

Application to Register Land as Town or Village Green - Southwick Court Fields, Southwick and North Bradley  
Appendix 8 - Representations

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From: Peter Allsop [redacted]  
Sent: 13 December 2021 11:58  
To: Green, Janice <janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: Support for Village Green status (Plan no 2020/02TVG)

Dear Janice Green,

Please note that I am in favour of Village Green status on the land adjoining Southwick Court. 2020/02TVG.

I lived in Summerdown Walk in the 1980s and currently live in Spring Meadows. Both in the 1980s and for the last seven years I have walked our dogs nearly every day on the permitted footpaths through the fields around Boundry walk, Southwick Court and through to Southwick.

During the Covid lockdown this area was vital as it allowed me to get exercise without having to drive to another location with the dogs.

My wife and I have picked blackberries, for pies and sloes, to make sloe gin, from the hedgerows on many occasions.

Whilst out walking we often see deer, the odd fox and once or twice a weasel, great to see so near the edge of Trowbridge.

The landowner has been fully aware of my activities and has allowed this without stay or impediment, on occasion I have spoken to him whilst out walking.

Please record my support for the proposed Village Green status.

Kind Regards

Pete Allsop

**From:** [TRACY ALLSOP](#)  
**Sent:** 12 December 2021 14:26  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Cc:** [Graham Hill](#)  
**Subject:** Plans for Village green (Plan no 2020/02TVG)

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Dear Janice Green,

Please note that I am in favour of Village Green status on land adjoining Southwick Court. **2020/02TVG**

I live in Spring Meadows. I walk my dogs daily on the permitted footpaths through the fields around boundary walk, southwick court and beyond. These areas were quite frankly a life saver during COVID lockdowns. They enabled me to get exercise without the need to interact with others, or have to get in my car to go to a similar area.

One thing I am constantly grateful for is the amount of wildlife around the area. I'm always on the look out for Deer, Otters and kingfishers. I have made pies and jam from the plentiful blackberries that grow in the hedgerows.

I have on occasions had conversations with the land owner whilst out walking.

Please help keep this space safe from development.

Kind Regards  
Tracy Allsop

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Hilary Chamulewicz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 December 2021 16:23  
**To:** Green, Janice  
**Cc:** Councillor Graham Hill  
**Subject:** H2.6. Village Green Application

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Dear Ms Green

I am a resident at [REDACTED] Balmoral Road and write without stay or impediment to make my plea to permit the Village Green application.

The land is of immense benefit to hundreds of local people and that is not only those of us that live in the vicinity, and all ages young and old alike, plus those who drive to enjoy walking the fields. Some with dogs some without.

The value of the exercise and fresh air away from the main streets is incalculable in benefiting our community with not only physical health but mental health too.

In Summer many sit on the grass and soak up the surroundings. Fly a kite, throw a ball even a swing was popular this year attached to a substantial tree.

The surrounding hedges are a mass of blackberry bushes and I can vouch for the quantity if blackberries I pick each year. It's something I have enjoyed doing since childhood and it would be sacrilege to remove the pleasure and health advantages of foraging. Let alone for the precious thousands of wild life that forage too! There are enormous swarms of sparrows who live in the hedgerows and the volume of their chatter is astonishing. Equally there are Sloes growing within the hedge rows and another age old foraging joy.

With such high pollution on our roads and within our towns we need every opportunity to have Village Greens. Please may I implore you to recognise we must make green spaces readily accessible for the health benefits of people, pet dogs and our much valued wildlife. Time restrictions in our busy lives make the Village Green that we are proposing so important.

Please, please enable our Village Green application to be approved for the benefit and well being of human lives, and creatures all great and small.

Yours sincerely  
Hilary Chamulewicz

Sent from my iPhoneq

**From:** [Jennifer Dennis](#)  
**Sent:** 19 December 2021 20:19  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** 2020/02TVG

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For many years we have been using the area of the proposed Village Green. We used to walk the dog there and after his demise enjoyed just walking and enjoying the fresh air away from the roads. We walk for our health, both mental and physical and throughout the lockdowns this area was our 'life saver'. During our walks we have seen hedgehogs, deer, a grass snake and many varieties of bird. With the changing seasons we have picked elder flowers to make cordial and used the local blackberries for puddings and pies, as they are free from traffic pollution. We have also enjoyed meeting and chatting to other people from the local area and we all appreciate the fact that we have these lovely fields to enjoy.

Mrs. J. Dennis,  
■ Balmoral Road,  
Trowbridge,  
BA14 0■  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [M Dennis](#)  
**Sent:** 19 December 2021 20:23  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Village Green Application.

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Village Green Application ref 2020/02TVG.

I would like to add my support for this application.

