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19 OCT 2015  
QUADRANT

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NOT A SMALL GREEN  
PLAYING FIELD

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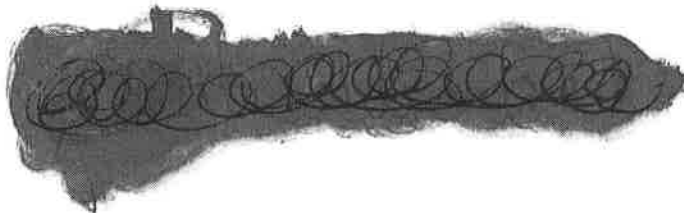
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Yours Sincerely,



BROMLEY AVENUE HAS A GREEN SPACE  
NOT USED BY CHILDREN! WHY NOT TRY THERE!

Dear Sir

I wish to object to you building on the field behind Charlton Court, the field is used by children and building bungalows etc would mean the children would have to play football etc on the roads.

I know it's been said part of the field would be left as a play area but when the bungalows were finished the residents would object to children making a noise on the small patches of grass you intend to leave.

Yours

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P.S. 2 schools and a nursery in the area and all the extra traffic which badly uses roads way, we have buses which have enough problems at times without dodging wagons and all that dirt being carried into our homes not yours.

Dear Mr. Cathie

I wish to object to the sale of the open space land adjacent to Charlton Court Whitley Bay.

- 1 This land should be for the children of this estate to play on. If anything there should be swings ect. on the field.
- 2 Who will occupy the buildings. Drug addicts alcoholic or worse.
- 3 There would also be an increased burden on our sewerage and drainage systems that have not been updated since those terrible floods in June 2012.

Yours Sincerely



Dear Sir,

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE OF OPEN SPACE LAND ADJACENT TO  
CHARLTON COURT, WHITLEY BAY

I would like to formally object to the above intention to dispose of open space land for the following reasons :-

1. Such empty spaces are generally becoming scarcer in North Tyneside as various forms of housing encroach further and further into greenfield land, and should therefore be protected not disposed of.
2. The land is surrounded by one of the main catchment areas of Appletree Gardens First School and Monkseaton Middle School, whose pupils have nowhere else nearby to play.
3. The majority of residents in the surrounding area specifically chose to live in the area because of the benefit of the open space land.
4. A real sense of community exists in the surrounding area, where residents have a common interest in maintaining a trouble-free, environmentally protected open space. If this space is disposed of and developed, such sense of community would disintegrate.
5. Hedgehogs are known to frequent this open space and as they are on the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Redlist for animals under threat of extinction, surely this means that no planning permission for building should be granted and the land left as an open space.

Yours faithfully,

The Silverlink North  
Cobalt Business Park  
North Tyneside  
NE27 0BY

Council for the Borough of North Tyneside  
Quadrant,  
The Silverlink North,  
Cobalt Business Park,  
North Tyneside  
NE27 0BY

For the attention of Mr Niall Cathie, Strategic Property Manager

Dear Sirs,

Proposed disposal of land adjacent Carlton Court, Whitley Bay

I strongly object to the Council's proposals to sell the 0.96 hectare site adjacent to Charlton Court Whitley Bay.

This greenfield site which is used as a village green by the local people, especially the children, is the focal point of the estate which is a classic example of a well designed post war council estate as promoted by Clement Attlee's post war government to improve people's wellbeing and help solve the post war housing crisis. As such it has served the people well for the last sixty five years and played a major part in creating a strong and cohesive local community.

If this site is built upon it will ruin the character of the estate and deprive people of a well used and valuable communal asset.

