




# **CAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## Local Green Spaces Report

### **Appendix 11**

Correspondence with Littlecombe CIC regarding Littlecombe Meadow

**From:** [REDACTED]   
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan - Local Green Space - Littlecombe Meadow: OBJECTION  
**Date:** 2 December 2018 at 17:23  
**To:** [REDACTED]



*Hi Both an objection fr Littlecombe Community Interest group. I will speak to [REDACTED] but thought you may like to comment many thanks*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Cam Parish Council Clerk <[clerk@camparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@camparishcouncil.gov.uk)>  
**Date:** Fri, 30 Nov 2018 at 23:38  
**Subject:** FW: Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan - Local Green Space - Littlecombe Meadow: OBJECTION  
**To:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** LC Residents [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 November 2018 17:29  
**To:** [clerk@camparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@camparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan - Local Green Space - Littlecombe Meadow: OBJECTION

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Cam

**From:** Littlecombe Community Interest Company  
Littlecombe  
Dursley

Dear [REDACTED]

By way of introduction we are Directors of the Littlecombe Community Interest Company (LCIC), as well as being both property owners and residents on the Littlecombe development. We are writing on behalf of the LCIC to lodge an Objection with the Cam Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and would be grateful if you could pass this Objection to the [Steering Group](#).

We refer to the photograph of a flyer (see attachment) which Cam Parish Council (CPC) has apparently recently distributed around the local neighbourhood. This has been passed to us by a concerned Littlecombe resident who happened across [the flyer](#). This is [also](#) the only hard reference we have seen to date of the Cam Neighbourhood Plan proposal for the Littlecombe Meadow. As you will note, the map itself is not legible from the photograph passed to us. We have also not yet been able to locate a copy of this map on the CPC website, but will continue to try.

The CPC Steering Group has apparently not seen it fit to write in advance to the LCIC to advise of the proposal for the Littlecombe Meadow, which it would seem from the attached is now being advertised around the local neighbourhood, nor yet seen fit to approach the LCIC in person to discuss. This, despite the fact that the LCIC is responsible for managing and maintaining the Littlecombe Meadow as well as all other communal areas on the Littlecombe estate, on behalf of the Members of the LCIC who will hold these lands in trust for the future whilst remaining property owners on the development. We find this failure in communication from CPC extremely difficult to understand or to accept, as CPC is clearly fully-aware of the LCIC and its role in managing the communal areas on Littlecombe (as and when completed). For CPC to not have sought LCIC opinion on the proposal before going public seems contrary to working with the community and, in effect, the land custodians.

The Littlecombe development is a residential development area still under construction, with that ongoing development being jointly managed by Stroud District Council (SDC) and St. Modwen Homes (SMH). There are still some years of construction development to run. Dursley Town Council has laudably steered clear of impinging on the SDC / SMH ongoing construction plans and activities in its Local Neighbourhood Plan. We would very much recommend the CPC following the Dursley Town Council example in this regard.

The LCIC does not object to green space designation per se. We understand that other areas of green space outside the Littlecombe development envelope are being suggested for green space designation and we would probably support those proposals if and when consulted. However we do object to this proposal for the Littlecombe Meadow suddenly being thrust upon the LCIC without any prior consultation, without any attempt by CPC to understand the role and responsibilities of the LCIC itself in relation to the Littlecombe Meadow, nor yet the developing LCIC strategies and cohesive plans for all of the Littlecombe communal areas and green spaces, including the Littlecombe Meadow, across the wider (even though still being developed and populated) Littlecombe development.

Whilst the Meadow area is essentially complete and has been handed to the LCIC for management and maintenance whilst being used for the benefit of all Littlecombe residents, the situation across Littlecombe remains in flux with the LCIC still developing our own cohesive strategies, plans and financial investments across all the Littlecombe green and communal areas, as new phases of the project reach completion, new residents join our community and new communal areas are passed to us to take forwards. We believe our plans both in progress and under consideration for the future will hugely benefit of the whole Littlecombe residential community and our visitors in terms of environmental enjoyment, community well-being and fitness and community cohesion, whilst delivering sound long-term management plans and protection for our environment. The LCIC plans to enhance and protect our green spaces and environment for the long-term benefit of all, not to detract from them.

