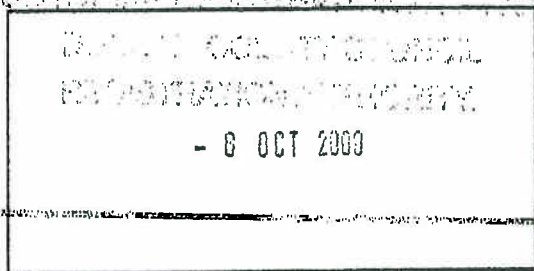


FORM 44

## Commons Act 2006: Section 15

## Application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green

Official stamp of registration authority  
indicating valid date of receipt:

Application number:

NIL 33

Register unit No(s):

VG number allocated at registration:

(CRA to complete only if application is successful)

Applicants are advised to read the 'Guidance Notes for the completion of an Application for the Registration of land as a Town or Village Green' and to note the following:

- All applicants should complete questions 1-6 and 10-11.
- Applicants applying for registration under section 15(1) of the 2006 Act should, in addition, complete questions 7-8. Section 15(1) enables any person to apply to register land as a green where the criteria for registration in section 15(2), (3) or (4) apply.
- Applicants applying for voluntary registration under section 15(8) should, in addition, complete question 9.

## 1. Registration Authority

To the

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

**Note 1**  
Insert name of  
registration  
authority.

**2. Name and address of the applicant**

Name:

Full postal address:  
  
  
  
 Postcode

Telephone number:  
 (Incl. national dialling code)

Fax number:  
 (Incl. national dialling code)

E-mail address:

SEE ATTACHED FOR DETAILS OF GROUP MEMBERS.

**3. Name and address of solicitor, if any**

Name:

Firm:

Full postal address:  
  
Post code

Telephone number:  
 (Incl. national dialling code)

Fax number:  
 (Incl. national dialling code)

E-mail address:

**Note 2**

If there is more than one applicant, list all names. Please use a separate sheet if necessary. State the full title of the organisation if a body corporate or unincorporate.

If question 3 is not completed all correspondence and notices will be sent to the first named applicant.

**Note 3**

This question should be completed if a solicitor is instructed for the purposes of the application. If so all correspondence and notices will be sent to the person or firm named here.

**Note 4**

*For further advice on the criteria and qualifying dates for registration please see section 4 of the Guidance Notes.*

*\* Section 15(6) enables any period of statutory closure where access to the land is denied to be disregarded in determining the 20 year period.*

**4. Basis of application for registration and qualifying criteria**

If you are the landowner and are seeking voluntarily to register your land please tick this box and move to question 5.

Application made under **section 15(8)**:

If the application is made under **section 15(1)** of the Act, please **tick one** of the following boxes to indicate which particular subsection and qualifying criterion applies to the case.

**Section 15(2)** applies:

**Section 15(3)** applies:

**Section 15(4)** applies:

If **section 15(3) or (4)** applies please indicate the date on which you consider that use as of right ended.

If **section 15(6)\*** applies please indicate the period of statutory closure (if any) which needs to be disregarded.

**5. Description and particulars of the area of land in respect of which application for registration is made**

Name by which usually known:

BELLE VUE PLAYING FIELDS

Location:

BETWEEN VILLA REAL ROAD, MEDOMSLEY ROAD,  
ASHDALE ROAD + CONSETT ~~PRIMA~~ JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Shown in colour on the map which is marked and attached to the statutory declaration.

Common land register unit number (if relevant) \*

**Note 5**

The accompanying map must be at a scale of at least 1:2,500 and show the land by distinctive colouring to enable it to be clearly identified.

\* Only complete if the land is already registered as common land.

**Note 6**

It may be possible to indicate the locality of the green by reference to an administrative area, such as a parish or electoral ward, or other area sufficiently defined by name (such as a village or street). If this is not possible a map should be provided on which a locality or neighbourhood is marked clearly.

**6. Locality or neighbourhood within a locality in respect of which the application is made**

Please show the locality or neighbourhood within the locality to which the claimed green relates, either by writing the administrative area or geographical area by name below, or by attaching a map on which the area is clearly marked:

THE PLAYING FIELDS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE OF CONSETT BUT ARE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO THE RESIDENTS OF VILLA REAL ROAD, MEDOMSLEY ROAD, AREAS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF ASHDALE ROAD AND ADJACENT STREETS.

Tick here if map attached:

**7. Justification for application to register the land as a town or village green****Note 7**

Applicants should provide a summary of the case for registration here and enclose a separate full statement and all other evidence including any witness statements in support of the application.

This information is not needed if a landowner is applying to register the land as a green under section 15(6).

BELLE VUE PLAYING FIELDS ARE THE MOST WELL KNOWN AND WELL USED PLAYING FIELDS IN THE CONSETT AREA.

THIS INVALUABLE GREEN SPACE IS USED BY LOCAL PEOPLE FOR A DIVERSE RANGE OF PASTIMES AND HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS.

THE FIELDS HAVE BEEN USED 'AS OF RIGHT' AND ARE AN INTRINSIC PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

SEE ATTACHED FOR A FULL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION.

**Note 8**

Please use a separate sheet if necessary.

Where relevant include reference to title numbers in the register of title held by the Land Registry.

If no one has been identified in this section you should write "none"

This information is not needed if a landowner is applying to register the land as a green under section 15(6).

8. Name and address of every person whom the applicant believes to be an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land claimed to be a town or village green

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

9. Voluntary registration – declarations of consent from 'relevant leaseholder', and of the proprietor of any 'relevant charge' over the land

*None*

**Note 9**

List all such declarations that accompany the application. If none is required, write "none".

This information is not needed if an application is being made to register the land as a green under section 15(1).

10. Supporting documentation

**Note 10**

List all supporting documents and maps accompanying the application. If none, write "none"

Please use a separate sheet if necessary.

SEE DETAILS OF SUPPORTING INFORMATION ENCLOSED, INCLUDING:  
MAPS  
TESTIMONIALS  
OTHER INFORMATION

**11. Any other information relating to the application****Note 11**

If there are any other matters which should be brought to the attention of the registration authority (in particular if a person interested in the land is expected to challenge the application for registration). Full details should be given here or on a separate sheet if necessary.

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BY DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL FOR  
DEVELOPMENT FOR AN ACADEMY SCHOOL.

**Note 12**

The application must be signed by each individual applicant, or by the authorised officer of an applicant which is a body corporate or unincorporate.

Date:

15 OCTOBER 2009

Signatures:

J. Campbell

**REMINDER TO APPLICANT**

You are advised to keep a copy of the application and all associated documentation. Applicants should be aware that signature of the statutory declaration is a sworn statement of truth in presenting the application and accompanying evidence. The making of a false statement for the purposes of this application may render the maker liable to prosecution.

**Data Protection Act 1998**

The application and any representations made cannot be treated as confidential. To determine the application it will be necessary for the registration authority to disclose information received from you to others, which may include other local authorities, Government Departments, public bodies, other organisations and members of the public.

## Statutory Declaration In Support

To be made by the applicant, or by one of the applicants, or by his or their solicitor, or, if the applicant is a body corporate or unincorporate, by its solicitor, or by the person who signed the application.

<sup>1</sup> Insert full name (and address if not given in the application form).

I, JOHN CAMPBELL<sup>1</sup> solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

<sup>2</sup> Delete and adapt as necessary. *Em JC*

1.<sup>2</sup> I am ((the person (~~one of the persons~~) who (has) (~~have~~) signed the foregoing application)) (~~(the solicitor to (the applicant) (<sup>3</sup> one of the applicants))~~).

<sup>3</sup> Insert name if Applicable

2. The facts set out in the application form are to the best of my knowledge and belief fully and truly stated and I am not aware of any other fact which should be brought to the attention of the registration authority as likely to affect its decision on this application, nor of any document relating to the matter other than those (if any) mentioned in parts 10 and 11 of the application.

3. The map now produced as part of this declaration is the map referred to in part 5 of the application.

<sup>4</sup> Complete only in the case of voluntary registration (strike through if this is not relevant)

~~4.<sup>4</sup> I hereby apply under section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006 to register as a green the land indicated on the map and that is in my ownership. I have provided the following necessary declarations of consent:~~

~~(i) a declaration of ownership of the land;~~  
~~(ii) a declaration that all necessary consents from the relevant leaseholder or proprietor of any relevant charge over the land have~~

Cont/



<sup>4</sup> Continued

*e* *JR* ~~been received and are exhibited with this declaration, or  
(iii) where no such consents are required, a declaration to that effect.~~

*e* *JR* ~~And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the  
same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.~~

Declared by the said *John Campbell.*

at *63a Medomsley Road, Consett  
Co. Durham.*

this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *October 2009.*

*J. Campbell*

Signature of Declarant

Before me \*

Signature:

*[Signature]*

Address:

**GERALD MASKERY  
MASKERY & CO.  
63a MEDOMSLEY ROAD  
CONSETT**

Qualification:

**CO. DURHAM, DH8 5HQ**  
*Commissioner for oaths*

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\* The statutory declaration must be made before a justice of the peace, practising solicitor, commissioner for oaths or notary public.

Signature of the statutory declaration is a sworn statement of truth in presenting the application and accompanying evidence.

**REMINDER TO OFFICER TAKING DECLARATION:**

*Please initial all alterations and mark any map as an exhibit*

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**SECTION 2**

**Applicant body:** Consett Green Spaces Group  
**Status:** An unincorporated body  
**Members:** John Campbell (Chair)  
authorised officer of the applicant  
  
Helen Clarke (Vice Chair)  
  
Barbara Lynn (Secretary)  
  
Margaret Nealis (Treasurer)

Please send all correspondence to the group at the address shown in section 2 and copy to:

John Campbell  
81 Villa Real Road  
Consett  
County Durham  
DH8 6BL

**SECTION 7**

Full statement in Support of the Application for Village Green Status for the Belle Vue Playing Fields

**MAPS**

**MAP 1 (Section 5)**

1:2500 map showing the boundaries of Belle Vue Playing Fields highlighted in green

**MAP 2 (Section 6)**

1:6779 map showing the locality as described in section 6 highlighted in orange

**MAP 3 (General)**

1:10000 map showing the area circa 190-69

**MAP 4 (General)**

1:4028 showing the area in colour

**MAP 5 (General)**

1:2500 Land Registry Index Map Plan showing the boundaries of Belle Vue Playing Fields highlighted in green

## **Full Statement in Support of the Application for Village Green Status for the Belle Vue Park Playing Fields**

The Belle Vue Park Playing Fields are, without doubt, the most widely used playing fields within the Consett area. Situated between the area of Villa Real, Medomsley Road and Central/Eastern Consett, the playing fields have provided open green space for the residents of these areas 'as of right'. Since their creation from Blackdyke Quarry in the 1960's, the playing fields have proved to be an invaluable resource, gifted to the people of Consett from the then Consett Iron Company. In the years after, the playing fields were an invaluable green space for the workers of this industrial town.

The fields are centrally located in Consett, between extensive residential development to all sides, punctuated by Consett Sports Centre, Consett AFC Football Stadium and Consett Rugby Club. The site is an invaluable leisure facility for the use of the residents and also for the clubs associated with the sports centre, football and rugby clubs. There is no other resource within the locality that equates to these facilities.

The fields have been in constant use since their creation, with football being the main pastime, with Sunday League football, Saturday football, over-40's football, junior football and women's football all being played on these four fields. The land however is not just essential to the many football teams which play their home league games on it, it is also used 'as of right' by dog walkers, the local community for sledging, kite flying, community celebrations, other games and just general relaxation.

The site performs multiple functions:

- It defines and separates the urban areas of Consett and provides a strategic link into Consett centre from Villa Real
- It provides for recreational needs over a wide area
- It provides quality of life for residents
- It is simply a visual amenity
- It promotes health and well-being by providing opportunities for all ages for informal recreation
- It is the focal point for the local community

The fields have, in previous years, hosted Consett Show, school Sports Days, Fun Runs and organised bonfire displays, amongst other activities, and are fondly remembered by the many hundreds of Consett residents who have grown up using the fields 'as of right'.

For over 40 years the fields have provided green space in the centre of Consett for the people of Consett. We have seen in recent years the eradication of similar green space including Sherburn Park, an adjacent green space, sold for development and an additional play area at Hartington Street, sold for housing. In 2002 the top part of Consett/Blackhill park was sold for development meaning that the children of Consett no longer had safe access to the play facilities located within. Within the old Derwentside District administrative area there are only 1.7 play areas per 1000 children under twelve, against an England average of 2.5. The removal of these fields from community use will further demonstrate a lack of care for the families and young people of this community who rely on such amenities. The registration of the area will ensure the fields future, protecting it from future development.

The last 20 years have seen, if anything, a renaissance in the use of the fields. Women's and girl's football is played regularly for the first time; boys football through both the Sports Centre and Consett AFC Juniors playing their home fixtures on the fields; the continuation of Consett Sunday League and the home teams of the Station Club Ex Juniors and the Top Club both playing on the fields. Rugby is now also played extensively on the fields and rugby posts have been installed by Consett Rugby Club for this purpose.

Ordinance survey maps from 1960-69 show the fields classified as 'playing fields' and this has continued to be the case, as shown by the maps enclosed. The maps also show the inclusion of a 'track' to the eastern side of the fields, which provides access from Villa Real to Ashdale Road.

In terms of numbers, Consett as a whole, has a population of 26,000 and while the application admits that not all residents have used the fields, a large proportion will have done so. However in terms of residents that use the fields regularly 'as of right' the areas highlighted on the map show the neighbourhoods that use the fields regularly. This includes the neighbourhoods of Villa Real, Oakdale, Fairways, Medomsley Road, the streets adjacent to Medomsley Road, including in particular Beaconsfield and Belle Vue Gardens and the newer housing estates of Balmoral Grove, The Steadings and Granary Court.

