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**To:** [talkplanning@central.lincs.org.uk](mailto:talkplanning@central.lincs.org.uk)  
**Subject:** **Objection to Open Space Boundary Amendment.**

Dear Inspector,

Ref:- ED025 - Schedule Of Policies MAP Modifications CLLP Final 19.1.17 - Map MOD9.

We were not aware of the public consultation ending on 6 March 2016. We now understand that the deadline for the submission of comments following public consultation has been extended from 6th to 17th March 2017. We therefore wish to submit the following :-

We live in Hurstwood Close and on acquiring our property in September 2011 the searches provided us with a map clearly showing the small parcel of land between Larkspur Road and Hurstwood/Westholme Close as an "OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENT". Our conveyancing solicitor assured us that it would NOT be developed, an assurance without which we would not have bought the property.

The narrative on page 5 of the above reference describes the land as "the narrow parcel of land is clearly separated from the playing fields by a fence and a row of trees. It is also largely overgrown and whilst there are informal routes across the site, the land is within private ownership with no formal access. The boundary of the Important Open Space should therefore be amended to remove the parcel of land to the north-east of the playing fields."

We put it to you, the above description is just that, it is a STATEMENT OF FACT and NOT A REASON for the amendment or removal from it being part of, to use your own words:- an IMPORTANT OPEN SPACE.

We know that there is an application to the Lincoln City Planning Department, from a developer to build 14 bungalows on this site, and clearly this proposed change of use is, it would seem, to be supporting such applications and yielding to pressure from developers. This, we understand was stated as a reason (I.e. pressure from developers) in the 2012 CLLP proposed changes to the 1998 version for the 'green wedges, including the small parcel of land being discussed here.

We feel it is important, not just for Lincoln, but for all our villages, towns and cities to preserve small slices of wild land, not only to support our flora and fauna, but also to prevent our environment being over developed and becoming nothing more than 'asphalt jungles'. This is important for citizens in general and for local residents in particular. St. George's Playing Fields are mowed regularly and therefore do not provide the habitat for wild life that the narrow parcel of 'overgrown' land scheduled to be removed from being within the IMPORTANT OPEN SPACE.

If this amendment is approved, the application from the developer to build the bungalows on the site, whilst not in the remit of your department, will have to go through the Lincoln City Planning Committee, as there are some 30 objections to the proposal already lodged, including our own.

In summary, we cannot see any valid reason for amending the plan. Such action would degrade our environment, inhibit the enhancement of flora and fauna and would potentially expose the area to over development. Further more such action makes a mockery of council 'searches' carried out in good faith by conveyancing solicitors, only to find that the plans on which they are based are in fact - fiction!

We reasonably expect this proposed amendment to be withdrawn. Please acknowledge.

Kind regards,  
Peter & Carolyn Kendall

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