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Appendix 1

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Kimblesworth

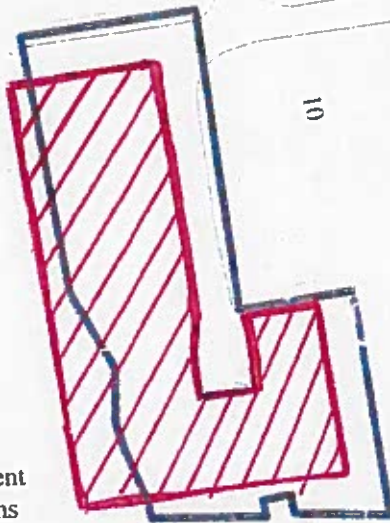
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Cricket Ground

Cricket Ground

Allotment Gardens

East Parade

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South View

94.7m

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Application No. NL26

Register unit No(s):

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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965, SECTION 13

APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND WHICH BECAME  
A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN AFTER 2nd JANUARY 1970

To the

Application is hereby made for the registration as a town or village green of the land described below, which became so registrable after 2nd January 1970.

Part 1

Name of address of the applicant or (if more than one) of every applicant.

(Give Christian names or forenames and

surname or, in the case of a body corporate or

unincorporate, the full title of the body. If part

2 is not completed all correspondence and

notices will be sent to the first named

applicant).

PAMELA SHANKS  
13 ELM CRESCENT  
KIMBLESWORTH  
CHESTER-LE-STREET  
CO. DURHAM  
DH2 3QJ

JULIE BLURNHAM  
3 EAST PARADE  
KIMBLESWORTH  
CHESTER-LE-STREET  
CO. DURHAM  
DH2 3QW

Part 2

Name and address of solicitor, if any

(This part should be completed  
only if a solicitor has been  
instructed for the purposes of  
the application. If it is completed,  
all correspondence and notices  
will be sent to the solicitor)

Part 3

Particulars of the land to be registered, i.e. the land claimed to have become a town or village green.

Name by which usually known THE GREEN

Locality ELM CRESCENT, KIMBLESWORTH  
DH2 3GJ

Colour on plan herewith

RED.

Part 4

On what date did the land become a town or village green?

01/09/06

Part 5

How did the land become a town or village green?

THE LOCAL INHABITANTS HAVE INDULGED IN SUCH SPORTS & PASTIMES, AS OF RIGHT, FOR NOT LESS THAN 20 YEARS.

Part 6

Name and address of every person whom the applicant believed to be an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land claimed to have become a town or village green. (If none known, write "none")

CHESTER-LE-STREET DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CIVIC CENTRE  
NEWCASTLE ROAD  
CHESTER-LE-STREET  
CO DURHAM  
DH3 3UT

Part 7

For applications to register substituted land (see Note 5); to be disregarded in other cases.

Particulars of the "taken land", i.e. the land which ceased to be a town or village green (or part thereof) when the land described in part 3 became a town or village green (or part).

Name by which usually known

Locality

Colour on plan herewith (if any)

If registered under the 1965 Act, register unit No(s).

Part 8

List of supporting documents sent herewith, if any. (if none are sent, write "none".)

SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS  
PHOTOGRAPHS.

Part 9

If there are any other facts relating to the application which ought to be brought to the attention of the registration authority (in particular if any person interested in the land is believed to dispute the claim that it has become a town or village green) full particulars should be given here.  
(Continue on back if necessary.)

2. The application must be signed by or on behalf of each individual applicant, and by the secretary or other duly authorised officer of any applicant which is a body corporate or unincorporate

Date .. 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY ..... 2007 .

Signatures' .....  
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(See Note 9)

**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.

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

*JK P.S.*

1. PAMELA SHANKS

solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

2 Delete and adapt as necessary.

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

3 Insert name if applicable.

2. I have read the Notes to the application form.

3. 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 8 and 9 of the application.

4 Insert "marking" as on plan.

*JK P.S.*

4. The plan now produced and shown to me marked 4 "A" is the plan referred to in part 3 of the application.

5 Delete this paragraph if there is no plan referred to in part 7.

~~5. The plan now produced and shown to me marked 4 " " is the plan referred to in part 7 of the application.~~

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 PAMELA SHANKS )

at 143 FRONT STREET, CHESTER-LE-STREET )

in the COUNTY of DURHAM )

this 2nd day of JANUARY 2007 )



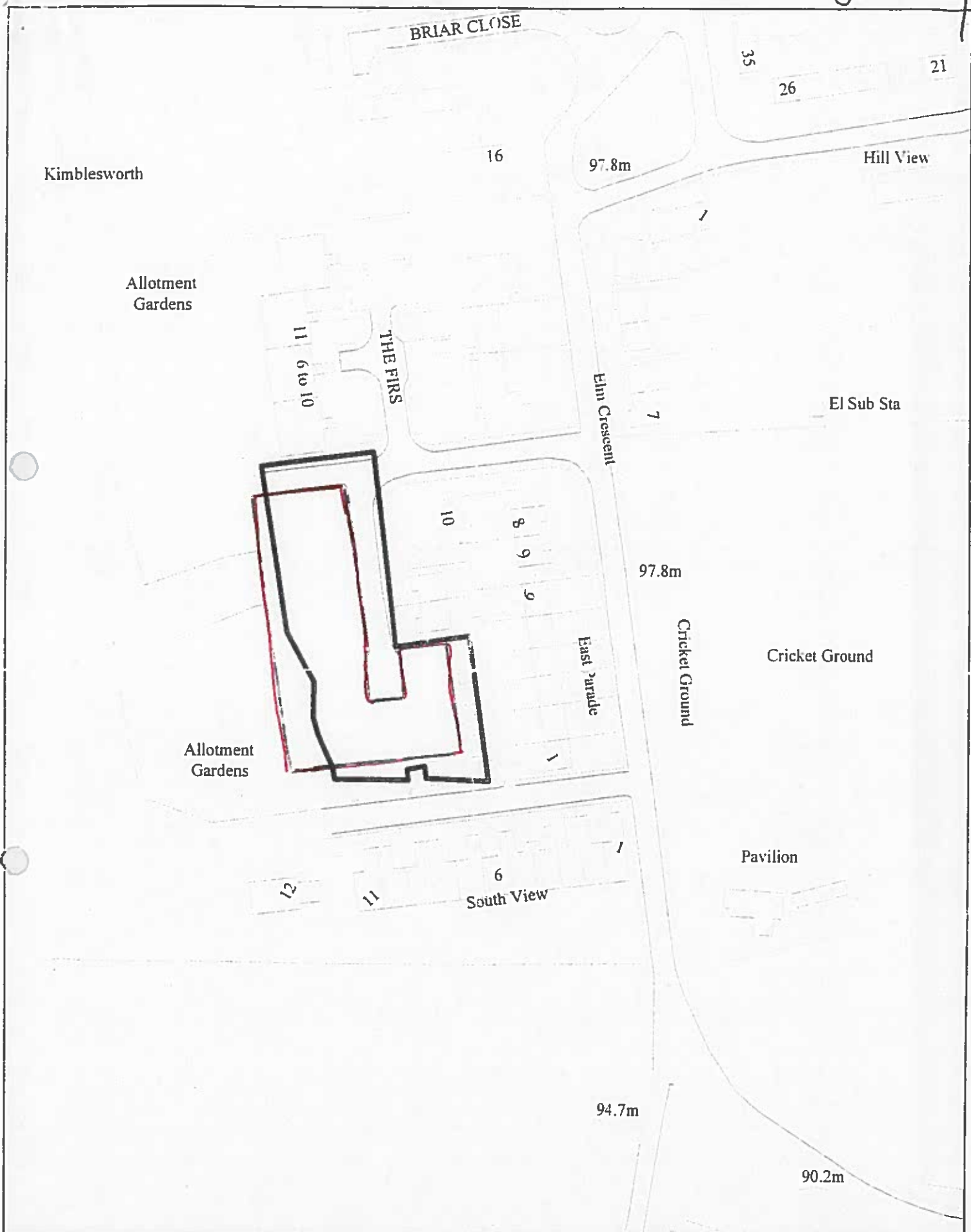
Signature ... )