I have lived in the area for 10 years and have enjoyed many walks over this area both dog walking and walking for fitness, and to just enjoy the peace and tranquility of the countryside away from traffic interference. During my time on this land I have enjoyed observing and listening to nature which helps me to relax away from the fast pace of life.

Mike Dennis,  
■ Balmoral Road,  
Trowbridge,  
BA14 0■

**From:** [Paul](#)  
**Sent:** 10 December 2021 16:30  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Village green status 2020/02 TVG

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Dear Janice.

My wife and I have lived in Sandringham Rd since 1973. A part of our garden adjoins the brook that is also the Trowbridge boundary. We use the fields where the development is proposed, and beyond that, for recreational purposes. We are two of many who walk the area and it helps to keep us fit. It is also mentally refreshing and invigorating. So many others including numerous dog walkers, would also gain from Village green status that would give all residents within the boundary a sizeable area that would be protected from future development. The benefits will be immeasurable for both old and young alike.

Please accept this letter as support for the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Paul & Sarah Elphick.

■ Sandringham Rd

Trowbridge.

BA14 0■

**From:** [David Goodship](#)  
**Sent:** 17 December 2021 12:37  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Village Green  
**Attachments:** [Letter re Village Green - Trowbridge.doc](#)

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Hi Janice,  
Please see my letter attached.

Regards, David Goodship

■ Sandringham Rd  
Trowbridge, Wiltshire  
BA14 0■

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Attn. Janice.Green @ Wiltshire.gov.uk

**Village Green Application - 2020/02TVG**

Dear Janice,

I am writing to support the above application for a Village Green, in Trowbridge.

I have lived opposite these fields for over 45 years, during this time myself & family have used them for walking, running and picking blackberries, “without stay or impediment” by the landowner.

I am pleased to report that my Grandchildren also now enjoy walking them, again “without stay or impediment” by the landowner.

Yours sincerely,

David Goodship



**From:** [carol hill](#)  
**Sent:** 14 December 2021 11:55  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Village Green - 2020/02TVG  
**Attachments:** [VILLAGE GREEN.doc](#)

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Dear Ms Green,

Please find attached my letter of support for the application for a Village Green at Southwick Court Fields – Application Number: 2020/02TVG

Regards,

Carol Hill

Dear Ms Green,

RE: Letter of support for land at Southwick Court Field – application number **2020/02TVG** to be legally designated as a Village Green.

I am writing in support of the land being formally and legally registered as a Village Green for the following reasons:

- A Village Green would ensure the boundary between Trowbridge and Southwick will be preserved in perpetuity.
- A much loved and valued green space will be preserved for future generations to enjoy and treasure.
- Natural habitats will be allowed to flourish and endangered species found within the hedgerows will thrive.

My family have enjoyed exploring this wonderful landscape for over nineteen years without stay and impediment. Our children and grandchildren have spent many hours picking blackberries and sloes from the hedgerows and identifying birds and habitats. Learning about the countryside and enjoying daily walks throughout the year has provided a valuable education and many family adventures.

The flora and fauna found within the landscape has been a constant source of joy. Watching and documenting the changes throughout the seasons has been the inspiration for hours spent drawing, painting and crafting.

Children have a natural curiosity for all things living and having the opportunity to spend extended periods of time in the fresh air has been a valuable part of our family's upbringing. We know a multi-sensory approach to learning is the 'gold standard' and all children deserve the very best.

The restrictions placed on our liberties since March 2020 as a direct response to Covid has enhanced the need to preserve natural habitats and enjoy green spaces. Having opportunities to explore a green landscape has had a positive impact on my family's mental health and those of our local community.

Thank you for taking the time to read the enclosed. I feel confident you will share the communities request to register the land as a Village Green.

Yours sincerely,

CJ Hill  
Carol Hill

■■■■ Balmoral Road  
Trowbridge  
BA14 O■■■

**From:** [Councillor Graham Hill](#)  
**Sent:** 15 December 2021 15:28  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** 2020/02TVG Southwick Court Fields  
**Attachments:** [VG support.pdf](#)

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Dear M/s Green,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

I am writing in respect of the above application. I would be grateful if you could accept the attached into your portfolio in relation to the TVG application.

Whilst I have written in support of the application and believe that that letter was included in the initial submission a number of other pieces of the puzzle have appeared. I have attempted to explain them succinctly in the attached document.

I would be more than happy for you to share this with any subsequent Committee should the application reach that stage.

I hope that you have a very good Christmas and New Year.

Regards

Graham

Trowbridge Town Council

Deputy Mayor



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To Whom it may concern.

I would be grateful if the following could be taken into consideration in respect of the Village Green application 2020/02TVG (Southwick Court Fields, Southwick and North Bradley Parishes).

These observations are in addition to the letter of support for the application already filed with the document pack. The reason for these additions is that, in the intervening period, fresh information pertinent to the initial application has presented itself. In the interests of clarity, I shall group the information.

