

10 Priestburn Close
Esh Winning
Co Durham
DH7 9NF

7 th July 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived at my present address since 1999. I am born and bred in the village.

Whilst growing up the village, I watched our local soccer team play on that field between 1950 to 1960.

As a teenager I played informal soccer matches and cricket matches there and played tennis on our solitary court.

My children used the area regularly between 1976 and 1990, whenever they visited their grandparents. They played on the equipment in the play area, played ball games, rode their bicycles on the grass and even flew a kite.

I have noticed that this open space is still used each and every day by children playing games, simply sitting on the field to talk or riding their bicycles, adults walking their dogs and training their pets and people of all ages, including the disabled in electric trolleys, using the diagonal tarmac path to go to the shops or go home.

Our village has a fairground on that field each year, in September, and visitors come from the surrounding villages to enjoy themselves.

Let us keep our village green as an open space for the whole village to enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

John Wilkinson
John Wilkinson.

Master Copy of evidence

10 Priestburn Close

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To Whom It May Concern

Between 1981 and 1999 I crossed our village green to go to and from the centre of our village. I now see adults and children doing the same every day of the week. Some even stop to talk as they cross.

Whenever I go past now I notice children of all ages using the field to play all kinds of games both on the field and on our MUGA pitch, playing in the play area, riding their bicycles and in Winter building snowmen and having snowball fights.

Many residents exercise their dogs on our field and train their animals.

It is a beautiful piece of open space enjoyed by the whole village and should be kept as such.

Yours sincerely,

Cynthia A. Wilkinson.

C. A. Wilkinson

11 Priestburn Close
Esh Winning
Co Durham
DH7 9NF

To whom it may concern

I have lived in Esh Winning all my life. I was born and bred in the village along with my brother and sisters. As boys we liked nothing better than climbing trees and playing football, this was from 1966 to 1975.

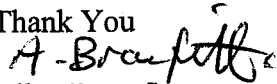
My own children used the area most of the time from 1985 up to the present time. They played rounders, football and cricket. My daughter was a regular visitor, she would love to play at the park and that is where she learned to ride her bike.

This area is still used on a daily basis by people walking their dogs and with their children. Children playing games. It is a safe environment for children to meet up with their friends.

The village also looks forward to the fairground coming every year. A lot of the community attend this yearly fair, also it attracts lots of people from neighbouring villages.

It would be so sad if the village was to lose this open space which is used on a daily basis by a lot of the community

Thank You


Allen Bramfitt

15 Woodland Road
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9JJ

28 June 2009

To whom this may concern,

I was originally born in Lymington, just across from the village. I moved from Lymington to No 15 Redwood, Esh Winning in 1983 and lived there until 1995, when I moved to my present address where I have now lived for fourteen years. When I was younger I used to walk across the park from Lymington to the church on a Sunday and I also used to play and watch football matches on the park, which we used to call the 'Turfless'. There was a football team that used to play there and drew a good crowd. The park was always busy with kids playing on the grass and the swings. They also used to go to the fair that comes here. That would have been in the 1960's and 1970's. Now I use the path that goes across the park to go to the shops and back and I meet friends there to pass the time of day, and I always see many people walking there or kids playing football or cricket or on the slide and climbing frame. The fair still comes to the village in the autumn and plenty of kids go there.

Yours Faithfully, 

Joseph McGinn.

17 Woodland Road

Esh Winning

Durham

To whom it may concern,

I have lived at my present address for 13 years but have lived in the village all my life.

Between 1940 and 1950, I played on that village green as a little girl.

My children used it between 1960 and 1969 and now my grandchildren use it all the time.

I see children on the field every day doing what my whole family did. They play ball games of all kinds and use the playground. Some just sit on the field and talk.

Other people use the path across the field to go to the shops or to walk their dogs.

We have had a fairground on that field from 1940 to the present time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. Morton.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E Morton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

No 25 Woodland Road
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9JJ

28 June 2009

To whom this may concern,

I was born in the village and moved to College View in 1968, where I lived until 1979. In 1979 I moved to the Woodland Rd Flats (no 6) and I lived there until 1995 when I moved into this address. Through the 60's and 70's I used to take my children down to the park to play on the swings and I used to walk regularly to the shops and back across the park. We used to go to the shows when they came to the village. There used to be a football pitch on the park and also a tennis court. After my children grew up I still used the park to sit and to go across to the shops. Now I do not go out much as I have difficulty with walking but I like to sit and watch the people who use the park for exercising their dogs and walking. The kids use the slide and the play area a lot.

Thank you,

Mary Taylor

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5 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham
Dh7 9je

To whom it may concern,

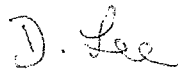
I was born and bred in the village. I married and have since lived at my present address for 26 years.

The village green has always been used by the people of Esh Winning. When I was younger there use to be tennis courts and a football team that played every Sunday on the green. My children played down the park on the swings, slide witches hat etc and the BMX track with their bikes and roller skates. There are always children playing football, cricket and flying kites, my grandkids regularly play there, a MUGA pitch has just been installed and kids of all ages are using it, there will soon be a new play area for the children as well.

The village green has a path going through the centre, I use it as a short cut for the shops as do other people and some use it to walk their dogs. At lot of people have mobility Scooters, the path makes it quicker and safer for them to get about. Every year since 1960 in September for 4days the shows have used the village green, people and children of all ages come and enjoy themselves.

Yours Sincerely

Doris Lee



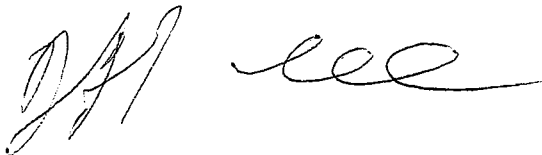
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To whom it may concern,

I was born and bred in the village and since I was married I have lived at this address for 26years. When I was younger there use to be tennis courts and a football team that played every Sunday on the green. I regularly played football, cricket, rode my bike and climbed the trees. My children played down the park on the swings, slide, witches hat etc and the BMX track with their bikes and roller skates. There are always children playing football, cricket, rounders and flying kites, my grandkids now regularly play there. A MUGA pitch has just been installed and kids of all ages are using it and there is to be a new play area as well. The village green is used everyday by people walking their dogs and using the path in the middle as a short cut to the shops, there are a lot of people with mobility scooters that use the path as a safe route to get about. Since the 1960,s a fairground has been coming to our village green, there is always a lot of people and children of all ages that enjoy this 4day event.

Yours Sincerely

James Lee

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MR. J. KELLEY
6. DENE PARK
ESH WINNING
DURHAM

DH7 9JE.

12/7/09.

To Whom it may Concern.

I have lived at my present address since 1998 and lived in the Oaks previous to that since 1992.

Since moving here my children have used the green space in the centre of the village regularly from 1992 to present day as they take their children on it now.

The used the play area every week without fail, and the field area was ideal for them to play football, cricket, playing with 'frizbees' and also playing with and walking the dogs.

Everyday you go past there is someone walking or playing with their dogs, or the children are playing on the field.

It also hosts a new muggers pitch and we are having a new play area built, with swings for toddlers up to aerial cable runs for the teenagers.

The path that cuts through the green area is used regularly everyday as a short cut to the village by young old and disabled people.

In September the greenspace is used by a fairground which attracts people from all the surrounding villages, which brings in extra business to our local shops while the fairground is there.

We need to keep our village green as an open space for the next generations to use and enjoy the way we have in past years as a place where people can sit and play.

Yours Sincerely
John Kelley.

9 Dene Park,
Esh winning,
Durham,
DH7 9JE

To whom it may concern,

I moved to the village with my mother in 1951, and I lived here from then until I was married in 1970 when I moved away to Brandon. However I came back to live with my mother at this address in 1996 and I have lived here ever since. When I was a kid I used to walk across the park to go to school and I used to play football on the evenings and weekends. The park used to be very busy during the 60's and 70's, as there used to be a football team that played there. The shows came every September as well. I remember there also used to be a tennis court along Arbourcourt Avenue and this was well used. In the 90's there used to be a BMX track there for the kids to ride their bikes on. From when I came back to the village until now I have used the path across the park most days for walking down to the village and to the surgery and I also like to sit on good days on the seat. When I am there I see a lot of people using the paths to go shopping and I see a lot of kids playing football and on the new ball court that has been put in. Many people also walk their dogs down there. The shows still come to the village and pitch on the park for a few days and the kids from all around come to it.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. Hynes', is written above a horizontal line.