A count of users carried out by Consett Green Spaces Group on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, from 9am to 5pm concluded that organised football during the day attracted 112 persons playing football. Other persons (non-organised) using the fields accounted for 427 persons, totalling 539 persons. This included:

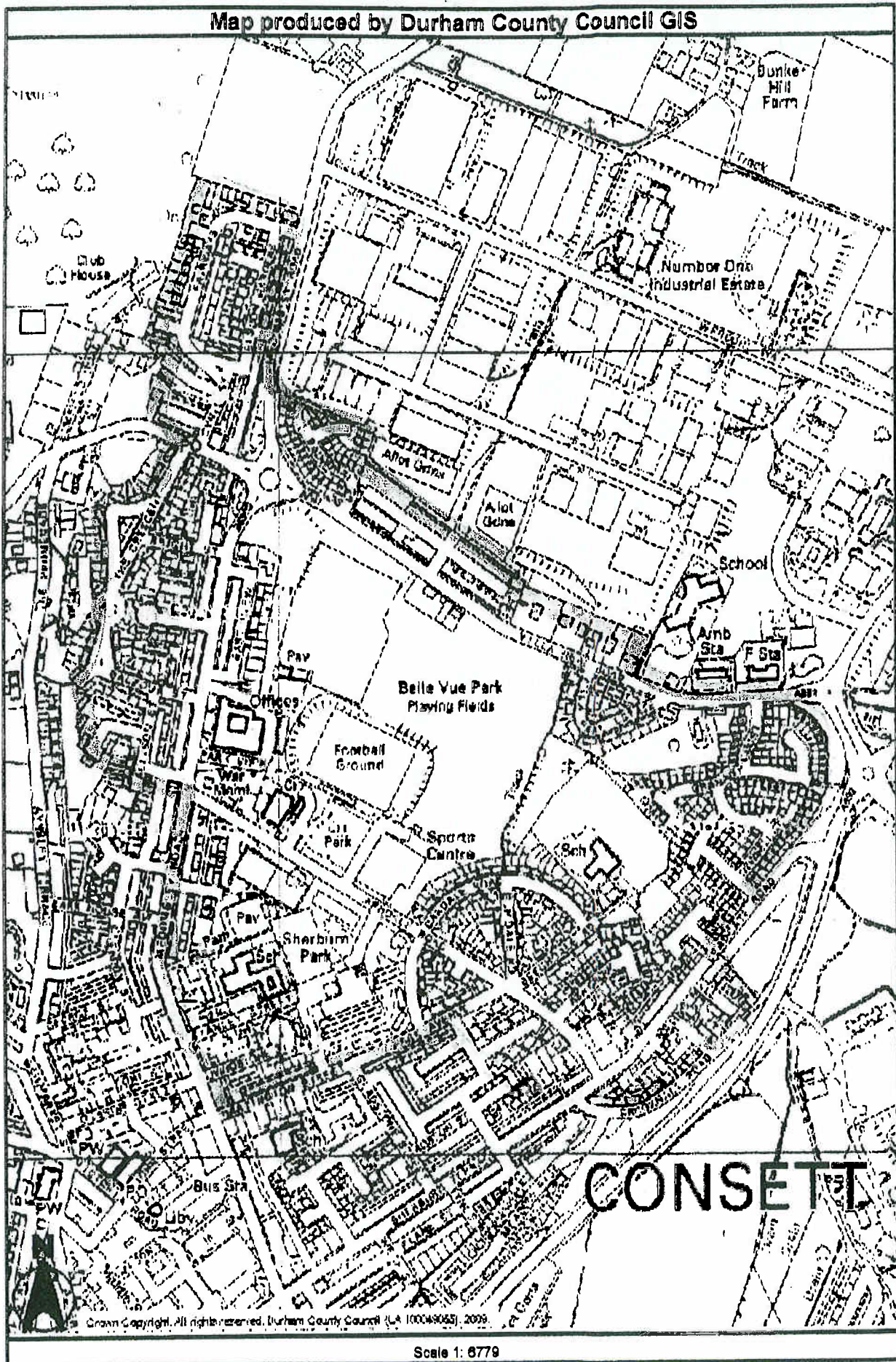
- 84 people walking dogs
- 147 persons (including children and young people) playing games including football, rugby, golf and general relaxation
- 196 people using the fields for access

Never have any members of the Consett Green Spaces Group been stopped from taking part in an activity on the fields.

The Belle Vue Playing Fields are unmistakably the most important recreational land in Consett and furthermore are an intrinsic part of the communities of Villa Real, Oakdale and Medomsley Road and have been for nearly 50 years. Safeguarding the fields from future development will ensure the fields remain an intrinsic part of the community for another 50 years and beyond.

MAP 2 : MAP OF LOCALITY

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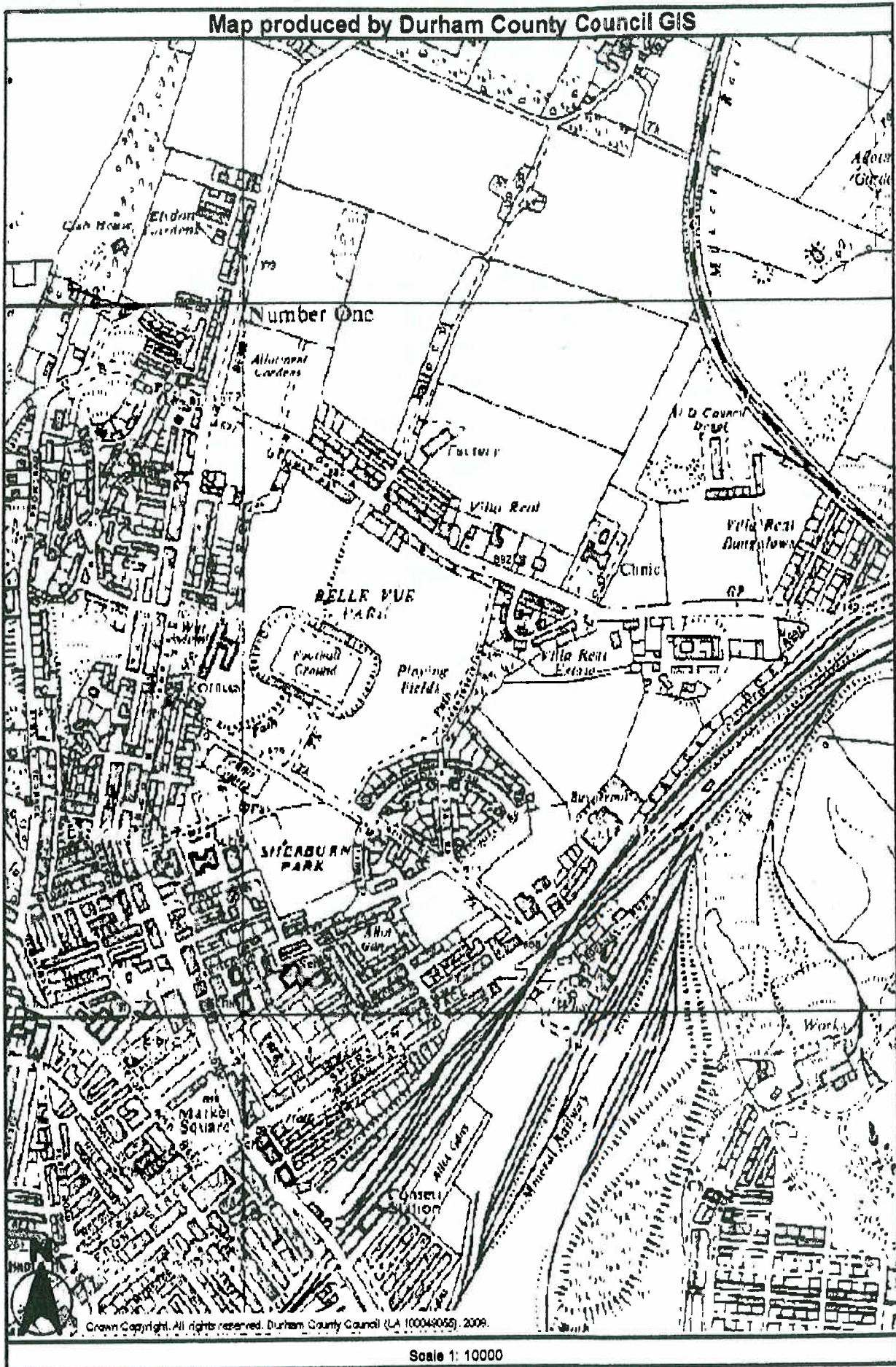


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MAP 3 : CIRCA 1960 - 69

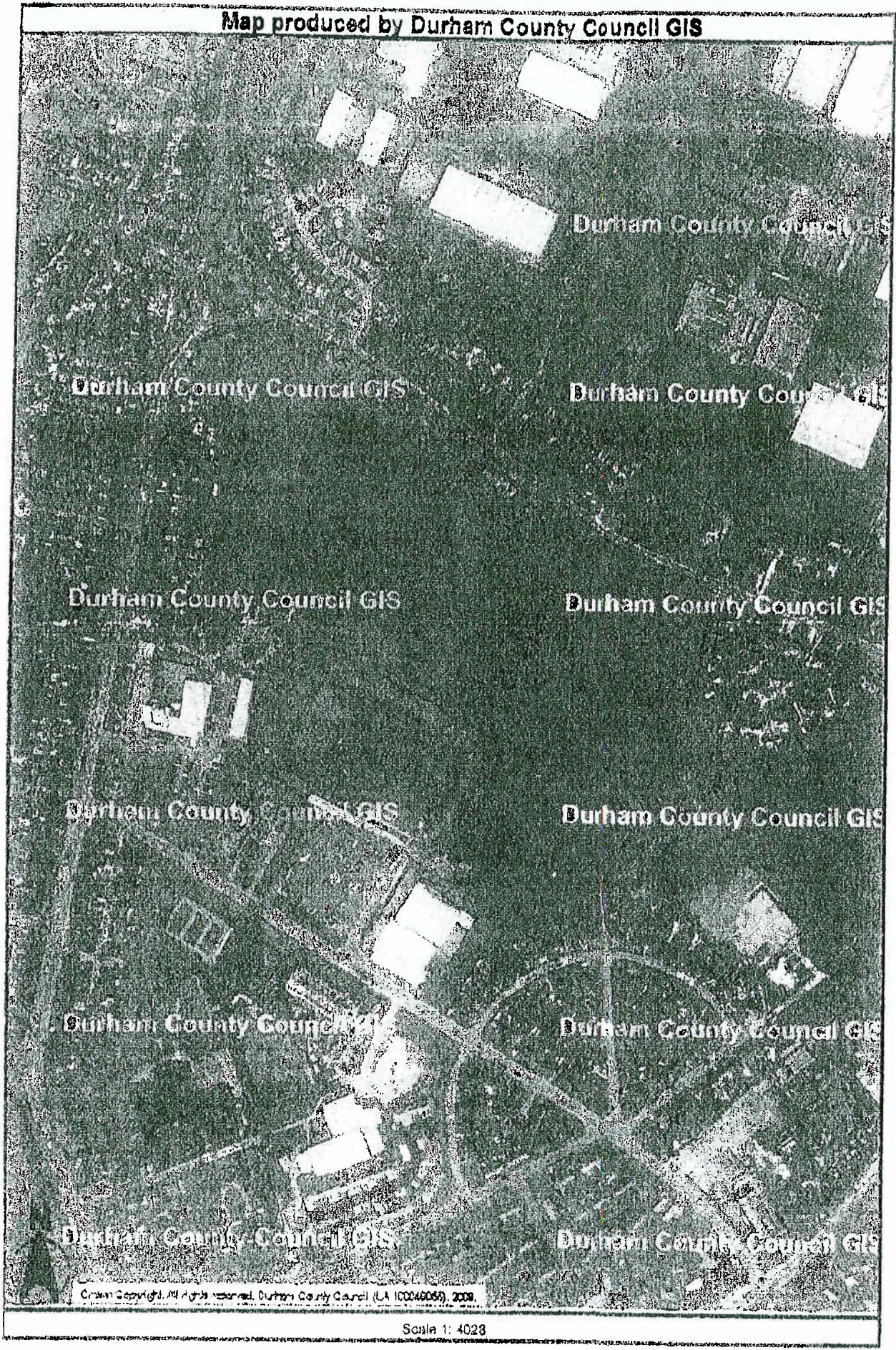
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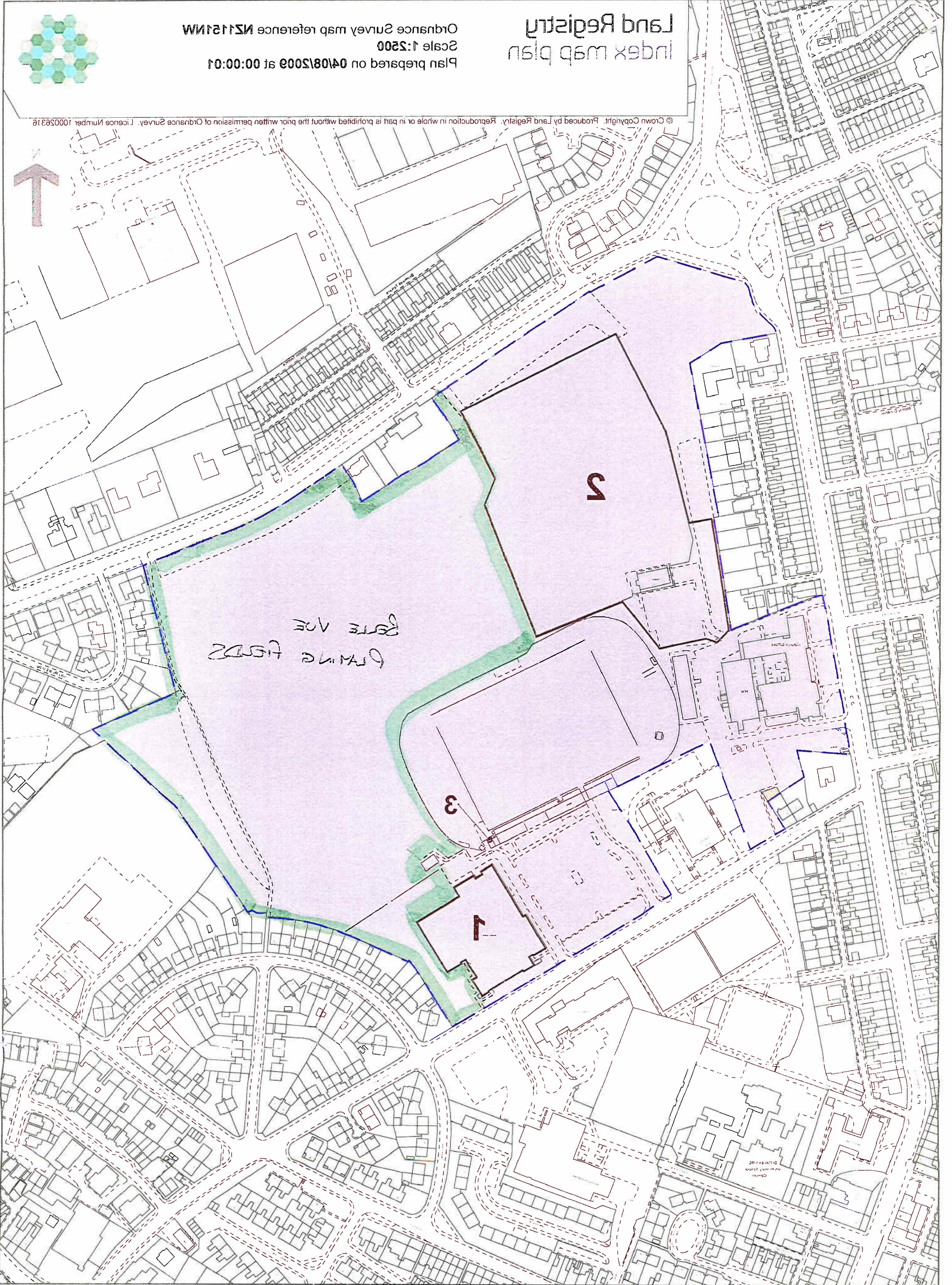


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MAP 4:





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Index map plan  
 Land Registry



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This plan should be read in conjunction with result M36K21B.