### **1) Descriptions of land**

In the original submission Mr. Swanney presented a number of descriptions and definitions of the land collated from Wiltshire Council documents (I have attached a copy from my own records at the foot of this document for reference). The majority of these either referred to the amenity value of the land, its place in the landscape and value to the community or to a repeated definition that the land was classified as “informal recreational land”.

At the time of the initial submission these documents had not been recognised as having been the subject of any external scrutiny.

However, all of the documents were included in the Examination library for the 2019 WHSAP Inspection. The documents were therefore open to scrutiny and challenge by the proposed developer of the adjacent site of H2.6 and the landowner and his agents/advisors.

A principal document presented at these hearings was the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Sustainability Appraisal Report. This repeatedly classifies the application area as “informal recreation land”. Whilst this document was referenced and discussed in detail with many opportunities to challenge this repeated description none were raised.

The only reasonable explanation for this is that the Landowner and their legal advisors saw no fault in this description. The conclusion is that there is now tacit approval of the land as being in the Public Realm. This stance has not been amended in the 34 months subsequent to the Examination.

Evidence of this presumed acceptance has been seen over the past two years. This has taken the form of sections of fencing being removed to facilitate access for the general public along the notified footpaths, and gates previously being used to retain cattle being left open, or even removed. All these changes indicate a desire to give unrestricted access to the land by the landowner and represent moves to that end.

## 2) **Wiltshire County Policy**

The TVG application is both in harmony with and supporting Wiltshire Council Policy in a number of ways which have become apparent since the initial submission. I detail them below.

### 1. **The Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy (TBMS)**

The TBMS is a Policy adopted by Wiltshire Council subsequent to the adoption of the WHSAP. The establishment of a Village Green along the East-West arm of the Lambrok ensures that that element of the acknowledged Bat Corridors will remain inviolate and secured.

### 2. **Strategic Plan**

The current iteration of the Strategic Plan, albeit still in the final stages of consultation, has from its inception rejected any further development on the Southern fringes of the Trowbridge Community Area. By designating this portion of the buffer between Trowbridge and the villages of North Bradley and Southwick as a Village Green greater protection will exist in Law to support this Policy.

### 3. **Core Policy 29**

Wiltshire Council Core Policy 29 requires the maintenance of a buffer between Trowbridge and the villages of North Bradley and Southwick to enable them to retain their unique identity. The position of this Village Green will assist in ensuring the continued existence of the buffer.

### 4. **Support for the Five Year Housing Land Supply situation (5YHLS)**

Since the first submission of this application Wiltshire Council have found themselves in a position where they cannot guarantee sufficient 5YHLS to satisfy Government requirements. This shortfall was first acknowledged by a senior Planner to the Southern Board meeting of September 2019 along with the news that the Council were considering the abolition of Housing Market Areas (HMAs).

Since that time, and the subsequent adoption of the WHSAP, there have been many speculative Planning applications submitted by developers outside of either identified sites or emerging brownfield sites which may be traded for greenfield areas. Many of these predatory applications have been on sites referred to by Planners as “low-hanging fruit”. An Inspection report relating to an application at Chilvester Hill found that:

“The Council argue the shortfall is moderate and housing should be located where there is an established need and within limits of development. However, directing housing to areas with greater need has been plainly ineffective, given there remains a shortfall.”

Similarly, an application to build 200 houses on a greenfield site outside Lyneham and opposed and rejected by Wiltshire Council on sustainability grounds has been overturned on Inspection.

Wiltshire Council are in a position in which their own Policies are being overturned against their will. This application gives a support and surety that a range of Policies will be honoured and safeguarded.

The application in no way contravenes or conflicts with any Wiltshire Council Policy and I continue to support it. The above detail serves only to reinforce the validity of the application.

Graham Hill

Deputy Mayor

Trowbridge Town Councillor (Grove Ward)

## **Appendix A – Description of application site in Wiltshire Council documents**

HIA description

Southwick Court, Trowbridge Description

3.14 The site comprises a large area of gently rolling agricultural land on the southern edge of Trowbridge. It is bounded on much of its northern edge by modern residential development. **It forms part of the relatively narrow green corridor** separating suburban Trowbridge from the outlying settlements of Southwick and North Bradley.