We are living in an era where obesity, public health and the happiness of children are of major concern and people, especially children are being actively encouraged to exercise and have healthier lifestyles. To deprive the community of this playing field is therefore not in the national interest.



faithfully



F.A.O. M<sup>r</sup> CATHIE  
STRATEGIC Property Manager  
QUADRANT  
THE SILVERTHORN NORTH  
Cobalt Business Park  
North Dymally NE270BJ

Dear M<sup>r</sup> Cathie,

I wish to object to the sale of the open space land adjacent to CHARLTON COURT, WHITLEY BAY. I moved into this address when 2 yrs old in 1949 & after marriage, children etc have moved back here when my father died and I inherited our family home <sup>2014</sup>. In all those years the field in front of the home has always been used football, dog walkers, cricket kids needing an etc way from school & generally after tea when still light. The open aspect is the centre of our community on the estate amongst all the built up areas & valued by everyone. I am glad my father died before all this came about. The traffic is bad in the area & I am without increasing it.

Yours Sincerely

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PLEASE SAVE OUR FIELD

10/19/2015

**Niall Cathie**  
Strategic Property Manager  
Quadrant  
Silverlink North  
Cobalt Business Park  
North Tyneside

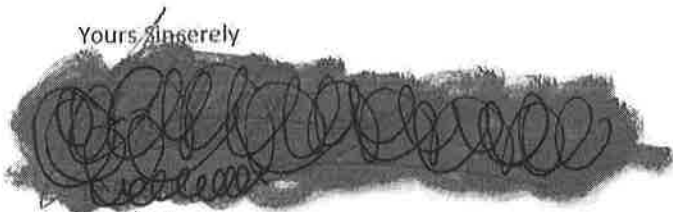
**Dear Sir,**

I am writing to place an objection to the proposal to sell off the estate adjacent to Charlton Court, and Churchill Avenue in Whitley Bay. This is a green site. It is part of the community. As a resident of this community for 14 years I have appreciated the open space, both for the peace and quiet it affords the neighbourhood, and as a safe haven for my children to play.

Any planned change in the usage of this land is objectionable, in regards to the increased difficulty in parking next to our homes, and in the likelihood of house prices falling as a direct consequence of the area being a less attractive area in which to live in.

Please keep me informed as to developments.

Yours sincerely

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Resident



Dear Mr Cathie,

I am putting in my objection to the sale of the land next to Charlton Court, Whitley Bay.

My house overlooks the Green Field and has been used by my older children and is now used by my younger daughter and her friends to meet and play on. It is close to home and safe as I can watch her and friends there. This field has been used for many years as a focal point of our estate. Dog walkers walk dogs frequently .The boys play football cricket and other games .the children don't have lots of roads to cross

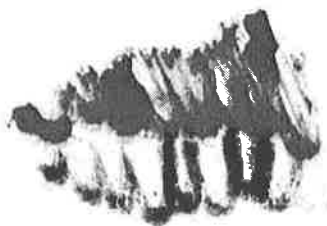
Losing this piece of land would be a devastating loss of a vital and scarce amenity. Residents purchased their homes because this field. The open space to the front and side of their property would no longer be there. Obviously there would be an increase of traffic if the build on this land goes ahead. There is 2 schools in this area and the traffic is very heavy. The streets are very narrow and traffic often comes to a standstill. This is also a bus route and often the buses can't pass.

I feel this will put a strain on the resources on the area. The streets around this piece of land have been flooded twice. This field took a lot of the water which helped with the drainage. We still have a lot of water which rises on the roads and pavements just with a small rain fall. Housing is needed I understand that, but we also need some green area .That is what makes a community. As we have come together to object.

**SAVE OR LITTLE PIECE OF LAND AS I STONGLY OBJECT TO THIS SALE**

Yours Sincerely,





Mr Niall Cathie, Strategic Property Manager  
North Tyneside Borough Council  
The Quadrant,  
Silverlink North,  
Cobalt Business Park,  
North Tyneside  
NE27 0BY

Dear Mr Cathie,

Re Land at Charlton Court

I strongly object to the Council's proposals to sell the 0.96 hectare site adjacent to Charlton Court Whitley Bay.