10 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham

To whom it may concern

I have lived in the village for 42 years. I previously lived at 60 Cypress Park for 2 years before moving to 18 Birch Place when I was married. My 3 children used the village green regularly to play football and cricket. They played on the swings, slide and the BMX track with their bikes. Today kids still use it, the green now has a M U G A pitch which always has children and teenagers playing games. The children's play area is need of repair or re-built I understand this is due to be done soon this will make our green better for future generations. The village fair has always been on the green since before I moved here and every year in September families for 4 days enjoy themselves. The path that passes through the green is used as a short cut for shoppers some using mobility scooters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Shaw'.

**21 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham
Dh7 9je**

To whom it may concern

I have lived in the village for 49 years having previously lived at Esh Hill Top until 1956 then I move to NewHouse Rd when I was married. There used to be tennis courts which people regularly used, a lot of kids played football and cricket. There was a football team that played every Sunday and was quite popular. My son was taken to the village green {park} when he was little to play on the swings and all of the other equipment. Children still play football and cricket as well as riding their bikes and to play on the swings. People regularly use the path in the middle of the green as a short cut to the shops some using mobility scooters. The MUGA pitch which has just been installed is popular with children of all ages and I have heard that there is to be a new play area for the children.

Yours Sincerely,

Jim Metcalf

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. O. Metcalf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

21 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9JE

To whom it may concern,

I have lived at my present address for 49 years | moved here in 1960. I previously lived in Hamsteels until 1956 when I was married, I then moved to New House Rd. People used the green regularly to play on the tennis courts and there was even a football team that played on a Sunday afternoon. When my son was young we took him to play on the swings, slide, roundabout and the witches' hat. Children are always playing on the green using it for football and riding their bikes. There has been a MUGA pitch built just a few months ago for the older kids and the children's play area is due to be re-done this will make it much better for children to play. The village green is always used by shoppers and people on mobility scooters as they use the path through the green as easy access to the shops.

Yours Sincerely,

Mama Metcalf *M & Metcalf*

MRS. D. THOMPSON
22 DENE PARK
ESH WINNING
DURHAM
DH7 9JE

To show it may concern,
I have lived at this address for
the past 23 years. Previous to this I lived
in Cypress Park from where I was able to pop
down to the green with my son, call at
the surgery if needed and then let him play on
the swings. Moving to Dene Park was just as
easy the green being the centre part of the village
there my son played with friends rode his bike and
played with the dog - not to mention going to the
fair every year. I still use the green, walking another
dog now, meeting friends on the way or back from the
village. I remember when they widened the diagonal
path and raised it for where it used to flood,
it was busy passing people then picky or way it
can be just as busy now. It's a place for children
to play - and they do, dogs to exercise - and they do.
A place for teenagers to gather - they've got to go
somewhere - far better out in the open.

Yours Sincerely
Doreen Thompson

28 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Durham.
DH7 9JE

To whom it may concern,

I have been at this address for the last 30 years, having moved here in 1979 from East Hedleyhope where I was born in 1935 and grew up. When I was a kid we used to go down to the field and play there, and at that time there was a wood there as well as the field, which was very boggy at the time. This would have been in the 1940's and 50's. After that time there were some swings put on the field and houses were built around the area, I think in the early 60's. I can remember that during the 1960's and 70's people used to play football on the field and there was a team that was based there playing in the Sunday league. As a young man we used to play football there too, especially at weekends, and lots of kids used to be there playing on the swings and the roundabout, and we used the path across the park to go to the shops. From 1975 we used to walk the dog across the park and I used to take my niece and nephew down to play there and to the shows each September. Now I don't get out much but when I do I like to walk down the path and across the park to the seat and sit for a while on sunny days and watch the world go by. There are always kids playing on the weekends and evenings and a lot of adults still use the path to go shopping. Some of them have mobility scooters. From 1997 my niece's children have been using the park to play and to also go to the shows when they come.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. R. Liddle

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. Liddle', followed by a small horizontal dash.

28 Dene Park,
Esh Winning
Durham,
DH7 9JE

To whom this may concern,

I have lived at this address since 1977, having moved from the Oaks where I had lived for the previous 3 years and before that at Hedley Hill Terrace where I had been born in 1949. As a child I used to play down on the field with my friends from school and my brothers and sisters. I can remember in the 1960's there used to be a football team that played there, and we used to ride our bikes across the park when we went on bike rides. The shows came each year and we went there too. Like most kids from the area and as my grandchildren do now. From about 1975 I used to take my children down to the park to play on the swings and roundabout and the 'witches hat' that used to be there. I used the path across the green regularly to go to the shops and the doctor's surgery after it was built.

From then on I used the green regularly until they had grown up and now I use the path across the green to go shopping, as it is a good route to take with my mobility scooter. My grandchildren also play and ride their bikes down there along with their friends and there always seems to be someone using the park, both adults and kids. Many of the kids use the MUGA pitch and some like to ride their bikes down there. There used to be a BMX track on the green during the 80's and 90's.

Yours Faithfully



Mrs. Ann Liddle.

32 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Durham,
DH7 9JE
26 / 06 / 09

To whom it may concern,

I have been at this address since 1986, having previously lived at a bungalow at the bottom of the village, near to the Catholic School. I used to take my children down to the park so that they could play on the swings and have picnics there. I also used to walk our dog down there and go to the shows that come each year. My son used to use the BMX track that used to be in the park as well. Now that they are grown up I use the path that crosses the park to go shopping and I spend time sitting sometimes on the seat talking with friends. My grandchildren come down with me now and they play on the grass, along with the other children that we often see there. I see a lot of people using the park, including many who use mobility scooters to go to the shops and back. There is also a lady who lives on Ridding Road who uses the park to train her dogs to jump hurdles.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs. Pauline Dorn

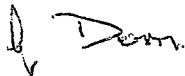
32 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Durham,
DH7 9JE
26 / 06 /09

To whom it may concern,

I was born in High Pitington and I moved to Esh Winning in 1961. I then lived at Woodland Road Flats and then at 6 Dene Park from 1970 to 1986, when I moved into my present address and married in 1995.

I used to play football on the evenings and the weekends on the park in the 60's and 70's, and on a Sunday the park was really busy with children playing and the football games. From then on I used the park with my children as they played on the swings and the slide, as well as the climbing frame. Every September the shows come to the village and we used to go there with them. As they have now grown up we now take our grandchildren down to the park to help run off their energy! I walk regularly across the park to the shops and at weekends I see a lot of children playing around where the trees are and with footballs. The shows still come in September and a lot of people come from round about to go on the rides.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Dorn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small checkmark-like flourish at the end of the name.

George Dorn.

34 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Co-Durham
DH7 9JE

25 – June - 2009

Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Elizabeth Towns and I have been a resident of Esh Winning for eighteen years. I moved into this house seven years ago, in 2002. When my daughter was growing up we used to use the swings on the green at least twice a week if not more. This would have been from 1993 to 2000. I also used the path which runs across the green for walking to pick up my daughter from the school and also for shopping. We also used to go to the fair when it came each year, as it still does today.

From 2000 until now I still use the path for shopping virtually every day and also for walking my dog. My daughter rides her bike down on the field and still goes to the fair. Many of the residents use the path as a short cut to get from the top end of the village to the shops and back, and we see children playing games or sitting on the grass talking when the weather is good. They also use the games pitch that has been put in and there is also a youth club which uses the site for their outside activities.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EM Towns', written in a cursive style.

