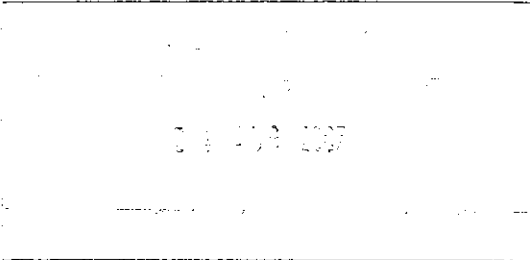


Commons Act 2006: Section 15

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

Official stamp of registration authority indicating valid date of receipt:



Application number:

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

Note 1
Insert name of registration authority.

To the

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CENTRY HALL
DULHAM

2. Name and address of the applicant

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.

Name: MAIZEK SOCHOCKI

Full postal address:

14 MAIN ST
WITTON PARK
BISHOP AUCKLAND
CO DURHAM
Postcode DL14 0DX

Telephone number: (incl. national dialling code) 01388 605541

Fax number: (incl. national dialling code)

E-mail address:

3. Name and address of solicitor, if any

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.

Name:

Firm:

Full postal address:

Post code

Telephone number: (incl. national dialling code)

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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:

The Village Green

Location:

Wilton Park, Bishop Auckland

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

Common land register unit number (if relevant) *

N/A

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.

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:

Wilton Park, Bishop Auckland.
Escomb Ward.

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.

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(8).

After being declared a category D village the housing on the land referred to in the application was pulled down in the 1960s and 1970s.

An action committee was formed to improve the quality of life of the villagers and to save the village.

In 1980 the Territorial Army, Bishop Auckland Branch were organized to clear the land.

Money was raised by the villagers and Manpower services were employed to level the land, grass it over and build a low boundary wall. By 1983 this work was complete.

Tree plantings were organized to commemorate the Queen Mother's 80th Birthday. Wear Valley Council supplied swings, a roundabout and a slide. The council also maintains the area by grasscutting.

The land has never been fenced off and villagers have used for ball games, cricket rounds, Crochet, golf, football, badminton and general play for children. It has been and continues to be used for walking, Tai Chi, walking dogs, horse riding, Birthdays parties, and many other activities.

It is generally considered to be a safe area and the green heart of the village.

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(8).

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

NOT KNOWN.

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

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.

MAP OF WITTON PARK . EXHIBIT A .

Newspaper cuttings referring to the Green.
Exh B1 B2 B3
A photograph of the Green visit is now.
Exhibit C.

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.

[Empty box for additional information]

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:

8th August 2007

Signatures:

[Redacted signature]

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.

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

I, MARK SOLTCHIK solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

² Delete and adapt as necessary.

1.² I am ((the person (~~one of the persons~~) who (has) (~~have~~) signed the foregoing application)) ((~~the solicitor to~~ (the applicant) (~~one of the applicants~~)).

³ 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.

⁴ Complete only in the case of voluntary registration (strike through if this is not relevant) *N/A*

4.⁴ 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

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

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

Marek Sochocki

at

Walter Pak
Co Dulu

this

9th
23rd

day of August 2007

1. M.S.

Signature of Declarant

Before me *

Signature:

Address:

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

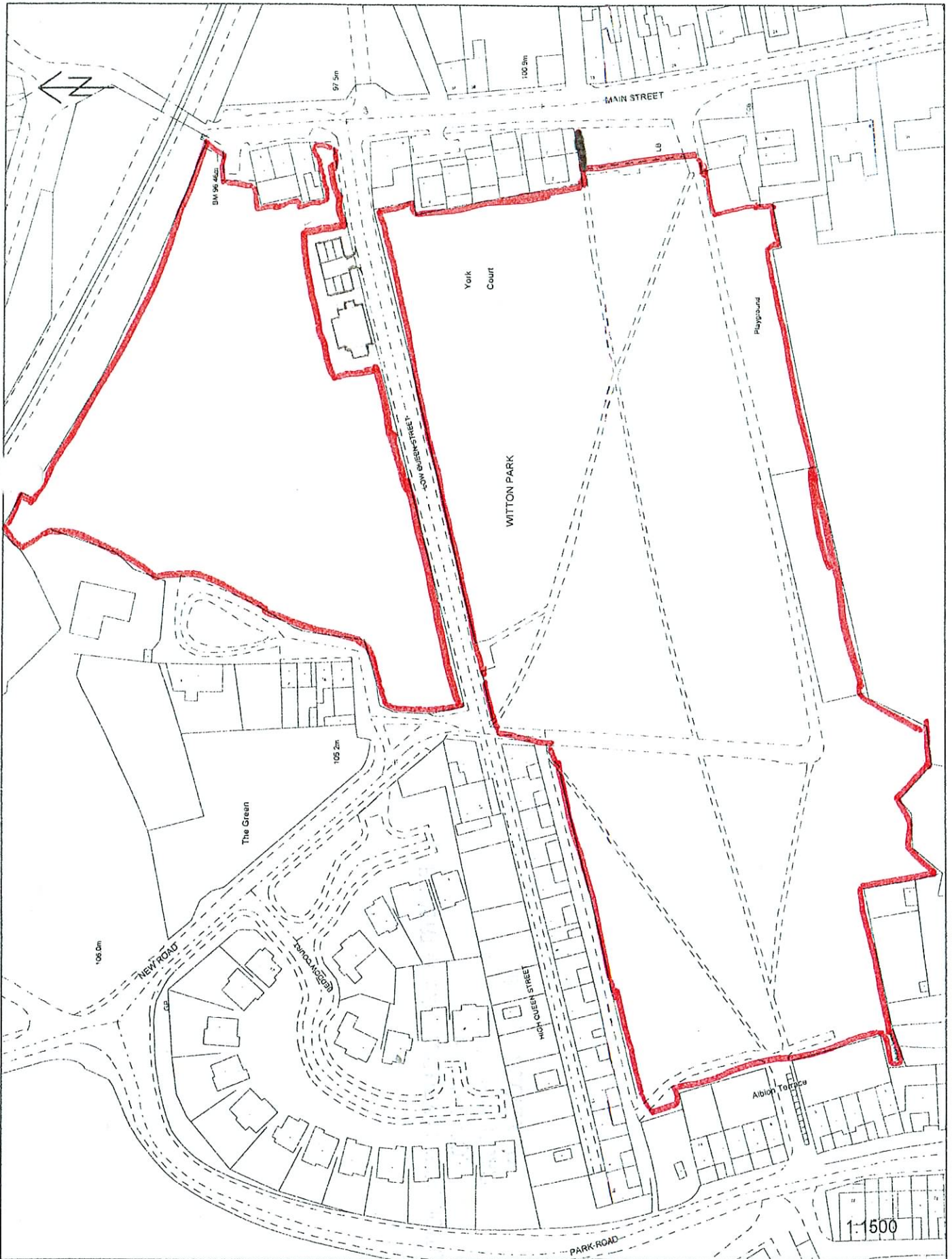
Qualification:

* 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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EXHIBIT B1.