Address ... 143 CHESTER-LE-STREET )

STREET, DURHAM )

Qualification SOLICITOR )

**REMINDER TO OFFICER TAKING DECLARATION**  
Please initial all alterations and mark any plan as an exhibit.

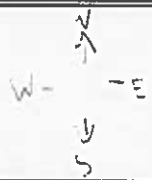


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27.4.07

Dear Sir

**Re: Commons Registration Act 1965 – Section 13**  
**Application for Registration of Land at Elm Crescent Kimblesworth**

I understand that an application was made earlier this year for the above mentioned area of land to be designated as a village green and would like to submit the following as evidence to support such an application.

Between the years 1975 and 2000, I was resident at The Old Vicarage, Kimblesworth. Between 1978 and 1988, I used to play games on the said land (eg Hide and Seek), and go 'black-berrying' there.

Between 1984 and 1993, I and others would use the land for sledging, nearly every time there was enough snow. We used to sledge from the area, up hill, to the immediate west, on to the land concerned.

Between 1987 and 1997, I used to walk my dog across said land on an almost daily basis.

From the year 1999 to date, I have walked across the land about six times in any one year. During the summer months, I have seen children playing on the land on most of these occasions, and sledge marks on the couple of occasions when there has been snow.

I hope that the above will be acceptable as evidence in support of registering the said land as a village green. If you require any more detail or clarification, please let me know.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Inman

B. Charlton  
Democratic and Corporate Services Division  
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Durham County Council  
County Hall  
DH1 5UL

136 Walkworth Drive  
Chester-Le-Street  
County Durham  
DH2 3TW

7/10/06

Dear Sir/Madam


I would like you to consider the options of designating the area behind East Parade & Elm Crescent Kimblesworth as a Village Green.

I lived in Kimblesworth village for 29 years and moved away only 5 years ago. My children regularly visit and stay with my parents who still live in the village. They, like my brother and I use the "green" (as it is generally known) for recreation purposes all year round. It is one of the few safe areas that children can play now, it has very little traffic and no buses, it also has the added security of houses close by, so as children are not isolated completely.

The area has always been popular for ball games/flying kites/cycling/sledging/putting tents up/making camps/berry picking/climbing trees etc. I used it with my brother, cousins and school friends for many years. Now generations on it is still used regularly, as it was generations before me.

The village has had a lot of development/new housing in recent years, I think it should be considered wisely about this area in particular.

Yours Faithfully  
W.R. Jackson



I used the land from 1972 - 1982  
my children used land <sup>now =</sup> from 1999 - 2027



1 East View  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-le-Street  
Co Durham  
DH2 3QR

15 March 07

Dear Sir

**Re- Application for Registration of Land at Elm Crescent, Kimbleworth**

We first moved into Nettlesworth, ( Tanmeads) in 1977. The land in question was then used as it is now, as a safe play area for local children. My family had friends living near to the land and frequently used it as a play area.

In 1983 we moved to the above address which is very close to the green area. It is a safe area, virtually traffic free making it the ideal place for both children and adults to enjoy. My son played with his dog and friends on the land for many years as have numerous other children.

We have used this land over the years, and still do, to walk the dogs, gain access to allotments, the countryside and other parts of the village.

This piece of land should seriously be considered as a village green and maintained as an open area for all to access and enjoy.

Yours faithfully



Susan Howard, Trevor Howard

2 East View  
Kimbleworth  
Chester le Street  
Co Durham  
20th March 2007

Support for a village green in Kimbleworth

Residents are applying the land bordering South View, East Parade & Elm Crescent in Kimbleworth to be registered as a village green.

I wish to add my support to this.

I have lived in the village since 1974 & during all of that time this piece of land has been used by the local community for dog walking, cycling, playing of ball games ie football, & cricket, sledging & this usage as been done as of right during all of this time.

I have used this land for dog walking between 1974 and 1984 for dog walking.

I have witnessed the local community (both adults and children) using the land from 1974 to the present date for dog walking, cycling, playing of ball games ie football, & cricket, & sledging. These activities have of course been dependent on the time of year.

Yours sincerely



Mr and Mrs WIERHAM  
3 East View  
Kymblesworth  
Cheadle-le-Street  
Dukem

DHA 3 QR

23-10-06

Dear Sir

Concerning <sup>the</sup> level (see attached map) to rear of South Views, East Parade and side and front of Elm Crescent this area of Land, has been used by local residents for sports, dog walking and pastimes. We have lived in East View since April 1982 a period of 24 years, and so far as we know has never been fenced and has been used as a right of way without necessity of any private property signs. Children have used the area for playing games etc since we have lived in the area.

This area has been used as a childrens playground etc for many years.

Yours etc. Mr Wierham

Mrs Jean Wierham

Village Green registration

CC Durham County Council

Durham City

P.S

My wife and family lived in South Views 1964-1966 and then moved away.

We returned to East View

19 April 1982 to date (March 2007)

During both periods I have witnessed local people and children using the land as prescribed above

J. W. WIERHAM. 10-3-07

①

MR + MRS H. LUDKIN  
6 EAST PARADE  
KIMBLESWORTH  
CHESTER - LE- STREET.  
CO DURHAM  
DH2 3QW  
26.10.06

Registering our Village green and Woodlands  
~~area~~ opposite East Parade South View and Elm  
Crescent Kimblesworth.

We have lived at the above address for  
28 years.

In all this time we have used our Village  
green to exercise the dog whilst enjoying  
the wildlife and birds which inhabit the  
woodlands, many species are quite rare  
including hedgehogs and on occasion we  
have seen a Red Squirrel in the area.

We Pick in Season Blackberries from the  
abundance of bushes.

The Green Belt Area has for years  
provided a safe Traffic Free Environment for  
the many local children where we hold  
Seasonal Community events for example  
Fireworks Displays and BBQ supervised

(2)

by the adults.

We all respect the surrounding area and keep it free from Litter + Dog Fowl.

The friendly environment for the local children and adults alike mean we have no problems with Anti-Social behaviour. It has proved over the many years where our children learn to first ride cycles without any added dangers from harm or road traffic. It also provides exercise areas for our children (instead of spending hours in front of TV's indoors).

They play Cricket, Football, Rounders, hide + seek and grown ups get in on the games too.

In winter it has provided an ideal meeting area to Sledge, build Snowmen and the like.

Our Village green is important to our local community and this is why we think it is worthy of being registered as our Village green

Yours faithfully



③

I have used the land in question  
from 1979 - To Date

My children have used the land  
since they were infants from 1986 - ~~2000~~ 2007

I have seen local people & Children  
using the Green from early 1980 - To Date  
2007

yours faithfully

~~M. W. W. W.~~

P.S. Now My childrens children are also  
enjoying playing on the green when they  
come to visit.

Mrs. M.Hind  
2 East Parade  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-Le-Street  
Co. Durham  
DH2 3QW

Village Green Application  
Durham County Council  
County Hall  
Durham City

12<sup>TH</sup> March 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this correspondence in support of our application for the land mentioned below to be given village green status.