This land is the heart of our community and is treasured by local residents.

The surrounding houses were built to look onto the green rather like Northumberland Square in North Shields so why not sell that off instead?

Building on our green will completely ruin the feel of our estate which will become like any other soulless living area.

Greens in built up areas are of vital importance to the mental and physical wellbeing of the community and ours is used regularly by children, dog walkers, footballers, cricketers not to mention the local wildlife. It is a joy to watch the family of foxes which live nearby, and also the occasional hedgehog.

I thought that government policy was to promote physical activity to keep people healthy and save money for the NHS. I also thought that building on brownfield sites was to be prioritised rather than greenfield sites.

Please rethink your policy on this and not sell our field.

Your faithfully

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20<sup>th</sup> October 2015

N Cathie esq.,  
Strategic Property Manager,  
Quadrant,  
Silverlink North,  
Cobalt Business Park,  
North Tyneside,  
Tyne & Wear, NE27 0BY

Sale of open land next to Charlton Court, Whitley Bay to Homegroup

Dear Mr Cathie,

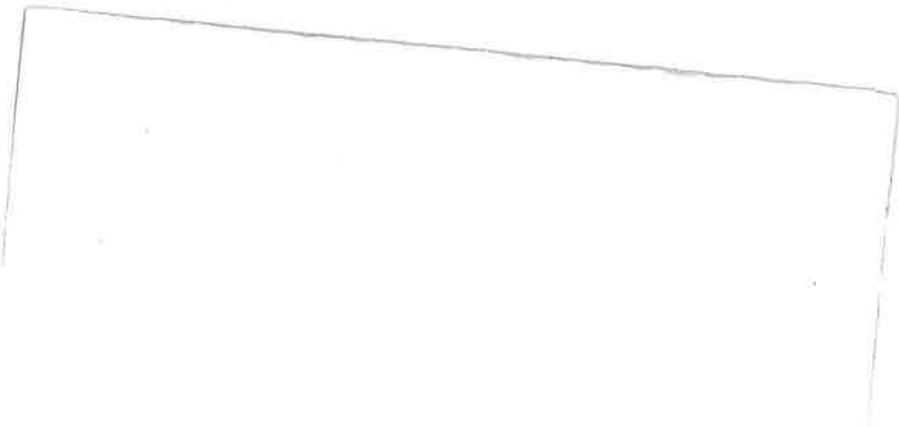
I wish to object to the plans by North Tyneside Council to sell the above open land to Homegroup as once sold, this land will be built on and the open space will be lost forever.

Building on this land will result in loss of amenity for the local residents who for many generations have used this land to exercise. It will also result in a loss of a natural soak-away for heavy rains thereby significantly increasing the risk of flooding to neighbouring properties and result in extra costs to the council.

There have been 3 or 4 major flooding events in Monkseaton South Ward over the last 10 years and the concreting over of an area of green space will only make the problem worse. It will result in the Council having to pay out for costly repair work to flood-damaged properties in the area.

Every council department should have a responsibility to limit future liabilities to the council and to residents paying council tax. Building on this land will increase the risk of flood damage and so increase future financial liabilities to the residents of North Tyneside Council.

Selling this land for building goes against council policies on at least 3 fronts: access to open spaces, reducing flood risks and managing financial risks in the near-to-medium term and should be refused on both health grounds and on financial grounds.



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Strategic Property Manager  
Council for the Borough of North Tyneside  
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9 October 2015

Dear Sirs

Proposed sale of land – Carlton Court, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay - OBJECTION

I write to express my surprise, disappointment and extreme disagreement with the proposed sale of the above land.

This green land is used by the local community on a daily basis. Surely there are other "brown field" areas that are currently unsightly and prime for development. Once the land is sold there is no going back.

Please let me know what other greenfield sites North Tyneside Council are looking at with a view to possibly selling the land for development.

For the attention of  
Mr. Niell Cathie,

Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2015.