**Personal Testimonials**

- |    |                            |    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | Helen Robertson            | 32 | Mrs M Draper               |
| 2  | Andrew Nattrass            | 33 | Pamela Lister (with photo) |
| 3  | Margaret Nealls            | 34 | Mr & Mrs Bruce             |
| 4  | Brian Nicholson            | 35 | Edith Scott                |
| 5  | Helen Morson               | 36 | KA Camsell                 |
| 6  | M Edwards                  | 37 | Brian Shield               |
| 7  | Barbara Lynn               | 38 | Brian Holding              |
| 8  | Laura Dawson               | 39 | I Hall                     |
| 9  | Helen Dawson               | 40 | Mr C Toward                |
| 10 | Liz Turner                 | 41 | Mrs R Wren                 |
| 11 | Mike Swainson              | 42 | S Emberson                 |
| 12 | Stephen McDonald           | 43 | P Wilson                   |
| 13 | Gary Welford               | 44 | Mrs S Readman              |
| 14 | Owen Temple                | 45 | Mr John Stafford           |
| 15 | Mark Stemp                 | 46 | Mr Malcolm Robbins         |
| 16 | 1 Briardale (no.1)         | 47 | Helene Wilson              |
| 17 | Harry & Ann Raine          | 48 | Kelly & Jack Piggott       |
| 18 | Mrs O Goldsmith            | 49 | C Teasdale                 |
| 19 | Mrs Little                 | 50 | Mark Maughan (with photos) |
| 20 | Mary Westgarth             | 51 | Eileen Lee                 |
| 21 | Jane Turner                |    | Karren D Davies            |
| 22 | J Stephenson               |    | Terence Marshall           |
| 23 | Mr R Evans                 |    | Emma Regan                 |
| 24 | M Davison                  |    | Eric Lovett                |
| 25 | S McQuade                  | 52 | Paul & Marjorie Lowther    |
| 26 | Miss LM Smith              | 53 | Robert Hall                |
| 27 | 1 Briardale (no.2)         | 54 | David Jackson              |
| 28 | Dr BA Affleck              | 55 | M Kentish                  |
| 29 | Ann Hall                   | 56 | Mrs M Hume                 |
| 30 | Steven Hall                | 57 | John Campbell              |
| 31 | Helen Clarke (with photos) |    |                            |

**Group Testimonials**

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|----|---|---------------------|
| 58 | Consett Infant School & Nursery Unit        | Children's drawings |
| 59 | The Nursery                                 | Written testimonial |
| 60 | Consett AFC U-15's, c/o Helen Clarke        | Photo               |
| 61 | Parents & Staff of Beechdale Nursery School | Letter of support   |
| 62 | DTE Consett & District Sunday League        | Letter of support   |

**Other Supporting Information**

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|----|---|
| 63 | Photo from Consett Show 1954                                      |
| 64 | Article from The Consett Chronicle, 13 September 1951             |
| 65 | Article re Consett Show, 21 August 1958                           |
| 66 | Article from Consett Guardian re Consett Show, 9 August 1962      |
| 67 | Article re Consett Show, 9 August 1962                            |
| 68 | Article from Consett Guardian re Miss Consett Show, 16 July       |
| 69 | Article from The Northern Echo re Consett Show, 12 August 1968    |
| 70 | 13 number photos of sports teams at Belle Vue                     |
| 71 | CD on Photographs of Belle Vue, October 2009                      |
| 72 | DVD from Consett RFC submission for National Lottery funding 1998 |

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**From:** helen robertson (helen\_robertson3@sky.com)  
**To:** consettgsg@yahoo.co.uk  
**Date:** Wednesday, 7 October, 2009 12:42:52  
**Subject:** BELLE VUE FIELDS

It would be awful for the people of Derwentside to lose this lovely plot of open land if the proposed Academy was to be built there. I did not want the Academy in the first place, I am worried it will not provide the best education for my children, and we only have it thrust on us because we are deemed to be a *deprived* area and there was more money involved if the County went for that option.

Now to make matters worse the proposed building site is our lovely Belle Vue. I am 46 and played there as a child, and now my children enjoy the freedom to run and play there. We walk there often, my oldest daughter used to do football training there, the youngest would enjoy running at the sea gulls that would be there on a morning when we walked that way to school – The fun she had as they all flew away as she ran into their midst, simple pleasures, but they are the best kind! Even driving along Villa Real Road it is lovely to glance through the trees and see the fields, with people walking dogs, kids kicking a ball around, the odd person practicing their golf swing (do I mean odd as in random, or odd as in strange!) These fields are part of Consett, we seem to be struggling to keep our identity at the moment – we are now a very small part of a big County Council – please let the people who live their lives here have some say in what matters most to them and reconsider this decision.

Helen Robertson

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28 Rectory Orchard  
 Lavendon  
 Olney  
 Bucks  
 MK46 4HB

25<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Letter to Consett Green Spaces Group**

I wish to provide a record of my own experiences of Belle Vue playing fields, in support of the application for "Village Green Status".

I grew up in Stanley Gardens, Consett, living there from 1977 to 1987. Though I have now moved away from the area, my parents still reside in Stanley Gardens and I visit them twice-yearly. My most recent visit was at the end of August 2009.

Over the years I have used the fields for exercise, most notably running. For this particular activity the fields are big and varied enough to provide a challenging course. The fields also have a slope which is ideal for sledging, particularly as the area is free from any hazards. When I was a child this was a fun activity and as a parent who visits Consett during the Christmas break, this is an activity I continue to enjoy, weather-permitting, with my own children. I also still use the fields for running when I visit.

On each occasion I have used the fields I have always encountered other people who use the fields for their own activities: dog-walking; football; golf practice; frisbee playing, kite flying and so on. The space is also ideal for outdoor events. I recall an outdoor fair I participated in as a member of 1<sup>st</sup> Consett Scout Troop in 1985, particularly as I was in the stocks for a sponge-throwing competition! Another notable event which took place on this very land was the historic rally in 1980 to protest against the closure of Consett Steel Works. I attended this rally as a young child and the memories still stay with me today. The whole area offers space which is not available anywhere else in the town. It is vital this space is maintained and preserved against encroaching development.

Over the years I have observed a vast increase of new build homes in and around Consett. In parallel with this I have noticed a significant reduction in available green space. Two notable examples are Blackhill park (partially given up for housing) and Sherburn park (partially given up for sheltered housing and with a fenced-off field now belonging to St Patricks RC Primary School). This reduction in green space makes the preservation of the Belle Vue area particularly important. Green spaces are the quiet heart of any town and provide an area for community activity, solitary exercise and thinking time away from the noise and pollution of traffic, which has also notably increased over the years.

Losing the Belle Vue area to development would be a mistake. The ever-increasing population in Consett needs space for individuals to pursue their interests. It is also vital for any town to have a sizeable space of land in order to host large-scale social events. I fear that taking this vital communal resource away will lead to all manner of social problems and remove (more of) the soul from an already changing town. I therefore add my name to the request to have the Belle Vue playing field area preserved as a village green.

Regards

*A S Natrass*

Andrew Natrass

(3)

M. Nealis  
35 Villa Real Rd.  
CONSETT  
Co. Durham  
DH8 6BL  
4/10.09

To whom it may concern

I am writing to let you know that since I bought my house in Consett I have used the Belle Vue playing fields every day – the only exception being when I have been away from home.

I used to have two dogs, and whilst I had the dogs I walked them there twice daily.

When grandchildren visit they have walked the dogs with me, played football there, and ridden their bikes there.

My youngest grandchildren live in the south-west and rarely see snow – so they especially enjoy winter visits, and love to play in the snow over there.

Most days, though, I just walk the fields to get some fresh air and exercise – particularly after a day stuck indoors at work.

This is my time to reflect on the day, and do some thinking. Often now, I am thinking about the fields and praying for their future.

The loss of this invaluable amenity would be a tragedy for the community.

Signed;



Margaret Nealis

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Consett Green Spaces Group  
 Allwin Gardens Community Room  
 Allwin Gardens  
 Consett

3 Belle Vue Gardens  
 Consett  
 County Durham  
 DH8 6LR

RE: BELLE VUE PLAYING FIELDS AND  
 BELLE VUE PARK (SHERBURN PARK)

I have lived in and around Consett town centre for 55 years and what a wonderful place it is. My parents lived at Victoria Street (near the police station) with my first memories being of a huge 'Belle Vue' playing fields and the 'Old Vic' fields near the steel works. Further reflection gives fantastic recall of 'Blackhill Park', the 'Black Rocks' and 'Sherburn Park'. You can not measure the pleasure I have enjoyed when watching the old people playing bowls, my playing for St Pats on Belle Vue, sports days, playing football in Sherburn Park and the unforgettable 'Consett Show'. The educational value and association with good citizenship of green spaces being available locally is precious and the right of all Consett folk. This includes grandparents, parents, young adults, children and families of the future.

I was brought up to firmly believe Belle Vue Park and Sherburn Park belonged to the people of Consett. Lord Sherburn, in a 'Deed of Covenant' gave the land to Consett people for recreation only. (This I am informed by good authority)

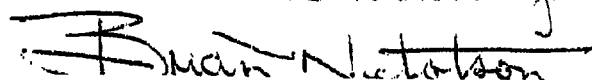
As a boy I delivered papers for Hammer's shop and had the best round of all the kids. I've guessed, Medomsley Road, The Crescent, Caldale, Villa Real Bungalows and Belle Vue Gardens. Every day I walked over the fields, round the park and admired the tree lined environment. As a family man I bought a house at Belle Vue Gardens overlooking the tennis courts, baths and the playing fields. As a parent my children and I played safely on the vast open spaces, raced around the park and watched football/rugby with many thousands of residents. This is an arena to bond relationships with children, families and neighbours. An opportunity to develop aspirations and respect mixed abilities. A social setting of excellence. As a grandparent I still watch sport weekly on the fields, walk in tranquillity and play with my granddaughter on free, open space.

Belle Vue Park and the immediate recreational areas are a wonderful place. A huge attraction for Consett which is visited, enjoyed and treasured by ten of thousands on a yearly basis.

I believe the value of green spaces in our community is immeasurable with regard to play, education, good citizenship, economic infrastructure and an aspirational residential township. I believe green spaces keep our young people in Consett, attract new families to the area and offer an irreplaceable social setting.

My full family support is given to your group, its actions and endeavours to secure historic green spaces.

Yours faithfully

 Brian Nicholson

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11<sup>th</sup> September 2009

To whom it may concern

I Helen Morson and my family live in Stanley Gardens, Consett which is a short walk from Belle Vue fields, we have lived here for six years and use Belle Vue fields everyday to walk our dogs and my daughters play on the fields most days.

Please do not build Consett academy on our sports field as we will have no green space left near to us.

Yours faithfully

Helen Morson

8 Stanley Gardens  
Consett

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28 Darnley Mews

BlackhillSports Centre Field

12. 9. 09.

I am on the field near the sports centre regularly with grandchildren and dogs. This is the only green space near to where my daughter lives I don't know then where to go. I have friends living on Villa Real Road who cross this field regularly. It will be a great pity if it is built on!

M. Edwards



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11, OAKDALE ROAD  
CONSETT

APPENDIX 1  
CO. DURHAM  
DH8 6AT

7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009.

## TESTIMONIAL

My name is Barbara Lynn and I have lived at my current address for 11 years and 3 months. The reason I bought my house was because it had the lovely green space behind it.

I myself, husband and 3 children use this field every day to walk and play on.

We intend to use the field to walk our new puppy on too.

This is the only green space in our local area, which is safe for our children to play.

We would be devastated if it was used for any other reason but public use.

Barbara Lynn  
Blynn.

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9 Oakdale Road  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 6AT

## TESTIMONIAL

Sep 09

Dear

I am writing on behalf of my family who live in Consett. We live in front of the fields where they intend to build a large academy, this is instead of having a number of schools. I am fourteen years old and have a lot of illnesses including M E and celiac disease which means I have to stay mainly in my house, and when I go out I need a wheelchair. I love the fresh air and countryside, and have being told lots of people are against the building of this school. I understand why, my teacher teaches me a lot about the environment and my mother says we are suppose to run under an environmental council, so why are they taking away one of the most important green areas in Consett? when I heard someone say there is another site outside of Consett, away from the centre which will cause less build up of traffic. Our street already has a nursery and junior school at the end of it, and sometimes the traffic is so bad we have to push my wheelchair along the road and people who live in the street can't even get parked outside their own houses!