Bid for homes on 'village green' faces opposition

By Bessie Robinson

Northern Echo July 4th 2003

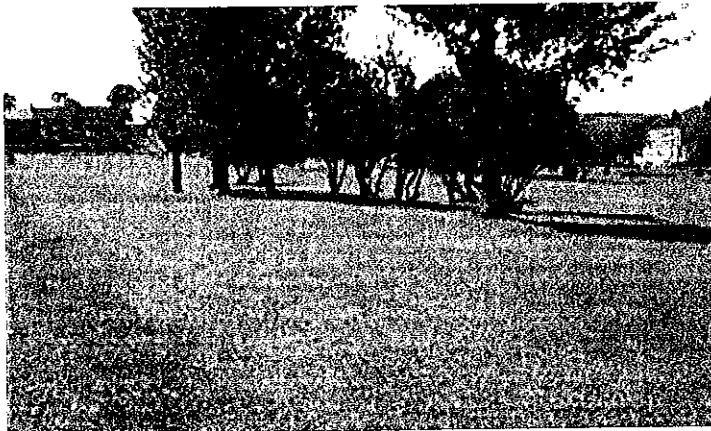
PLANS for 90 homes in the centre of Witton Park are meeting strong opposition from residents.

Campaigners against the proposals said they expected to receive backing from villagers at a public meeting on Tuesday.

The homes would occupy grassland either side of Queen Street, which residents regard as the village green.

Once occupied by pitmen's cottages, the site is mostly owned by Wear Valley District Council, which has prepared a development brief for potential builders.

The area was restored by a village action group, which planted trees and laid grass in the mid-1980s, raising money to pay an Army team to do the work.



Former action group member Rosina Hayton said yesterday: "Building on our green would completely destroy the character of the village.

"This is where our children play football, cricket and rounders, little ones learn to ride their bikes and we walk our dogs.

"There are not enough services in the area for more houses. The schools are full, we

haven't a shop, and one of our two pubs has just closed.

"We worked hard to get this green, and we will fight hard to keep it."

Resident Linda Butler said: "There are 230 houses in Witton Park, and this would be almost half as many again. We have a close community and building a big estate where people don't know each other would destroy that."

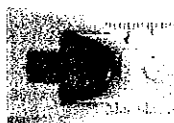
A petition is circulating in the village and residents have been asked for their views before Friday, July 18, so planning officers can report to a regeneration committee on July 30.

Although the council owns much of the land, some parts of it have remained in private ownership, and buying them up could be a lengthy and expensive process.

David Townsend, the council's head of development and building control, said: "The principal for development was agreed in the Local Plan of March 1997, and we are bringing this up to date.

"We are testing the market to see if there is interest from developers."

Exhibit B2



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Planners revise housing scheme

From the Northern Echo, first published Friday 25th Jul 2003.

COUNCILLORS are being asked to consider a compromise in a row over a homes plan which residents claim would swamp a former pit village.

Dozens of people from Witton Park, near Bishop Auckland, posted letters to Wear Valley District Council objecting to a development brief outlining proposals for at least 90 homes on grassland either side of Low Queen Street.

The postal protest followed a public meeting attended by more than 100 objectors, who also want councillors to attend a public debate.

Once occupied by pitmen's cottages, the site is regarded by many as Witton Park's village green. It was restored in the mid-1980s by a village action group, which planted trees and laid turf.

Residents complained that the new homes would cause traffic problems, overload existing amenities such as schools, leave children with nowhere to play and destroy the character of the close-knit community.

Planners have responded by putting revised plans to the council's regeneration committee next Wednesday.

Regeneration director Bob Hope is suggesting that building should be restricted to a site to the north of Low Queen Street, leaving the rest as an open space. There would also be room for a new church, for which £100,000 has already been raised.

Extra space for housing could be found on a site at present allocated for industrial use alongside the entrance to the newly restored Paradise Park.

Mr Hope said: "Clearly there is considerable local opposition. It is necessary to alter the brief and reconsult.

"Much of the opposition relates to the scale and impact of the development on the open space in the centre of the village."

Objector Alison Gillis said last night: "It makes perfect sense. At least they are listening to us. There is very strong feeling in the village about this.

"We are still waiting for a response from councillors."

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Romany gipsies call for apology over '-slur' 15 Jul 2006

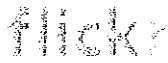
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The road going down the hill is Lower Queen Street. According to Durham County Council's historic maps ([See here](#)) up until the sixties/seventies all this green space was streets of terraced houses.

Around this time, as the local coal mines were closing, Witton Park was classified as a "Category D" village - that is a village where no further development was to be allowed. Large sections of the town/village were demolished as part of this.

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Application to Durham County Council to register a Village Green

Location: Witton Park, Co Durham

Supporting Statement to Above Application

After Witton Park was declared a 'Category D' village, the housing on the area referred to in the application (and as outlined in red on the attached plan), was knocked down, but not entirely cleared.

At that time, there was a Village Action Committee formed (Chairperson: Anne Nelson of Witton Park), in order to save the community and to improve the quality of life in the village. There was much fundraising done through activities like jumble sales, dances, raffles, etc., and through the support of organisations such as the Pigeon Club and Witton Park Football Club.

In 1980, the local Territorial Army Bishop Auckland Branch, were organised to clear the land and, according to Mrs Nelson "were well looked after by the villagers".

Shortly after that, Manpower services were employed by the villagers to level the land, grass it over, and build a low boundary wall around both parts of the Green (North and South of Low Queen Street). Without being aware of any legislation, the community set out to turn a cleared area into a village green.

By 1983, the Green as we know it now was in existence. Tree plantings were organised and paid for by the villagers, for example, to commemorate the Queen Mother's 80th birthday (photographic evidence is attached to the application). Wear Valley Council provided a children's play area which included swings, a roundabout, and a slide. This was removed by the Council some 6 years ago probably for health and safety reasons. The Council have also maintained it with regular grass cutting. The villagers thought they had an established village green.

The land in question has never been fenced off – quite the opposite, in fact, as there are a number of clear access points. No-one has ever been challenged about their use of any part of the Green – people have always used it fully and freely. To all intents and purposes, it is the Village Green – although the community has been shocked that it is not formally recognized as such.

The land has been used by both adults and children since it was first greened over. Their activities have included: ball games, cricket, rounders, blocky, golf, football, badminton, and general play by children. It has been – and continues to be – used for walking, Tai Chi, walking dogs, horse-riding, picnics, bramble-picking, birthday parties and general socialising. People have put up playtents, have camped on it, used it for a giant paddling pool in hot weather, have put up a waterslide – and it is regularly used for biking.

It is hard to estimate the number of different people that have used the area since 1983 – but it must be at least in the high hundreds. This is evidenced in the witness statements enclosed which confirm that families and individuals have been using – and still use – the area as a Green since at the very least, 1983.