Dear Sir,

Re. Disposal of Land

Adjacent to Chetton Court.

I wish to express my strong  
opposition to the selling off of this land.

It is a field that is constantly in use,  
by young people, dog walkers, people (like  
myself), who walk across it to the shop in  
Monksaton road, most importantly by  
small children as a safe play area  
within sight of their homes. In addition,  
an aspect which does not appear to have been  
taken into consideration, we need green  
spaces, we need our green lungs. This  
land is our only green area - it is  
not a luxury, it is a necessity to our  
well being.

Dear Mr Cathie,

My name is Rachael Stevenson I am 13years old. I use the field next to my house which is next to Charlton Court, Whitley Bay. I OBJECT TO THIS FIELD BEING SOLD .This field is used by lots of children of all ages younger ones to ride their bikes, older kids for game of football and cricket and us teenagers to hang around on and have a laugh. Our parents know where we are and close to home.

This land has a bus route which goes round it and usually cannot get up or down the streets due to people parking. We have 2 busy schools which brings a lot of cars into the street. So for houses and flat to be built would mean more congestion of traffic. This makes it more dangerous for the younger children crossing the road on to the field. The field is used by dog owners who exercise their dogs.

At school we are always being told get out and exercise. If the council keep selling off land there is no areas to go to. Council have policies about health and there always saying that every child matters .Taking away our fields is taking away our childhood a lot of memories are made on our field be it learning to ride a bike, scoring your first goal or having a good time with your friends.

OUR FIELD IS PRECIOUS TO THE RESIDENTS

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE SALE OF THE FIELD NEXT TO CHARLTON COURT

Your Sincerly

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Dear Mr Cothie

DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE LAND. CHARLTON COURT

I wish to object most strongly to the sale of this land which the council considers 'surplus to requirements'.

This land is the heart of our community which you are proposing to sacrifice to meet the requirements of the local plan. Whilst recognising the need for the housing proposed by Home Group I am appalled that this council, as a social landlord with 61 tenants in Charlton Court and Cedar Close alone and many residents who have bought council homes on the outskirts of the field, could have ever suggested that this was an appropriate site.

Your consultation process was inadequate



with no direct feedback to residents who objected to proposed housing. It was left to Home Group representatives to suffer a barrage of anger from residents discovering for the first time that, rather than a small group of council-built bungalows, the land was to go out of council control and sustain a large development. It was only on 1st October in the News Guardian first stated their intention of selling this land.

The least the council could do would be to face local residents directly. If the majority of residents object, as I believe they do, it behoves you to inform them of the overall response. You cannot justify going ahead with this plan against the wishes and needs of the residents for their open space, their bit of green, their children's play area, the place where all ages can enjoy fresh air and exercise. Many retired residents walk their dogs on this field but

Any build programme in this confined and difficult to access area would be intolerable, especially for the elderly residents in Charlton Court with noise, air pollution, traffic from heavy vehicles and parking chaos -

Please let this Council, for once, see sense and respond to residents wishes.

SAVE OUR FIELD

Mr Neil Bathie  
Strategic Property Manager  
The Quadrant  
Silverlink North  
North Tyneside  
NE27 0BY

19th October 2015

Dear Mr Bathie

I wish to object to the sale of the open space land adjacent to Charlton Braut, Whitley Bay

As one of the regular users of the field, I use it up to 3 times a day for exercise and walking my dog. Also, when my grandchildren visit, we use it to play on, and for walking on.

I have met many of my neighbours on the field and I feel that I have been welcomed into the community as I have confidence issues.

A lot of my neighbours were born here and have used it all their lives. It would be greatly missed by all.

FAO Strategic Property Manager

Quadrant

The Silverlink North

Cobalt Business Park

North Tyneside

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15 October 2015

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Dear Sir or Madam

Having lived on Elmtree Gardens now for Firstly I want to point out that I am 100% against the sale of this site for any development of the playing field.