I have lived at the above address since the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1977, from this time to the present day, I have used the land to the rear of East Parade, South View and to the side and front part of Elm Crescent, for activities such as, walking the dog, playing balls games with my Daughter, cycling, and bonfire night celebrations.

From December 1977 to the present time, I have on a regular basis, seen local people both adults and children, using the land for bike riding, jogging, horse riding, dog walking, picking blackberries, sledging and a range of ball games such as cricket, football and rounder's and netball.

My Daughter used this land from 1988 when she was aged 5. It was on this land that my Husband and I first taught her to ride a bike. As she got older she continued to use the land for many activities and games such as learning to horse ride, playing ball games, playing hide and seek and 'tag' and making 'camps'. Currently my daughter still uses this land to exercise the dog.

The area has had open public access throughout this time, and has been used freely and openly without permission.

Yours

A dark, rectangular redacted area covering the signature of Mrs M Hind.

Mrs M Hind

Miss Jo Hind  
2 East Parade  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-Le-Street  
Co. Durham  
DH2 3QW

Village Green Application  
Durham County Council  
County Hall  
Durham City

13<sup>TH</sup> March 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this correspondence in support of our application for the land to the rear of East Parade, South View and to the side and front part of Elm Crescent to be given village green status.

I lived at the above address from August 1983 till October 2005. I used the land from 1988 when I learned to ride a bike there with my parents, to the present day to walk the dog.

Although I no longer live at the above address I still use the land on a regular basis to walk the dog.

As a child I spent many happy hours on this land, using it for activities such as, exercising the dog, playing balls games with my friends and family, cycling, watching fireworks on bonfire night.

This land holds very fond memories for me; it was where I first learned to ride a bike and also later in life I first learned to horse ride here.

In the winter we regularly picked blackberries and when the snow came we often sledged on the land.

From 1988 to the current day, I have seen local people using the land for bike riding, playing games, horse riding, dog walking, picking blackberries, sledging playing ball games.

The area has had open public access throughout this time, and has been used freely and openly without permission.

I strongly believe this piece of land should be given village green status to allow others and myself the chance to continue to enjoy it the way I have done long into the future.

Yours



Miss Jo Hind



Mr. J.H. Hind  
2 East Parade  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-Le-Street  
Co. Durham  
DH2 3QW

Village Green Application  
Durham County Council  
County Hall  
Durham City

12<sup>TH</sup> March 2007

Dear Sir

Please accept this statement in support of our application for the land mentioned below to be given village green status.

I have lived at the above address since the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1977, and from this time to the present day, I have used land to the rear of East Parade, South View and to the side and front part of Elm Crescent, as identified on the map, for activities such as, walking the dog, playing badminton, cycling, and bonfire night celebrations.

My Daughter used this land from 1988 aged 5, when my wife and I taught her to ride a bike here and she still uses it to this day. As she got older she continued to use the land for many activities and games such as hide and seek, tig, learning to horse ride, playing ball games and making 'camps'. Currently my Daughter still uses this land to exercise the dog.

Since 1977 to the present day, I have regularly seen local people both adults and children, using the land for bike riding, jogging, dog walking, kite flying, picking blackberries, sledging and a range of ball games such as cricket, football and rounder's.

The area has had open public access throughout this time, and has been used freely and openly without permission.

Yours

J.Hind

MRS J. BURNHAM  
3, EAST PARADE  
KIMBUESWORTH  
CHESTER-LE-STREET  
CO. DURHAM  
DH2 3QW

Dear Sir,

I can confirm that I have lived at the above address since 1994 and that over these years I have enjoyed looking out and watching the children play hide and seek and build camps in the trees. The woodland has been there for children to also enjoy climbing up the conker trees and spending hours of fun playing the traditional game of conkers. Over the past 5yrs my own son has been old enough to join in with the rest of village children. The village green provides an open and secure place for my child and all the other village children to play safely. The children play on this green without permission, without breaking down fences and ignoring private property signs. The children play football, cricket rounders etc. My own son along with many others have learned to ride bikes on this green without being in any danger from traffic. In the summer months we put paddling pools and tents up and give the children picnics. During the winter months Adults and children enjoy snowballing and sledging. Many Villagers walk their dogs on this green and over the years enjoyed fruit picking. AS a parent I encourage my child to be as active as possible as does the government and this land is one of the few places he and other children can do safely.

Yours faithfully



I have witnessed people using the green from 1994 - 2007  
I have used this land from 1994 - 2007  
My son, has played on this green from 2002 - 2007.

MR J. C. BORNHAM  
3, EAST PARADE,  
KIMBLESWORTH  
CHESTER - LE STREET  
CO. DURHAM

DH2 30W

I am writing this statement to help our village green gain the status it desperately needs I have played on the green from 1974 until 1988 as a child. We played all kinds of ball games, picked blackberries from the trees, sledged and snowballed, road our bikes and had hours of fun. We did all these activities without permission, without breaking down fences and ignoring private property signs. I have witnessed people using this land for the things I have mentioned from 1974 until 2007. My own son now plays on this green and I still go and have a game of football or other ball games with him. We have fireworks on bonfire night and the kids have picnics and paddling pools in the summer. I have still used this green from 2002 - 2007 to enjoy watching and joining in with the children and my own son and hope to be able to enjoy many more years.



4 East Parade  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-Le-Street  
County Durham  
DH2 3QW

10 October 06

To whom it may concern

I can confirm that I have been a resident in the village of Kimbleworth for the past 34 years, living at the above address for all of this period of time, with my husband, and our two sons, when they were younger.

At the rear of East Parade Elm Crescent & South View, there is a large green open space, as well as a tree and shrub area. This area has been consistently used all the years we have lived here, in the main by local children from toddlers to teens.

Our own sons, now aged 39 and 34 played there safely throughout their childhood, along with cousins and friends in the village. They played there as other children do now, cycling, numerous ball games, flying kites, picnics, putting up tents, sledging, fruit picking blackberry/elderberry/rose hips etc. collecting leaves for nature projects, climbing trees, making camps, and running about in the open space just for the fun of it. The "green" as it is locally known is also used by adults for walking their dogs, and also for fruit picking. It is a pleasant area, very clean because the children respect it and rarely leave any litter around. It has only a small amount of traffic flow, making it one of the rare places you can find now for children to play safely.

I feel after all the years that I have seen it used it would be very sad to see it turned into building land. Generations of children have used it, and still do, our sons are grown up now and left home, but our grandchildren now play there regularly. I myself lived in the village in the late 1950's, and as a child I played there myself for many years with my friends. I moved out of the village with my parents, then returned a few years after I was married.

Time passes and I do realise some things do have to change, in this case I feel it would be detrimental to much of the village children and adults now, and also for generations to come. It would also bring increasing amounts of traffic to a small village, which has had it's fair share of new buildings in the village over the last few years.

This is my grievance against this land being sold for building purpose. I feel it should be considered in detail, before decisions are taken, with the consideration of giving it a "Village Green" status.

Kind regards  
Carole Jackson (Mrs)

I used the land from 1958 - 1962  
My children used the land from 1972 - 1982  
My grandchildren use the land <sup>now</sup> from 1999 - 2007  
I have witnessed local people/children using the  
land from 1972 - 2007

4 East Parade  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-Le-Street  
County Durham  
DH2 3QW

  
10 October 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been a resident at the above address for 34 years, along with my wife, and our two sons when they were younger.