The enclosed Petition indicates that a significant number of people living in Witton Park (which according to 2001 Census has 168 households), consider the area to be their Village Green, and would like it to be formally registered as such. The Green is a vital recreational space for the village and it allows children to play in a safe area within clear sight of housing. Importantly, it allows a child in the village who uses a motorised wheelchair, to safely and fully join his friends in their games.

It provides a safe green space for young, old and those in between, to meet together as community. According to the *Cleaner, Safer, Greener Communities* government website green, open spaces have a positive effect on the physical and mental well-being of communities, and the Government has said it is dedicated to sustaining and preserving such green spaces.

Witton Park has an immensely strong sense of community, and villagers greatly value - and are rightly proud of - the Green which they worked hard to develop and maintain since the housing there was removed. This is attested to by the moving content of many of the letters attached to this application. It is further demonstrated by the contents of the newspaper articles attached to this application.

We would respectfully ask you to approve this application as many in the village already cherish this area as the 'green heart' of Witton Park.

Marek Sochocki
(Chair of the Witton Park Village Green committee)

7 August 2007

Dear Sir/ Madam

I moved into the village 10 years ago. My partner has lived here all of his life, over 35 years.

We bought 1A The Green, which faces directly onto the Green. At the time my son was only 1 month old and thought it would be a nice area for our child to be brought up. We now have two children and they play from morning 'til night on the Greens in the holidays and after school time. We have had birthday parties for our children, barbeques, paddling pools and ball games.

I strongly object once again to any building work to be carried out on either of the Greens.

Yours faithfully

A redacted signature consisting of several thick black horizontal bars obscuring the name and any handwritten notes. A thin horizontal line extends from the right side of the redaction.

Leigh Ann Hennessey
1A The Green
Witton Park


MRS ROSALIND CLIFF
75^A WOODSIDE
WITTON PARK
BISHOP AUCKLAND
COUNTY DURHAM
DL14 0DS
TEL 01388 603128.

DATE - 9-8-07.

To whom it may concern,

I was born in Woodside, near Witton Park, in 1947. During my 60 years, I have seen Witton Park change dramatically, for the better I must add. Although during my young years there was a good sense of community living, though the effects that this change has brought in recent years is more appreciative of the times. The Green in question holds many memories of years gone by, where old school friends scoured the now-demolished streets looking for mischief and coming up trumps just to occupy their time. It was something to do, somewhere to play and an escape from the hardships of life that, at times, the residents of Woodside and Witton Park experienced.

Now, in the place where these streets were homes to many, a sense of serenity overwhelms me when I see the modern child, groups of friends and adults amusing themselves with bats and balls, games and picnics and just walking their dogs. I know that The Green will be valued by all who live in this area, a monument in fact, for us all to treasure!



17 High Queen Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0EE

29th July 2007

STATEMENT

I have lived in Witton Park , directly facing the lower green area for 25 years.

I am truly disappointed at the possibility of housing development , either on the upper or lower green areas.

While my children were growing up, we used these areas constantly ,playing Ball games , putting a play tent up and walking our dogs etc.

We also had no worries if the children played there alone as it was always In sight of home and we knew they were safe.

My husband and I still use the land to play badminton and walking.

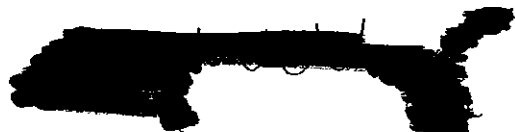
We are now also in the pieasurable position of playing with our 1 year old grand daughter on the same land , knowing she can safely run about and explore nature without worrying about traffic or other hazards.

To make this area into a village green would protect it for our future Generations and allow them the same pleasure it has given us to date.

Signed :



June E.Wakley LCGI MinstLM



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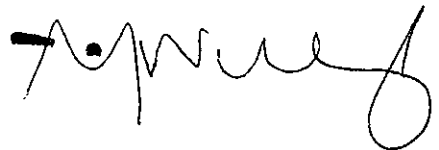
STAN THEFTON
10 BERRON COURT
WITTEN PARK
BISHOP AUCKLAND
CO DUNEDIN
DL140ES.

9th Aug 07

To Who it may Concern.

Having Lived in The Village on
and off for The past fifty Seven years. I now
Regard The open space as The Village Green Having
Spent hours playing games and football over
many years I would wish it to Remain a
Village green. my grand children play There
safely most weekends. Hopfully it will Remain
an open space for years to come.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
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5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

5/11/2015

A Whitfield-Gash
6, High Queen St.,
Witton Park.
BISHOP AUCKLAND,
Co. Durham.

To whom it may concern

I am writing with the hope that this letter will be read and digested.

The proposed site for building of houses in Witton Park is totally unacceptably it has been the Village Green for as long as I have lived in the Village which is a little more than twelve years, and my husband was born in this village and he said the proposed site was a play park and village green for the children,

It certainly had swings etc... on it when I moved here

And we have had many excellent days and nights playing as a family with barbeques galore and groups of families out chatting and generally having fun.

I do tend to think that things are getting out of hand with the giving out of planning permission in the village, as this is what it is a village.

Not a new housing complex that the council seem to think with the unabated giving of permission to build.

I have been told by numerous sources that when Category D was imposed on the village, the council said under no circumstances would houses ever be built on the land again Someone was lying then and the weird thing is the village playground was moved to a site far away from the children of the village,(maybe to allow this permission to be granted in due time, but who knows), now it is seldom used as our children have to use the busy main road to get to it

And as serious parents we don't want our children or grand children to cross busy roads to go to a play park it should be put back on the Village Green

What the council needs to think of is the needs of other people, Instead of who does what and to whom,

Thank you



A. Whitfield-Gash

6 August 2007

To whom it may concern

I, Ann Proctor, of 12 High Queen Street, Witton Park, have lived here all my life.

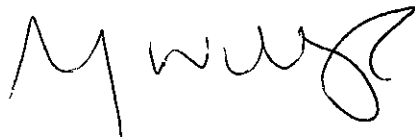
My children and grandchildren have played, over the years, for many hours on the Greens. My children would play on the Greens and I would watch them playing from my kitchen window. Also my husband and I would walk the dog on the Greens.

I would like the Greens to be made village land and object to building on the Greens.

Yours faithfully

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Ann Proctor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Proctor'.

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

17 High Queen Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0EE

29th July 2007

STATEMENT

I have lived in Witton Park , directly facing the lower green area for 25 years.

I am pleased to support the request to make the green areas into an official village green.


This would protect it from any speculative developers acquiring the land in the future and spoiling a pleasant communal , safe area.

Over the years my family has enjoyed this land , playing football, badminton, dog walking and many other activities you do with your family.

My son has recently moved back to the village and is now doing the same sort of activities with his own daughter.

Signed :

David R Wakley



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
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5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

5 PARK ROAD
WITTON PARK

WHO IS MY CONCERN

I write these lines in response to the plans for Witton Park Green's I was born in Main St 1949 my wife was born in that was John St in 1957

The Green's at that time was full of our friends and neighbours names, we watched the compulsory demolitions and the aftermath was not a pretty sight.