Will this school make us living in our house not very good, how is it going to help the people around us? I've seen streets where big schools are and the trouble children can cause, some people say it's not worth fighting, no one listens, but I've studied a lot of history since I've being more and more at home, and I believe some things are always worth fighting for,

Best wishes

Laura Dawson

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9 Oakdale Road  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 6AT

9<sup>th</sup> Sep 09

I have lived in Oakdale Road for 30 years and one reason we were pleased to move here was because I had small children and there were large fields at the back of the house.

The Belle View Playing Fields have always played an important part in our local community providing safe areas for children to play, short cuts to work and school, dog walkers, football teams on a Saturday and Sunday etc. We have always being lead to believe in this changing country that the environment was one of the most important policies for our local council who has built itself upon a green reputation.

Oakdale Road already has two schools at the end of the road, a nursery and junior school. These already cause an overspill of traffic which means wheelchairs, pushchairs etc often have to walk on the road. My fourteen year old daughter who has a number of illnesses relies upon the use of her wheelchair. Also many people cannot often get parked outside their own houses.

It also concerns me after reading many similar stories that having such a large academy may cause local problems with teenagers, local noise pollution and will affect the value of the properties in this area.

*H. Dawson*

Mrs Helen Dawson

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Re: Belle Vue Images and Testimonials

Monday, 31 August, 2009 6:40 PM

From: "T Turner" <starman11@sky.com>

To: "Stephen McDonald" <stephenandbrooke@yahoo.co.uk>

hi stephen,  
its  
324.medomsley road,  
consett,  
durham  
dh85nx

thanks

liz

2009/8/27 Stephen McDonald <stephenandbrooke@yahoo.co.uk>  
Hi Liz

THanks for that.

What is your adress, as I'll probably have to be exact.

Thanks

— On Thu, 27/8/09, T Turner <starman11@sky.com> wrote:

From: T Turner <starman11@sky.com>  
Subject: Re: Belle Vue Images and Testimonials  
To: "Stephen McDonald" <stephenandbrooke@yahoo.co.uk>  
Date: Thursday, 27 August, 2009, 6:26 PM

hi stephen  
we have lived on medomsley road since 1975.  
have used belle vue playing fields for walks,short cuts to consett baths and sport centre,and  
playing football with our son ,who is now 28 years old .

yours

liz turner

2009/8/26 Stephen McDonald <stephenandbrooke@yahoo.co.uk>

Hi All

Does anyone know who is running the **BelleVueImages@gmail.com** e-mail adress to collect  
the images for Belle Vue needed for the Village Green application?

Also, please remember to send me your testimonials, regarding the length of time you have  
used the fields.

Many Thanks

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**Mike Swainson**

46 Queens Road, Blackhill, Consett, Co Durham., DH8 0BW

Telephone No 01207 506673

E-mail [mike.swainson@virgin.net](mailto:mike.swainson@virgin.net)

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Stephen McDonald  
6 Walton Terrace  
Villa Real  
Consett

20/09/2009

Dear Stephen,

Re -Usage of the Belle Vue Playing Field.

I can confirm that over the last ten years I have used the Belle Vue playing fields as part of my training runs with Blackhill Bounders.

I can also confirm that since the inception of Blackhill Bounders in 1987 they have regularly used these fields as part of their training runs

I hope this is helpful.

Yours faithfully

Mike Swainson

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Stephen McDonald & Brooke Hedley  
6 Walton Terrace  
Villa Real  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH86BW

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Dear Sir or Madam

Belle View Playing Fields

Since 1975 I have lived in Stanley Gardens (DH86LJ) and growing up I constantly used the playing fields at Belle View for recreational purposes, playing football taking my dog for walks or just general play. I played organised football for Consett under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's and continue to play football to this day for Consett Station Club who play their home games on the fields. I now live at Villa Real and regularly take my own son over the fields and play football with him.

The fields are a true community resource, used by families adjacent to the fields and further away. Many people from much further afield come to Belle View for sports and recreation.

I hope this goes some way to confirming the regular and continued use of the site and that it should be declared a villa green.

Yours faithfully



Stephen McDonald

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Re: Consett Sunday League and Belle Vue Pitches

Friday, 4 September, 2009 11:08 AM

From: "garywelford@blueyonder.co.uk" <garywelford@blueyonder.co.uk>

To: "Stephen McDonald" <staphanandbrooka@yahoo.co.uk>

Hi Stephen,

Yes, Selwyn mentioned this, and loss of playing fields is something which has concerned us for about 5 years now. We used to have 3 at Belle Vue, now there's only 1.

I can't help with how far the league's use of the fields goes back, as there's no written record of where teams played in our first season, 1967/68. Our only remaining founder team, Consett Station Ex-Juniors, have played there as long as I can remember, maybe they could tell you how long. Looking at our list of original members, others who may have used it (just based on where they are from and where there are/were pitches) are Consett UDC, Consett Legion, and Consett Venture.

I know Consett Black Horse used to play there until relatively recently, on the pitch which is now a rugby field. I remember playing on it myself as an 18/19-year-old, and I'm now 42, so our use of the fields definitely goes back at least 20 years.

Have you tried David Pyke from Consett Juniors/Consett AFC? Funnily enough, just the other day he mentioned playing on Belle Vue 40 years ago (for Consett Boys Club I think). Not a Sunday league team I know, but he may recall who else played on it.

Hope this is of some use. I can put it on official league headed paper if that would be helpful.

Gary Welford

- > Hi Gary
- >
- > Selwyn may have been in touch with you but I thought I would make contact
- > direct. I am looking for as much information as possible regarding the
- > history of the Belle Vue playing fields as a group I am working with is
- > going to apply for village green status to avoid the potential school
- > Academy development. What I need, first of all is a written statement
- > from the league confirming that the fields have been used for at least 20
- > years on a consecutive basis. I also need any photographs, teams, in fact
- > as much info as possible about the fields as this will help to establish a
- > case.
- >
- > I would appreciate any help you may be able to offer. If you wish to
- > contact me direct me number is 07837285359.
- >
- > Many Thanks
- >
- > Stephen McDonald
- > 6 Walton Terrace
- >
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300 Medomsley Road  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 5JP

1 October 2009

Consett Green Spaces Group  
Allison Gardens  
Consett

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to confirm my longstanding enjoyment of the open green space at Belle Vue as a general community user.

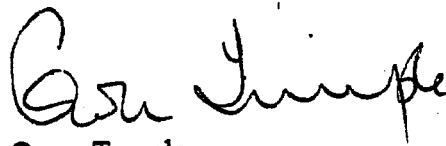
Even when I lived in Shotley Bridge I found Belle Vue an enjoyable place to use for such events as the town's bonfire and firework display in the 1980s. The bonfire was huge, as was the Guy, and I remember the field lit up by light sabres wielded by the many children then entranced by the "Return of the Jedi".

When I moved up into Consett in 1993 it became even more useful to me. The wide open spaces were a good place to take the children and a football, and the perimeter provided a pleasant setting to walk our dog on a daily basis. I have always been struck by the wide range of informal users of the space; dog-walkers, children with balls, families with young children on bicycles safely separated from traffic, and older people just enjoying the air.

I understand that the land was gifted to the people of Consett, and that the children of Consett planted the belt of trees alongside Villa Real Road, symbolising the intimate linkage of this green space with the people of the town.

Belle Vue is Consett's crowning glory, and is unusual in offering a beautiful green oasis in the residential heart of this once industrial town. I very much hope you will succeed in protecting it for the use of future generations, so that they may also enjoy the recreational opportunity it offers as their parents and grandparents have.

Yours sincerely,



Owen Temple



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### **Use of Belle Vue area of Consett**

**I grew up playing football on the fields at Belle Vue. I scored my first, and only, goal for St. Patrick's school there. My friends and I used the field every weekend to play football and bash a golf ball about.**

**The first real football match I watched was when my dad took me to watch Consett play at the stadium.**

**Later in life I watched my son play rugby for more than a decade at the Rugby Club and on the surrounding fields. We regularly went there on a Saturday morning to throw a rugby ball around. I taught him to ride a bike there too. My daughter and I used to go running around the fields when she was in training for the four hundred metres. I used the fields, often twice daily, to walk the family dog for about five years.**

**I have used the Belle Vue area for the last forty years for all of the reasons above. It is used extensively by clubs, families and individuals and forms the heart of our sporting community.**

**Mark Stemp  
12 Allison St  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 5JD**

1 Briardale APPENDIX 1  
Delius Lane  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DU8 7BQ

(16)

To whom it may concern.

For the past 42 years I  
have lived in Consett and ever since I  
remember have used the land at  
Belle Vue to play football + enjoy  
time with my friends when I was small.  
I have also used this space with my  
own children for the past 18 years  
and have found it to be a safe  
area for little ones to run around  
and play.

OR

(17)



Kelwinside House  
 Villa Real Rd.,  
 Bonsett  
 Co. Durham DH8 6BL

We have lived at the above address for 36 years and have used the Belle Vue fields regularly. When our son was a young boy his friends came to play football, snow balling etc.

For several years we exercised our dogs, now we take our grandchild to play ball and ride her bike. We also use the path when we collect her from school.

Harry + Anne Raine

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(18)

MRS O GOLDSMITH  
 12, ASHDALE RD  
 CONSETT.  
 CO. DURHAM  
 DH8 6AU  
 22/9/09

to WHO IT MAY CONCERN.

I am writing to object regarding your plans, to build a new academy school on Bellevue field. To which is Green Belt land, and to my knowledge, you can't use it to build, or for any other purpose - as its open land, for the use of enjoyment. I have walked on that field for 39 years.

people walk their dogs, children playing, football teams competing - and its also useful for taking short cuts to other parts of Consett. We already have 3 nurseries, 2 Infants, 2 Junior, & 1 senior School within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile radius of Bellevue and feel enough in enough. Please don't take our field

Thank you

yours faithfully

Mrs O Goldsmith

21 Oakdale Rd  
 Concord  
 DH8 697

10 Whom it may concern

I think it is Struble building  
 the academy. I am a Sunday five year old  
 boy and I've played on that field since I  
 was four years old.

It was actually given to the  
 people of Concord at a town field site and  
 there used to be a plaque stating that  
 but I know it has recently disappeared.

Where the sports center is used to  
 doe collections where we used to fund  
 Snowgates (Concord). You have taken away  
 lot of childrens pleasure away. First the  
 Sherburn Park swings & putting green etc.  
 Now the only place that you can let  
 children play safely and yet you are building  
 more and more houses & no facilities. I hope  
 you feel happy & sorry about your actions  
 yours  
 Mrs M. Kettle

(20)

17, Fairways APPENDIX 1

Bonselt

60 Durham

DN8 5NT.

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Dear Sir/Madam.

I would like to state that my family has over the past 34 years, used the playing fields at Belle Vue for recreation.

Having four sons who love playing football the playing fields provided a safe environment.

My oldest son went to 'Docker Tots' at the age of 4, followed by his younger brothers, often when the training was over we would have a picnic, to complete the activity on the fields.

As my sons grew they played in infant, junior and senior leagues on Belle Vue.

During these junior years they had a great number of friends playing football and this friendship developed to the parents. We organised a 'Dad versus Kids' competition which we played on Belle Vue for a number of years.

My husband became a referee of the Durham County football association to assist the youth of Derwentside to have various competitions using the Belle Vue playing fields.

My second son also became a referee and he is currently secretary of a Sunday League team.

It is a well known fact that children playing recreational sport are groomed in discipline and team respect, this leads to lower anti social behaviour figures.

all 4 sons have played County Football.  
My sons are still playing Sunday League football on the Belle Vue fields today.

This recreational space has helped to keep my sons fit and healthy, now I have two grandchildren and wish they can have the same opportunity of using these Belle Vue playing fields.

Yours sincerely

Mary Westgarth (Mrs)

(21)

8 Carr House Mews.  
Villa Real.  
Consett

DH8 6FD

4. Oct 2009

To who it may concern,  
I have lived in the Villa real area of  
Consett most of my life. I now have my  
own property and two children. I use the  
playing fields at Belle Vue most days of  
the week for walking to work and recreation.  
My children play regularly on Belle Vue  
with their friends. It would be disastrous  
if the green space at Belle Vue was lost  
to the people of Consett. The area of  
green space could not be replaced.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Turner  
MRS JANE TURNER.

1. I am very sorry.

APPENDIX

1. Bureau County Education Office  
I have been a resident of  
Bible Hall for the past  
thirty years.

Building a school on  
Bible Hall again appears  
as a very good choice.  
Buses and my parents  
for obliging.

1. I will already very  
engaged and this area  
a new school will make  
trouble a nightmare.

2. Adults, children, parents  
don't know all  
the the good all for  
land

3. We are asked to encourage  
children, young people on  
older people to are are  
I have seen the the is  
you will among our own  
this year space is now  
parents always people is  
children can play and  
ride bikes playing

1. Younger's side  
will meet the need  
of everyone concerned.

Please Reconsider.

J. Stephenson.



(23)

MR. R. EVANS  
22, VILLA REAL RD  
CONSETT.  
CO. DURHAM  
PHONE N° 502501

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE  
ABOVE ADDRESS FOR THE LAST 37 YEARS  
I HAVE BEEN MAKING USE OF THE  
SPORTS FIELD, NOW EARMARKED FOR  
THE NEW ACADEMY ALMOST EVERY DAY  
FOR ALL OF THIS TIME. I USE THIS  
FACILITY, WITH MY OWN CHILDREN  
MY GRANDCHILDREN AND ALL OF MY  
MANY DOGS OVER THESE YEARS.  
AT MY TIME OF LIFE IT IS IDEAL  
AS IT IS A NICE SHORT DISTANCE  
FOR ME TO WALK AND TO CHANGE  
THIS FACILITY WOULD BE A BIG BLOW  
TO MYSELF

R. Evans

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5, Villa Real Estate.  
 Consett  
 Co. Durham  
 DH8 6BJ.  
 28<sup>th</sup>. September. 2009.