The area at the rear of East Parade Elm Crescent & South View has always been used mostly by children, for a playing field as long as we have lived here. It is used for cycling, ball games, flying kites, making camps, pitching tents, blackberry picking, sledging etc. It is also frequented by adults walking their dogs, and in the autumn quite a lot of adults fruit pick too.

Our own sons have used it throughout their childhood to their early teens. It is safe in the fact there is virtually no traffic, and houses surround some of it giving some added security. Our sons are grown up now and have left home, our grandchildren now play there every week when they visit us and they still have as much fun being able to play so freely.

I feel building development on this land would be detrimental to the village, as the area has well and varied use by many people of all age groups. I would like to think it could be kept for generations to come and to enjoy, by considering giving it a "Village Green" status.

Yours Faithfully

W.W. Jackson (Mr)


I moved here with my family in 1972. One of the main reasons was it provided a safe area for the children to play. We all made great use of the green area to the rear and I still do with my grandchildren. Other local people/children also use the land from 1972 - Today.

24 October 2006

Mrs J Bryan  
6 Elm Crescent  
Kimbleworth  
Chester Le Street  
Co Durham  
DH2 3QJ

Dear Sirs,

I was horrified to discover that the land adjacent to Elm Crescent is to be sold off for development and felt that I must write to appeal against the decision.

I have lived in Kimbleworth for 13 years and in the above address for more than 10. I have a young son who loves to play football and has always used the grassed area in question to play with his friends. I have always allowed him to play there as he is safe and away from any on coming traffic and not too close to houses. We have always had a dog while living in the village and use the area to walk the dog daily. It's a lovely quiet spot and I always see a number of dog owners using the land for the same purpose and have done for as long as I can remember.

The rural area of bushes and trees is a great play area for the children to make camps and to pick brambles and conkers. My son has been brought up in Kimbleworth and is now 12. It is a terrible shame that he will no longer be able to play football on the field and enjoy the rural seclusion of the spot.

I hope and pray that the land is saved and is left for future generations to enjoy as we always have. Please remember that this is a quiet rural village with both a young population of families with children as well as the older generation of people who have lived here all their lives. They too have dogs and enjoy a peaceful walk in Elm Crescent and it will be a sin to spoil such a lovely rural and quiet area to build more houses.


Yours hopefully



Mrs J Bryan

13 November 2006.

Stephen Sherrington  
Bobbie Sherrington  
11 Elm Crescent,  
Kimbleworth,  
Chester-le-Str,  
Co. Durham,  
DH2 3QJ.



Dear Reader,

It has come to my attention that the land for sale at Kimbleworth is going ahead, this is very upsetting as my 4 year old daughter plays on this stretch of green along with other children from the village. This area will be of great loss to everyone in this village, therefore I plead with the council to make this area into Kimbleworth's village green, otherwise the children won't have anywhere safe to play, which would be a great shame.

Thank you for your time.

I have used the land from November 2003 to present date, my child has used the land from November 2003, I have witnessed the local children using this land from November 2003.



Mary simpson  
12 Elm crescent  
Kimble worth  
Chester-le-street  
Co.Durham

Dear sir

I am writing to you about the village green opposite my home.  
I have lived here for 24 years and it has always been a play area for most of the children in the village my children included. We have never had any problems with vandals or rubbish left lying from any of the children.  
Over the years the children have played football, cricket, rounders, snow ball fights and sledging all of which have kept the children happy and occupied. We also have firework display.  
One of my main concerns about losing the green is the children will have to cross a busy road with a blind spot to get to the nearest play area which in my opinion is rather dangerous.  
I have family and friends that walk along the green with there dogs as do a lot of people from the village.  
Please take these points into consideration.

Thank you

Mrs M Simpson and family



I HAVE USED THE LAND FROM 1982 - NOW.

SO HAVE MY CHILDREN. AND MY GRANDCHILDREN

I HAVE WITNESSED LOCAL PEOPLE/CHILDREN  
USING THE LAND 1982 - TO PRESENT DAY 2007.





P. Shanks  
13 Elm Crescent  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-le-street  
Co Durham  
22.11.06.

I would like to support the application for the green and woodland opposite East Parade, Elm Crescent and South View Kimbleworth to be registered as a village green.

I grew up in Nettlesworth and my grandparents lived in Kimbleworth, where I spent a lot of my childhood.

I can recall playing on this land whilst at Primary school which was from 1973 with other children from the village.

My mother, who is 62, was born and grew up in Kimbleworth and she played on this land as a child.

In February 2003 I moved to 13 Elm Crescent, Kimbleworth. This land was one of the main reasons I chose to move here as I have 3 children.

My children have played freely and safely here with the other children in all weathers since the day we moved in.

We all play on this land, both adults and children of all ages.

In Summer we play football, cricket, badminton, rounders and netball, we have barbeques and picnics.

We put paddling pools out on the grass beside the trees and they provide shade to protect the children from the strong sun.

In the height of summer the children play on the land beneath the trees as it is cooler in the shade.

The children enjoy climbing the trees, especially when the conkers are 'ready'.

In Autumn we enjoy picking the blackberries around the edge of the land.

Families enjoy using the green for fireworks on Guy Fawkes night, New Years eve and family birthdays ect.

In winter we sledge and have snowball 'fights'.


There are a lot of people including myself use the land to walk their dogs. Even late at night it is a safe place to do so.

We must all encourage our children to be as active as possible and this land has provided a safe place for us to do so for 3 generations and we must ensure it is here for our future generations.

I feel that this land, as it is used today and has been for many years, is an invaluable part of our community.

I fear that if it is not registered as a village green we will lose it forever.

Yours faithfully

  
MRS P. SHANKS.

I have used the land from 1973 to 2007  
My children have used the land 2003 to 2007.  
I have witnessed local people/children using the land 1973 to 2007



M.Cramman  
14 Hillmeads  
Nettleworth  
Chester-le-Street  
Co.Durham  
DH2 3PU

Dear sir,

Please consider the following, regarding the land at Elm Crescent Kimblesworth to be a village green.

I was born at 15 Elm crescent and moved when the houses collapsed in 1946 because of the mining subsidence. I then lived in one of the colliery houses and with the rest of the village children played on the rubble and foundations of the houses at Elm Crescent . WE went up also to see the "pop man's" horse ,which was stabled just behind Elm Crescent, and went to the gardens there to see the pigeons and feed the hens.

In 1966/67 my husband rented a garage at Elm Crescent and we often took the dog and my daughter over there to play.

Now ,my grandchildren play there with their friends from the village.

Yours sincerely,



I have used the land from 1948 - 2007  
my children and grandchildren used the land  
from 1943 to 2007

I have witnessed local people using the  
land from 1948 to 2007.

  
5.6.07

Mrs J Donnelly  
7 Cedar avenue  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-le-Street  
Co Durham

I would like to support the application for village green status for the land at Elm Crescent, Kimbleworth.

I have lived at Kimbleworth since 2002 and since then my two sons play here safely.

They play football and ride their bikes there. I would like to see the land including the trees that they climb given village green status so they can continue to do so

Yours faithfully




7 Oak Cres  
Kimbleworth

3rd December 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

Having lived in this village for nearly 25 yrs and an avid dog owner/walker I am totally devastated to learn that we may be losing a valuable stretch of green to walk along. It is ideal for allowing pets to roam as you have the comfort of knowing that even during the winter months you are in a safe environment. It also gives us easy accessibility to the fields at the top of the greens.

People are being encouraged to take more exercise and now we could possibly be deprived of an enjoyable early morning/evening stroll.

