

I support the inclusion of 10.55 hectares of land at The Upper Rough, Castle Road (ref: LGS/LP4/DM12/025) as a Local Green Space in the new Local Plan because of the following reasons.

It is a local and doorstep walk for us. We regularly walk our dogs on the footpaths across this area and the views across Colne are unparalleled and the fact it is moments from our home are part of the reason we live in this area. Removing that by building more houses would be considered vandalism. It's a conservation area and as such should be protected. If we don't include this area, where do we stop? Should we abolish all the conservation area and just let everyone build and do as they wish, spoiling the long range views and the heritage of the area. Building on this land would encourage the urban sprawl, where would the town end and the countryside begin. There are surely other more suitable sites available for building new homes.

The infrastructure in the area is already under strain and whilst this may not be a factor your are considering at the moment, in my view, any planning project should consider this in the early stages of viability and is very short sighted if not. A common sense approach should prevail.

As a local resident and a staunch supporter of Colne and all that the town and area have to offer, I strongly support anything that enhances and brings prosperity to the town and its inhabitants. With that view, having this area in the local plan as a local green space is a must.

I do hope you will consider favourably protecting this important area in our local community.

Kind regards,

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