that with three access gates being located on the boundary of the proposed footpath (4), there will be an influx of 'school run' traffic using Wyndham Crescent as a parking / drop off area and rat run. This situation already exists in Boley Drive, Walton Road, Avondale Road and College Road, we don't want it here.

We have already lost a considerably large part of the recreation ground to the erection of eight bungalows which none of the local residents and users of the recreation ground wanted and which are proving very hard to sell. It is a shame the council did not have any foresight regarding the needs of the school before they sold this land.

The proposed area in question is used **daily** by the general public. It is not only used as a sports facility. Families go there, unaccompanied children play over there, dog walkers can allow their dogs to run around there. This part of the field is 'safe' because it has no access to a busy road. On 'match' days, although football matches are played in this area, contrary to the main part of the recreation ground, it is also often the only area where no football / rugby / cricket matches are being played. This is of benefit to those of us who are using the recreation ground for non sporting activities. Given that the school is not open all day, all the year round, this area would be under used, as the current field area of the school is now. Until a couple of weeks ago, an area of the school field backing on to Wyndham Crescent and Boley Drive, had been allowed to be completely overgrown with weeds. This area could be utilised by the school to provide extra space for their sporting activities. The school sports field is not being used for sport by all the pupils at the same time. At lunch / break time, with the exception of a minority, the pupils are sitting down, not using it for sport. These are teenagers, not young children running about all the time. The school currently shares use of the proposed area with the general public and we respect their presence by not interfering. Why can't this coexistence carry on?

There are a considerably large number of mature trees and shrubs bordering three sides of this area. The trees and the wildlife for which they provide shelter, are vital to the environment. Adults, children and dogs love to see the antics of the squirrels. We must not see these trees disposed of to provide extra field space

for the school. In a letter to parents/ carers, Chris Taylor, Head of School, is attempting to instill social awareness in his pupils by attempting to reduce single use plastic bottles at the school. He hopes'.....our students will begin to consider other local, national and global issues for change.' How irresponsible and what an awful example to set these young people if we lose those trees, shrubs and wildlife.

The proposal to add land to the recreation ground at Rush Green to compensate for losing the area at Vista Road, shows how ignorant the council is of who is actually using this open space. Local people are using their local facility. Unaccompanied children would not be able to go to Rush Green. People like myself who don't drive would not be able to go to Rush Green. Families who take their children to Vista Road on foot, yes there are still some about, would not be able to go to Rush Green. Additionally, there are people who go to Vista Road by car, from the Rush Green area because they don't feel safe using that facility. I had given thought to the school considering relocating the entire upper school to the Tendring Education Centre, but reconsidered this on the basis that local children are going to their local school and that whilst sixth formers might be happy to travel further afield to benefit their education, their younger counterparts might not feel the same way. However, perhaps this may still be an idea to consider.

Walking past the rear of the school adjacent to the exit road from the leisure centre, there are several single storey buildings. Surely this space would be better utilised to provide extra classroom space by creating multi storey buildings. There would be no impact on properties in Vista Road / Walton Road given that the main school building is already two storeys high.

With regard to removing the existing footpath (23) and landscaping the area, what is the point? Strange as it may seem, although it effectively leads to nowhere when walking up from Valley Road, people do actually use it to access the field / use it as a shortcut through to the other side of the leisure centre. Many of these being the schoolchildren themselves as well as those with children in buggies and cyclists. In fact, it would be useful to have a designated path traversing the length of the field from Valley Road to the leisure centre car park, especially in the wet weather. Also, judging by what I see on a daily basis, I'm sure that many people would be grateful to see a path leading up from Valley Road alongside the railway line to meet up with the existing path which terminates at the railway bridge. Landscaping seems pointless when the council doesn't bother to properly maintain the borders of the path now. Most of the time it is a mass of overgrown brambles, stinging nettles, weeds and grass which is allowed to go to seed (the latter being particularly painful and potentially fatal to the local pet and wildlife population).

In addition to losing the large area of field, there will be space lost where the petanque court and cricket nets would be relocated. These areas are particularly favourite places for the teenagers / young adults to sit and socialise. The hedging around the cricket nets is also a haven for birds and wildlife.

The improvements to the leisure centre seem to be based on whether the school acquires the extra land. The improvements are fine, I have no argument with those, but this must not be at the expense of losing our open space. People who use the recreation ground do not necessarily use the leisure centre. Chris Taylor of the CCHS seems to be under the impression that the improved facilities at the leisure centre will benefit '... all of the community'. Not so! People who use the recreation ground do not necessarily use the leisure centre and many people use neither. **You are depriving the very people who you claim to be benefitting. As it stands the open space is accessible to all at any time. Once enclosed within the school, those children who are using it now, out of school, time would no longer be able to access it.**

Where will it end, will the rugby club decide they want to fence off their pitches.? If so, we will lose even more open space.

Please reconsider the proposal. Look to assessing the single storey buildings and make them multi storey. Please protect the flora and fauna as it exists now.

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