When the waste land was developed as the green's we know today it made us feel like we were living in a Topper Village and not a suburb.

Marrried in 1969, my wife and I had 4 children who n turn gave us 8 grandchildren

It who live in the village The green's gave our family somewhere clean and safe to play, there was a play area at one time and we can remember attending some form of fundraising or fete on the lower Green.

All of our families have used and played on these green's even more so at this present time, we would like to see the green's remain so please add our names to the protest.

[REDACTED]

DAVID HOPPER
- ANN HOPPER.

9-8 RECEIVED BY M.W. SOLICITOR
C.W. SOUTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
SOUTH AFRICA

7 Nelson Terrace,
Milton Park
Bishop Auckland
Co Durham
D.L. 14 0EZ

Dear Sir or Madam, I am

writing this letter to confirm
that the land where all
the streets used to be has
been known as the village
green for over 25 years.

Our children used to
camp out in their tents on
it, they played cricket
football, rowers, golf
on it and in the summer
they picniced and had
their paddling pool out on it
There was even swings
and a round a bout to play

on until the council took
them away and a slide.
Now my grandchildren
play on it and I would hate
to see houses put on it
after all the hard work the
village committee and the
villagers put in to raise the
money to clear it up and
make it a lovely village
green.

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ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
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BISHOP AUCKLAND

To Whom it may Concern

I would like to make a statement in regards to the open land to the bottom of High Queen Street.

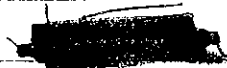
My name is Joane Tucker and I reside at 35 Woodside I have lived in Woodside for most of my life and, along with friends, always played on the above mentioned land. We played rounders, walked dogs and picniced ~~on~~ on that land and the thought of it being anything but a village green breaks my heart.

On a daily basis, I pass the end in my car and I can vouch that I see at least 1 person on the land everyday.

I would like to think that the land will be registered as a village green so that my children and theirs can play on the

green, as I did as a child,

Thank You for taking the
time to read my Statement.


MRS J. TINKLER

35 WOODSIDE

WITTON PARK

BISHOP AUCKLAND

COUNTY DURHAM

DL14 6DS

01388 458557

9th August 2007.

7 ALBION TERRACE,
WITTON PARK,
BISHOP AUCKLAND,
CO. DURHAM,
DL14 0EL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to you in regard to our village green at Witton Park which has been a green since before I was born. I am now 30 years old and I have used the green for playing games and sports for most of my life and so have my family and friends and we still continue to do so especially now more than ever because we have children of our own.

The green is also used by villagers to walk their dogs and letting their children camp on from time to time because it's the safest place to do so. We use the green for bonfire celebrations which brings the community together.

yours faithfully

~~Paul [unclear]~~

MR. H. WILSON

STATION VIEW

WITTON PARK

BP AUCKLAND

CO. DUBLIN

TEL 01388-662136

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9/8/07

RE 'VILLAGE GREEN' WITTON PARK

I was born in Witton Park in 1937 and lived here most of my life having moved away for 12 years, myself and my family moved back in 1977.

At this time the Village was left in a very bad state and due to hard work and determination by Village people only, we achieved our "Village Green".

I would like "Village Green" to stay as it is I would object to anyone trying to build Houses on any part of our "Village Green".

The village green has been used
by adult and children alike
in lots of activities, I have walked
around the green ~~for~~ for the past 30
years and seen children playing together
also having parties, dances, Golf
swimming pools at the village green.
A child in a disabled Motor Scooter
learning to use his chair which
now enables him to play on
the green with the rest of the
children. In this respect I would
like the "Village green" to be kept
for this purpose.



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ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

3 York Court.

I moved to Witten Park in 1988
when these bungalows were built
and would like this green space
designated as a village green.
While I have been here it has
been well used by people exercising
their dogs and a playground for
children, which is very safe it
being off the road and overlooked
on all sides.

I feel it would be a great
loss to all the village if it were
to be used for building on
~~of the village.~~

H. Gaskell
6, Dents Villas,
Woodside,
Witton Park,
Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham

August 8th 2007

To whom it may concern,

I wish to inform you that
I have used the green at Witton Park for
the past 33 years. I have played on the
swings, slide and the roundabout when it was
in place. I have also enjoyed playing ball
games and socialising with my friends in

the village. In later years I have enjoyed walking across it and enjoy its peaceful, central location in the village. I do hope it can be kept for future generations as a village green.

Yours



3 WOODSIDE
WITTON PARK
BISHOP AUCKLAND
CO. DURHAM
DL14 6DS

HAVING LIVED IN THE VILLAGE FOR 25 YEARS,
MY FAMILY AND I HAVE OFTEN USED
THE VILLAGE GREEN, WHEN MY CHILDREN
AND LATER MY GRANDCHILDREN WERE
YOUNG THEY ENJOYED USING THE SWINGS
SLIDE ETC.

WE ALSO USED THE GREEN TO WALK OUR
DOGS OVER THE YEARS, OFTEN MEETING
UP WITH OTHER VILLAGERS FOR A CHAT
SINCE LOSING THE POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE
SHOP IN RECENT YEARS, I THINK THE VILLAGE
NEEDS THE GREEN AS WELL AS THE
FOOTBALL FIELD AND PLAY AREA.

LOSE ANY OF THESE AND WHAT DO WE
HAVE LEFT, ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE NEW
HOUSE BEING BUILT

YOURS FAITHFULLY
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (MRS)

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KUNSA GOVERNMENT BRIDGICATE THE CHURCH AND
18, Broom Court NATURE OF THE VILLAGE.

WIMBOR PARK

BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Co. D. DEWAN

DIVY DEO

9/8/07

Yours Sincerely
~~Benjamin~~

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident

of WIMBOR PARK FOR THE TRUSTEES

ONE YOUNG HERBERT GIVE

NOTICE OF MY OBJECTION

TO BOUNDING OF THE VILLAGE

GREENS.

IT SHOULD CONSIDERATION

DETERMINE THE CHARACTER

OF THE VILLAGE AND DETRACT

FROM THE NATURE OF

THE VILLAGE. WIMBOR PARK

SHOULD NOT BE TURNED

INTO A MASSIVE HOUSING

ESTATE, WHICH WOULD

7 ANTHONY TEE
WILSON PARK
BR AUSTRALIA
CO. DURHAM
DATE OF
I think it should be
registered as "The Village
Green" so as no one
can build on it and
win it for everyone.
Please let us have

Dear Sir or Madam: This some green area for
letter is about our village us. ever children and for

Yours Faithfully

~~_____~~

green. I know it has been
a village green for more
than 25 years and every
one in the village raised
in way to clean up all the
rubbish the council left
when they parked the streets
down. Every kid in the place
played on that green, on
both sides of Queen Street,
mine included and now my
grandchildren play there

Alan & Linda Robson
1, Station Court,
Witton Park
Sp. Auckland
Co. Durham
DH14 0SW

Dear Sir or Madam,

Regarding the open spaces i.e. North & South of Dow Queen St. I would like the areas mentioned to be formally registered as a Village Green.