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Sustainability Appraisal Report  
Annex 1 A.9 Trowbridge Principal Settlement

Site context

Site size: 17.6ha      Site capacity: approximately 280 237 dwellings

The site extends across approximately 17.6 hectares of open, agriculturally improved (pasture) grassland. It lies adjacent to the southern/south-western edge of

Trowbridge, separated from residential stock through part of its length by the Lambrok Stream, mature Poplar trees and sporadic hedgerows. The site is bound to the east by mature hedgerows, highway verge and the A361 (Frome Road). Beyond the A361 to the west lies Southwick Country Park. **To the east/north-east of the site are a series of open fields used as pasture and informal recreation**, beyond which lie the A363; North Bradley; and the White Horse Business Park. To the south/south-west are open fields associated with Southwick Court and its Grade II\* Listed building complex, with Southwick village further to the south-west. A footpath runs through the site and links to Axe and Cleaver Lane to the east. P190

**The site comprises two large agricultural fields used for livestock grazing and informal recreation.** Development of the site would result in the permanent loss of agricultural land. There is no evidence of contamination issues and the land is not located within a Mineral Safeguarding Area/Waste Site Safeguarding Area. Overall the site option is considered to have a moderate adverse effect on this objective. P193

**The site comprises greenfield, agricultural land/informal open space** P196

**The site functions as a green infrastructure corridor.** The fields are large and open in character and exhibit a strong relationship with the Lambrok Stream (and its floodplain)/Southwick Court (Grade II\* Listed Farmstead). Mature hedgerows/Poplar trees provide a natural and logical boundary to the existing settlement edge of Trowbridge. In a wider sense, the site should be considered within the context of surrounding farmland and the Southwick Country Park which serve as buffer between the Town and village of Southwick. Development of the land would therefore alter the  
(sic, description incomplete) P201

In terms of historic landscape character, the site of medium sensitivity to change. The land exhibits surviving and legible post-Medieval water meadow features. **Such features are considered to be rare and are often significant contributors to local landscape character.** P201

**The land is currently greenfield and trafficked by walkers/dog walkers using the footpaths and fields for informal recreation.** P201

**protect and improve existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW) that cross the site.** P205



**From:** [rachel hunt](#)  
**Sent:** 17 December 2021 15:45  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Village Green Application ref: 2020/02TVG

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Dear Janice,

I am writing to support the application for village green status in the fields in between Southwick and Trowbridge on the following grounds:

1. The fields in questions have been available for walking without stay or impediment for as long as we have lived here. In fact I and my family have used these fields daily for the last 22 years (since we moved to Trowbridge in 1999. They have been a valuable source of exercise for us all.
2. During this 22 year period we have enjoyed access to the nature that these fields provide, particularly enjoying spotting birds of prey and deer on a regular basis as well as the annual visit by the egret.
3. In addition, we have annually foraged for blackberries and elderflower , using these product to make cordials, crumbles and jams.

I therefore fully support the application for village green status so that these freedoms may be enjoyed by the community for the next 100 years.

Yours sincerely,  
Rachel

**From:** [Barry Jones](#)  
**Sent:** 12 December 2021 09:24  
**To:** Green, Janice  
**Cc:** [graham.hill@trowbridge.gov.uk](mailto:graham.hill@trowbridge.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Village agree Application

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I wish to support the village green application from Mr N Swanney.  
I have used this area of fields for the best part of 40 years since I first moved to this part of Trowbridge without let or hindrance. Dog walking, general exercise for well being purposes, picking wild fruits, blackberries etc and being able to observe the wildlife .foxes, deer rabbits and badgers also buzzards kestrels and in the recent past egrets. This area is a very important eco system and needs to continue to be used in the way it currently is rather than decimated and concreted over

Yours faithfully

Barry Jones

■ Summerdown Walk

Trowbridge

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Blair](#)  
**Sent:** 12 December 2021 19:31  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Village Green Application 2020/02TVG

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Hi Janice - here are our comments regarding the this application

We Mr and Mrs Keltie of [REDACTED] Westmed Crescent Trowbridge. BA14 [REDACTED] wish to comment on the Village Green Application 2020/02TVG

We have lived at the above address since 1987 and have used the land subject of the application on a daily basis for the last 34 years without stay or impediment. We enjoy numerous leisure activities in the fields such as walking, dog walking, general exercise and enjoyment. We have regularly picked black berries, sloes and damsons when in season from the hedgerows. We find the nature of the site conducive to our wellbeing and enjoy seeing a variety wild life present there. We want to continue to enjoy access to the site for the above reasons and preserve access for future generations

Sincerely

Jane and Blair Keltie

**From:** [Parish Council](#)  
**Sent:** 04 January 2022 14:40  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Application to Register Land at Town or Village  
Green - Southwick and North Bradley, Southwick Court  
Fields

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Hello Janice

At last night's meeting Councillors resolved to support this application.