35 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Durham
DH7 9JE
26 June 09

To whom it may concern,

I have been resident at this address for approx 25 years, and I was born in the village, moving to this address in 1984. Growing up I can remember the field having tennis courts and also the football team used to play on the field in the 1960's. When I had children I used to use the field a lot, especially from about 1990 to 2005 when they were growing up, as we used to use the swings and roundabout, and also we used to walk the dogs and go to the fairground when it came every year. I still use the field to the present day for walking to and from the shops using the path and also for exercising my dog, and I often see children playing on the field with balls and bikes etc. I have also seen them using the Muga pitch which has recently been installed. Also the fair still comes to the field every September and is very much enjoyed by the children, and I often stop and sit on the seat at the end of the path and talk to friends, as do many others of my generation.

Yours Faithfully,



James Cruickshank

36 Dene Park
Esh Winning
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DH7 9JE
27th June 2009

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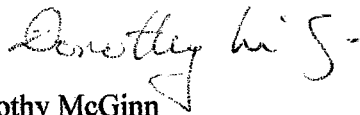
I have lived at my present address since 1966 and came to live in the village on the occasion of my marriage in 1961.

My children played on the swings and slide which were present on the field and older children played cricket and football. There was a tennis court in one corner of the field which was very much in use when I first came to the village but has since disappeared.

Nowadays the area is still used by local children for games, cycling etc. and I use the footpath across the field everyday as a route to the shops. There is always someone walking a dog and mothers with prams and pushchairs crossing the field.

The field is regularly used by a fairground when people from all over the area come to enjoy the rides and the atmosphere.

Yours sincerely,



Dorothy McGinn

36 Dene Park
Esh Winning
DURHAM
DH7 9JE
27th June 2009

To whom it may concern,

I was born and bred in the village and am now 80 years of age. The field became an area for children to play in when the council estate was built some considerable time ago.

I have lived at my present address since 1966 and was previously resident at three other addresses in Esh Winning.

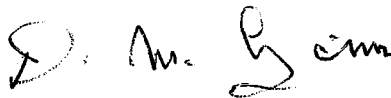
My two daughters played on the swings and slide when they were young in the 1960's and 1970's and later used the area as a place to meet their friends. Older children played cricket and football. There was a tennis court on the field at one time but is no longer in evidence.

I currently use the path across the field on a regular basis and see children playing on the field especially evenings, weekends and holidays when the schools are closed.

The footpath is also used by cyclists and disabled people who have scooters as a means of reaching the shops. It is also a good place for exercising dogs away from the traffic.

At certain times in the year we have a fair which is well attended by the children of the area and very much enjoyed.

Yours sincerely,

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Dennis McGinn

38 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Co-Durham
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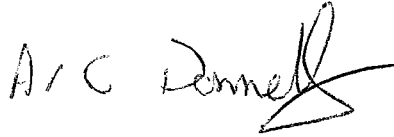
June 28th / 09

To whom this may concern,

I was originally born up in Bishop Auckland and brought up in Bearpark. I moved to Esh Winning in 1952 when I married, living first in the Oaks and then moving to Dene Park in 1995. Throughout the time I have lived here I have used the field in the middle of the village for both going to the shops and back and also for my children, who used to use the play area on there. We also used to have picnics during the summer and in the autumn the fair came to the village (it still does this). My husband also used to watch the football team play there as well.

I still use the field on an almost daily basis, both for going to the shops and for walking when the weather is fine. My grandchild comes occasionally and when he does we take him down there to let him run around and play on the grass, as this is a large area and is safe. My son, who lives with me and has special needs uses the field a lot, especially during the weekends when he likes to walk down the path and sit on the seat, so that he can sit and talk to others. He also finds the view relaxing. When I am walking through there I very often see the local kids playing football or cricket, and a lot of them are now using the MUGGA pitch that has been put there for them to use.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A/C Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Anne Donnelly
Christopher Donnelly

39 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Durham,
DH7 9JE

28 / 06 / 09

To whom it may concern,

I was three months old when I came to the village with my family (who had all been born and grew up in the village) in 1971, and I have been at my present address for 18 years. From 1977 to 1986 my brother and I used to play down on the park, using the equipment there such the 'witches hat' and roundabout, swings etc. I also used to climb the trees! The park was always usually busy, especially during the summer, and I can remember both kids and adults playing football there. Now I have children of my own and have been using the park with them from 1997 onwards to the present day, and they go down there to play and to ride their bikes. They also go to the shows when they come in September.

I still use the path across the park to go to the shops and there are usually plenty of local kids playing down there, especially at weekends. A lot of adults use the park too for dog walking and for going to the shops.

Yours Sincerely,

D.A Rice



39 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Durham,
DH7 9JE

28 / 06 / 09

To whom it may concern,

I came to this village in 1991, where I lived in Fir Terrace for a year before I married and moved to the above address where I have been resident for 18 years. I have used the green almost daily since that time, walking the path to go to the shops and walking the dog and from 1997 to the present my children have played there with their friends. They also go to the traveling fair which comes each September. Now my children are older and they ride their bikes down there and play ball games on the MUGA pitch

I still use the path across the green on a daily basis for going to the shops and back and I see many others doing the same. A lot of the elderly residents have mobility scooters and they also use the path for going to the shops. I often see children down on the green, especially on light evenings and at weekends using the play equipment and playing games.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Rice', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Rice

40 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Co Durham.
DH7 9JE
28 June 09

To whom it may concern,

We have lived in the village for 6 years, first at Ridding court for 2 years and moving here in 2006. During that time we have used the green for walking across to go to the shops and for walking our dog. Our children have also used the green to play on and have gone to the fair that comes each year. We see a lot of people coming across the green with their dogs or going shopping and kids use the green to play football and other games.

Yours Sincerely,

SA Watters

41 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9JE

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived at my present address since 1968 and was born in Esh Winning. The green in the centre of the village has always been used for recreation purposes. When the housing estate was built this land was left open to be used by the residents as a park. It was at first used as a football pitch. I remember seeing matches played there. Two tennis courts were later erected and were very popular and well used. My children and grandchildren have spent many happy hours playing on this green using the facilities on the play area. This is now run down but the Residents Association plan to install a new play area. They recently installed a MUGA pitch with the help of the City Council. Children ride their bikes, play football and cricket on the green. I have seen people exercise and train their dogs and youngsters meeting up with friends. It is a safe place for children to play. A footpath runs across the green and is used every day by shoppers and those in wheelchairs and motorised scooters.

Margaret Maddison

48 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
County Durham.
DH7 9JE

To whom this concerns,

I have lived in Esh Winning for 21 years. I lived at Rowan Court for 15 years and I came to this address in 2003. When I was a kid I used to go down the park to use the swings and the slide and to play hide and seek in the bushes with my mates from school and we rode our bikes down there as there used to be a BMX track. This would have been from about 1988 to 1998. We also went to the shows in September and they still come now. I still use the park to walk the dogs and to go across to go shopping. I see a lot of people most days in the park and at weekends the kids play football and other games down there. There is also a woman who trains her dogs on the field outside of her house on Ridding Rd.

Thank you

Ward

48 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
County Durham.
DH7 9JE

To whom this concerns,

I have lived in the village for 32 years moving from Pinetree to this address in 2001. When I was a kid I used the park to play in as there were swings there and we could use our bikes down there as well. We played football down there and when we got older we used to use the BMX track that was made there in the 80's. We used to go to the shows as well when they came. My daughter now uses the park to ride her bike in and to play with her mates and I walk across the park to go to the shops a lot. At the weekends there always seems to be lot of kids about using the climbing frame and playing cricket or on the MUGA pitch.

Thank You,

K. Dawson

54 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham
DH1 5JF

To Whom It May Concern

I am born and bred in the village and have lived at my present address since 1957. The field has been a play area for 68 years. My daughter and her friends played on the field during their schooldays from 1968 to 1972. The field once boasted tennis courts, later a BMX track; boys have always played football on the field. This open space is still used for football despite the erection of a five-a-side football pitch; children ride bicycles, play games or sit around talking. Adults walk and train dogs; one man uses the field whilst training his hawk. People of all ages including the disabled in electric trolleys use the diagonal path to go to the shops or go home.

The village has a fairground on the field every year which is well patronised and enjoyed by visitors from other villages.