I was born & bred in Witton Park and have used both green areas mentioned since the houses were pulled down since the "Category 1" era. My husband and I plus our children & grandchildren all use

the areas mentioned regular for recreational activities, walking the dog, the village children all use it for football, golf, cricket, & picnics.

It is an area which we can see and keep an eye on our children knowing they'll be safe.

Plus the green areas add beauty to our Village a village that we're all proud of

yours Sincerely

~~_____~~

MISS Gail Robso
1, Station Court
Main Street
Wotton Park.

To whom it may concern,

I have lived
in Wotton Park all my life (40yr)
As a child I have played on
the open green and I used
to tether my horse on it. I
now have a son who daily
uses the green for football,
golf or just playing with the
other children. I feel very
strongly about keeping the
open spaces as it is and
hope it brings the same
pleasure as I had for so
many years.

~~_____~~

A. YORK COURT
MAIN ST.
WITTON PARK -
BISHOP AUCKLAND
CO DURHAM.
DL14 0ER.
08-08-07.

Dear Sir/Madam.

I came to live at the above address in
November 1994.

One of the delights I experienced was that
my bungalow overlooked a 'Green' which, I
understand, was created out of an area left
derelict after the demolition of houses affected
by the Category 'D' programme, by the
remaining villagers.

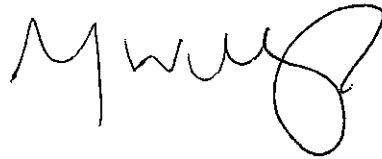
Since living here I have seen the 'Green'
used daily by children & adults alike.

Children enjoy a safe area in which to
play - Adults enjoy a wander without the
'castle of traffic'.

I feel we should designate the 'Green'
as a VILLAGE GREEN for without it many would
feel its loss, especially as so much time & effort
has been made by the villagers themselves

to make it what it is today.

yours ⁴ Faithfully
~~Robert G. Willoughby~~ (Mrs)



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

AFFIDAVIT

My name is WILLIAM HERMAN BELL and I have lived in Wilton Park adjacent to that piece of land which is commonly described as the "Village Green" and has been so regarded while I have lived here for more than twenty years.

During this time I have witnessed the continual use of this land by residents and the general public for walking about, and through, for general amenity, for childrens games and leisure purposes, and without let or hindrance.

I was surprised, at a recent community meeting to hear a County Councillor describe this land as a "BROWN FIELD" site and that this concept formed a key part in the case for proposed development.

I distinctly recall that over twenty years ago this site had been landscaped to a high standard and re-seeded with appropriate grasses.


Additionally, specimen trees were planted involving input from local community groups.

Since then, and to date, the grass has been regularly mown ~~by~~ by Council Term Contractors.

I am further surprised that anyone can view the "GREEN" as it is and describe it as a "BROWN FIELD" site.

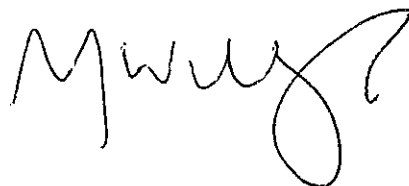
I respectfully suggest that any such
Person should urgently consult an
Optician,

Signed



W. H. BELL

WEAR VIEW
WITTON PK.



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

Ms. P. Wilkinson
1 York Court
Main Street
Witton Park
DL14 OER

Dear Sir,

I wish to support the proposal to the green at Witton Park being designated as a Village Green.

I have lived in the Durham Aged Miners bungalows at the bottom of Main Street for the last 18 yrs and have watched both children and adults participating in various activities on the grass, sometimes in the summer joined by passers- by who stop to picnic on this lovely area


This area is an amenity for the whole village, people use it on a regular basis and for the children this is a very safe area for them to play, it is overlooked by houses on three sides and large enough for them to be well clear of the road

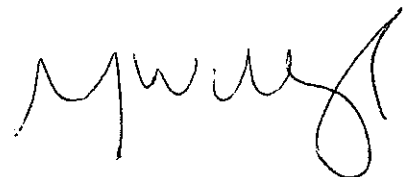
The green adds character to the village with its well cut grass and well established trees proving a haven for birds

After the demolition of the village during Category D, the villagers worked hard and raised money to enable them to cover up the eyesore that was left. They left us a wonderful legacy with this beautiful area

To me it would be a tragedy if it was ever covered with bricks and mortar and a great loss to future generations

Yours faithfully


Patricia Wilkinson



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Ms Joanne Hopper of 38 Main Street, Witton Park, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 0DY do solemnly and sincerely declare and say as follows :-

1. I was born on the 23rd March 1977.
2. I am currently a housewife.
3. I lived in Witton park from my birth in 1977, at 5 Park Road, Witton Park, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 0EW. I moved out of the village in 1996 however I returned in the year 2000 and have lived in 38 Main Street, Witton Park, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 0DY until the present date. Throughout this time I have known and used the village green which I have roughly circled in red pencil on the plan attached comprising Exhibit JH1 indicating all the useable open area.
4. Throughout my time in Witton Park I have used the village green for my own recreation. I have played with my children on this green, walked on it and generally used it for activities. My children have as well used the green for recreation playing football and other ball games most often on the smaller Northern area of the green. One of my children is disabled, and prefers to use his wheelchair on the smaller northern area of the green. Being open it is safer for him and the other children to play there as those in the houses surrounding the village can see them. I have never sought permission to do this, or have been inhibited in doing so and to my knowledge neither has any other user. I have also never been given any indication this land is for any other purpose than recreation.
5. During the years I have lived in Witton Park I have frequently seen the green used. Aside from our own children, many other local children use it to play ball games such as football and cricket. On both sides of the green swings are erected each year for children to play on, often over the denser smaller area to the north. Games of cricket and football by adults and children have always been played to my knowledge, on both sides of the green on a very frequent basis and more recently the children have played golf. I have always thought of this area as the green, and a recreational area for children and adults and in my lifetime it has always been used like this.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

SIGNED AND DECLARED BY 

At *Witton Park*

In the County of Duke



This.....9th.....day of August 2007

Before me:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Willoughby'.

Solicitor/Commissioner for Oaths

**ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND**

STATUTORY DECLARATION

MR J SUTTON
3 HIGH GREEN ST
WITTON PARK
BISHOP AUCKLAND
D44 CEE

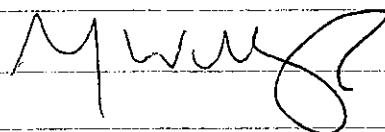
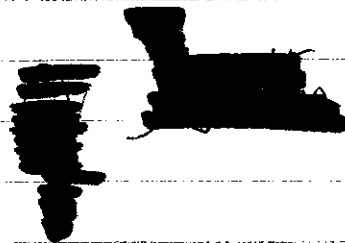
SOLENNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE
AS FOLLOWS

9-8-07

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I HAVE LIVED IN THE VILLAGE FOR 40 YEARS AND HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES. PEOPLE DRIVING THROUGH THE VILLAGE SAY HOW LOVELY IT IS TO SEE A LOVELY GREEN. MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN HAVE AND STILL DO PLAY ON THE GREEN. PEOPLE WHO ARE WANTING TO BUILD HOUSES ON PART OF THE GREEN DID NOT WANT TO KNOW WHEN THERE WAS WORK TO BE DONE TO TIDY IT UP. NOW IT IS LOVELY THEY ARE WANTING TO MAKE MONEY OUT OF IT. I AM AGAINST ANY BUILDING WORK BEING DONE ON ANY OF THE GREENS. THE MAP ATTACHED IS THE AREA OF LAND WE WOULD LIKE AS THE VILLAGE GREEN.

