

Harvey Plant (Planning)

From: Cllr. Ryan Priest (Dudley Council Elected Member)
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Subject: Petition Regarding Local Plan Site DLP H029
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Hi, please find the petition files attached.


As members of the Friends of Colley Gate community group, we have dedicated countless hours to transforming the green space on Highfield Road and Foredraft Street into a small oasis. Our efforts have been rewarded with a vibrant, thriving natural environment that benefits our community in Cradley, Halesowen. However, this precious green space is under threat due to Dudley's Local Plan which proposes to build 18 houses here.

Green spaces are not just aesthetic additions but they play an essential role in our urban environments. According to the World Health Organization, they promote physical activity, mental health and overall well-being among residents. Moreover, they contribute significantly towards biodiversity conservation and climate regulation.

The loss of this green space would be detrimental not only for us but also for future generations who deserve access to such natural environments within their urban landscapes. We understand the need for housing development but it should not come at the cost of destroying valuable green spaces that serve as a refuge for both people and wildlife.

We urge Dudley Council to reconsider their decision and exclude Highfield Road and Foredraft Street Green Space from their local plan and correctly designate the site as green space. Let us preserve what little nature we have left in our urban areas instead of replacing them with concrete structures.

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*As well as my duties as councillor I also work full-time, and so I may reply outside of normal working hours. I do not expect you to reply outside of your own working hours.