This field is the only play area in the village, if we lose this amenity where will our children and future generations of children be able to relax and play?

Yours sincerely

R. Flattery

55 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham.

To whom it may concern

My brother and I were born in the village (1995) (1989) and use the playing field on a regular basis, for sports and social pleasure and I enjoy the fair ground that comes once a year. The field is also used for walking dogs and with the public footpath there, it is a quicker way to the shops. Plus with the new M U G A pitch it allows you to play ball sports, as it is the only thing in Esh winning that we have.

Yours Sincerely

S Davies L Davies

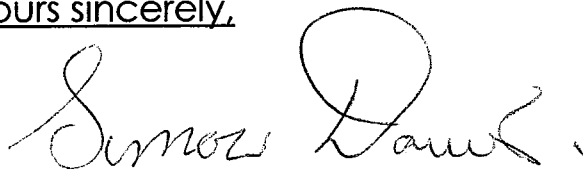



55 Dene Park
Esh Winning
Durham

To whom it may concern.

I was born and bred in Esh Winning, as I was growing up there was always a well kept playground and play area in which we used During our school years and after as the fair ground would arrived once a year. Over the years my children have grown up and have used the park, in my view there is nothing in our village for the children and teenagers, why take this park away from them when it seems to be the only thing they have.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Simon Dawd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

56, Dene Park
Esk Winning

Although I have only lived in Esk Winning for a relatively short time I really enjoy the beautiful countryside and every time I walk across the park even though I have been here for eight years I still marvel at how green and pleasant it is to see unspoilt and unbuilt-up areas.

Most people like myself use the diagonal path to get to the shops as this is the quickest and easiest way as the ground there is on the flat. Also you will always see other people with children playing or walking their dogs, so it never seems lonely or isolated.

D.A. Blanshard

No 59 Dene Park,
Esh Winning,
Durham,
DH7 9JE

To whom this may concern,

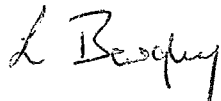
I was born in Kelloe but came to Esh Winning with my family in 1965, living first at the Oaks and then at Fir Terrace. I moved to this address in 1983. In the 70's I used to go down to the park and play there on the swings and at one time the park was the only place where there were any swings in the village. People used to play games like football and cricket there and we used to go to the shows when they came to the village every year. We used to have a football team that played on the park as well and many people watched them.

I use the path across the park a lot for going to the shops and my nephew uses the new MUGGA pitch virtually every night to play on and to meet his school friends. Whenever I am walking down there I see a lot of people walking their dogs and the kids use the park a lot after school and during the weekends, even in the rain!

My husband, who died in 2001, was born and bred in the village. He was born in 1937 and used the park throughout his life. As a child he would play with his friends there and as an adult he would walk across and sit on the seat to talk to people as well as going to the shops. He always felt that more should have been done for the community and that this village deserved better than it got.

Yours Sincerely,

Lyn Boughey



Tracey Wilkinson
25 Birch Place
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9JA

13th July 2009

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter as a resident of Esh Winning and a frequent user of the village green. I have lived in Esh Winning all of my life (1981-present) and have lived at my current address for the last 3 years.

I use the local village green every day when I take my dogs for a walk. I also use it if I am walking to the shops or to visit friends and family in other parts of the village.

Each time I walk across the green I notice a range of other people using the area. The basket ball court is always being used by youngsters and appears to be a great facility for them to use. Not only does this prevent them from walking around the streets and possibly causing trouble due to boredom it also allows them to keep fit.

I regularly see children playing football on the green and I pass many other dog walkers as well as people of all ages using it to walk to/ from the village centre.

As a child (from 1984 up until 1994) I used the green most days to play in the play area or ride my bike and every September I visit the annual travelling fair with friends.

I feel extremely strongly that the green should be kept as it is. Not only is it a fantastic facility that people of all age groups use, it is also visually attractive and is one of the few open, green spaces left in the village.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Wilkinson', written in a cursive style.

Tracey Wilkinson

Paula Hubery
15 Birch Place
Esh Winning
Durham

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the village from been born Feb. 1969 - present day. I have grown up enjoying the open space in the centre of the village using the play areas swings, slide and witches hat.

Throughout school life 1974 - 1987 my friends and I used this space daily for activities such as football, cricket, flying kites, riding bikes, using the bmx track when built, building snow men, snowball fights, watching the local jazz band practice and generally running around in the open space. We looked forward to the yearly funfair which uses this space and is attended by surrounding villages this still happens to this day.

Since the birth of my son march 2002 we as a family use the safe open space to play as I had done as a child or just to sit and watch other children play whilst enjoying the fresh air , we have also even enjoy picnics under the shaded trees.

To present day my son still uses the space to play at the park, play football, basketball, ride his bike, use his remote control cars and airplane but his favourite is to watch a local man train and exercise his birds of prey.

I became a foster carer in December 2008 and these children also use the space for outdoor activities. As a qualified nursery nurse / carer and mother I understand the need for children to have a safe open area to play in and hope this is not taken away from the centre of the village.

Yours sincerely



Paula Hubery

23 Buch Place
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9JA

13-7-2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived at my present address since 1974. I am born + bred in the village + lived at Newhouse Road (overlooking the field in question) until 1973.

Whilst growing up at Newhouse Road my sisters, my brother + myself played on the field throughout the year having picnics; gathering flowers + Autumn fruits to make collections; flying homemade kites + playing informal games of cricket, rounders + football. We all learnt to ride our bikes on the field + used to pitch a small tent for camping. This was all in the 1950's + 1960's.

Myself + friends also used the roller-skating rink (which was located near the tennis court) - a level paved area which was ideal for roller skating in the 1950's + 1960's.

As we got older we also played tennis in the 1960's on the court situated on the field.

In the late 1950's I remember attending services held in a Mission tent which was pitched on the field.

In the 1950's until the 1970's several of the local boys who played football on the field were offered trials with Newcastle United Football Club when they were seen by one of their football scouts.

In 1974 I moved to my present address + subsequently I had 2 children who used the field regularly throughout their childhood as it was the nearest large open space for all the children living on the 'Ridding Road Estate'.

Since 1982 my children + their friends used the playground of swings, climbing frame, teapot lid etc.

In the late 1980's they rode their BMX bicycles on the BMX

track well into the 1990's. They also played football + cricket on the field. They looked forward to the week in the Autumn when the showground rides came to the field.

To date in 2009 I see the field is regularly used by boys playing football + ball games on the new all-weather pitch.

It is used for dog training sessions with obstacles + jumps. It is used by mothers + very young children relaxing in the climbing frame area in the afternoons.

It is used by pensioners walking their dogs later in the evenings.

It is used as a quick + safe route to the village shops via the tarmac path for both pedestrians + disabled wheelchair users.

It is a focal point where young people sit + socialize near the all-weather pitch.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Coulson

14 Newhouse Ave
To whom it may concern.

I've lived
in Eshwinning all my life
we lived at current 1
address for 5 yrs. The playing
field that you are to put
the new school on. I propose
to the school being build
on the greenery fields
I take my disabled son on
to play I took my other 2
children on it is where
the local children play
I played on it when I
was young in the 1970's +

J. Johnson

To whom it may concern.

My mammy's writing this
for me. I am a little
boy 8 yrs who is unable to
speak my views if I could
I wish you would not put
the new school on the field
where I am I going to play?
my mammy takes me ~~to~~
the playing field in my
wheelchair otherwise I could
not get there on my own
So please please don't put
the school there.

Michael

1 BIRCH PLACE,
ESH WINNING,
CO DURHAM.

13th July 2009

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have lived at my present address for twenty two years, I am born and bred in the village. My children played on that field in the eighties. On the swings, playing football playing on the BMX track.

Recently, from my home I have watched children playing happily there. Older people walking their dogs, including myself.

Please let us keep our village green for the whole village to enjoy
Yours sincerely.

Mrs Gene Turner.

4. Birch Place
Esh Winning
Dutham

To show it may concern

I feel I have to write to you in support of the only village green we have to be kept as such.