**Consett Green Spaces Group.**

I am writing in response to your campaign to help stop the building of an Academy on Belle Vue playing fields.

I moved into the Villa Real area 44 years ago. I loved the area from when I was very small I came to visit my younger sister at the Villa Real Fever hospital. She had some infection and she had to stay away from all of the family and all we could do was to wave to her from a distance. When I got married I decided that Villa Real was where I wanted to live, and the main reasons was because of all the lovely green area surrounding it.

I have had three homes in the area and loved having access to the playing field over all the years. Firstly with my four sons and now my grandchildren love being able to go across the field and enjoy doing various things.

There has never been a time when I could not see other people doing the same, whether it be walking their dogs, jogging, playing football or rugby, flying kites, practising athletics and many more activities.

My children and grandchildren have been involved with football teams from their school or Consett and we have spent hours supporting them along with teams from lots of other areas. My sons all learned to ride their bikes on the park, and spent numerous hours on their sledges in the winter.

I have numerous videos from the past where the people of Consett had a yearly show on the Belle vue grounds. My niece was crowned Miss Consett twice and I have videos showing her on a float going along Medomsley road accompanied by lots of bands. A good time was had by all.

Where would the people of Consett be able to do the things that families like to do together? Belle vue is surrounded on four sides by houses and hundreds and hundreds of families.

**Please reconsider alternative brownfield sites.**

*M. Dawson*

(25)

5 Elmdale Rd  
APPENDIX 1  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 6AX.

I live in Elmdale Road with my  
Partner and two children we use the  
field everyday with the dogs and kids  
we spend alot of time as a family playing  
with the kids its a very safe place  
and we are all dissapointed that  
you are planing to take it away from  
us.

S. M. ~~Moore~~

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Lisa Smith  
18 Ashdale Road,  
Consett,  
Co.Durham  
Dh8 6au

21-09-09

I have lived at the above address for over 11 years now along with my mum, since having my son who is now 6, we used the belle vue playing fields on a regular basis; kick about, sledging and just for a good run about. I have always found it to be a safe area for my son to run around getting fresh air and plenty of exercise, away from the traffic.  
My son and I are devastated that the belle vue playing field may be taken away as it's an important part of our community!

Yours sincerely



Miss L M Smith

(27)

% 1, Braidale

APPENDIX 1

Selves have

Consett

Co Durham

DT187BQ

27. 9. 09.

To Whom it may concern

I have lived in Consett Area for at least 60 years and used Bellview green area before the Sports Centre was built.

My children and myself had happy times there, when they were older they used it for sport, and now my grand children have lots of happy times there. Learning to ride bikes & walks out of harms way

I've also used it in my later years to walk my dog out of the busy thoroughfare of streets & busy traffic. (May I add always using a pooper scoop) For everyone who enjoys the clean safe and fresh area away from busy traffic.

E A Cyprian L

(20)

Dr B. A. Appleby APPENDIX 1

OLIVER FORD COTTAGE  
LONGEDGE LANE  
ROWLEY  
NR CASTLESIDE  
CONSETT  
DH8 9HG.

28<sup>th</sup> September 2009

To whom it may concern,

I have been resident within the Consett area all of my life. I have used the Belle Vue playing field over these years initially for recreational activities in my childhood. Over the past fifteen years I have used the Belle Vue playing field to exercise my late dog in a responsible manner. As my sister and brother had family I have used the Belle Vue site to spend quality time with their children.

It is very distressing to myself that yet another green field site is under threat. The loss of this site will have a dramatic negative effect on the quality of life of both humans and animals in the local area. People whom have access to transport to find another recreational site outside this ever increasing, highly populated area will obviously have an environmental impact by having to travel to distant sites. People whom unfortunately do not have access to other sites will find that there will be a detrimental impact on the health of both humans and animals.

*[Signature]*

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**Glenesk  
4 Villa Real Estate  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 6BJ**

**Tel: 01207 503069(Home) 01207 507001(Work) 07710428184(Mobile)**

Dear Sirs,

I write to you about the proposed Academy for Derwentside being built on a green site at Belle View, Consett, County Durham.

As a child living in the Police house in the Crescent, my brothers, friends and I were all instructed to go to Belle View to play. The site was very well used in the 60's, after moving away I returned to the area when I married buying a house on Medomsley Road.

My children and their friends then used the same site to play as I had done as a child. They played cricket, football, golf, ran races, sun bathed, they even camped out on Belle View during the mid 70's and the 80's.

My son was in the Boys Brigade and they used the site too in the summer months, sports days were held there.

Belle View was also the home of Consett Show in the days we had a show.

My late husband was a coach for the junior rugby until his death in 1994, boys and girls learned how to play tag rugby on those same fields.

I now live at Villa Real and on my deeds it states the land we know as Belle View belonged to Sherburn Hospitals. I was always lead to believe as a child and an adult that the land had been donated to the people of Consett for recreation purposes.

Every time I pass the site some several times a day there are people walking, playing, having picnics etc on Belle View, why should this much used site now be deprived to the people of Consett to whom it was originally intended?

Please save our green site for our children's children.

Yours truly,

Ann Hall



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Steven Hall  
2 Abbeygate Apartments  
Wavertree Gardens  
Wavertree  
Liverpool  
L15 8HB

21<sup>st</sup> September 2009

Dear Sirs,

**RE: Proposed Site For Consett Academy**

I am writing to express my concerns at the proposed plans to build the new Consett Academy on the current Belle Vue playing fields.

Although I am no longer a resident of Consett, I was born and raised there and spent many hours playing on the Belle Vue playing fields as a child. I also played rugby for Consett Rugby Club who utilise the playing fields for their matches.

I am deeply saddened to find out that these playing fields are to be used as the new site for the Consett Academy. There is already a lack of green spaces in Consett due to the massive redevelopment of other green spaces to build housing so to lose this land to a new school would be a travesty.

I moved away from Consett 10 years ago but visit regularly so I have seen the changes that the town has gone through over the last few years. I was shocked to see how many new housing developments have been built. I understand that the town has to grow but it is my opinion that whilst the council is happy to sell land for new housing, there has been absolutely no attempts to regenerate the town centre to accommodate the new influx of residents.

I believe that taking away the Belle Vue playing fields would be a huge kick in the teeth for the residents of Consett who currently enjoy walking their dogs and playing with their children on Belle Vue.

Surely an alternative site can be found.

Yours faithfully,



Steven Hall



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13 Villa Real Estate  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 6BJ

21<sup>st</sup> September 2009

### **Belle Vue Playing Fields**

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of the immediate vicinity of Belle Vue playing fields since 1990. We moved to Cyril Street in the Number One area of Consett and one of the reasons we chose to live in this area was the large area of open space within walking distance of our home. Belle Vue playing fields have been used by all members of my immediate family on an almost daily basis since that time.

When my oldest son started school in 1997 in Consett we walked to and from school over Belle Vue playing fields on a daily basis. We also used the fields for various recreational activities like walking, kite flying and bike riding. My two older children were both taught how to ride their bikes on Belle Vue fields.

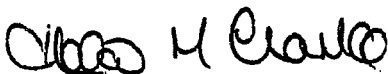
In 2002 we moved from the Number One area of Consett to our current home in Villa Real, again mainly due to the close proximity to Belle Vue Playing Fields. Whilst my 2 older children attended Primary School we walked to and from school over Belle Vue fields twice a day. On evenings after school my children were able to play in this wide open space with their friends making use of the football posts and rugby posts. The small wooded area adjacent to the school was an ideal place for them to go exploring or play hide and seek which the younger of the two still does.

My oldest son has played football for Consett Juniors since 2002. The training and home ground for this football team has always been Belle Vue playing fields. The fields have also been used for various charity football matches organised by my sons football manager at the time. My daughter also plays football for Consett and their training ground has just been moved to Belle Vue Playing fields.

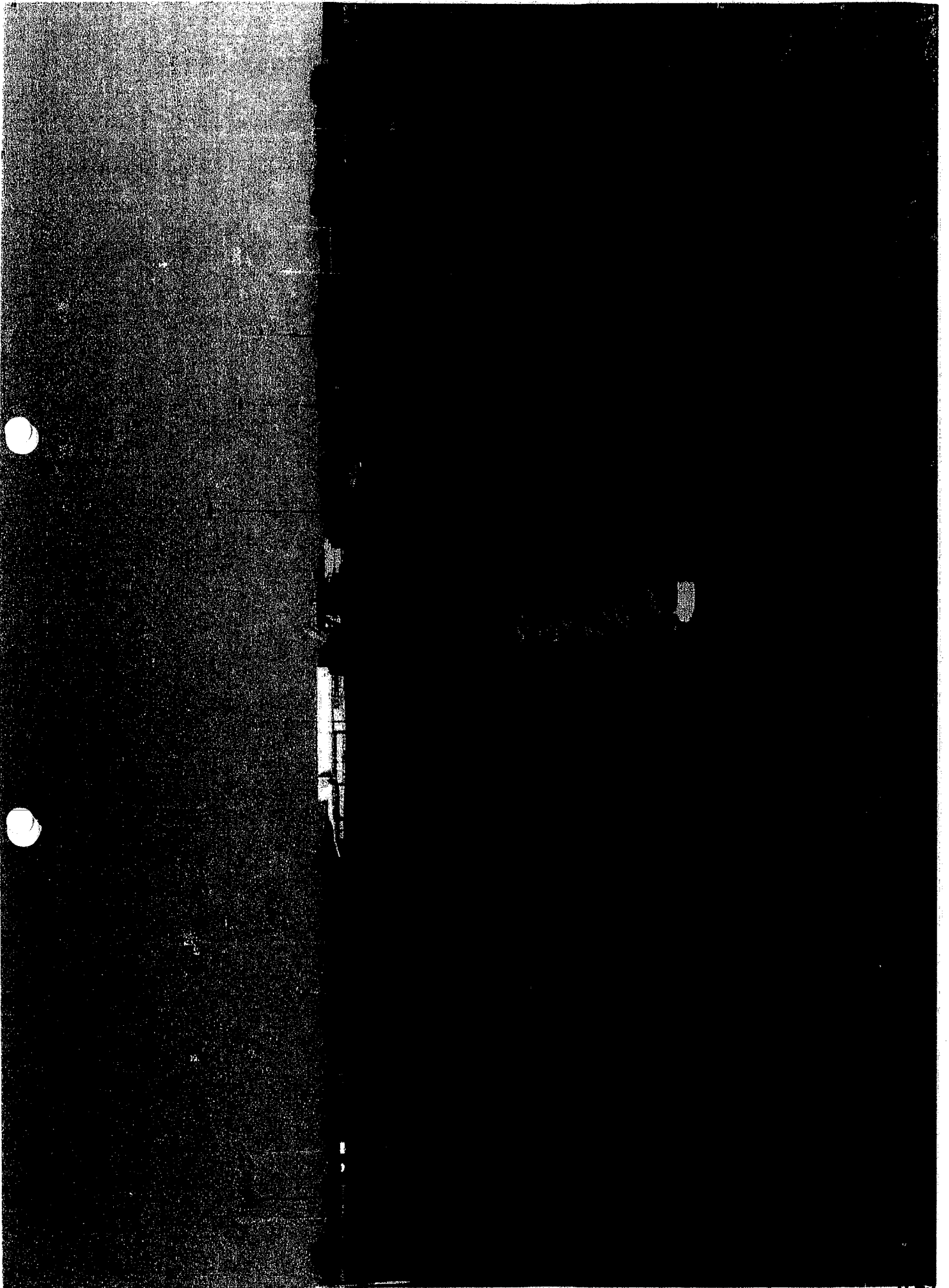
My youngest son has only just learned to walk but enjoys his daily visit onto the field where he can run around and enjoy the open space.

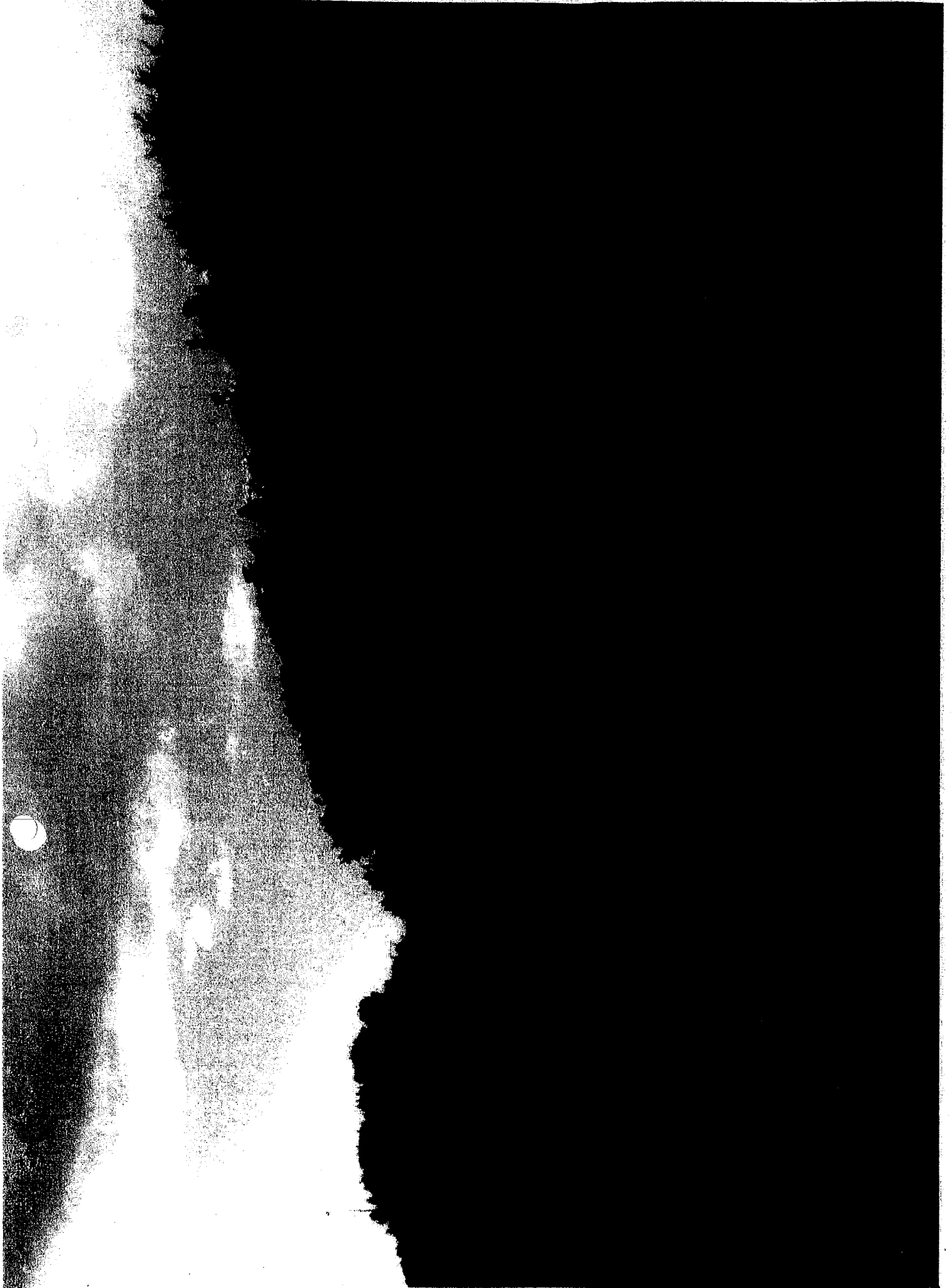
I have enclosed some photographs of my family spending time over the years on Belle Vue.