YOURS SINCERELY



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C/O ASOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Mrs Eva Hopper of 3 Main Street, Witton Park, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 0DY do solemnly and sincerely declare and say as follows :-

1. I was born on the 13th of December 1924.
2. I am currently retired.
3. I have continually lived in Witton Park since 1930 at the above address. Throughout this time I have been aware of an area known as the village green which I have indicated in shaded pencil on the plan attached comprising Exhibit EH1 and I mean it to include all the visible open area.
4. Throughout my time in Witton park I have used the village green for recreational purposes. I have walked across the green often with my dog I have on countless occasions enjoyed walking on the green. I have never sought permission to do this, or have been inhibited in doing so and to my knowledge neither has any other user. I have also never been given any indication this land is for any other purpose than recreation.
5. During my time in Witton Park I have observed villagers of all ages using the village green recreationally. Families often play cricket on the green, children of all ages play football on both sides of the green and homemade swings have been put up on the trees. The larger area is kept in good condition and is used by children and adults biking and playing games of football. The smaller area to the North is used by children as an "adventure area" with swings often attached to the trees and children playing in and around the trees. I have always used, and seen others use both sides of the green equally. Overall the smaller Northern area of the green is used more frequently, particularly by younger children. I have always regarded the whole visible area as the village green and there is a common feeling that it is there for the recreational use of the people of Witton Park.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.


SIGNED AND DECLARED BY Eva Hopper

At Witton Park

In the County of Delam

This 9th day of 8th 2007

Before me:



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

4 Albion Terrace
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
Co Durham
DL14 0EL

To Whom it May concern
Durham County Council

08 August 2007

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Village Green Status – Witton Park

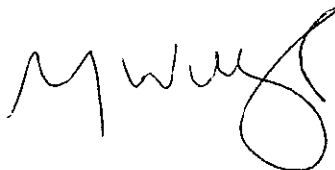
Having been born and bred in the village at 1 Lowe Queen Street, I have used the green for many purposes. I worked on an Youth Training Scheme which built the stone walls round the green in my teens. Walked my dog for many years across the green. Also my wife has ridden horses on the green for the whole of our married life (14 years). Not to mention I played on the green as a child with my brothers, sisters and cousins. As I will be 42 in December 2007, I have no doubt that this meets with your over 20 year requirement.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours faithfully



Jeffrey Bryan



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY / L B SQUIDTOR
CIV. BOOTH & CO.
5 CROFTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

August 7th, 2007.

2. Albion Terrace
Winton Park
Bishop Auckland
County Durham
D.W.H. O.E.L.

Dear councillor Yorke,

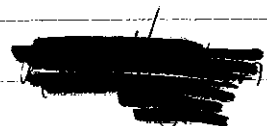
I am writing at this time with regard to land situated in Winton Park known as the Village Green.

Due to the recent public meetings in the village about a possible development on this land I would like to confirm that this land has been used as a village green now for over twenty years, and is well used as a village green by a great many residents.

In conclusion I would like confirm that I support the proposal for this land to be officially recognised and registered as a village green, so that there can be no development of any kind on this site.

If you need any further information please contact me.

Yours faithfully



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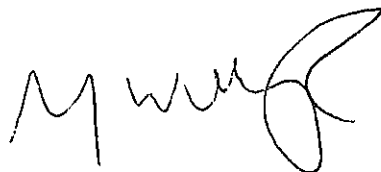
My name is MARGARET BELL and I have lived at "Wear View", Albion Terrace,
Witton Park for 26 years.

During this time I have noticed that both sides of the village green have
been in constant use by children and adults for recreational purposes, short
cuts to Main Street and St. Paul's Church.

signed,

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MARGARET BELL.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Robert G. Willoughby.

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

8 August 2007

To whom it may concern

I, Gillian Iveson, of 7 High Queen Street, Witton Park, was born in Witton Park.

As long as I can remember the village green has been for children, including myself to play.

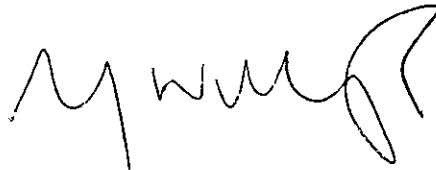
I have four children myself, who have all played on the green or had a picnic or played ball games. I walk my dog up and down the green and also take my dad's dog out for a walk on the green.

In my opinion The Greens should kept as greens and not used for anything else.

Yours faithfully

A thick black horizontal line redacting the signature of Gillian Iveson.

Gillian Iveson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. G. Willoughby'.

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

Clifford Nelson
6, Albion Terr
Wotton Park
DN14 0EL

I was born in Wotton Park 24.4.1903.
Why do we need houses in Wotton Park
there are enough already. We lived in
the park when the old houses were being
pulled down nobody wanted to build
then. when the village was a tip no one
wanted to know. We have used the
green for over 25 years.

The green is the center of the village
and we like it just the way it is
putting houses on it would take
away the beauty of the village
I was one of the children who
planted one of the trees.
and would not like them to be
taken down. for another housing estate

~~_____~~

Mrs. C. Wales
9 High Queen St
Wotton Park
Bp Auckland
Co Durham
DL14 0EE

28-7-07

Dear Sir,

I have lived in Wotton Park for twenty years and I am against any building of houses on the green. I use the Village green often for walking and see children playing ball games every day, I feel that the green is a lovely part of the village and should be kept that way.

yours



6 August 2007

To whom it my concern

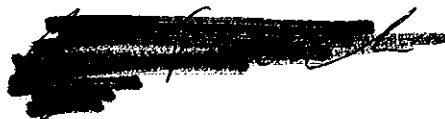
I, George Proctor, of 12 High Queen Street, Witton Park, have lived in the village all my life.

In the 1960s they started pulling the old houses down and the all the rubble was left. It wasn't until the early 1970s the Army with the help of the villagers came in to help level the Greens. The council then continued to maintain them.

I think the Greens are the heart of Witton Park and for many years my children and grandchildren have spent many hours playing ball games etc on the Greens. We had a family dog, which was walked on a daily basis on the Greens. So I strongly object to any building work on the Greens. I would like the Greens to be made village land.

Yours faithfully

George Proctor



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

Carolyn May
3 THE GREEN

Wilton Park

Bishop Auckland

County Durham

DL14 0EQ

TEL. 07771514191

To Whom it may concern,

We moved into Wilton Park 36 years at the age of 4. My parents still live at that address.