For all my life it's been there, I played on it, my children played on it and now my grandchildren play there. I cross over the field every time I go shopping in the village.

My husband played football on it and we both played on the tennis courts.

I go to residents meetings and have seen the plans for a wonderful childrens play; with money in place ready to start to build. This village has been crying out for such an area for years, please don't take it away from us now.

Yours faithfully
Judith Tomlinson.

58, Dene Park,

Esh Winning.

To whom it may concern,

We have lived in this village since we were married forty eight years ago. When my son was old enough I used to take him down to the playing field to play on the swings, slide and climbing frame. When he was older he would go down with his friends to play cricket or football. Kids still do to this day. At one time we had a tennis court and a cycle track.

Later when my son had children I used to meet them from school and take them down there to play. They called it The Park. They also looked forward to the fair coming each year. Children still do.

I am eighty now and I have always used the path across the field as a quicker way to the shops. I would hate to see it change and so too, I think would the children.

Yours sincerely,
M Johnson.

9. Woodland Road

Esh Winning

Durham

DH7 9J5

12-7-2009

To Whom it May Concern,

Having lived at this address 9 month Arbourcourt Avenue 18 apt Dene Park 30 yrs I have watched children play on the village play field. My own son and his friends played on the swings and in the sand pit this was the late 50's and 60's. My grand children played on the swings late 80's and 90's. There used to be a tennis court and a track for them to ride bicycles. All the

children look forward to the shows every September. They really enjoy the time they are here. The path across the field is used every day with people going to the shops. It is a help when you have bags of shopping to carry.

As I write this there are children playing on the five a side pitch and people walking over the field. I think it is important for children to have somewhere to play not sit in their bedrooms in front of a T.V.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) M. Pickersgill

2 Ridding Court
Esh Winning
Co Durham

To whom it may concern,

My children played on our village green since they were little from 1970 to 1985. They played on the swings, rode their bicycles and played all kinds of games. Now my grandchildren-Ryan, Connor and Thomas- use it when they come to my house.

I see children playing football and people walking their dogs. The path over the field is used as a shortcut to the shops and people stop to talk to each other.

Leave that field as our village green for us all to enjoy.

Yours Truly,

Mr. E. Knox.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Knox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

22 Ridding Court
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9HY

2009-07-03

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a local resident of Esh Winning since 1942, and I have continued to use the village green field since taking up residence within the community.

My children have played not only on the playground equipment but used it as sporting facilities for both football and cricket games their entire lives and still continue to this day with their own children and grandchildren.

My home is located close to the field and I observe regularly how this facility is utilized. The area is used by all age groups, children to teenage and young adults participating in various sporting games to bicycling, flying kites, roller skating and for leisurely picnickers.

The field is a place where the community meets to socialize and interact with each other. I and other elderly members of the village meet on our daily walks, surrounded by an abundance of small children that have a safe environment to play safely, young adults enjoy the grassed area to socialize with their peers and dog owners walk and train their animals.

This area has never been use for anything other than a park and recreational area, enjoyed by both Esh Winning and surrounding area residents.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. A. Rucroft".

Mr. James Rucroft

27 Ridding Court
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9HY
July 6th 2009

To Whom It May Concern

I feel compelled to put into writing my concern about the plan to rebuild Esh Winning Primary School on the village green instead of on the current site. It seems that local opinion on this issue does not matter, as quite clearly this plan goes directly against the wishes of the local community and even the school staff and Governors of the school who it would appear would be best placed to make an informed view.

I was born 58 years ago at my current address and have lived all my life here. My house is equal distance from both sites. I have no direct interest in the school as I don't have children attending but I can see, like the majority of others, that it makes no sense to rebuild on the village green when there is already an excellent site with award winning Eco facilities.

It would be a big mistake to take away the village green as it remains a vital part of village life. As a young child in the fifties I remember playing happily with friends on the swings on my way home from school each day. I also recollect happy times trying my hand at tennis on the court and watching the football matches. The green was a part of my childhood and it would be sad for young people today to lose out on the opportunities it provides.

But it is not only young people who use the field. The tarmac path which cuts across the field is a well trodden path by people walking dogs and elderly folk going to and from the shops. Every year the fairground arrives on the Green and is a big attraction for children and adults alike.

The local community understands that building the new school here would be a major error. Parking and traffic congestion would become a big problem as the Doctor's Surgery is built on the same site and already there is a build up of cars at certain times of the day. Traffic around the area would be an issue for children arriving at school.

It is because of features such as these that I simply fail to understand the reasoning behind the current decision to move the school from a perfectly good site. It is frustrating and annoying that the powers that be have ignored the wishes of village people. Consultation showed an overwhelming desire for the rebuild to be on the current site.

Is this really local government working as it should?

Yours Sincerely
Monica Lawler

1 Crowgill Court
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9NG

To whom it may concern

I have lived in Esh Winning since I was 4 - I am now 63 - and there has been a green area in the centre of the village for us all to enjoy for all that time. As a child I remember watching football being played and knocking a ball around myself.

My 2 children and 2 stepchildren have used the playground there with the swings and slide. The oldest one played there from 1975 to around 1980 and the 3 youngest from 1985 to 1990. For a while they were able to make use of the BMX track. Now it is my grandson`s turn to play there - or he will be able to while the playground is still there.

Now that we have found it necessary to move into Aged Miners` accommodation 21 months ago the field is our garden and we are able to enjoy the grass and the trees which attract the birds with their lovely birdsong without a great deal of effort on our part. At twilight you can see little bats circling the area. There is such a variety of wild flowers growing there. It`s a pleasure to watch the youngsters making use of the recently constructed pitch and thereby keeping out of mischief. Whilst walking there I have seen locals walking their dogs, sitting on the bench watching the world go by and use the short cut to and from the shops and other amenities. I also wonder what will happen to the shows when they pay their annual visit to the village in the autumn if this space is no longer available to them.

All in all it appears that the green space in the centre of the village has contributed a lot to village life and should be allowed to continue to do so for future generations.

Yours sincerely


Arthur Hall

2 Ridding Road

Esh Winning

Durham

DH7 9HU

To Whom it May Concern.

I have lived at my present address since 1990. I am born and bred in this village since 1955. As a child I spent most of my days and early evenings playing on the field, making use of the recreation area, swings and roundabouts.

My children used to play there too, using the wide area to play fun cricket and football.

This area is always safe and secure, so much so I never worried about the safety aspect

Of the playing area. Now there children make good use of the playing area, each time they visit me, again as I know they are on safe ground!

On a day to day basis I notice that every walk of life still to this day use that same area for Playing games, gathering together to chat, cycling, even walking their dogs, and using the field to train their dogs too.

I am disabled, therefore the use of the diagonal path makes my journey to visit friends quite a bit shorter.

Each year the travelling show people visit our village, at this time we get a lot of visitors

Coming through, which is good for the village's economy.

We as a family living at the address shown above are appalled at the idea of a school built on this land, when we have a perfectly accessible school nr College view.

We as property owners object to the amount of traffic and overflow which is going to congest our roads here in the centre of the village.

Regards

Mr & Mrs J D Lloyd

D. Lloyd.

3 Ridding Road
Esh Winning
Co.Durham
DH7 9HU

To whom it may concern,

I have lived at my present address for 8 years. I have been born and bred in the village. Whilst growing up in the village I have played tennis, football and cricket during 1970 – 1980.

My own children have also played on this field during the 1990 – 2005 have rode their bicycles, played various sports on this land, and now I take my granddaughter to the field when I walk my dog. I also used to take her to the swings that were there but have now been removed much to my dismay.

I walk my dog 3 – 4 times per day on this field as do numerous people in the area. Other villagers use this footpath and field to get to the neighborhood shops. There is also a carnival that comes to the field every September where surrounding villages also come to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Crosby', written in a cursive style.

Mr Paul Crosby

5 Ridding Road

Esh Winning

Durham.

To Whom it may concern,

I am 74 years old and have lived in our village all my life.

While I was growing up, from 1940 to 1955, I always played games on the field. It was the best place to go.