Kind regards

Karin Elder

Clerk to North Bradley Parish Council

T: [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms Elder,

**Commons Act 2006 – Sections 15(1) and (2)**

**Application to Register Land as a Town or Village Green – Southwick and North Bradley,  
Southwick Court Fields**

**Ref: 2020/02TVG**

Further to the notice of the above-mentioned application to register land in the parishes of Southwick and North Bradley as a Town or Village Green, Southwick Court Fields, I am writing to

advise you that Southwick Parish Council have requested an extension to the time limit of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 for submitting their response in full, following a request for additional information and further consideration of the application at their meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. It is certainly beneficial for all parties that their submissions are as full and complete as possible and this request for additional time has been granted until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, where they have provided an interim response before the original closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Therefore, if North Bradley Parish Council would like to make representations on this matter, I would offer the same opportunity to submit an interim response by the original closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, with full details of your representations to follow by 5:00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

Kind regards,

Janice Green  
Senior Definitive Map Officer  
Rights of Way and Countryside  
Wiltshire Council  
County Hall  
Trowbridge  
BA14 8JN

**Wiltshire Council**

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Thank you Janice. Nothing further to add.

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Thank you for your e-mail regarding the above-mentioned application to register land in the parishes of Southwick and North Bradley, Southwick Court Fields, as a Town or Village Green, with apologies for the delay in replying. I acknowledge safe receipt of your representations and I note North Bradley Parish Council's support for the application.

Please note that the consultation period has been extended to the end of January and if the Parish Council would like to add any additional comments regarding the application, please do so in writing by 5:00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. At the close of the consultation period, all representations will be forwarded to the interested parties, i.e. the Applicant and the Objector, for comment.

Thank you for your help in this matter, I will of course keep you updated on progress.

Kind regards,

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Therefore, if North Bradley Parish Council would like to make representations on this matter, I would offer the same opportunity to submit an interim response by the original closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, with full details of your representations to follow by 5:00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

Kind regards,

Janice Green  
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Since moving to Boundary Walk in 1987 I have used these fields, including the area which is in question, for recreation. It was especially good during lockdown for my physical and mental well-being.

Martin Nouch

**From:** [Malcolm Oliver](#)  
**Sent:** 14 December 2021 14:32  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Cc:** [Graham](#)  
**Subject:** re Village Green Application Ref 2020/02TVG

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Dear Sir/Madam

As residents of this area for the past 45 years, my wife and I fully support the case for this village green.

We have brought up four of our children here and made use of many of the rights of way for walking, jogging and playing, as well as enjoying the countryside pleasures of green fields, trees and shrubs, picking blackberries and watching wildlife. The addition of the proposed village green with pathways suitable for wheelchairs, mobility vehicles, park benches and picnic tables, will extend these benefits to the elderly and disabled, and probably providing a children's public playground which is sorely needed by young families in this part of Trowbridge.

In addition, part of the green could be fenced off with facilities for dog-walkers to use and dispose of their 'waste', a common sight in parks in sizeable towns and cities in Australia.

The site could undoubtedly be planted with a variety of trees and shrubs to attract all manner of birds and smaller animals for habitats and contribute to lowering our local carbon footprint.

Yours truly

Malcolm & Jennifer Oliver

**From:** [Nick Matthews](#)  
**Sent:** 09 November 2021 16:09  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Southwick - Village Green Application

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Hi Janice,

Many thanks for the comprehensive reply and the comfort that you have provided in relation to the land subject to the planning application and allocation.

I will advise my client accordingly and only come back to you if there is anything further they wish to pursue in relation to the land still subject to the application.

Kind regards,

Nick

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**From:** Green, Janice <[janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
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**To:** Nick Matthews <[NMatthews@savills.com](mailto:NMatthews@savills.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Southwick - Village Green Application

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Dear Mr Matthews,

**Commons Act 2006 – Sections 15(1) and (2)**  
**Application to Register Land as Town or Village Green – Southwick Court Fields, Southwick and North Bradley**  
**Application no.2020/02TVG**

Thank you for your e-mail. Just to confirm that the application originally covered the whole site as shown outlined red on the application plan attached, (including the area hatched red), however, upon carry out consultations with the relevant planning authorities, it was found that part of the application land was affected by a planning application 20/00379/OUT (Jan 2020) and also allocation within the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan (WHSAP) (Feb 2020), both of which form a valid planning trigger event over part of the land (without corresponding terminating events in place). This had the effect of extinguishing the right to apply to register that part of the land as a town or village green.

Therefore, that part of the application land hatched red is excluded from the application, however, the application remains in place over the southern section of the land outlined in red and Wiltshire Council as the Registration Authority must determine whether or not that section of the land has qualified for registration as a town or village green under sections 15(1) and (2) of the Commons Act

2006. DEFRA guidance “Guidance to Commons Registration Authorities in England on Sections 15A to 15C of the Commons Act 2006 – Section 15C: exclusion of the right to apply under section 15(1) to register new town or village greens” December 2016, states that where the exclusion applies to only part of the land, for the portion of the land not subject to the exclusion, the application should proceed as usual.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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**To:** Green, Janice <[janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Southwick - Village Green Application

Dear Ms Green,

We have been forwarded a copy of the letter you sent to the owner of Southwick Court Farm dated 5 November 2021, in respect of the application to register a Town/Village Green on the land at Southwick, Trowbridge (ref: JG/PC/171 & 208 2021/02TVG).