All through our childhood my sisters and brother myself included, have always had fun making entertainment for ourselves on both of the green's. There were no playstation games and such the like then, so we entertained with cricket, rounders, japs, english and 'blockey'. We also planted trees which was in the Northern Echo, many moons ago,

I decided to move into '3 THE GREEN' because although all of the children have these 'high tech games' they still love to play on the green with tents, water slides and the old favourite cricket. As I have a young daughter of 10 myself, obviously, the first thing that I thought was "Isn't that nice to see children entertaining themselves in the fresh air" and that my daughter would be able to join them, which she does.

If the houses get the go ahead and get built, all that wonderful little community will be gone. There are so many other places on the outskirts of Wilton Park that so eagerly need renovation which everybody would quite happily give the go ahead. Why

spoil a good thing and upset so many people who have lived here all these years for somebody who moved out of Witten Park when listed a 'D' category but now as the village is up and coming and a delightful place to live, wants to spoil our enjoyment all these years by plonking houses right in the middle of my view for what "AH MONEY."

So you see, that is my feelings and the feelings of many others. Please think carefully over this matter if you could. It could change the lives not only of us older generation but to our young ones who will probably end up ~~end~~ on that playstation all day and night.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

M. Willoughby

Solicitor

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE
THAT I AM HEATHER BARKER (NEE PROCTOR)
4 HIGH QUEEN STREET
WITTON PARK
BISHOP AUCKLAND
CO. DURHAM
DH14 - 0EE

I HAVE LIVED IN HIGH QUEEN STREET ALL OF MY LIFE AS A CHILD WITH MY PARENTS IN NUMBER 12 AND MY MARRIED LIFE IN NUMBER 4. AFTER THE HOUSES WERE KNOCKED DOWN IN THE MIDDLE SEVENTIES THE ARMY CAME IN TO LANDSCAPE THE LAND. WE ALSO HAD A GROUP OF STUDENTS VISITING FROM SWEDEN / DENMARK AND FRANCE. THEY HELPED FLATTEN AND REMOVE RUBBLE FROM THE SITE THAT WAS MADE INTO THE PLAY AREA. I REMEMBER AS A TEENAGER I USED TO GO DOWN TO THIS SITE AND HELP REMOVE BRICKS READY FOR THE SWINGS.

THESE STUDENTS GOT VERY FRIENDLY WITH A LOT OF VISITORS INCLUDING MY PARENTS.

AS A YOUNG TEENAGER I GREW UP GOING DOWN TO THE SWINGS, HAVING PICNICS ON THE GREEN WITH MY FRIENDS AND PLAYED FOOTBALL WITH THE BOYS.

OVER THE YEARS THE SWINGS WERE NOT LOOKED AFTER THE WAY THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN AND WERE EVENTUALLY REMOVED.

AS I HAVE CHILDREN OF MY OWN NOW IN THEIR TWENTIES THEY PLAYED ON THE SWINGS, RODE THEIR BICYCLES ON THE GREEN

AND PLAYED BALL GAMES WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

WE HAVE ALL WALKED OUR DOGS ON ALL THREE GREENS IN THE HEART OF OUR VILLAGE

THE TREES HAVE GROWN AND IT IS NOW A PLEASANT AREA TO SIT AND WALK.

MY GRANDSON WHO IS NEARLY FOUR LIVES IN A TOWN. WHEN HE COMES HOME TO WITTON PARK. (HIS WORDS) HE ALWAYS ASKS TO PLAY OUTSIDE. HE TAKES HIS BIKE, SCOOTER AND FOOTBALL OUT ON THE GREEN. HE HAS THE FREEDOM TO RUN AROUND WITHOUT THE WORRY OF TRAFFIC.

PLEASE LEAVE WITTON PARK UNSPOILT AND A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO PLAY. LET THEM HAVE THE FREEDOM FOR MEMORIES TO GROW; SO WHEN THEY ARE ADULTS THEY CAN SAY TO THEIR CHILDREN. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I PLAYED HERE.

THERE ARE NOT MANY OF THESE WONDERFUL AREAS LEFT SO PLEASE DON'T LET PEOPLE COME INTO THE VILLAGE FROM FAR AWAY AND TAKE OVER OUR BEAUTIFUL GREENS.

OVER THE YEARS I HAVE LOVED LIVING IN WITTON PARK AS A CHILD AND AN ADULT MY HUSBAND CAME FROM A TOWN AND HAS LOVED LIVING HERE SINCE 1983. HE SAID HE COULD NEVER GO BACK TO LIVING IN A TOWN. WE LOVE TO LOOK OUT OF OUR WINDOWS ONTO GREEN GRASS. NOT HOUSES. IF WE WANTED TO LIVE ON AN HOUSING ESTATE WE WOULD HAVE LIVED IN TOWN.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY THE HEART OF
OUR VILLAGE. PLEASE DON'T LET STRANGERS
COME WITH ALL THEIR MONEY TO BUY UP ALL
THIS WONDERFUL LAND ONLY TO MAKE MORE
MONEY FOR THEMSELVES AND LEAVE US WITH
MORE TRAFFIC THAN WE NEED. OUR CHILDREN
HATE AND NEED THESE GREENS.

FRESH AIR AND SOMEWHERE TO PLAY IS WHAT
OUR CHILDREN NEED. DON'T TAKE IT AWAY

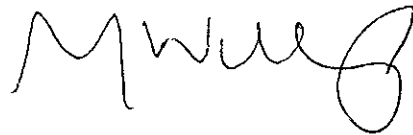
I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION, CONSCIENTIOUSLY
BELIEVING THE SAME TO BE TRUE,

DECLARED BY THE SAID ~~██████████~~

AT WILKELAND

IN THE CATS OF DILE

THIS 9th DAY OF August 2007.



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. SCOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

Mrs. Vera Broughton
73, Park Road
Witton Park
Sp. Auckland
Co. Durham

Dear Sir,

I would like the
village greens North & South
as mentioned, kept as a
village green. As all the
villages have used it
regularly, myself and my children
have used it for many
many years.

~~Yours faithfully,~~
~~[Signature]~~

Mrs. N. Watson

4, Station View

Witten Park

Bishop Auckland

Co Durham

DU40D2

9/8/07

Re. "Village Green" Witten Park

Over the past twenty eight years I have used the Village Green walked over the village, seen other people on the green, playing games walking the dogs, people stopping in cars and walking over the greens seen children planting trees from local schools.

I would like to keep this as a Village Green with no development of houses.

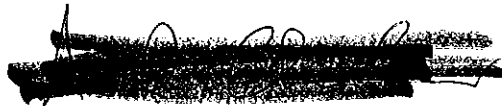
Carwood House
15 Main Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0DX

Statement about the Village Green at Witton Park

I have lived in Witton Park for five years and during that time I have seen the green on either side of Low Queen Street used regularly for recreation purposes. In particular they are used by children playing, and by adults walking with their dogs.