Now I see children playing football, riding their bicycles and playing on the swings.

When the snow is on the ground they even make snowmen and have snowball fights.

People walk their dogs on it every day and the path over the field is used by people going to the shops.

Leave our village green for the people to enjoy.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W B Lumley'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Mr. W. B. Lumley.

8 Ridding Road
Esh Winning
County Durham
DH7 9HU

30th June 2009-07-06

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposal to build a new school on the village green in Esh Winning.

I have lived at my present address since August 2004 having bought the house primarily because of the location next to this green area.

I have two young children ages 10 and 8. They and their friends regularly play on this field. They play badminton, football and tag games. They also ride their bikes around the field.

I also have two dogs who we exercise daily on this field. The proximity to the house means that my children are able to play with the dogs on the field themselves which they do regularly. One of our family hobbies is dog agility and we use the field to practice with our own equipment.

The green is widely used by other local residents. Children of all ages use it for cricket and other games. Adults use it for walking their dogs, training birds of prey and as a general gathering place.

It would be a great loss to the village if this central resource at the heart of the village were to be lost. I hope you will take this into consideration in your decision.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Naughton

12 Ridding Road
Esh Winning
Co Durham
DH7 9HU
5/7/09

To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived at my present address since 1979. I married and moved to the village in 1955. My late husband was born and bred in the village. I used to watch him play football and cricket on the field between 1947 and 1952. We then had three children who also happily used the field between 1956 to 1979. They would play for many hours, riding their bikes, ball games, tennis on the tennis court, flying kites and enjoying picnics with friends and family. Between 1954 to 1975 my own large family consisting of brothers and sisters and their families would meet up in the summer months to have picnics and informal sporting tournaments.

My grandchildren also continue to play on the field three of whom live in the village. They particularly enjoy playing football on the new enclosed football pitch, having impromptu football tournaments with new and old friends. They can safely enjoy riding their bikes, playing other ball games and have informal sporting events, running and tennis. Some of their friends have small gardens so they enjoy having a large open space where they can safely play.

To this present day people of all ages can be seen enjoying the open space. Children playing on their bikes, chatting to friends and having picnics with their families. Disabled people on their mobility scooters use the tarmac path to go to the shops or to go home often stopping on the way to chat to friends. People also use the field to walk their dogs, often meeting up with other dog walkers having struck up friendships over the years. Often I see people on an evening just enjoying a stroll across the field enjoying the peace and fresh air.

A highlight of the year for many children and friends is the arrival of the Fairground. This attracts many visitors from surrounding villages who thoroughly enjoy themselves.

As I live on my own I enjoy looking out of my windows across the field to see people old and young enjoying the open space.

Please, please let us keep the open space of the village green for people of all generation's present and future young and old to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mary McQueen

I.Harrison & K.Kirkup
20 Ridding Road
Esh Winning
Durham
DH79HU

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the village all my life and have used the village green from being a child myself until now, as a young boy myself and my friends played football and cricket there as well as our daily play on the swings which used to be really good not like the ones you get today.

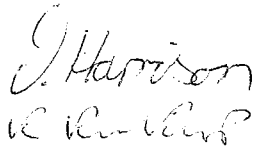
Since being with my fiancée at ridding road for the past few years the kids come in from school and then straight out the gate and onto the green to play with their friends, and so the cycle continues. Every day i walk the dogs on the field where we play with the ball or frizzbee and talk to other dog owners or just people walking past.

Every year the fairground comes and we take the kids there and chat to everyone there as you meet up with all the other families from our and surrounding villages.

Building the school there would be a tragedy for the village and the end of a meeting place for all, with the proposed site the parking for both the school and the doctors surgery will be a serious hazard to children and old people alike.

How could anybody grant permission to build on the only beautiful and communal bit of land in the centre of our village.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of I. Harrison and K. Kirkup in cursive script.

I Harrison & K Kirkup

8, Arbourcourt Avenue
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9HZ

2009-07-03

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Esh Winning since my birth in 1961, and I have continually used the village green field since childhood, along with my own two children.

We play and played not only on the playground equipment but use and used it as a sporting facilities for both football and cricket games.

My home is located directly on the back edge of the field and I observe on a daily basis how this facility is a viable long standing asset to our community.

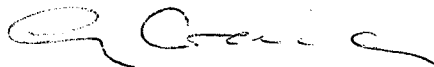
I observe the area being used by all age groups, children to teenage and young adults participating in various sporting games to bicycling, flying kites, roller skating and leisurely picnicking.

The field is not only used as a park facility but as an area where the community meets to socialize and interact with each other.

Elderly members of the village meet on their daily walks, young mothers with small children offering a safe environment for their children to play safely, young adults enjoying the grassed area to socialize with their peers and dog owners walking their animals.

I cannot remember the area being used for anything other than a park and recreational area, enjoyed by both Esh Winning and surrounding area residents.

Sincerely



Mrs. Gillian Craig

15 Arbour Court Avenue
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9HZ
Tel 0191 3732090

To Whom It May Concern

I was born and have always lived in Esh Winning, I am now 68 years of age.

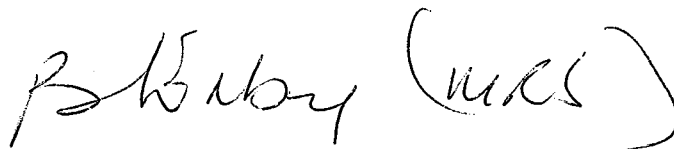
All my life this village green has been used for a assortment of activities. At a early age I can remember this was farm owned and people potato picked. I can remember over the years we had the Queens Coronation celebrations on the green. We also watched football matches here 'The Esh Winning Albions'. We used the tennis courts, roller skate rings, climbed tree's, had bonfires, every activity most children enjoyed in those days.

My children played on the swings and enjoyed the BMX track. My grandchildren also enjoyed the swings and now the ball court. Photograph's have also been taken here as a background for wedding's. Every year the children enjoy the fair ground that comes to the village. The old and the young use it as a short cut to the local shops.

I open my door each morning and it is a lovely view, a view to be proud of.

Why can it not remain a village green for local people to enjoy, when it has been enjoyed for so many years?

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Erby (Mrs)". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs B Erby

7 Woodland Road Flats

Esh Winning

Co Durham

To Whom it may concern,

I have lived in my present address since 1998 after moving from Waterhouses.

My flat overlooks the play field which we call our village green.

Like many other people, I use the tarmac path across the field to travel to and from the shops.

From my window I see children playing on the field every day. They play ball games and use the football pitch and the swings.

I have even seen them build snowmen and have snowball fights.

Please leave our village green alone.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Doreen James.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D James". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

8 West View
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9JY.
4th July 2009.

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To whom it may concern,

I have lived at
the above address since 1992 although I have
lived in Esh Winning since I married in 1967 to
a locally born & bred family, I had 3 children
born 1968, 1970, & 1973.

Every day my children played on the village field,
we crossed the field to their Grandparents house in
Birch Place - played on the playground area, & walked
our dogs at least 4 times a day, although we now have
other dogs we still keep up this daily activity with
our Grandchildren, and the village field is used
by a lot of the village people who use the path
that runs thro the field daily, on a regular basis,
the new baseball area has been absolutely fantastic
especially as it is keeping the youngsters a) the
village off the streets, keeping them out of
anti social behaviour & even more important it
is keeping them & encouraging them to be fit &
healthy, which is being encouraged by Government.

The older generation use the pathway that runs
thro the field as a shortcut to the local shops
especially used daily by disabled electric scooters.

Every year we have the Fairground & the whole village
& other villages look forward to this event.

Please keep our Village field as an open space for now
& future generations. Del Smith

30 Newhouse Road
Esh Winning
County Durham
DH7 9JU

11th July 2009

To Whom It May concern,

I have lived at my present address for 4 years. During this time we have made extensive use of the village green.

We have used it for playing sport with our children regularly, including rounders, cricket and just last weekend a football game. We have done this ever since we have lived here and notice many other younger people doing the same. Every winter, particularly the winter of 08/09, we have used the green for sledding as there is a convenient bank at one side. During the extended snowfall of last winter this was a regular past-time not just for us but many others.

