

Local Green Space Landowner Representations May 2022

1. St Giles Cemetery and Churchyard

Diocese of Exeter Response – by Email

Subject: RE: Proposed Designation of St Giles Churchyard and St Giles Cemetery, Kilmington Neighbourhood Plan

Date: 20:38, 22nd May 2022

From: Archdeacon of Exeter

To: pball@kilmingtonvillage.com <pball@kilmingtonvillage.com>

Dear Peter,

Proposed Designation of St Giles Churchyard and St Giles Cemetery, Kilmington

Thank you for your email. The Churchyard in Kilmington comes under Ecclesiastical jurisdiction rather than secular planning authority control. I am concerned that The Diocese has not been consulted in this matter until now. I have passed your notification to our legal team for comment.

The thousands of churchyards that the Church of England is responsible for already form part of Historic England's Green Infrastructure. We offer them as special places for quiet, reflection and contemplation and, of course, provide space for the Christian burial of local people, often saving local authorities enormous amounts. Like other green spaces, they also have an essential role in mitigating the effects of climate change. With this understanding and protection, churchyards are not considered suitable for LGS designation unless exceptional circumstances exist.

I am sure that the PCC and the Diocese will be happy to work with the Parish Council to ensure the ongoing protection of the beautiful churchyard in Kilmington.

Kind regards,

Andrew

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2. New Inn Garden

Response from Agents on behalf of JC and RH Palmer Ltd – by Email

From: Nigel Jones

Sent: 29 May 2022 17:54

To: pball@kilmingtonvillage.com

Cc: Angela King <AKing@eastdevon.gov.uk>

Subject: Kilmington Neighbourhood Plan The New Inn

Dear Mr Ball

I refer to our telephone call on Friday afternoon when I explained that I act for J C and R H Palmer Ltd , which is the brewery which owns the New Inn at Kilmington . On their behalf I write to very strongly OBJECT to your Neighbourhood Plan policy CGS3 , where it proposes that the New Inn garden should be designated as an important open space .

At the outset , I stress that my clients have no plans to develop the garden whatsoever , as it is an important asset to the pub business , but critically designating the garden as an open space in a statutory plan as proposed , will inevitably restrict the flexibility for my clients and the licensee operators from carrying out certain things in the future to support the pub business . I am sure that you and most villagers understand the importance of the pub to any village community . Nevertheless , changes to socio economic patterns do continue to threaten village pubs , as a consequence it is incumbent on the brewery and its tenants to continually upgrade and change to meet consumers needs . Without sufficient flexibility as to what they can do within the pub and its garden , that will merely add to the pressure on the pub business and potentially threaten its existence . Your proposed policy therefore , whilst trying to maintain some form of visual “ status quo “ , in effect will do the exact opposite as it potential threatens the continuation of a pub business on that site .

My clients respectfully request therefore , that you bring this matter to the attention of the plan Examiner , who we urge to delete the proposed designation for the very valid reasons above .

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3. Recreation Ground

Response from Hitchcock Trust

Subject: Proposed Designation of Recreation Ground

Date: 18:28, 30th May 2022

From: John Lavender

To: pball@kilmingtonvillage.com <pball@kilmingtonvillage.com>

Dear Peter,

On behalf of the trustees of the Arthur Hitchcock charity, I acknowledge receipt of your message regarding the proposed designation as a 'Local Green Space' and the implications for our ownership of the Recreation Ground.

We do not have any objections to this proposed designation.

Kind regards

John Lavender

Treasurer