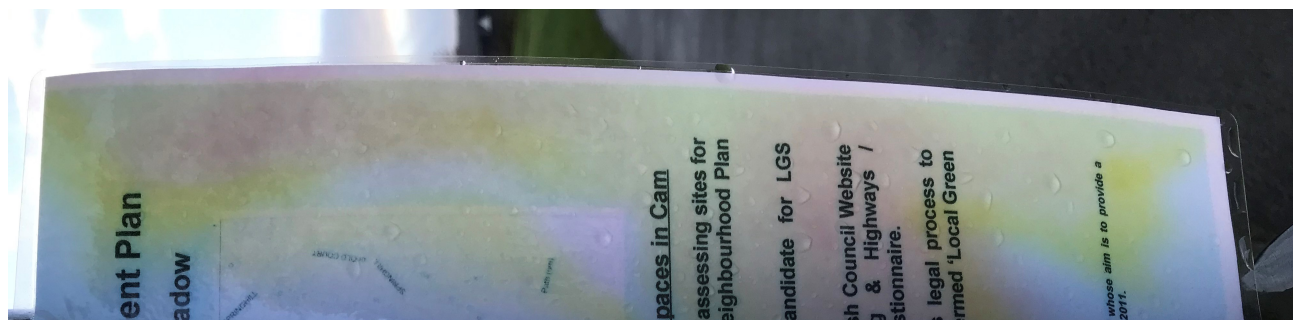
Put simply, at this point in time the LCIC does not need outside influences or interferences on our most significant and important open green space resource, the Meadow, as we develop these our plans for the benefit of both community and environment across Littlecombe.

We have recently contacted SDC to discuss the flyer and the CPC proposal for the Littlecombe Meadow. We understand that SDC has already lodged an Objection with CPC. We would like to reinforce that Objection with an Objection from the LCIC, on the grounds outlined above. We would be grateful if you could pass our Objection to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

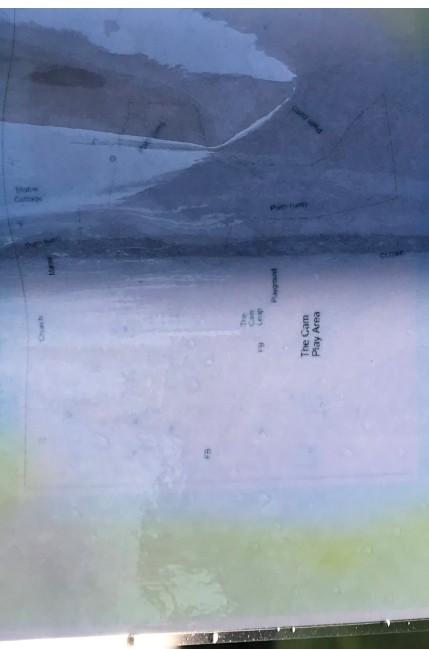
Many thanks for your assistance with the above.

Yours sincerely

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## Cam Neighbourhood Development - Local Green Space - Littlecombe Meadows



Please tell us how much you value green spaces  
The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group are  
suitability for a 'Local Green Space' designation in the N  
and your views are essential.

The above site has been identified as a potential  
designation.

To make your views known please go onto the Cam Parish  
and complete the questionnaire under the Planning  
Neighbourhood Plan tab. Or visit the office to pick up a questionnaire.  
We need you to do this in order to satisfy the rigorous  
formally designate areas you want to protect as what are  
Spaces' (LGS).

Many thanks for your assistance,

Terry Grocutt

Chair - Cam Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Steering Group is made up of local volunteers and members of Cam Parish Council  
Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Cam under powers provided by the Localism Act

Neighbourhood Plan  
Cam Parish Council  
Noel Lee way  
Cam GL11 5PS

11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Littlecombe Community Interest Company

Thank you very much for your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, outlining your objection to the potential designation of Littlecombe Meadow as a Local Green Space (LGS) in the Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). We are very sorry to have not contacted LCIC previously about this and hope the content of this letter goes some way to address your concerns.

Our Local Green Space work is ongoing; at the moment we are collecting evidence from local residents on whether and how they think the LGS nominations are demonstrably special, as well as notifying landowners of the consideration of their land as potential LGS. Stroud District Council, landowners of Littlecombe Meadow, were notified on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Littlecombe Meadow has been on the shortlist to be considered for some time, referred to as 'Ricardo Drive' in previous consultation (the Cam NDP Questionnaire, 2017). We apologise that the LCIC has not been directly contacted about this before now; the LGS work is being run by volunteers who were not aware of LCIC, we contacted registered land owners through the land registry, receiving notification of registered owner as Stroud District Council. We are grateful for your contact and hope that we can now work together to do the best thing to protect and enhance Littlecombe Meadow.

Please find enclosed the leaflet that you refer to, which has been posted to nearby residents. Please find attached copy of letters sent to local residents plus an plan out lining the area. It advertises the online questionnaire and other ways through which people can make comments. The community evidence that we are collecting at this stage is informal, and no decision has been made on which spaces to recommend as LGS in the NDP.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss your concerns. The LGS work is still at an early stage; there has not yet been consultation on any draft proposals, and so there is an opportunity to discuss the benefits and disadvantages of LGS designation of the space with LCIC. We understand that LCIC is working to protect and enhance spaces in Littlecombe for community value – an aim very much in line with the objectives of the NDP group. Please let us know if and when you can meet us, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

The Cam NDP Steering Group.