Yours faithfully  


Concerned Resident

I have used the land from living in Kimblesworth since 1983 to the present time

H HALL

7 OAK CRESCENT

KIMBLESWORTH

Co DURHAM

DHZ 39A

031206

Dear Sir,

Having lived in the village for the last 25 yrs, I have always walked my dogs along the green and beyond, it is a safe place at night and particularly in the winter months when it is too dark to go elsewhere later in the day.

From 28-9-83 AND STILL NOW USING IT

Yours sincerely


REP: GREEN BELT ELM CRESCENT



MR. MRS L. MAESSENS  
8, OAK CRESCENT  
KIMBLESWORTH  
CHESTER-LE-ST  
CO. DUREHAM  
DH2 3QA  
2nd Nov 2006

To whom it may concern,  
we have been resident in Kimblesworth for many years, and for the last 31 years we have had ponies stabled near by the green land in question for development. Over the years we have walked the ponies and our dogs around this green, as we have always called it. The children who play there make a fuss of the ponies and dogs.

The children play football, cricket, rounders and sledging in winter, also the children play in the tree area opposite to the green, and we go there to pick blackberries every year. Our daughter played there on the green as a child, she is now 31 years old. My husband played there as a young boy he is now 60 years old, so it has been a place of activity for a very long time. We now take our grandchild walking round this green. Hopefully he will be able to play there, and join in the activity in the future.

Yours Sincerely  


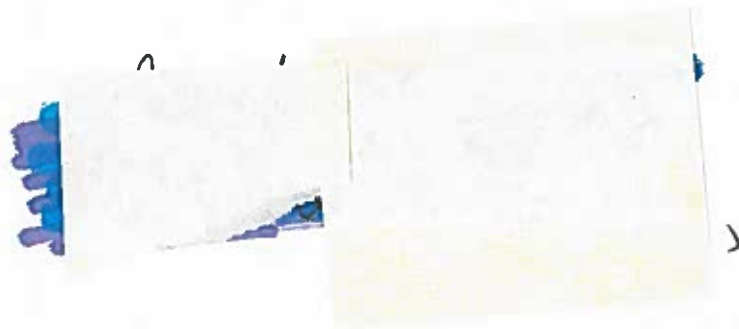
Mrs V Stattersfield  
24 Oak Crescent  
Kimblesworth  
Chester-le-Street  
Co Durham  
2.01.07

I would like to support the land at Elm Crescent to be given village green status.

I have a seven year old son who plays on the green and in the trees at Elm Crescent.

He enjoys playing football and other ball games here with the other children. He also enjoys just being able to run around freely which I allow him to do, as it is the only place he can do so safely in the village.

Yours faithfully




MY CHILDREN HAVE USED THE LAND SINCE 2004 TO PRESENT.  
I HAVE WITNESSED LOCAL PEOPLE/CHILDREN USING THE LAND  
FROM 2004 TO PRESENT.

V.S. 16.07.


Anthony Walter Sprout  
33, Cedar Avenue  
Kimbleworth  
Co. Durham  
30 II 2006

I have lived in Kimbleworth since I was nine years old and always remember the happy times not only as a child but as a adult playing games on the Green opposite Elm Crescent. As a child I always felt safe there with the houses so near. I still watch children playing Football Cricket and picking Blackberries along side the Green. People walk their Dogs and can let them off as it is safe and far from the main road. If this Green Field is built on it will not only spoil the local children Playground but block access to the Woodside. This Green has been used for recreation pastimes for as long as I can remember and to take it away now would spoil the Woodside and the surrounding areas especially the Trees were a number of Birds build nests. To take away Birds habitat would be very harmful in the long run as Song Bird are rarer than ever. Please take all this into consideration for the sake of the local childrens enjoyment.

I Hope all the information I have wrote will be taken into account and I now sign this petition.

 27th January 1944

Mrs Tracey Smith,  
11, Briar Close,  
Kimblesworth,  
Chester-le-Street,  
Co - Durham.  
DH2 3QH.

  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006.

Dear Sir / madam.

My name is Tracey Smith. I am writing in support of registering the green at Elm Crescent as a village green.

I was born in Kimblesworth and lived at number 11, Elm Crescent with my parents, 2 brothers and 2 Sisters until approximately 1981.

As children we played on the green opposite our house. We rode our bikes there, played football, tag, tennis and all other childhood games. When it snowed we built snowmen and made slides down the woodside and down the green. We also had a bonfire and fireworks display there with neighbours and surrounding streets every year.

My father had an allotment beside the green. We had goats and horses which my father used to put out to graze on the green.

There were apple and pear trees on the green and also raspberry and gooseberry bushes there as well. From which which picked the fruit.

As long as I've lived in the village the green has been used as a play area. Not just by the children in the street but also by the children of the village.

There has never been any fences or signs to say the green should not be played on and no-one ever objected.

I moved from Elm Crescent when I was approximately 12 years old but returned when I was approximately 15 years old. We moved into 6, Elm Crescent where I lived until June 1995. My son was born in 1990 and for a couple of years he also played on the green along with his friends. Still to this day him and his friends play football on the green.

The green is a safe place for the children to play as it is away from all of the traffic which comes through the village. I hope the green will stay as that and not have houses built on it as it is a valuable piece of green. It is probably the safest place in the village for the children to play on.

I have many happy childhood memories playing there and hope the children of the future will be able to say the same. It would be a tragedy if houses were to be built on this green.

Thank you

yours Sincerely



I have used the land from 1971 - present date  
my child used the land from 1990 - present date  
I have witnessed local people / children using the  
land from 1971 to present date

1 Briar Close  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-Le-Street  
County Durham  
DH2 3QH

08-10-06

Dear Sir/Madam

I have lived in Kimbleworth Village for almost 50 years, most of this time living at the above address with my husband and family of three girls.

I would like you to consider the option of making the area at the rear of East Parade & Elm Crescent a "Village Green" status. It has, as long as I can remember, been used by children of all ages for ball games, making camps, picnics, flying kites, blackberry picking, sledging, cycling and also used by adults for walking their dogs.

My husband played there as a boy, all of our three girls have used the area over their years of growing up. Now our daughters are grown up, some of their children (my grandchildren) play on the green (as it is locally known) with their cousins and friends.

This village has had a fair share of house building in the last few years, this is one of the few areas that children can play without the fear of a lot of traffic and no buses. It also has houses surrounding some of the area which gives some added security for children playing.

Yours Faithfully  
Jean Nixon (Mrs)



My children used the land from  
1967 - 1982

My grandchildren use the land from  
1999 to date 2007

## Kimbleworth – use of green space.

I and my family moved to Kimbleworth on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1992 and have lived at 5 South View since that time. As my children were 7 and 3 years respectively when we initially arrived they found the green space referred to as 'the common' of immediate use and appeal to them. The space was one where they met other children and played collective games and indulged in other pastimes. They used the space in this way from 1992 until 1999 and 2002 respectively. Their use of 'the common' has changed as they have grown older they still walk the dog (we have had several dogs over the years) in this space using it in this way from 1992 until the present (2007) and continue to do so into the future. My son was particularly glad to have a space to go where ball games were permitted. My daughter remembers fondly her first ride on a horse that she had in this space. The children also played in and around the trees that fringe the green space. In addition to this the whole family used to pick blackberries from the bushes that border the space. In winter sledging was an activity that many of the local children (and adults) indulged in when snow came. Whilst my own children are now grown up it is gratifying to see that other children continue to play in the same way in this space, especially so given that for a lot of children nowadays relatively unstructured outdoor play is a rare activity. This we have seen happen since 1992 and it continues up to the present day (2007).