We act for a Promoter – Waddeton Park Ltd – who has a contractual agreement with the landowner to promote the land for development. The land in question forms part of an allocation for development in the Wiltshire Housing Sites Allocations Plan Development Plan Document (adopted 4 February 2020). There is also a validated, but as yet undetermined outline planning application on the land (Wiltshire Council reference: 20/00379/OUT).

As I am sure you are aware, both the presence of the allocation and the existence of a planning application are qualifying ‘trigger events’ which were introduced to preclude the registration of land under the Commons Act in amendments to the legislation in 2015. In such circumstances, it is clear that the application covering the hatched land on the plan you provided has no merit and can be dismissed in short order.

I would be very grateful if you could confirm that this is your interpretation and it is your intention to therefore decline the application.

If you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Nick

**Nick Matthews**  
**Director**  
**Planning**

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**Subject:** RE: Commons Act 2006 - Section 15 (1) and (2) -2020/02TVG - Application to register Southwick Court Fields as a town/village green

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Dear Janice

Many thanks for granting the PC an extension to consider this application.

The matter was discussed at a meeting held on Tuesday night and members resolved to support the application.

Kind regards,

Nicola Duke B.A (Hons), FSLCC  
Parish Clerk  
For and on behalf of  
Southwick Parish Council

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**From:** Green, Janice <janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 December 2021 12:12  
**To:** Nicola Duke <southwickclerk@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Commons Act 2006 - Section 15 (1) and (2) -2020/02TVG - Application to register Southwick Court Fields as a town/village green

Dear Ms Duke,

**Commons Act 2006 – Sections 15(1) and (2)**  
**Application to Register Land as Town or Village Green – Southwick Court Fields, Southwick and North Bradley**  
**Ref: 2020/02**

Thank you for your reply, I acknowledge safe receipt of your interim letter, outlining the Parish Council's position and confirmation that further details of your case will follow before the end of January 2022. I will add this to the file and at the close of the extended period for comment, as part of the application process, all representations will be forwarded to the relevant parties (i.e. the applicant and Objectors), for comment.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Kind regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Commons Act 2006 - Section 15 (1) and (2) -2020/02TVG - Application to register Southwick Court Fields as a town/village green

Dear Janice

Many thanks for this information and for agreeing to our extension request. We are most grateful.  
Please find attached an interim letter from the PC, as requested.

Kind regards,  
Nikki

Nicola Duke B.A (Hons), FSLCC  
Parish Clerk  
For and on behalf of  
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*By email*

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Janice

**Commons Act 2006 - Section 15 (1) and (2) -2020/02TVG - Application to register Southwick Court Fields as a town/village green**

The above application was considered at a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021. I copy for you below the relevant extract from the draft minutes:

*Members acknowledged receipt of the notification that Wiltshire Council was in receipt of an application to register land at Southwick Court Fields, Southwick and North Bradley as a town or village green and considered the Parish Council's representations in respect of the application. The deadline for comments was noted to be Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Members referred to the debate under agenda item 2021/94 above and resolved to apply the same principle to this application as to planning application 20/00379/OUT. An extension for comment would therefore be sought in order for additional information to be received and, if not granted, a No Comment would be submitted, citing the PC's inability to agree its response without further information as to the applications impact on associated planning applications.*

We have subsequently received the information requested from you, for which we are grateful; noting that our request for an extension until the end of January 2022 has been kindly granted. I can confirm that further details of our case will follow, as a formal record of the Parish Council's position, no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

Yours sincerely,



Nicola Duke B.A (Hons), FSLCC  
Parish Clerk  
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**From:** Green, Janice <[janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 16 December 2021 10:08

**To:** [southwickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:southwickclerk@gmail.com)

**Subject:** RE: Commons Act 2006 - Section 15 (1) and (2) -2020/02TVG - Application to register Southwick Court Fields as a town/village green

Dear Ms Duke,

**Commons Act 2006 – Sections 15(1) and (2)**

**Application to Register Land as Town or Village Green – Southwick Court Fields, Southwick and North Bradley**

**Ref: 2020/02TVG**

Thank you for your e-mail, with apologies for the delay in getting back to you. Just to confirm that the application originally covered the whole of the area shown outlined red on the application plan attached, including the hatched red area. On receipt of an application, the legislation now requires the Commons Registration Authority (CRA) to carry out a consultation with the relevant planning authorities regarding whether or not a planning “trigger event” has taken place on the land, e.g. a planning application or inclusion of the land within a development plan. These events would have the effect of excluding the right to apply to register land as a town or village green (TVG) and the CRA cannot accept applications where a trigger event is in place.