Yours faithfully

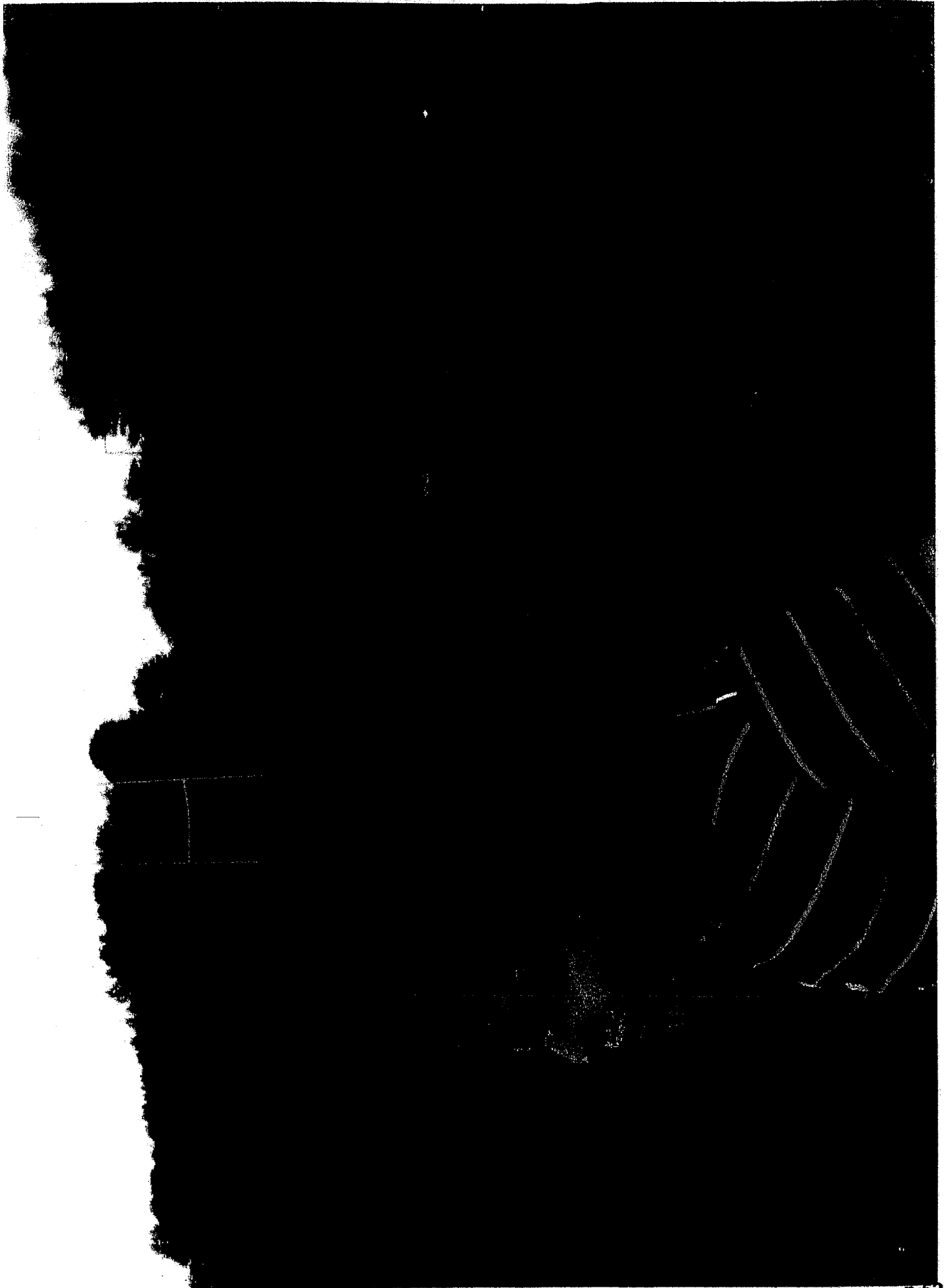


Helen M Clarke









'Westdale'  
Elmfield Road  
Consett.

re: - Memories sought.

Drs ANN.

Dear Sir or Madam.

Sept 24th. 2009.

Belle Vue playing fields,

I have known about this area for many years. I used to walk over this area, when I was about 9-10 yrs. to go to the 'play park'. It was a very rough and an uneven place to walk, just like walking on a ley ground and with quite a few, what I thought were old railway tracks (uprooted). My father once told me that it used to be a quarry (Black Dike comes to mind)

When I was at headgate school, I planted a tree on this site, I think it was 1953 and they were planted for the Queen's Coronation. Many trees were planted, but I cannot remember how many schools were involved. A few years later, some of the trees were removed, but most are still here to day.

I remember all the Consett Shows and all the trimmings that went with the 'shows' including 'Fancy Dress' - Dog Shows - Equestrian -. I myself used to exhibit in the 'handicrafts' and my Aunt the late Mary Kipling was a very strong supporter. Involving herself in judging - a member of Consett Art Group - making the sashes for 'Miss Consett Show' and demonstrating with her spinning wheel.

I am enclosing photo copies of a few newspaper articles, which I hope will be of some use.

Bonfire nights, I remember when the local

children would go around the doors, collecting for the Bonfire, which was built around ~~about~~ the now fenced off Rugby Ground. This lasted for many years and they were moved on. I don't know why. (Maybe, it had something to do with the <sup>Fire!</sup> Brigade)

I have lived at Number One since I was 4 yrs old. I am now nearly 69. I do not want to see this very "Green" and well used area disappear.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs. M. Draper.

(33)

7, Ashdale Road,  
Consett  
DH8 6AZ.

26 Aug. 2009.

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Ashdale Road since 1969. My family has always used the amenities in the area, the swimming baths, sports centre, the park and the green fields at Belle Vue. My children played on the fields when they were small now their children play on the fields as they live in the area. I regularly walk on the fields for my own exercise.

Over the years Belle Vue has been used daily by the community and the local schools. I remember when Consett Show was held on the playing fields every August and some years Horse Racing took part on the fields. If the Belle Vue fields were to go it would be terrible for the area visually and recreation wise.

I am enclosing a photograph taken in 1972 when Consett Show was held on the fields. The Baby Show was one event and this photograph was in the local newspaper.

Yours sincerely

Pamela Lister





Consett Show held on Belle Vue August 1972.

(34)

283, Medomsley road,

Consett,

Co. Durham.

DH85JR.          06.10.09.

To Whom It may concern:

We the undersigned have lived at the above address for 12 years.

**We use the Bellevue playing fields twice / three times a day for playing with our grandchildren and exercising our dog. It would be with great sadness if the time came when we wouldn't be able to have this space for family fun.**

We also like to watch the football/ rugby matches.

St. Luce.  
GL

(35)

21 Day Meadows,  
 Shotley Bridge.  
 DH8 0JF  
 9-10-09

To whom it May Concern,

I have lived in the Consett area for the past 30 years and in that time have enjoyed the open green space of the Belle Vue playing fields, walking my dogs and playing there with my grand-children.

I feel it would be a retrograde step to allow this much loved facility to be lost to the people of Consett and the surrounding area.

Yours sincerely,

Edith Scott

36

60 Fairways

Consett

Co Durham

DH8 5NT

6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed academy build on the Bellevue site.

I have lived in the No One/Villa Real area for the past 38 years and have spent many happy times on this beautiful green site watching my son play football, practising golf and walking my pet dog.

I chose this area to live in for its beauty, views and open green spaces which will all be lost if this proposal goes ahead.

Another factor to be considered is the increased volume of traffic and pollution which this building will ensue.

I wish you to reconsider your decision.

Building on the original Genesis site would, in my opinion, better serve the population who live in and around the Consett area.

Yours sincerely



K.A. Camsell

Brian Shield,  
24 The Avenue  
Consett  
8.10.09.

(37)

To whom it may concern.

I have lived in Consett for 51 years. I walk my dog daily on the Green Fields at Belle Vue. As a boy I played on the fields and I watch football regularly. If the fields were lost to Consett people it would be disastrous for everyone.

Yours sincerely.

B. S

(30)

14 Ashdale Rd  
Consett.

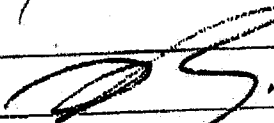
DH8 6AU.

8. Oct 09.

To whom it may concern.

We have lived at our present address for over twelve years. Over the years we have walked on the Belle Vue fields for recreation and walking the dog. The green field area must be kept for the people of Consett.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Holding

(39)

1, Beardsdale Road  
Bonsett

4-10-2009

To whom it may concern

'My wife  
lived here for 70 years & myself for  
30 years.

I am very concerned at  
the plans to develop the green belt  
around Belle View

I wish to register my complaint  
at the use of this land as it has  
been used for numerous outdoor  
activities over the years

Yours faithfully

J. Hall

(40)

MR C. TOWARD  
 304 DUBLIN RD  
 CONSETT  
 CO DUBLIN  
 D18 SNW

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I VE LIVED W. THE AREA  
 FOR SEVENTY YEARS, AND I HAVE  
 USED THE FIELDS AT BELLE VUE ALL MY  
 LIFE.

IF THE FIELDS ARE LOST IT WILL  
 BE DEVASTATING FOR THE AREA

Clare

8.10.09



(4)  
8 Ashdale Rd  
Consett.

DHS 6AU.

8. Oct 2009.

To whom it may concern.

I have lived in the Belle Vue area of Consett for over forty years. My family have used the green fields at Belle Vue all these years and still do, walking the dogs, and my grandchildren play on these fields. If the fields were lost it would be a great pity for the people of Consett.

Yours Sincerely  
Mrs B. Green

(42)

S Emberson  
 6 Bant Hills  
 Consett  
 DH8 5NB.  
 8-10-2009

To whom it may concern  
 We have lived in the Belle Vue  
 area of Consett for more than 10 yrs. We  
 have used the green fields for walking  
 purposes for all these years and if  
 the fields are lost this will be terrible  
 for all users.

S Emberson.  
 S EMBERSON.

(43)

4 Morley Gdns  
Consett  
DH8 5JH

8.10.09.

To whom it may concern.

I use the green space fields at Belle Vue daily with my grandchildren. It is the only place I can have good recreation with them. If the fields go it will be terrible for all the people of Consett.

Signed. P. Wilson

61, ASHDALE ROAD,  
 CONSETT,  
 COUNTY DURHAM  
 DH8 6LS  
 9-10-2009

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE THE UNDERSIGNED USE THE PLEASURE OF THE  
 GREENFIELD SITE OF BELLE VUE DAILY, AND HAVE  
 DONE FOR MANY YEARS,  
 WHEN OUR GRANDSON FROM COVENTRY COMES TO STAY  
 WITH US AT THE HOLIDAYS, HE CANT WAIT TO VISIT  
 BELLE VUE TO MEET AND PLAY WITH HIS MANY  
 FRIENDS HE HAS MADE THERE OVER THE YEARS.  
 HE HAS TOLD US THAT HIS MANY FRIENDS WHO USE  
 THE BELLE VUE SITE DO NOT WANT TO LOOSE  
 IT.

AS THIS AREA WAS GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE OF  
 CONSETT FOR THEIR PLEASURE BY THE BROTHEREN  
 OF THE HOSPITAL IN SHERBURN, I CANT UNDERSTAND  
 HOW IT CAN BE TAKEN AWAY

YOURS SINCERELY

MR A READMAN

MRS S READMAN

S Readman.

(45)

21 Newbell Court  
The Steadings  
Consett  
Co Durham  
DH8 6FE

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

To whom it may concern,

I have walked my  
dog Meg on Belle Vue every day since 2003.  
I also enjoy playing the bag-pipes and like  
to go to Belle Vue to practice because it's  
a nice open space.

Yours faithfully

~~S. Stafford~~

Mr John Stafford

46

29 Newbell Court  
The Steadings  
Consett  
County Durham  
DH8 6FE

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
2009

To whom it may concern,

Everyday I walk my dogs Ellie and Honey on Belle Vue and have done so for the past six years, since moving to my present address in 2003.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Robbins', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Malcolm Robbins

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**Helene Wilson 39 Newbell Court CONSETT.**

When I moved to my present address in January 2005 one of the main reasons I chose to live at Villa Real was because of the fields nearby having a young family who want to "run around" in a safe environment away from traffic. We've spent many a happy hour on the field playing "Tag" or "Chasey" as well as Football and Cricket.

For the last 2 years my son has played Football regularly on Belle Vue fields and it would be a great shame if this facility were taken away.

I go past the fields everyday and I see how these fields benefit the Community. As Government are keen to tackle Obesity issues why take away a prime exercise point for the whole community?

