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Dear Sir

Re: Land behind Brookland Terrace to be disposed of by NT Council for Housing

As a resident of Brookland Terrace. My first concern is that it has been brought to my attention that the Local Government act 1972 states "....before disposing of the land the council cause notice of their intention to do so, specifying the land in question to be advertised in two consecutive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is situated...." I have been informed that the notice was placed in the News Guardian on 25th June (**residents of Brookland Terrace do not receive the News Guardian**) The last I received after the meeting re the plans for development of the land was a letter saying the council would let us know any progress. Nothing else received.

My personal objections are that for a third of my life I lived in Newcastle what I would call a concrete jungle. When I married we moved to New York to be near countryside and open aspect to rear of the house. This land has recently been designated as a Biodiversity field as requested by the Government encouraging wildlife then to be mowed down later in the year to build houses which will kill and decimate all the wildlife living there. And we would lose the open aspect and community space which is used by dog walkers and children.

The plans are for 27 houses with only 13 parking spaces if each dwelling has 1 car where do all the other cars park? Brookland terrace is already congested with cars and if they park on Westminster Avenue it will cause Highway, Access and Safety Issues.

I also believe development of Farmland behind Brookland Terrace around Murton Village as well as Rake Lane opposite Hospital will create total traffic gridlocks which already happens regularly in rush hour with traffic at standstill all along the road behind Brookland Terrace. The road infrastructure cannot cope with the current traffic let alone the increase all these houses would create. Rake lane and roads behind Brookland Terrace are always in use by high speed Police, Ambulances and Fire Engines, how would they get through with increased traffic. Also I doubt we have enough schools to cope with the proposed development of the area.

Yours faithfully /