The field is a recreation area for residents of the estate, it is a safe haven for our children to play on and it is constantly used by our children to play on. Yes children doing what children do best - Playing out. Driving past the field on Sunday 01 September teatime I would estimate between 30 - 40 children playing on the field. They were playing football, cricket and others just playing. This is pretty much the norm throughout the year, so taking this into account where would you expect the children to play if the land is sold off for development? Yes we do have a field over at Bromley, however most of the children I seen on Sunday are from the surrounding area of Charlton court and too young to be moving on to Bromley field.

Having attended all consultation meetings with the proposed developer for this site 'Home Group' and representatives from North Tyneside Council there are several reasons why the plan to sell the field for future development

The Plans. Having seen he plans of Home Groups proposed development this would leave next to no playing field left for the children to play on. Also if the development does go ahead then I would say the new residents would not want groups of children playing so close to their new homes. This would naturally cause tension and bad feeling. The great point with the playing field is that children can safely play on it knowing they are in view of parents living in the properties surrounding the field

Traffic issues. Again if the land is sold then this proposed development is right on the doorstep of Appletree Gardens Primary School & Monkseaton Middle school. The traffic on the estate at school drop off and pick up times is already at an unacceptable level and quite frankly I worry about my two children going to and coming from Monkseaton Middle school. It does not take a genius to figure out that this would only make an already unacceptable situation far worse. Even out of school hours when it was stated at the consultation that if building work does 'unfortunately' commence then any lorry's driving through the estate transporting building materials would not be driving through at school pick up and drop off times. The estate already has a bus service that drives through and past Charlton Court. It is extremely clear that the bus that drives through the estate is already too big and often struggles even in the most minimum of traffic to drive through the estate. So if this is taken on a grander scale with the lorry's driving through the estate transporting building materials then this is quite frankly dangerous. I do appreciate that work would continue through the day when our children are at school however building work would naturally cover school holidays, commonly the estates children play on the Charlton Court Field during the school holidays. If 'their' playing area is sold and subsequently taken away for building work then naturally they will be playing on the surrounding streets. This is then a huge health and safety risk when work is ongoing. I for one would not allow my

children to play near a building site, especially with increased traffic. But I am fortunate enough to live on Elmtree Gardens and do not live opposite the field. Not only would the lorry's be a major issue but the vehicles of all of the employees actually building the homes - One question is roughly how many people would be expected to be working on the site at one time and where do you propose they will be parking their cars / work vans? In what is already an estate where most households already own a car?

I am hugely concerned for the elderly residents of Charlton Court who are quite simply going to find any building process extremely disturbing. If I take example of both sets of my grandparents when they were alive, they were on most days require rest and even sleep through the daytime (especially in their latter years). Yes not all residents of Charlton Court will require this but I suspect a number do. For them to be pretty much living on a building site for a period of time is not only upsetting for them but is also a risk to their wellbeing. I am sure you yourself would not appreciate your parents living so close to a building site. You must also realise that a lot of residents in Charlton Court are frankly unable to speak up and oppose any of this.

From having attended consultation meetings with the proposed developer it's seem quite obvious to me that this is simply a proposal based on North Tyneside Council making money as opposed to the need for social housing. A proposal to sell what is effectively a children's playing field to a housing development company has quite frankly got disaster written all over it.

Please acknowledge this objection

Yours Faithfully



Mr Niall Cathie  
Strategic Property Manager  
The Quadrant  
Silverlink North  
Cobalt Business Park  
North Tyneside  
NE27 0BY

20th October 2015

Dear Mr Cathie

Proposed Sale and Development of Land Adjacent to Charlton Court, Whitley Bay

I wish to oppose ANY sale or development outright. Development of this field goes against National Planning Policy which is adopted at a local level.

Paragraph 73 says: 'Access to high quality open space and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to health and wellbeing of communities.' This field does exactly that.