In the case of the Southwick Court Fields application, it was found that part of the TVG application land was affected by planning application no 20/00379/OUT and also allocation within the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation Plan (WHSAP), both of which form valid planning trigger events, (without corresponding terminating events in place which would revive the right to apply). This had the effect of extinguishing the right to apply to register part of the land and the area hatched red on the application plan attached is excluded from the CRA’s consideration of the application to register land as a TVG.

The application under Sections 15(1) and (2) of the Commons Act 2006, is entirely separate to the planning process and the test to be considered in relation to the TVG application is as follows:

*“(2) This subsection applies where-*

- a. a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years; and*
- b. they continue to do so at the time of application.”*

We will not be considering any matters relating to the planning application as part of this test, the only relevant matter in relation to the planning application would be the CRA’s consideration of the planning trigger events and any representations regarding the matter of the planning trigger event, in so far as this would effect the validity of the application.

I hope this information is helpful. With regard to your request for additional time to consider the matter at the meeting of the Parish Council dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022, it is certainly beneficial for all parties that their submissions are as full and complete as possible, therefore your request for

additional time is granted and I would be very grateful if you could make your submissions in writing before 5:00pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could reply to the notice of application, in writing, before the current deadline of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, outlining the Parish Council's initial position regarding the application and confirming that further details of your case will follow, as a formal record of your position.

Kind regards,

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**Subject:** Commons Act 2006 - Section 15 (1) and (2) -2020/02TVG - Application to register Southwick Court Fields as a town/village green

Dear Janice

The Chair and members considered your recent correspondence regarding 2020/02TVG - Application to register Southwick Court Fields as a town/village green - at a meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

During debate, members noted the recent planning application 20/00379/OUT - Land south of Trowbridge, Southwick and have asked me to seek clarification from you as to the legal ramifications of this application on the pending village green application. I would be grateful if you could confirm whether the planning application has any bearing on the determination of the application to register land as a village green.

To this end, members have also asked whether an extension could be granted so that the application could be considered at the January PC meeting, once the additional information is received. The date of that meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance in this matter,

Kind regards,

Nicola Duke B.A (Hons), FSLCC  
Parish Clerk  
For and on behalf of  
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**Sent:** 13 December 2021 10:12  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Southwick Village Green application

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Good morning Janice

Just a short note to register our support for the Village Green application for the land adjacent to the north of Southwick and the Lambrok stream.

My wife Lin and I have lived in this area of over 40 years and during this time have without stay or impediment regularly walked and exercised in this area with our two children and now five grandchildren.

Our annual blackberry picking sessions still continues each year with all of the family. Our walks with the youngsters over the years to teach them of the nature and wildlife in the area has been a part of them growing up to understand the importance of maintaining this type of environment.

I do hope all concerned understand the importance of protecting this area for these activities.

Kind regards  
Mark and Lin Stevens

Mark Stevens



**From:** [Norman Swanney](#)  
**Sent:** 16 December 2021 12:56  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Support for 2020/02/TVG proposed Village Green  
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13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We write to fully support the application 2020/02TVG for a Village Green in Southwick Court Fields.

We can attest to the regular and constant use of the land by local residents and a large number of visitors who either walk or drive to Westfield Crescent, Sandringham Road or Balmoral Road and enter the fields from there.

Our children and grandchildren have played in the field and we have observed it in use for a wide variety of activities, including

- Walking
- Jogging
- Dog walking
- Blackberry picking
- Bird watching
- Model plane flying
- Drone flying
- Hot air balloon landing

We have lived in the area and used the fields for more than 38 years and the landowner has allowed us access to these fields without stay or impediment over all this time.

Yours sincerely

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N M Swanney

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A L Swanney

**From:** [Vigar, David](#)  
**Sent:** 15 December 2021 16:11  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of Application to Register Land as TVG -  
Southwick Court Fields  
**Attachments:** [Village Green Vigar letter 141221.docx](#)

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Dear Janice

I hope all is well with you. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this. I support the proposal and my representation is attached.

Please can you explain or forward the procedure that will follow the consultation period.

I have looked at a recent similar application regarding Hilperton and see that the Council as the Commons Registration authority must determine the application. In that case it appears that the Western Area Planning Committee received a report with a recommendation to appoint an independent inspector to provide expert opinion.

Does this mean that the committee will receive a report of some kind? Or might it be dealt with by officers under delegated powers? Or are Village Green applications subject to a call in process whereby the local councillor can request consideration by committee?