My family will definitely suffer if an Academy is built on Belle Vue. I sincerely wish an alternative location were sought.

Helene Wilson

Helene Wilson

(48)

2 Allison Gardens  
 Consett  
 Co Durham  
 DH8 5JB

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the Consett area for 27 years and use Belle Vue playing field on a regular basis for taking my dog for a walk, going for a walk as a family, playing football with my young son, watching my nephew play football, ~~my~~ playing football with my young son, my husband also uses the field for running and practising his conversions. We all use this field for a wide range activities as a <sup>young</sup> family and want to continue this as our family grows.

I wish to save this valuable green space and this matter is very important to us all.

K Piggott



Kelly Piggott 27 yrs

Jack Piggott 18 months



(49)

To whom it may concern.

I have lived in the Consett area for 20 years and use Belle Vue playing field on a regular basis. I use it to walk the dog and playing with my son as I used to do as a child.

We wish to save this valuable green space for us and our welfare.

Creasdale.

Mark Maughan  
277 Medomsley Road, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5JR

I have lived here for nearly 19 years now and cannot stress enough the importance and significance that Belle Vue fields have played in my childhood and football development. I have constantly used the fields for a number of reasons such as walking my dog, as it is a wide open space which is ideal to allow a number of dogs to be spread around the field, whilst i feel that if the field is removed then there will be an increase in the number of people who allow their dog to foul on public footpaths as they walk elsewhere. Also as earlier mentioned i have attended a number of football coaching sessions on Belle Vue field and have also used it with friends in the local area to play a number of sports, keeping active and using our resources around us. I have played for the Top Club football team on Belle Vue as that is our home pitch, which is suitable as it is in an ideal location for a number of players around Consett. Belle Vue fields is a safe and secure green space, many times I have taken younger cousins or friends down the bottom of the field where the main road is much less an issue due to the bank incline, rather than the top where it slopes down. I feel that by removing the green space on Belle Vue fields it will cause a great inconvenience plus problems for too many local people and ruining a fantastic landscape which is iconic of Consett.

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 Re: testimonials needed

"I lived on Elmdale Rd from birth until I married in my 20's, 1963 til 1984. as kids we played 'up the field' just about every day. I can remember Concert Show being held there, my school sports days, practice for cross country and walking my dog up there. Although I live in Medomsley now, my mam and dad live close to Belle Vue and I take my seven year old son up there for a kick about when we visit. The thought that this lovely old huge green field is going to be covered over is just so very sad. Before long there will be nowhere left to go and just sit, it is such a lovely space and I don't want to stand by and let it go. Eileen Lee"

Re: testimonials needed

KARREN D. DAVIES

"Hi Barbara, I have lived on Newbell Court for the past 5 and a half years, and i believe that we need the feilds on Villa Real road so our children have somewhere to play and people like me have somewhere to go running, also the field is greatly used by local residents to play football on a sunday and i feel that this is a privilidge and if these fields are taken away we will have no where locally enjoy our fields..."

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 Re: testimonials needed

Hi Barbara

My name is Terrence Marshall I live at 2 Beverley Terrace Consett and I have lived here for 10 years previous lived at blackhill. We use the feilds quite reguilar as I have 3 children and they have learnt to ride there bikes there and play football.

Terrence Marshall  
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Re: testimonials needed

"Hi my name is Emma Regan, I am 18 and have lived at Villa Real, Consett all of my life. When I was little my Dad and I used to play football on Belle View Field. All the time I've been growing up things have always had some link to Belle View field, whether it was meeting my friends there, revising for my exams in the sun there, or taking Sweep our family pet there. It is really sad to think that you would look up your street to see a monstrosory there instead of some where that you had spent so much time growing up and enjoying"

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 Re: testimonials needed

Hopefully and of Sunday is still OK

Eric Lovett  
 31 Ford Street,  
 Oelves Lane

As the owner of a dog walking business, my business relies on safe environments to walk customers dogs without loading them into a car/van and driving them miles to a safe place. Belle Vue is so central to a lot of my work. Myself and my employees all use Belle Vue on a weekly basis.  
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**From:** flynn2007@tiscali.co.uk (flynn2007@tiscali.co.uk)  
**To:** b.lynn64@yahoo.co.uk  
**Date:** Friday, 11 September, 2009 12:20:53  
**Subject:** Proposed Adademy - Belle Vue, Consett

Saw your e-mail address in the Advertiser regarding campaign against the above. I am very much against using this green space to build an academy - not only is the surrounding area composed of housing estates with on-street parking, but quite a few of these houses are OAP dwellings and the extra traffic, noise and congregating students would cause considerable nuisance and annoyance to an otherwise peaceful area. The surrounding areas of Gladstone Gardens, Park Avenue, Ashdale Road are currently being over-used by traffic from the school at Oakdale - parking for dropping and picking up children, and there is a considerable volume of traffic using these estate roads when there is a backlog of traffic on Ashdale Road (top and bottom) i.e. when the school is closing. Also, as stated we have very few green treed areas which have not been built upon. This is a very pretty area and it is a shame for it to be taken away from the many that use and enjoy it. I also believe that the fact that the old Iron Works site may be contaminated is not the reason for discounting this land. In my mind it would be an ideal spot, excellent road links, near to town centre without causing problems to nearby housing settlements, and near to the other seat of learning - the Technical College. Residents should have a voice - not just be ignored when it suits the politicians to do exactly what they want to do - for whatever reasons. I am sure you are well aware of all of these points - hope you do not mind my making them again. We wish to join your campaign. Cheers. Paul and Marjorie Lowther - 28 Gladstone Gardens, Consett.

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(53)

Brockwell Court Care Home,  
Room B11,  
9 Cobden St,  
Consett,  
Co. Durham,  
DH8 6AH,

8<sup>th</sup> Oct 09.

Chief Executive,  
Durham County Council,  
County Hall,  
Durham,  
DH1 5UL.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Proposed Academy at Consett

I am 94 years old, and in 1946 I was a founder member of Consett Amateur Football Club, Belle Vue Park.

I wish to place on record that I am all in favour of an Academy for Consett but totally against the proposal to build one at Belle Vue for the following reasons.

Between 1946 and 1950, I and many other unpaid volunteers laid the foundations and built the football stadium. In 1948 an Agreement was signed by the then Consett Urban District Council and ourselves, transferring the land from them to the Club. In the late 40's or early 50's a stone plaque was erected, where Belle Vue Sports Centre now is, and an inscription thereon stated Consett UDC dedicated the rest of Belle Vue for recreational use.

Who, how and when did anyone overturn this right for the people of Consett? We live in a democracy not a republic!

I do not even wish to think about the horrendous traffic problems for the surrounding area if this ludicrous plan went ahead.

The fields of Belle Vue were, I thought, dedicated for life, for ever, for the use of future generations ---- for recreation.

There are many other areas in Consett where an Academy could be built.

The most obvious is the former steelworks site. It is a "brown field site" with acres of building land, good road and transport facilities, centrally located and adjacent to the relatively new Derwentside College. Contamination cannot be an issue when some private houses have already been built, the college, restaurants, and now Tesco wish to build a new superstore. Even if there were problems remaining, in this day and age, with the technology available, they are not insurmountable.

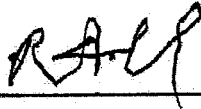
I also thought it was central governments policy to encourage the use of "brown field sites" not desecrate a green and pleasant open space.

A number of issues are at stake here and I only hope and pray that good old fashioned common sense will prevail.

Finally, I do hope I will at least receive the courtesy of an acknowledgement to my letter and that someone at County Hall, under the Freedom of Information Act, will

supply me with the facts of why they decided on Belle Vue and the reasons why others were deemed unsuitable.

Yours sincerely,



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Robert Hall  
Formerly of 128 Medomsley Rd,  
Consett,  
DH8 5HS

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- 6 Consett Amateur Football Club
- 7 Alex Watson
- 8 Councillor Clive Watson
- 9 The Right Honourable Vernon Coaker MP

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10 Downing St,  
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Co. Durham,  
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Medomsley Rd,  
Consett.

4 Consett Green Spaces Group  
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17 Fairways,  
Consett,  
DH8 5NT.

5 Councillor Owen Temple  
300 Medomsley Rd,  
Consett,  
Co. Durham,  
DH8 5JP.

6 The Secretary. -----  
Consett Amateur Football Club  
Belle Vue Park,  
Consett,  
Co. Durham.

For information, I attach a copy of the 1948 Agreement, the Official Opening Programme in 1950, and some other memorabilia which may prove useful.

7 Alex Watson  
136 Medomsley Rd,  
Consett,  
Co. Durham  
DH8 5HT

**8 Councillor Clive Robson,  
23 Constance St,  
Consett,  
Co. Durham.  
DH8 5DU**

**9 Rt. Hon. Vernon Coaker MP,  
Minister of State,  
(Schools and Learners)  
DCSS,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
Great Smith St,  
London,  
SW1P 3BT**



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## Belle Vue Playing Fields

### Lifelong memories of activities on Belle Vue

#### 1950s

Feeling proud walking down Hartington Street wearing our school strip (the rust coloured reserve strip before the coveted first team jersey) as we made our way to Belle Vue for our weekly football practice. Then the crowds who watched our games against local derby rivals St Patrick's – always great games. Cup Finals – with nets – unbelievable. School sports days – big crowds.

#### 1960s

Playing for the Boys Brigade – cup finals again. Then for the Salvation Army team in the Methodist league - the games did not always reflect the true Christian ethos but very enjoyable nevertheless. Introduction to rugby training twice a week – games for the thirds then the firsts – wonderful experiences. Consett Show – memorable weekends – baking competitions, crafts, children's handwriting competitions – lots of fun & lots of people. Played first football match on Sunday – didn't feel comfortable.

#### 1970s

Using the field with school children – cross country, games, sports days & nature lessons amongst the trees on the edge of the field. A great teaching resource.

#### 1980s

More & more teams & groups using the fields in organised leagues. Lots of spectators & picnics. Playing with the band entertaining the crowds before the bonfire night firework displays.

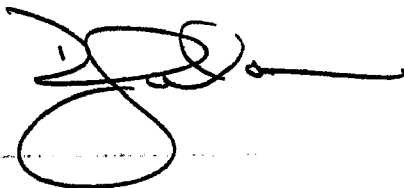
#### 1990s

More of the same as a new generation of children enjoy the field in the same way as their parents had done.

#### 2000s

Sports Centre Staff developing coaching courses – many children of all ages enjoying facilities – after school, Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings & school holidays. A thrill to watch so many people enjoying Belle Vue. Thriving adult & girls football leagues. Sunday morning rugby coaching & matches – children from 5 to 17 – visiting teams & supporters – Belle Vue awash with colour noise & excitement. Over 1000 primary school children enjoying the 2009 Great Fun Run.

David Jackson



(55)

M Kentish  
50 Castlehills  
Castleside  
Consett  
DH8 9RL

10th October 2009

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the Consett area for 10 years and frequently walk on the green fields at Belle Vue with my three children. They like to watch the other children playing football and play themselves. If the fields are lost for the use of the general public, what area could replace it, which would be so convenient for so many people. Green areas can not be replaced.

Yours sincerely,



(56)

MRS M Hume

22 Ashdale Rd

Consett

Co Durham.

DH8 6AU.

Date 11 / October / 09.

To whom it may concern.

I have lived at Consett.

For the last 37 years I was brought up here!

and we use Belue Field everyday. we take our children over to play football, rugby, even just walking our dog. I would just like to no if they do build the school on this land we are we serpost to do!

Yours hopfully  
M Hume.

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81 Villa Real Road  
Consett  
County Durham  
DH8 6BL

09 October 2009

To Whom It May Concern

**Re Belle Vue Playing Fields**

Belle Vue Playing Fields are an important part of the local community. They offer one of very few safe playing areas in Consett and are enjoyed greatly by many local people. The town has few remaining open spaces and Belle Vue is, by far, the best located and well used.

I regularly played Under-16, Under-18, Saturday & Sunday League football at Belle Vue. My family moved to our current address in April 2008. The playing fields at Belle Vue offer a very pleasant vista from our property and were a major factor in choosing it. From home, I can see the large number of people that use this site daily for a wide range of recreational activities such as walking dogs, playing with their children, riding bicycles, practicing sports and general enjoyment of this open space.

Currently I use the fields many times each week for general recreation with my children and dog in a safe and pleasant environment. Like many, we regularly walk across the fields with our youngest children to and from their schools.

I fully support the application for Village Green status and I sincerely hope that the free use of the fields in their current form is retained for generations to come.

Yours faithfully



John Campbell



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# THE NURSERY

*Building our Children a Better Future...*

4A TEASDALE STREET ■ CONSETT ■ CO. DURHAM ■ DH8 6AF  
TELEPHONE/FAX: 01207 591616

9/12/09

Dear whom it may concern,

I am writing to you with deep concern with regards to the planned development to Belle Vue playing fields in Consett as our children enjoy using the open space as you may possibly be aware of the limited safe & open spaces in Consett area for local children to enjoy.

B. Bryant  
Barbara Bryant

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Consett Infant School and Nursery Unit  
Teasdale Street,  
Consett,  
County Durham

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We would like to register our disappointment at the proposed location for the new Academy in Consett being placed at Belle Vue. As a school which serves the community of this area, we fully appreciate how much this green space is used by the people of Consett. Indeed, it is a space which we ourselves use for the benefit of the children in our school. As we have no playing fields on our school site, our children use the Belle Vue fields for sporting activities such as inter schools tag rugby competitions and training and the local schools fun run - which are well attended by both the children and parents alike. We also use the adjoining sports centre for fun and fitness days on a regular basis during the course of the year.

In addition to this, a significant number of our children use the Belle Vue playing fields after school for recreational purposes. Many children take part in football training which is held on the field. The field is also one of the only green spaces left in central Consett for our children to run, play, learn to ride bicycles and have fun in a safe, open, traffic free environment.

Yours Sincerely

The Staff at Consett Infant School and Nursery Unit

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To whom it may concern

Please find attached a photograph of the Consett AFC Juniors Under 15's team of 2008/2009. This team began training together on Belle Vue Playing fields in 2002. At that time the team were the youngest in the whole of Consett AFC. The team still play together to this day, several players of whom will receive Long Service Awards at the forthcoming Presentation day scheduled for June 2010.