The field is a precious community resource which has been used every day since the estate was built 70 years ago. It's the heart and soul of the estate; a breathing space allowing release of tensions and reducing social isolation. We have ethnic minorities from many countries and the field allows the cultures to meet and mix.

Children play safely as the field is overlooked on all sides and there are always eyes looking out for them. They play football, cricket, kick a ball around, socialise, and sometimes just sit on the grass chatting. People walk their dogs, chat to each other. There is no alternative provision.

Paragraph 74 says: Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- an assessment clearly shows it is surplus to requirements; or
- the loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in a suitable location; or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, which clearly outweigh the loss.

None of the above apply, therefore the land should not be built on.

In addition, this estate is built on land which was conveyed to the council in May 1945 with the stipulation that it was only to be used as a Council Building Estate and Community Centre for the use of the inhabitants of the area. The estate was planned with this recreational land and a row of shops. It is already more densely populated than first planned, as sheltered housing has since been built on the field, and even more populated, recently, when all the shops were converted to flats.

Development would result in children playing in the streets, which would have increased traffic on them; increased tensions with neighbours; loss of view; loss of amenity. It would mean overdevelopment and increased density of population, while at the same time a reduction of recreational space. This is madness and a recipe for disaster in the health and wellbeing of our community. Part of a green field is the only amenity we have left, for the thousands of people on this estate. Let us keep it please.

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Yours Sincerely,





Also with regards to housing needed, dont you think we need provisions for houses already within the community. North Tyneside general hospital no longer has accident and emergency facilities This was introduced 16th June 2015, the closest facility being Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Cramlington.

More housing = more residents = more needs.

You as councils, governments etc are taking away needs but wanting to add more strains.

A situation where this can be highlighted and forgive me for using such a bad, upsetting example little Jacob in Hartlepool enjoying a family meal an adorable little two year old he choked on a grape god love him, it took 30mins for an air ambulance to get him and take him to hospital in Newcastle and why did it take that long Hartlepool A+E got shut down and what used to be a 5 min drive from pizza hut to hospital took 25 min longer and a 2 year old lost his life and man and dad their child. A tragedy happened could this of been prevented who knows Lets not put strain on resources by building more homes in an area that lets face it could not take the strain.

20 October 2015

Dear Mr Cathie

**I wish to object to the sale of the open field adjacent to Charlton Court, Whitley Bay.**

This land is well used by children for football, climbing trees and other games and also by young teenagers who gather to socialise with their friends there in the summer months. It has always been a great joy that, when it is said that children do not play out any more and are stuck behind computer screens, the opposite is true in this area where children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds are regularly seen playing out together on the field.

For this reason alone I am unclear as to how selling this land for the purpose of building fits in with the Council's public health responsibilities, particularly in relation to the need to promote exercise for children in order to reduce childhood obesity.

It is of great importance to residents with young children who live around the green that they are able to see their children from their houses which allows those children a degree of independence while still ensuring they are safe. There is no other space nearby where families can allow young children this freedom. Despite the local speed restrictions, cars tend to speed through the estate and parking in this area is a pedestrian's nightmare, making the streets and roads extremely unsafe for the very young.

The importance to local residents of this green space cannot be overemphasised. When the estate was built during a time of more serious housing shortages after the second world war the planners at that time had the foresight to realise that people need not only a place to live, but also access to open space for relaxation and just to breathe – if planners then had the vision, we would ask the planners of today not to lose sight of this basic human need.

I attended a meeting held by HomeGroup about their proposals for building and although I understand that more housing is needed in the borough, I could not understand the reasons given as to why other pieces of land which were larger were considered unsuitable or why it is essential that it is council owned land that is purchased for this build.

I realise that public funds are tight and that to the Council this is a tiny piece of land and not worth worrying over – to the residents it is precious and I would strongly urge you to rethink.

I would be grateful if you would inform me of any meetings where this matter will be discussed so I can attend.

Yours sincerely