Since January 2008 we have used the green to walk our dog but also to train him in obedience. There are many, many people who use the green in this way. We continue to use the green daily as do many other dog walkers, some of whom are elderly and use the green as their main place of exercise.

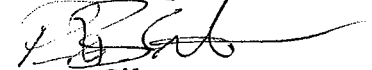
One of my children is interested in mini-kites and has flown these on the green. The bank provides a nice 'lift-off' point for such projects.

Since the MUGA pitch has been installed many of the children, ours included, have used it very frequently. Those who are waiting to use the pitch often spill over onto the green and have their sports activities there. This has increased over the last year, as have numbers of children and teenagers involved.

The footpath across the open space is used continuously throughout the day by people to access the shops. It is particularly helpful to those using mobility aids as it is away from the roads and has no kerbs. I believe this right of way has been in existence for many decades.

There is a fairground that visits every year in the autumn. This is quite a large event and is very popular. As a family we go each year to enjoy the entertainment.

Yours truly,



Penny Gibson

33 Newhouse Road

Esh Winning

Durham

5 th July 2009

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in this house since it was new in 1976.

My six children used to play all kinds of games on the field ever since we have lived here.

Now my grandchildren do the same.

I see children and grown-ups on the field every day. They play games, walk their dogs or stop to talk.

~~We all look forward to the fairground coming there every year..~~

Please let us keep our village green for everybody to enjoy.

Yours truly,

Mrs. W. Bainbridge

WINFRED BAINBRIDGE
33 NEWHOUSE RD
ESH WINNING
DURHAM

My Views on the Proposed School on the Grass-land -

ESH. Winning Youth-club

Leaders

Sandra and Aaron.

- The reason I don't agree with the school being built because then the cage will be knocked down and it's the only place for people to go.
- The school shouldn't be built because the shows won't be able to come and everyone goes to them.

my views on the Proposed
School on the Grass-land.

ESH. winning Youth-club.

Leaders

Sandra and Aaron.

~~They will be vandenising our place and it is our place not theirs.~~

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theans.

The cage ~~is~~ will be right outside of the school the
School will get broce into.

my views on the Proposed
School on the Grass-land.

ESh. winning Youth-club.

Leaders

Sandra and Aaran.

I do not want the skool to
be ~~built~~ built ther because
it will not be fun no more

by megan beverage.

my views on the Proposed
School on the Grass-land -

ESH. Winning Youth-club

Leaders

Sandra and Aaron.

I dont think that the school should
be built on that field because if it does
Then the cage gets put into the school
and we will not be able to ~~use~~ use it
and its the only thing we have in esh winning
also the shows will not be able to come
to esh and thats one of the main
events in esh winning there will be a
lot more trouble back in esh because
that cage keep us occupied and if
it does get put there then it will
get vandilised you will spend more money
fixing it than you would building

from
Ashleigh Davison

my views on the Proposed
School on the Grass-land -

ESH. Winning Youth-Club.

Leaders

Sandra and Aaron.

* We will not be able to host the
Shows which I think we all
agree is a much loved event of
ESH winning

* It is also a village green where we all
meet up and have big games of football,
Cricket ect. it has got to be a ~~good~~ focal
point of ESH and would be well missed.

my views on the Proposed School on the Grass-land -

ESH. winning Youth-club.

Leaders

Sandra and Aaron.

I feel that the cage should not be removed because:

- ① we will have nowhere to go
- ② we play football, basiceball and sit there.
- ③ we ~~used~~ used be in trouble all the time and when the cage got put up we realised now immature we were so we just hang there now.

I strongly dissagree about it being moved

K. Bata

my views on the Proposed
School on the Grass-land -

ESH. winning Youth-club

Leaders

Sandra and Aaron.

if you put the school on the park all will happen is the school will get
vandalised.

there will be no where for use to go there will be more trouble than there has
been.

if you move the school there you will ~~soon~~ move it back !!

Please donot put the school there.

you will spend more money fixing it than you have puting it up

from jonny hell

my views on the Proposed
School on the Grass-land -.

ESH. winning Youth-club.

Leaders

Sandra and Aaran.

I don't think they should knock the cage down to build a school
Where are we going to go to hangout. And it means the
Shows will not be in ESH

my views on the Proposed
School on the Grass-land -.

ESH winning Youth-club.

Leaders

Sandra and Aaran.

I don't want the school built
there ~~in~~ because that's
where the shows go

I don't want the school cos
the windows will get parour-cos
we play football in the cage.

1 Crowgill Court
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9NG

30th June 2009

Dear Sir

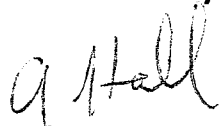
I am writing in what is almost certainly a vain attempt to ask the council to rethink their plans to build a new school on the proposed site in the centre of the village. It appears that the decision to move the school from its present site has already been taken despite the lack of proper consultation with the residents and the apparent objections to the plan.

The new site for the school has only been chosen so that the present site can be used for housing development. The site occupied by the present school is obviously more attractive to a builder and the income generated would probably more than cover the cost of a new school. It is money which is governing the council's decision not the needs of the community.

Apart from all the above it cannot be right to remove the green area from the centre of the village - a place of recreation and relaxation. Where else in the village does such a facility exist for the benefit of all the residents?

I hope you will consider my comments and reconsider the decision about the new school site.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'a Hall'.

Mr Arthur Hall

35 NEWHOUSE ROAD

ESH WINNING

.CO DURHAM

DH7 9JU.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have lived at this address for over 30 years and have seen most of what has transpired on the field opposite my 4 children played on it and now my 5 grandchildren play there. The field is used by many local people everyday. One man trains his fawns on it. One of his neighbours trains her collies on agility courses. My grand kids save their coppers for the fair each year.

I think its about time the council realize the people want the green as it is ~~built on the old school field~~ ~~as there is~~ ~~plenty of space up there~~

yours sincerely
W.D. Jones (MR WILLIAM DAVID JONES)

10 RIDDING RD,
E ST WINNING
DURHAM
DH 4 9H4

To whom it may concern,
My husband has lived in E St
Winning all his life, I have
lived here for forty one years.
We has seen the field out the
back of us been used for all sorts
of things, My husband flies his
birds out on the field, I walk
my little dog and we also take
our grandchildren on the field
to play football or play on
their bikes. We also use the
footpath to walk over to our
song at Fir Terrace. We also
look forward to the fairground
coming every September.

Phone 3932095

Yours Sincerely
Mr & Mrs Hodgson

2, CROWGILL COURT,
ESH WINNING,
DURHAM.
DHT GANG.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
WE HAVE LIVED AT PRESENT ADDRESS PAST
20 MONTHS.

I HAVE LIVED IN VILLAGE SINCE 1960.
MY WIFE WAS BORN AND BRED IN VILLAGE.
MY CHILDREN USED THE FIELD QUITE A LOT
FROM 1960-80 PLAYING GAMES AND USING
THE EQUIPMENT ON THE PLAY AREA AND
RODE THEIR BIKES ETC.,
THE FIELD IS STILL USED QUITE A LOT FOR
THE NEW PLAY AREA, AND BALL GAMES,
THE FIELD IS USED FOR DOG WALKING AND
TRAINING ETC.,

QUITE A LOT OF PEOPLE USE THE
FOOTPATH THAT RUNS ACROSS THE FIELD

P.T.O.

SOME HAS PUSHCHAIRS AND SCOOTERS TO
GET TO THE OTHER PARTS OF THE VILLAGE
THERE IS A FAIR GROUND EVERY YEAR WHICH
IS WELL ATTENDED.

THE FIELD IS ONE OF THE PLEASANTEST
PARTS IN THE VILLAGE, AND WE TAKE OUR
DOG THREE TIMES A DAY.

YOURS SINCERELY
MR. W. Joyner
MRS. R. Joyner.

4. Ribbles Court

Est Warrning

Co Durham

DH1 9HH

To whom it may concern

I have lived at my address for

the last seven years and have

lived in the village all my life.

