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Graeme,

Thank you for your response to my communication of 5 February 2015. Regrettably you have not answered the questions asked.

If you look at the link given [Open Space Study Review 2014](#) the RWMG (Old Cricket Field) is not listed. It appears that Whimble Parish Council failed to respond to the earlier East Devon Open Spaces Study (Final Report – April 2012) even though the 2007 Whimble Parish Plan has an 'Objective' to identify a suitable site for an Open Space/Village Green and the local residents specifically nominated the RWMG as a suitable site. However, the earlier Recreational Areas Report of 2006 has the RWMG shown on Page 271 as "East of Slewton Crescent - Sports Field". (see lp app9 attachment).

Clearly, someone has decided to have the site removed from the 2014 review. I am not aware, are you, of a Planning Notice for 'change of use' ever being displayed or the local community being consulted on this?

I do note in the 2014 Review Whimble does not have sufficient 'Open Spaces' comparative to the size of the village; a good reason why the RWMG should be retained as an open space and public access reinstated.

However, I do know the 'owners' post 2005 have denied public access from both Talaton Road and the Slewton Crescent footpath even though they are fully aware of the historical importance of the RWMG, and would have been fully aware of its status as an 'Open Space with Public Access' when they purchased the site as part of the package they purchased from the previous owners. Furthermore, the Whimble Parish Plan acknowledges the importance given by local residents of preserving the site for future generations.

More importantly, it would appear the 'protection' given to the site in 1992 – see 2nd attachment – has been 'lost/forgotten' over time and needs to be recognised.

As things stand, the status of the Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground (RWMG) remains unclear and the response from EDDC Planning does not actually answer my original question.

I would be grateful if you would investigate this matter further

Michael Mallett