In 2004, when the team went on to play 11-a-side football, Belle Vue Playing Fields became the team's home ground and since then the team both train and play all home fixtures at Belle Vue.

The team has also taken part in various charity matches and penalty competitions on these fields raising valuable funds for both the team themselves, Consett AFC and local charities.

Yours sincerely

H Clarke  
Former Treasurer of Consett AFC Under 15's

61 Beechdale Nursery School, Consett

We the undersigned would like to save Belle Vue playing field in Consett, Co. Durham.

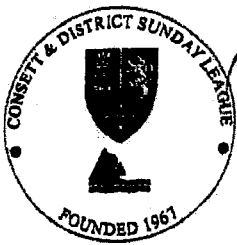
Our children attend Beechdale Nursery School and use the playing field on a regular basis for playing and enjoying the fresh air in a safe environment. Dated 9th October 2009.

E. Sullivan  
 W. Jafford.  
 P. Lowe  
 C. E. Shaw  
 A. Vinton  
 Linda Clark  
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 H. Foster  
 A. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
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M. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 J. O'Connell  
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 C. Johnson  
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 J. Teggsdale  
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A. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 L. Shield  
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 K. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
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# THE D.T.E. CONSETT & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

APPENDIX-1



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Stephen McDonald,  
6 Henley Gardens,  
Consett,  
Co Durham

11th October 2009

Dear Stephen,

Further to your e-mail about your efforts to save Belle Vue playing fields, we would like to add our support to the campaign.

Loss of playing fields is something which has concerned us for about five years now. We used to have three pitches at Belle Vue, now there's only one available for adult teams.

As far as we can tell, our league's use of the fields goes back all the way to our first season, 1967/68. They have always been public pitches, and in our view should remain as such.

As a league, we are currently trying to achieve Charter Standard League status, part of which involves having a development plan for the future. A major part of this is offering somewhere for teams to play after they are too old for junior football, and two of the current teams in our league are former Under-18s sides.

Such loss of amenity could potentially be quite damaging for this ambition, as teams are going to have nowhere to play.

I hope this is useful. Don't hesitate to contact any of the league officials named above if we can be of any further help, and please keep us informed as to how your campaign is going.

Yours in Sport,

Gary Welford  
Secretary

Visit our website [www.consettsundayleague.co.uk](http://www.consettsundayleague.co.uk) for all the latest results, tables and league news



Woodwork exhibits from Handicrafts section of  
Consett Show 1954.

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960FF IN BACKGROUND WEARING FAIR-ISLE PULLOVER



The subject  
was wearing  
a dark, textured  
pullover with  
a light-colored,  
possibly fair-isle,  
pattern. He was  
looking slightly  
to the right.

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# ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOWS KEEPING ON



by my side helping me when I am busy with the show.

In the new year, Mrs. Kipling has entered an entirely new field. It is "suggestion" painting. The painting is created in the artist's mind and depicts much deeper feeling than can be gained by reproducing painting.

Her first attempt at this work, "Prometheus," caused a stir when exhibited at Concert Show last year.

### WIDE RANGE

Mrs. Kipling's interests cover many artistic activities including music, modelling with clay — and not so successfully — sculpture. Her attempts at busts nearly ended in a family row for she ruined her husband's chisels.

And she is desperately fond of animals. Her "other" hobby is breeding angora rabbits from which she spins wool for garments. In her studio is an old-fashioned spinning machine which Mrs. Kipling takes with her when she lectures on wool spinning. She is a regular lecturer at local ladies' clubs.

### SHOW SUCCESSES

Her attempts at showing angora rabbits have also been successful. In 1952 she brought back first, second and third prizes from a show at Blackpool.

And she has been chosen to judge garments spun from angora rabbit wool at some of the country's leading shows.

At the present Mrs. Kipling is working in a wife's heat of activity to complete the library murals in time for the opening.

"When I have done that I shall probably concentrate on "suggestion" paintings. I have an idea for one called "Spring," she said.

the horses painting a flower  
our she says: "You cannot  
is her depth and soul."  
Kipling is secretary of Con-  
Club.  
judging that her best work has  
was in the past few years. "A  
in before my mother died,  
I was never to give up paint-

### KENNEDY HELPER

will thank her deeply I have  
and Mrs. Kennedy were  
she were

### CASTLESIDE W.I. PICNIC

In glorious weather last Wednesday members of Castleside W.I. enjoyed a pleasant picnic at Woodbine Cottage, Castle Lane, Headgate, the home of Mrs. C. Kipling. Well known in the county as a demonstrator of spinning, painting, designing and spinning, Mrs. Kipling kindly displayed these crafts together with the Angora rabbits she owns. An amazing variety of games and entertainments were indulged in, organized by the president, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. P. Thompson.

Prize-winners: children, Norman Robson, Brian Stokes, and Barbara Robson; women, Mrs. Stokes (potato and apple race), Mrs. E. Robson (golf race), Mrs. Yates (basketball race). An ankle competition was judged by Mr. Jack Roberts (Castle Lane), and Mr. Tom Burgess, Bursfield. The prize was first Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. W. Stokes.

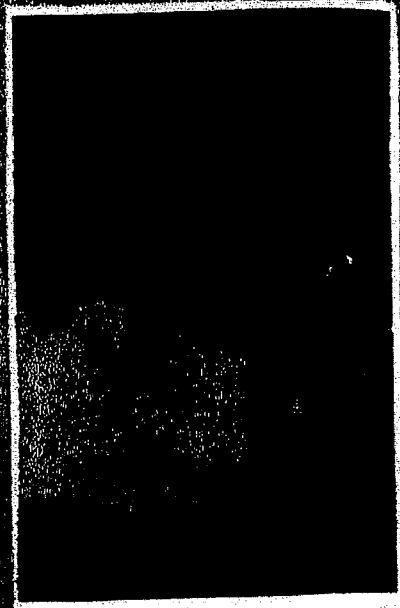
### LOCAL ARTISTS SHOWED THEIR SKILL

A novel feature of the exhibition staged at the Concert Group was the modern art set in the modern style.

Three pictures, "The Time of London," "The Time of London," and "The Time of London," were shown from the group.

The most interesting of the exhibits was the exhibition of paintings by Mrs. Kipling. Her work in Greek mythology was "The Prometheus" and "The Prometheus".

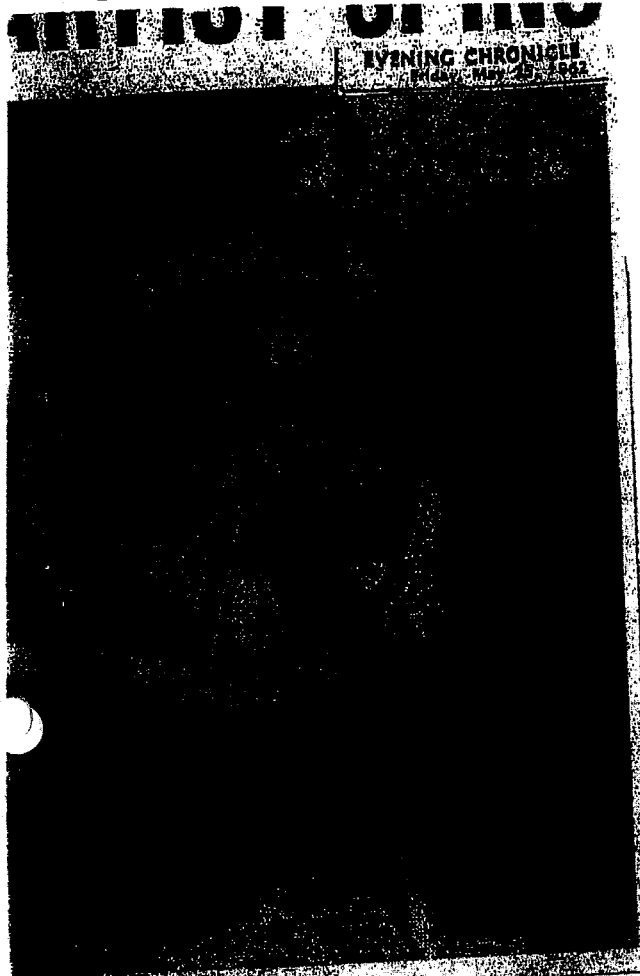
Another innovative exhibition of Mrs. Kipling's work was "The Prometheus" and "The Prometheus".



TAKEN AT CONCERT SHOW

THE ART GROUP  
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WITH MRS. KIPLING  
BROUGHTON.  
MRS. DOBSON  
AND MYSELF  
HAVE BEEN  
MEMBERS  
SINCE THE  
ART GROUP  
WAS FORMED.  
MR. SIDDLE  
FROM SOUTH  
MESA, IS  
TOP LEFT.

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EVING CHRONICLE  
Friday, May 25, 1945

# Everything on together

**ABOVE:** Mrs. Mary Kipling at work on her spinning wheel. **AND BELOW:** she is seen with one of the young Angora rabbits whose fur she turns into wool on the spinning wheel.

## at Consett Show

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN THURSDAY AUGUST 2 1945

**EVERYTHING** will be happening together at Consett Show this year. For the first time in the show's 15 years the budgeting section will be run on the same day.

In previous years the budgeting and foreign birds section have been held in Consett's Civic Hall several weeks after the exhibition in Belle Vue grounds.

Birds will be judged and placed on show in the Roman Catholic schools in Stanley Street for the two days of the show on August 17 and 18.

Judges will be Mr. J. Pickles of Halifax and Mr. G. Gray of Durham.

On proud display at the show in the Women's Organisations tent will be a painting which was on show at the Royal Show in Newcastle last month.

The painting is an eight feet by six feet canvas, a special commission for local artist Mrs. Mary Kipling.

### CENTRE-PIECE

Forty-eight-year-old Mrs. Kipling, who lives at Caseldene, near Iveston worked for several months on the canvas which formed a centre-piece in the decor she designed for the Women's Institute tent at the Royal Show.

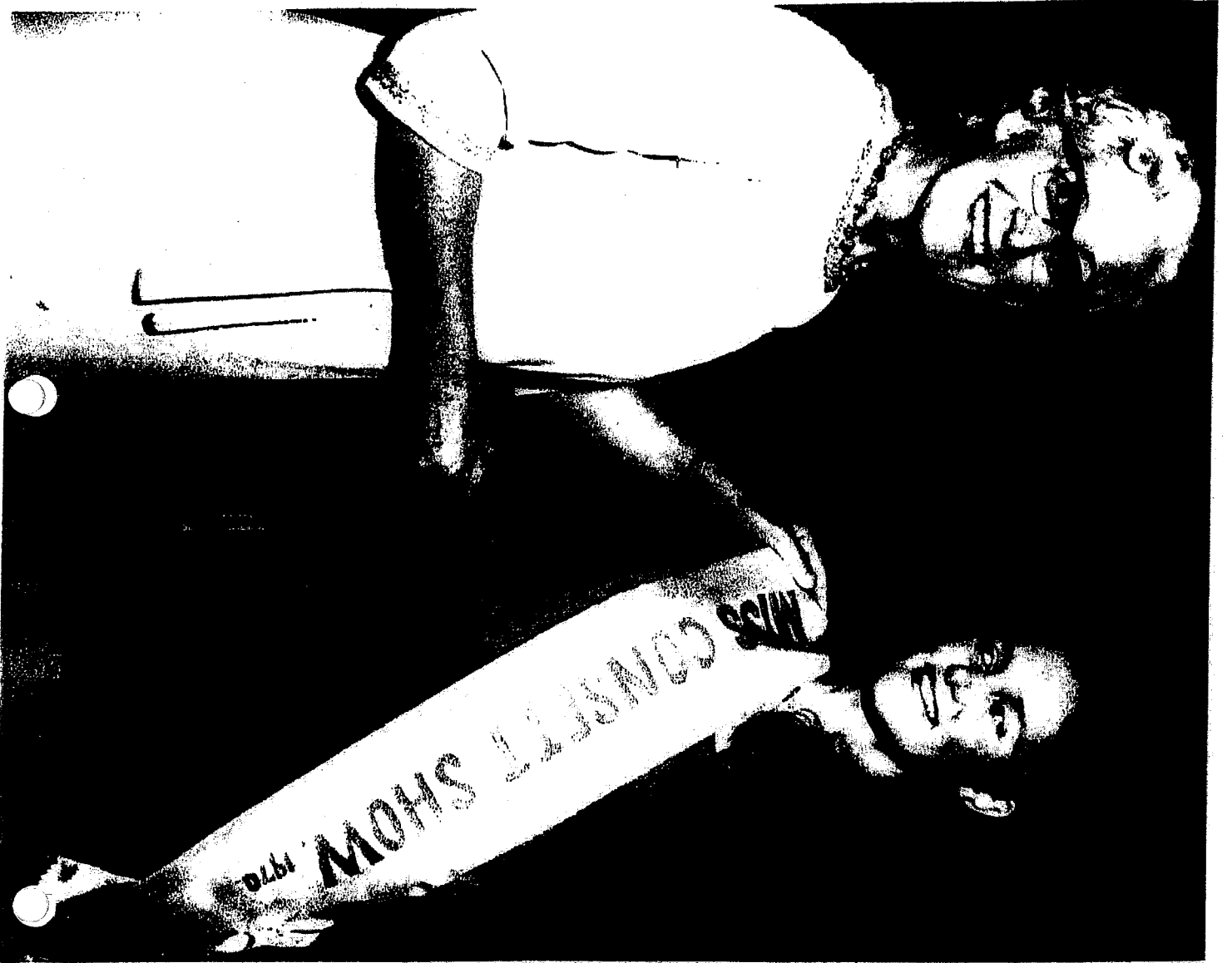
Consett Urban Council have borrowed it from the Northumberland Exhibition of W.I.'s 40th proud display at Consett.

Some of the new spinning machines now appearing at the show...



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CHANNING

Blackfriars' secretary, scheduling team, Wanda, and Mrs. Connert, show queen, hold the Civic Hall banner Friday.

**Beauty with  
an eye  
on figures**

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