When I was young I used the

field alot from about 1977 until

1986. In the earlier years I played

at the park, climbing the trees,

playing rounders and also on the old

box track when I was older we

used to gather on the field to

talk to each other.

I have had small children who use

the field now to run around on,

play on the slide and climbing frame

and they also like to play in the

new basket ball area with their

bikes and scooters.

I also walk the dogs on the field.

I have noticed that the main front

bell area is used every day.

both through the day and night

hours. The field is also used alot

by children and people walking dogs.

I also use the path through the

field to visit my brother.

We also have a funfair which comes

every September which I have gone

to since the 1980's, I look forward

to this each year and my children

also do.

Yours sincerely

D. Wood

7 Acknowledgment A/E

for

5/7/09

3. whom it may concern, with reference to the proposal to build a school on the Winery village green situated on Newhouse Road, the Winery.

I object to this proposal and believe the area should remain as a village green for the use of all amending in the village. This area has been available for the use of the general public for over 100 years.

In the early days, it was used for the annual 4th Winery Flower Show, a very important event, so popular that Special Trains were run to the Winery Station for the large number of visitors it attracts.

Then, when the Northern League was in its heyday, attracting well known players, notably Laird to the club. Later, captured handbills when they won the FA Cup, in 1936.

It was also used for carnivals etc, I remember one carnival when the beauty queen was held in an open carriage. I also remember 70 years ago when a marriage was celebrated on the site. The green is still used as a play area for children of the village and by young people for football etc. It also attracts the "shows", which have been coming here for a of these 100 years and still come twice a year and are an attraction to young people. There will be "shows" go. If the plan goes ahead we have

to Riding Road
Csh winning
I Dvitham
DH7 9MU

to whom it may concern,

I have lived in Csh

winning for over 20 years. As a
child myself. I played on the green
with Frenchs and family for many
years. we played on the Side and
the swings, we played rounders and
Football.

My daughter also want
on to meet friends on the green
whether it be to play or just chat.
Children, families and pets are always
seen to be there doing various activities
and having fun.

In winter we enjoyed building
Snowmen which my daughter and

When the shows come in
September it also gives friends
and families a chance to get
together for something different
and we will vote forward to it.

yours faithfully

Mrs Sean Shackleton

a. Woodland Rd Flats
Esk-dinning
Durham DH7 9TE

To whom it may concern.

I have been a resident of this village all my life. For the past five years I've lived at this address.

I use the pathway across the field at least twice a day. Sometimes I push an elderly lady in her wheelchair.

All my life the field has been well used. In the 1960's there were football fields and tennis courts.

Mainly though the field has been used by generations of children as a play area.

There's nowhere else in the village where they can let off steam and draw hand numbers

residents
Several people have motorised wheel chairs and all use the field as a route way to the village.
This field is a vital part of our village and it's community and must remain so.

Yours
S. Furlong
South Fulby.

20 ARBOURCOURT AVE
ESH WINNING DHT 9HZ

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I have lived at the above address for approx 56yrs we moved in early in the building of this estate. At that time football was the main sport on the field. The local team played most Saturday but many kids organised their own little teams to play and still do.

I am not good at dates, but the council laid two tennis courts and they were used by many people young and old.

As sand pit was built and swings, slides etc put in place, and later a BMX track. Over the years the field has changed, the new Basket Ball court seems to be a great success, one thing is constant about the field, this is where many kids spend hours playing, last

winter many parents arrived with kids to make snowmen and enjoy the snow, and in this summer, they will come back for more games and picnics, it a place to play away from fast moving traffic. This green space is the HEART of our village and should be left for future generations to enjoy.

Yours Sincerely
Rita Splevins

10, ALBOURCOURT AVE,
ESH winning

Co DUBLINAM
D17 9H2

TO WHICH IT MAY CONCERN,
I HAVE LIVED AT MY PRESENT
ADDRESS FOR N/A YRS, but
HAVE LIVED IN THE VILLAGE
FORTY YEARS. I AM A MOTHER OF
GRANDMOTHER MY THREE CHILDREN
MY THREE GRANDCHILDREN
HAVE PLAYED ON THE VILLAGE
GREEN, FROM BEING VERY SMALL
BETWEEN 1972 TO 1991 MY
KIDS RODE BIKES, PLAYED HIDE
O SEEK AROUND THE TREES,
HAD PICNICS, PLAYED ON SLIDE
& SWINGS. THESE PASTIMES
STILL CONTINUE TO THIS
PRESENT DAY MY GRANDCHILDREN

VARIETY OF OTHER GAMES,
ON THE FIELD. MY HYL OLD
GRANDSON LEARNED TO RIDE
HIS BIKE, THERE, WHERE ITS
THE ONLY SAFE PLACE TO PLAY
AROUND HERE WE HAVE PICNICS
BATH GAMES OR JUST RELAX.
AS I LOOK OUT OF MY WINDOW
I SEE PEOPLE CHATING, GOING
TO SHOPS, DOG WALKING, AND
CHILDREN PLAYING. SO IN
MY OPINION, BUILDING A
SCHOOL ON THE GREEN,
WILL BE AN ACCIDENT
WAITING TO HAPPEN, WITH
MORE TRAFFIC, FLUING
HERE AND THERE, ITS BAD
ENOUGH NOW TRYING TO
PARK A CAR.

125 RIDDING ROAD,
— ESH WINNING,
CO DURHAM

To whom it may concern,

I have resided in Esh Winning
all my life.

The playing field where
the proposal of the new school is
to be situated, should remain as
a playing field. This field has
been used for generations for
sporting activities, including the
dog, across the footpath to other
parts of the village.

I for one played football
on the field in the 50's, early 60's
against other teams in the village.

We still have young children
playing ball games, on their pedal
~~to~~ bikes, people walking their

dogs, lots of people crossing the
field on the footpath to go to
their place of residence in Fir
Terrace.

We still have children
using the Drains.

There is also the
showground which serves every
body, which is visited by vast
of people.

So this school should
not be built there as the only
recreation ground in the village
will be taken from the public,
also those living in Fir
Terrace would have an extra
1/4 mile walk.

Yours faithfully
M J Emmons

1 Arbourcourt Ave
Esh Winning
Durham
DH7 9HZ.

To whom it may concern,

I was born in 1972 and have lived in the village all my life, as a child I played on the park on the village green and in the early eighties I moved to Newhouse Road straight over from the green.

I saw people using the green all the time, crossing the path, children playing! I used to use the old bmx track with my friends & family.

The last 10 years I have lived in Arbourcourt Ave and now my own children use the field & park I also walk my dogs there sometimes.

It would be a great loss to the village to lose a green where so many people have fun, not to mention losing the space where the shows come each

year for everyone to enjoy.

T. Jans

In 1963 I ROLLER SKATED ON
THAT LITTLE RINK AT THE PARK.

CHILDREN LOVE THAT BALL PARK I SEE
THEM WITH THEIR DADS PLAYING FOOTBALL.

WE TAKE OUR LITTLE DOG OVER THERE TO
PLAY AND FOR WALKS. I CLEAN UP AFTER HER.

I HAVE FIVE GRANDCHILDREN ANOTHER ONE ON THE
WAY THERE IS NOWHERE FOR THESE CHILDREN TO PLAY
IN ~~THE~~ THIS VILLAGE. I SEE PEOPLE ELDERLY WITH
THEIR MOTORIZED SCOOTERS COME UP AND ~~AND~~ DOWN
THE PATH GOING SHOPPING THEN GOING HOME. YOU
CAN WALK DOWN THERE AND PASS THE TIME OF DAY
TO PEOPLE. MY SONS HAVE PLAYED IN THE PARK
ON THE CLIMBING FRAMES AND PLAYED FOOTBALL
THEIR TOO. THE ONLY THING I CAN ASK IF
WE COULD HAVE A GOOD PARK FOR OUR KIDS.
ALSO THERE IS THE ~~BY~~ MAIN ~~ROAD~~ ROAD THERE
IF THE SCHOOL GOES AHEAD WHO IS GOING TO
LOOK AFTER OUR CHILDREN.

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P. T. O