I continue to use the green space to walk and exercise my dog. In so doing I regularly observe other people using the common. Children regularly play football on the common and there are two 5 a side goals with nets that have remained in use over the last year or so. This happens on a daily basis as long as the weather permits.

Thus: I have used the land from 1992 to 2007.

My children have used the land from 1992 to 2007.

I have witnessed local people and children using the land from 1992 to 2007.

In conclusion I would argue that the common space provides an irreplaceable forum in which play, pastimes and activities for children and adults are carried out. In short this is a space that provides facility for the whole of the population both children and adults and has continued to do so across the generations. In its present form it provides a flexible space which is used creatively by the plurality of local residents, as such I would support its designation as a village green.

Dr Ian Roberts  
5 South View  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-le-Street  
County Durham

  
31 March 2007

8 South View  
Kimbleworth

Chester-le-Street  
Co Durham  
DH2 3QN  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Dear Sir,

With reference to the area of land behind East Parade, Kimbleworth I would like to provide you with dates from which time my family has used this area. My husband and I have lived at 8 South View since our marriage in 1977.

My eldest daughter Laura was born in 1981 and when she was learning to walk in about 1982 we would take her onto the 'common' as we called it for a toddle.

My second daughter Kate was born in 1983 and likewise used this area for learning to walk around 1984. Both girls learnt to ride bikes on the common when they were aged 6-7 years; the slight slope enabled them to start at the top and coast down the small incline.

My third daughter Erin was born in 1988 and like her sisters learned to walk and ride her bike on the common.

In the early nineties, about 1992, when Erin was four the three girls would play on the common as it was a safe environment and close enough to our house to let me hear and see them playing.

As the girls got older, from 1989 onwards the girls would have friends round and they would spend a lot of time playing on the common. This was in all seasons, wintertime being used for snowball fights and sledging.

After the trees were planted and became more established, about 1998, Erin would play amongst them with her friends. As a family during all this period we regularly played games on the common including football, cricket, rounders and frisby.

It is only since our children have grown up that we do not use this area very much. However I can say that other children now benefit from playing in this area. I enjoy seeing them having fun and making good use of this area of land.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Brown



11, South View  
Kimbleworth  
C-L-S  
DH2 3QN  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2007

To whom it may concern:

Re: registration of land as a Village Green - rear of East Parade

I have been resident at the above address since 1970 and wish to support the above registration application.

The area of land specified has been used continuously by my friends and family for a variety of community-based activities since we moved here in 1970 until the present date. At no time did anyone approach us to advise that access to the area was either forbidden or restricted in any way.

My children and their friends played, on the grassy area, within sight of their parents from 1971 to 1998, when the last of my family left home. My grandchildren now play on the same area when they visit during the holidays.

In the summer months we enjoyed team games and riding bikes, and in the winter, sledging, and bonfire night celebrations.

From the day we moved into the village in 1970 we have always exercised our dogs, picked blackberries, and walked the toddlers here in complete safety, away from busy roads.

I feel that the time is right to acknowledge the part that this area of land plays in the community, and that to have it registered as a Village Green would be the best way of accomplishing this.

May I also remind councillors that Parents are currently being exhorted to encourage their children to play outside, to improve their health, but are often too scared to let them out of their sight. A Village Green, within sight of parents, and neighbours, sited on land which has already been fulfilling this important community function for many years, would be a valuable asset to us all.

Yours faithfully



( Ms Judith M Pye)

Mr Jonathan Pye  
Flat 1, Breamish House  
52 Breamish Street  
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne  
NE1 2DD

Dear Sir/Madam

**R.E. Registration of land to rear of East Parade as Village Green.**

I write to express my interest in registering the piece of land behind East Parade as a village green. This area has been a pleasant and safe recreation space for children & adults for as long as I can remember and I would like to ensure that this continues for many years to come.

As a resident in neighbouring street, South View from 1980 until 2000, I spent much of my own childhood playing games like football, rounders and cricket on this green, as well as cycling and fitness training in later years. I feel very strongly that others should be able to enjoy this plot as I did, and that official recognition of this land as a village green is the only way to safeguard this.

Although I now live and work in Newcastle, I still visit friends & family in the area often who feel just as strongly as I do that this green should be given protected status. As parents now themselves, this land is precious to them as it provides their children with an open, safe and friendly environment in which to play & learn.

Please advise what, if any further action is needed to progress my application.

Yours Sincerely,



Jonathan Pye

**APPENDIX 4**

<b>PERSON</b>	<b>YEARS</b>	<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>EVIDENCE</b>
Mr and Mrs Marsden	31	8 Oak Crescent, Kimblesworth	Walked dogs and ponies (from nearby stables) Children playing Sledging Picking blackberries
H Hall	23 1983 - 2006	7 Oak Crescent, Kimblesworth	Dog walking
J S Law	23 1983 - 2006	7 Oak Crescent, Kimblesworth	Walking
Mrs V Stattersfield	2 2004 - 2006	24 Oak Crescent, Kimblesworth	Children playing football and other ball games
Mrs J Donnelly	4 2002 - 2006	7 Cedar Avenue, Kimblesworth	Children playing
Anthony Walter Sproates	44 1952 - 2006	33 Cedar Avenue, Kimblesworth	Playing Picking blackberries Dog walking
Mrs Tracey Smith	35 1971 - 2006	11 Briar Close, Kimblesworth	Children playing Sledging Bonfires
Mrs Jean Nixon	50	1 Briar Close, Kimblesworth	Children playing Blackberry picking Dog walking
Dr Ian Roberts	14 1992 - 2006	5 South View	Children playing Dog walking Blackberry picking
Mrs Margaret Brown	39 1977 - 2006	8 South View	Children playing
Judith Pye	36 1970 - 2006	11 South View	Children playing Bonfires Sledging Blackberry picking
Jonathan Pye	20 1980 - 2000	South View (former address)	Playing ball games
Daniel Inman	25 1975 - 2000	27 Uphill Drive, Sacriston (when lived at The Old Vicarage, Kimblesworth)	Played games on the land Black-berrying Sledging (when snow) Dog walking

W R Jackson	10 + 8 1972-1982 1999 - 2007	136 Walkworth Drive, Chester-le-Street  (lived in Kimblesworth previously)	Playing Black-berrying Climbing trees
Susan and Trevor Howard	35 1977 -2006	1 East View, Kimblesworth	Play area for children Dog walking Access to allotments
?	33 1974 - 2007	2 East View, Kimblesworth	Dog walking Playing ball games
Mr and Mrs Wiggham	24 1982 - 2007	3 East View, Kimblesworth	Sport use Dog walking Unfenced
Mrs M Hind	29 1977 - 2006	2 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Dog walking Playing ball games Bonfire night celebrations Blackberry picking
Mrs M Hind	29 1977 - 2006	2 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Dog walking Playing ball games Bonfire night celebrations Blackberry picking
Mr J H Hind	29 1977 - 2006	2 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Dog walking Playing ball games Bonfire night celebrations Blackberry picking
Mrs J Burnham	12 + 5 1974 - 1988 2002 - 2007	3 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Children playing Dog walking Blackberry picking
Mr J C Burnham	13 1994 - 2007	3 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Children playing Dog walking Blackberry picking
Mr W W Jackson	34 1972 - 2006	4 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Children playing Dog walking Blackberry picking
Mrs CE Jackson	34 1972 - 2006	4 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Children playing Dog walking Blackberry picking
Mr and Mrs H Ludkin	28 1979 - 2006	6 East Parade, Kimblesworth	Dog walking Black-berrying Children playing
Mrs J Bryan	10 1996 - 2006	6 Elm Crescent, Kimblesworth	Children playing Dog walking Picking brambles
Stephen	3	11 Elm Crescent,	Children playing

