



Dudley Planning & Regeneration
Council House
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RE: Draft Dudley Local Plan Reg19 2024 – Corbett Meadow

Representations of Amblecote History Society

These representations **support** the following policies of the Dudley Local Plan published October 2024 under Regulation 19 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 :-

- **DLP LGS1 Corbett Meadow Local Green Space**
- **DLP 31 Nature Conservation** in particular the designation of Corbett Meadow as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation
- **DLP 60 Areas of High Historic Landscape Value** in particular the proposed designation of Corbett Hospital and the green space adjacent to it as AHHLV

I am writing as Chairman of Amblecote History Society to register my and our member's support for the proposed designations for Amblecote's most historic landscape the Corbett Meadow for the following reasons.

Site of Interest for Nature Conservation – Several natural habitats exist within the meadow, these are becoming rare not just locally but countrywide, especially the meadows location within a built up area and the connection it has to the Coalbourne Brook Valley.

We strongly support the designation of (SINC) within the Dudley Local Plan.

Area of High Historical Landscape Value – The undulating landscape of Corbett Meadow with its historic grassland is very attractive. It is one of the last parcels of land in Amblecote, which has remained unchanged and can be traced back to early maps even prior to the building of 'The Hill' mansion, which was part of the estate. The estates past owners have been local industrialists mostly connected with our local Glass industry. From the high vistas of the meadow you can view various historical sites, St. Michael's Church, Red House Cone, Holy Trinity Church Wordsley and Dennis Hall past home of Iron Master Thomas Hill and of course Webb Corbett Glass. An area of Corbett Meadow was known as Windmill Hill, we are delighted to know of the possibility that the remains of a windmill maybe in existence and would encourage further research. We strongly support the designation of (AHHLV) within the Dudley Local Plan.

Local Green Space – The last purchaser of the estate John Corbett, born locally in the nearby Delph where he had a modest upbringing from canal carrier to salt. His gift to this area was to purchase 'The Hill' mansion and its 32-acre estate and convert it into a hospital, adding many further donations to the furnishings and extra wards; he gave Stourbridge and Amblecote a lasting legacy. We hope that the owners of the meadow the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust will now honour that legacy of the last remaining part of the estate. John Corbett was a great believer in health and wellbeing, it is fitting that our historic meadow should remain as a Local Green Space and officially designated as such, with the emphasis on Nature Conservation, Education, and to encourage a healthy lifestyle with managed access. This green facility should remain to honour John Corbett's gift. If alternatively sold to a developer his gift would certainly be lost forever.

We strongly support the designation that Corbett Meadow should be A Local Green Space (LGS) within the Dudley Local Plan.


Amblecote History Society