Best wishes

**David Vigar**  
**Councillor, Trowbridge Grove**

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To: Vigar, David <David.Vigar@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Notice of Application to Register Land as TVG - Southwick Court Fields

Dear Cllr Vigar,

**Commons Act 2006 – Section 15(1) and (2)**

**Application to Register Land as Town/Village Green – Southwick Court Fields, Southwick & North Bradley Parishes - Ref: 2020/02TVG**

Please find attached notice of application to register land at Southwick Court Fields, in the parishes of Southwick and North Bradley, as a town or village green, as shown on the plan attached to the notice.

If you would like to make any objections or representations regarding the proposals, I would be very grateful if you could forward them in writing, for my attention, by 5pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Kind regards,

Janice

Janice Green  
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# David Vigar

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December 2021

Dear Janice

I am writing to support the Village Green application 2020/02TVG (Southwick Court Fields, Southwick and North Bradley Parishes).

I believe this plan offers the opportunity to provide conclusive protection for a strategic area of recreational land in a context where the ambiguities and uncertainties of planning policy are leading to developments taking place on valuable green spaces.

I support the village green proposal for the following reasons:

## **Conformity with legislative criteria**

I believe that the site qualifies for registration as it conforms to the criteria set out in the Commons Act 2006 whereby “a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years; and ...continue to do so at the time of the application.” I believe that submissions being made to Wiltshire Council from local residents are providing the necessary evidence cited in the Notice of Application, demonstrating that the land has indeed “been used for recreational and social purposes as of right without stay or let for a period exceeding 20 years”.

## **Alignment with Local Plan**

The proposed Village Green lies next to the Southwick Court Fields site identified as H2.6 in the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation Plan (WHSAP). This site did not appear in the 2015 Wiltshire Core Strategy and was added to the WHSAP at the same time as expected dwelling numbers were reduced by uncertainty over the development of the 2,600 home Ashton Park estate which has now gained outline approval.

The draft *Planning for Trowbridge* document presented as part of Wiltshire Council's current draft Local Plan reiterates (para 35) the objective of retaining undeveloped land on the edge of the town to act as a green infrastructure corridor and preserve the separate identities of villages such as Southwick. This supports Wiltshire Council's Core Policy 29 which requires the maintenance of a buffer between Trowbridge and the villages of North Bradley and Southwick. The Sustainability Appraisal for the WHSAP said that development of site H2.6 would lead to an "urbanising effect", which is one reason why hundreds object to it. The appraisal said: "The stream and its floodplain, along with mature hedgerows/trees help define a logical edge to the current built framework in landscape terms." This proposal would help to combat that effect and hopefully also remind councillors and planners of this point in relation to H2.6.

### **Wildlife protection**

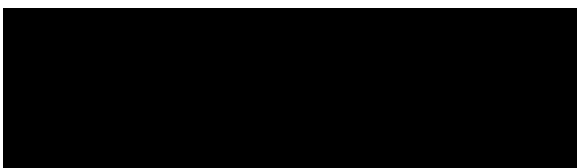
Maintaining this area as an open space would help preserve the Bath and Bradford on Avon Bats Special Area of Conservation by avoiding habitat loss and disturbance.

### **Heritage**

The plan would preserve some of the green space in the vicinity of Southwick Court which contains a number of important heritage assets including a Medieval moat and farmstead.

Thank you for taking the above points into account in determination of this application.

Yours sincerely

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the councillor.

Councillor, Trowbridge Grove Division

**From:** [geoff Whiffen](#)  
**Sent:** 10 December 2021 11:29  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Cc:** [Councillor Graham Hill](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Application for village green 2020/02tvg

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Dear Ms Green, we are writing in support of the above application.  
My wife and myself have been exercising dogs in the area of the application for over 25 years, as well as using the area for recreational and health purposes, for the last ten years we have also been utilising the area for the benefit of our four grandchildren, instilling in them the the pleasure and health benefits of the clean open air, also instilling in them how important it is to manage the countryside and utilise the fruits such as blackberries and sloes from the hedgerows also damsons from axe & cleaver lane, also to protect the area for the many species of wildlife.  
For the future generations we must please protect this wonderful reserve.

Thank you

Margaret and Geoff Whiffen

[REDACTED] Holyrood Close

Trowbridge

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**From:** STEPHEN WILLCOX [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 December 2021 18:33  
**To:** Green, Janice  
**Cc:** Hill Graham  
**Subject:** 2020/02 TVG

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We lived in Southwick from 1977 until 1997 when we moved to North Bradley until 2016 when we moved to Sandringham Road in Trowbridge. Throughout this time we have regularly walked around and across the area concerned with our children and dog without let or hindrance. We have also organised community walks through those fields and used them for exercise and recreational purposes. They have provided social contact with other residents enjoying the open space and the ability to forage for wild food and observe wildlife in their home habitat.

We support the application to register the area as a village green.

Stephen and Pamela Willcox  
[REDACTED] Sandringham Road  
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