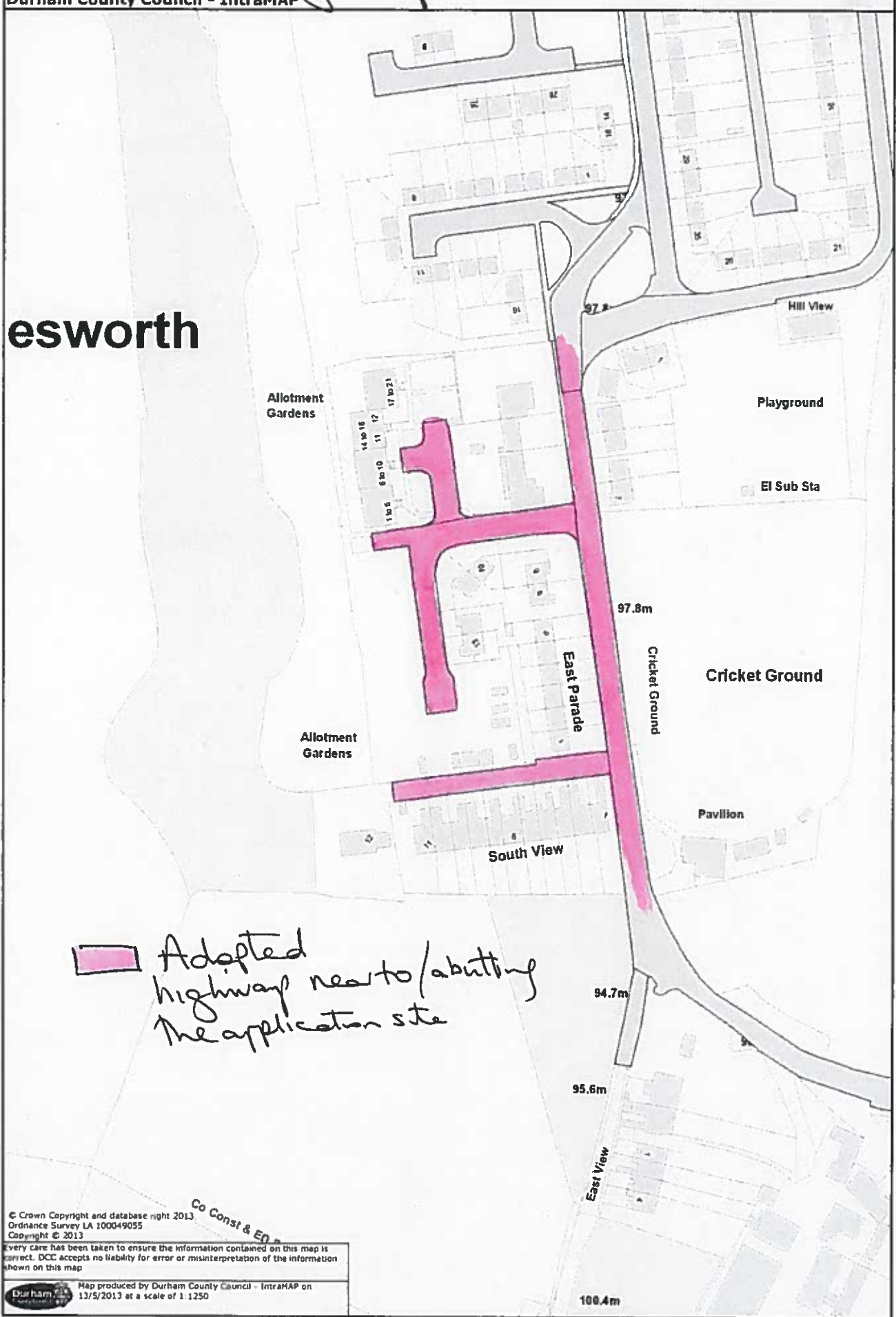
Sherrington	2003 - 2006	Kimblesworth	
Mary Simpson	24 1982 - 2006	12 Elm Crescent, Kimblesworth	Children playing Fireworks Sledging
Mrs P Shanks	30 1973 - 2007	13 Elm Crescent, Kimblesworth	Children playing Football, cricket and other sports Climbing trees Picking blackberries Sledging Dog walking
M Cramman	59 1948 - 2007	15 Elm Crescent, Kimblesworth (previous address)	Children playing


*Adapted highways*

*Appendix 5*

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 Adopted highway near to/abutting the application site

