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Dear Madam/Sir '

As a resident of Wollaston Stourbridge, [REDACTED] a user of Corbett hospital and an Amblecote allotment holder and a profession as a counsellor/psychotherapist for mental health and a grandmother of 5 grandchildren ages 3 to 11, I am writing to offer my comments to the current Dudley Local Plan in particular regard to supporting the protection of the area behind Corbett Hospital known as Corbett Meadow.

I am in support of Dudley councils decision to designate this site as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and would support its proposed designation as Local Green Space to further protect it from development,

Also I support that this and wider area should be accorded Area of High Historic Land Value status.

First of all this site was left as a LEGACY to the people of Stourbridge by John Corbett and is an important historical site, just like the Black Country Museum - which no one would consider in a million years knocking down for housing.

Its current use as a grazing site has preserved the areas natural ECOLOGICAL VALUE and adds to the conservation of valuable wildlife and open space.

My biggest concern is that with the threat of Climate Change such areas are vital to protect our towns from pollution, flooding and drought and the consequent health of the population.

The erosion of green spaces in the urban environment threatens physical and mental health, (as pointed out by The World Health Authority and the many international climate change emergency conferences) damaging the air we breathe, the plants and animals that sustain ecological balance and our mental health.

I fear for my grandchildren's future living in Dudley if such areas are not given consideration and priority as vitally important.

Although currently in NHS ownership, my proposal for the use of the Corbett Meadow would be that it is kept as a grazing site with managed access and used as an ecological education site for local children and wildlife volunteers - at the same time offering a place of peace and tranquillity for staff and patients at the hospital to sit and walk in.

My same concern goes to all open spaces which are vital to the population and eyed up for housing as 'a bit of grass' I am also concerned that my local space in Wollaston known as The Three Fields will be built on.

As far as housing goes, I think more use could be made of dilapidated buildings and factories and eg disused car parks, as well as making the private sector rental market more accessible and secure.

I am proud to live in the Dudley Borough and my hope for its future is that it can offer a safe, healthy and sustainable future to its residents now and for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

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