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# Land Ownership

# Appendix 6

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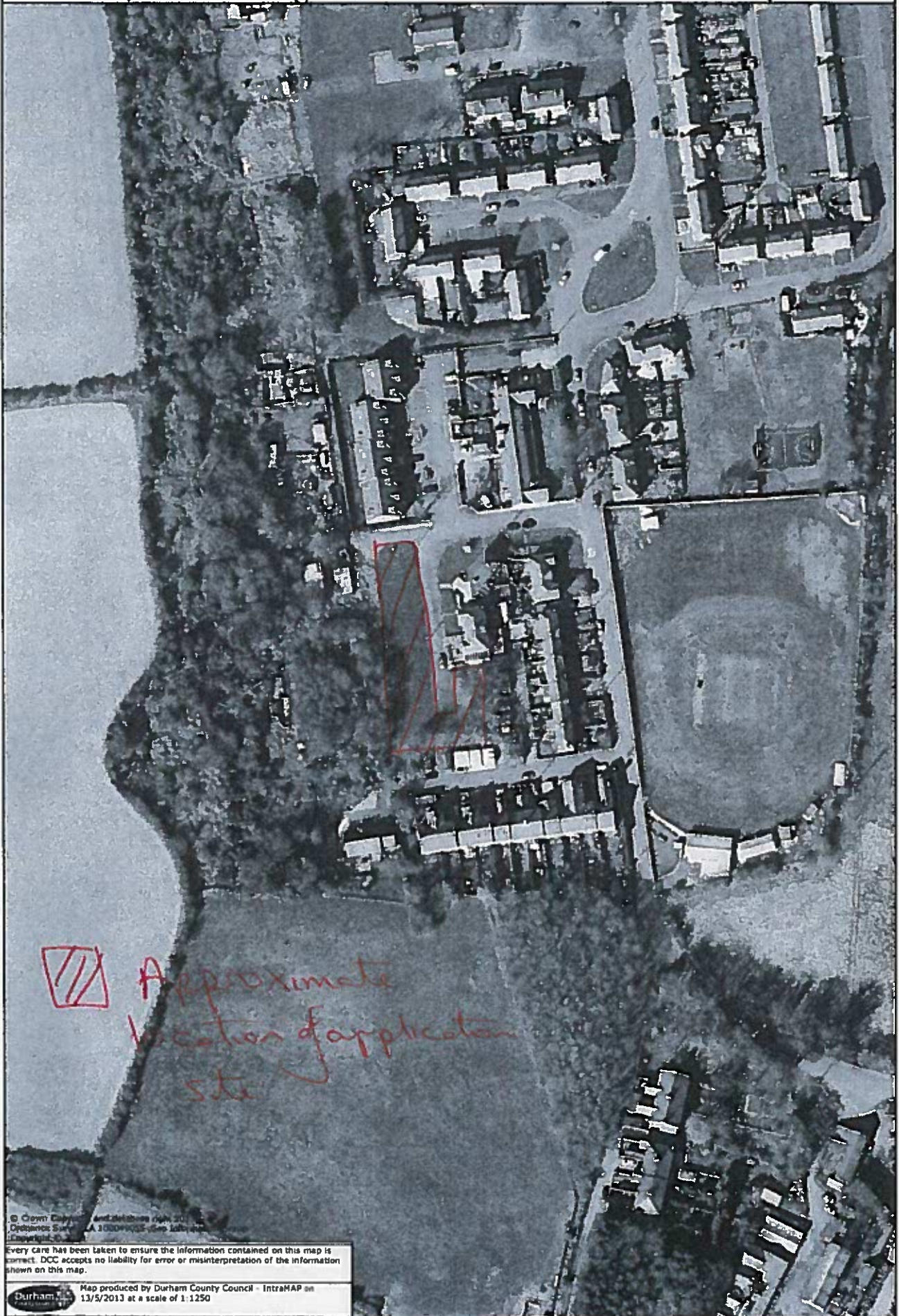
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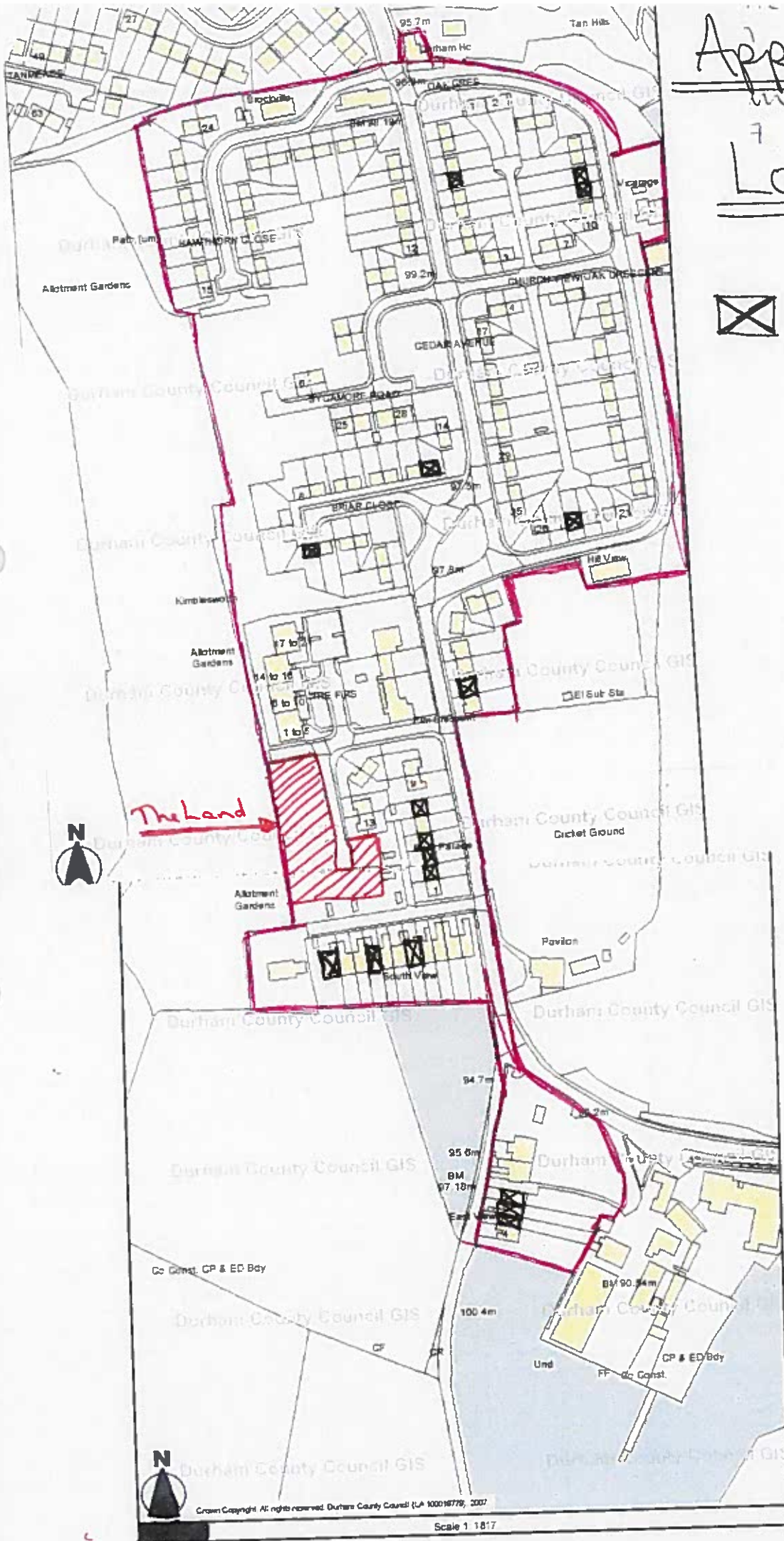
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# Appendix 8

## Locality

⊠ Address of witness



Louise Kelly  
Legal Services  
Durham County Council

Appendix  
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Mr John Hind  
2 East Parade  
Kimbleworth  
Chester-le-Street  
Co. Durham  
DH2 3QW

01913712898

07<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Louise Kelly,

I have no objection to the proposed registration of the whole land bordered in red as a village green, excepting the land in blue.

The area in blue, I believe, is part of an area of land used and maintained by myself since at least 1983. I have, I believe, photographic and other supporting evidence to this effect.

Using the original dimensions which I had provided to Chester-le-Street District Council's surveyor as the land which I wished to buy, a comparison shows agreement with that which exists on the the ground. I have done this because of the tolerance and the relevant Land Registry plan extracts. I believe Mrs P. Shanks and Mrs J. Burnham have no objection to a change to the relevant boundary of the proposed village green, to exclude the blue land.

I believe the land bordering the western edge of the proposed village green has been a long standing lane used by pedestrians and vehicles providing access to the allotments and other paths, but has become unsuitable because of fly tipping, knot weed and other natural growth therefore access has been obtained over the open proposed village green area. I hope this existing access would not be stopped should the proposed village green area be established.

Yours Sincerely

John Hind

Since 1985 I have used the whole of the land claimed as a village green to access & egress the adjoining allotments. This has been on foot & occasionally with vehicles

4<sup>th</sup> June 2013

MRS J. BURNHAM  
3, EAST PARADE  
KIMBLESWORTH  
CH. LE. ST  
CO. DURHAM

Rec'd 7/6/13

R.E. THE GREEN, KIMBLESWORTH  
AS VILLAGE GREEN.

D112 300

Dear Mrs Kelly,

Following your letter of May 15<sup>th</sup> 2013: the use of the words "COUNCIL LAND" in my letter of November 2012 was incorrect. Having spoken to Mr Hind about the land indicated in blue, shown in your letter I believe that the boundary of the potential village green area should reflect Mr Hinds use and ownership of this land for more than 20yrs prior to my application, that the original application line was an oversight which did not reflect this, and that otherwise

4<sup>TH</sup> June 2013

MRS J. BURNHAM  
3, EAST PARADE  
KIMBLESWORTH  
CH. LE. ST

Rec'd 7/6/13

CO. DURHAM

R. E. THE GREEN, KIMBLESWORTH  
AS VILLAGE GREEN.

DN2 3QU

Dear Mrs Kelly,

following your letter of  
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shown in your letter I believe that the  
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area should reflect Mr HINDS use and  
ownership of this land for more than  
20yrs prior to my application, that the  
original application line was an oversight  
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