I personally have used the green as a means of crossing to the houses at Park Road and when walking or jogging out of the village towards the Wear viaduct.

These areas are generally regarded as the village green



A. R. CHARLES.

CM. Richardson
17 Woodside
Wittan park
Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham
DL14 0DS.

9th August
2007

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Wittan Park for 11 yrs, since I was 16. I have always regularly walked my dogs on the green in question and more recently I have played ball games with my 3 yr old son. The green has always seemed to be in constant use, by children playing or residents walking dogs.

I believe turning this area into a registered Village Green will benefit all residents present and future.

~~Richardson~~

2 The Green
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0EQ

7 August 2007

To whom it may concern

My name is Janette Hennessey, and I have resided at the above address for 21 months.

Prior to moving to the village I have visited the area frequently, as my daughter has lived in Witton Park for over 10 years. Over those years I have watched my grandchildren and many other children play on the open Greens. I have also seen dog walkers and people of all ages and gender just stopping to have a chat on the Greens.

As a community I think we need village greens and can see no reason to change the landscape of Witton Park village, so I would object to any building of any kind being built on the Greens.

Yours faithfully



Janette Hennessey

Alice ANDERSON

SUPPLEMENT TO ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF :

1 I made a statement on ^{7/8/07} which I produce as Annex A

2	I wrote this in my own hand / was visited by who wrote it for me
3	I stand by it / now wish to make the following changes. I am told the following information may help the Inquiry : ✓ <i>Down KK's</i>
4	It was between 19?? and 2009 when I used/saw the Green being used, I lived at <i>Down KK's - Pla-tenement</i>
5	We all referred to it as "the Green" or "the Village Green" I have/have never known it to be referred to by anything else
6	I have known the land in question for ??? years <i>14 1/2</i> <i>or 15</i>
7	I consider myself to be a local inhabitant / I consider myself as a "former" local inhabitant
8	I have signed the reverse of Map 'A' red-lined showing the area of the land claimed. I have also signed Map 'B', which shows the boundaries of Witton Park (as I know it) which I know to be the understood name that people recognise as being a specific place I have/have not marked my house on Map 'B' [as I do not live there any more] I have been told that Witton Park has to be a recognised 'locality'. It is. Everyone around here knows Witton Park as a village with its own identity.
9	Witton Park does not now have
10	It has <i>Shop or Post office</i>
11	I gained access to the land by <i>my back lane</i>
12	I used to use the land for How often? <i>working and taking great great children to play on</i>
13	Children/aunts/grandparents used it for (what)
14	Community activities were: [list and state when and for how long they have taken place - i.e. summer fetes, may day, kids sports days, brownies, scouts And state if you participated in any
15	The local football club use the Green for training <i>Toy. tennis</i> Kids use it for 'golf' <i>cricket, Riding Bikes, Football, Rowing, Tennis</i> <i>Kids fishing</i>

16	I know _____ owns the land and that _____ occupies it
17	I have/have not been spoken to by the owner/occupier They said ... <u>2</u> ..
18	I sought /never sought permission to go onto the land from [when?]
19	I got /did not get permission to go onto the land (when? And the reason)
20	I have /have never been prevented from using the land (if so, when and the reason)
21	Have you ever seen anything (e.g. a notice or fencing) to prevent or discourage use of the land (if yes, give dates & examples) <u>no</u>
22	I attach photograph(s) to my Supplemental Statement, which I am willing to lend to the Adjudicator
23	I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire for <u>15.3</u> years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin
24	I understand that the evidence form I have completed in relation to this application may become public knowledge and I authorise the applicant to disclose this form to anyone reasonably requiring access to this application
25	I also understand that this evidence may be presented at a non-statutory inquiry and I authorise the applicant to use this form for that purpose

Signed 

Date 9.9.09

Mrs Alice Anderson,
16, High Queen Street,
Witton Park,
Bishop Auckland,
County Durham,
DL14 0EE.

To Whom it may Concern,

I have lived in Witton Park for the past twelve and a half years and have taken my dog walking on the Village Green on a daily basis since then. My grandchildren, and great grandchildren have been regular visitors during this time and have often played football and other games on the green, which is very convenient as it is possible for me to keep a close eye on them from the back of the house without actually having to accompany them every time as they have gotten older.

As I tend to the garden at the rear of my house I am able to see other children from the village playing on the green on a daily basis summer and winter and other residents walking their dogs morning and evening and enjoying a chat as they meet other residents using the green as a community meeting place, picnic area during the summer and a safe shortcut through the village during the winter.

Yours Sincerely



MARGARET ROBSON
7, MAIN STREET
WITTON PARK
BR. AUCKLAND
Co. DUREHAM
DL1 0DX

I am ~~writing this letter~~
to ask that the greens
be registered as the
as the Village Greens.

It has been known and
used as the Village Green
for about thirty years.

I moved to the village
nine years ago. I used
the green to take my
children to play on the
swing when they used to
be on the green. My
youngest child plays on
both greens. They play

football and cricket.

From my bedroom
window I watch people
from morning till night
using the Greens for
walking their dogs, so
if houses are built
what will people do.

Yours Truly

~~Allyson~~

~~Allyson~~

To whom it may concern
I as a past resident
of Witten Park, I visit quite
often have family still living
there, and where family friends and
neighbours are all interred in Witten
Park cemetery, I am against Building
in any kind being built on
land called the green it's an insult
to residents from the past who
were driven out of their homes
Category D. Durham Council Said
at the time there would be no
building work ever carried out in
future, this council take notice
Why didn't they build new houses
then and brought the people back
to the place they loved and knew

Further more I don't bet that
some of the land belongs to
families, been forgotten about
its worth this generation checking
it out. Anyway leave the
place alone its lovely and peaceful
its for the people of Widdon Park
to enjoy.

~~Mr. [REDACTED]~~ Nee (Butler)
Past Resident of High Thompson
8th St

Tel: 01388 609879

10 High Queen Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
County Durham
DL14 0EE

9th August, 2007

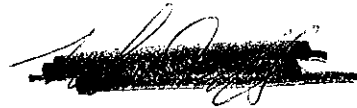
Dear Mrs Holder,

We are writing in support of the application to designate Witton Park green area as a 'Village Green'.

We moved to Witton Park in 2004 partly because of the green areas in the village.

We have seen horse riders, dog walkers, children playing cricket, golf, football and rugby etc. and the green areas are used every day by various members of the local community.

Yours sincerely,



M. S. WALLIS



M. E. WALLIS (Mrs)

2 Hundens Lane
Darlington
Co.Durham

Dear Sirs,

I lived in Witton Park while growing up from age 3 to 20, my parents and brother still reside there.

I have many happy childhood memories of life on the green , in particular long summer nights playing explorers – catching butterflies and riding my bike.

As a family we spent a lot of time walking our dogs and playing ball games on the green areas.

My parents never had any concerns regarding our safety or whereabouts .

My brother has now moved back into the area and has a family of his own and it would be a shame if she did not enjoy the same freedom and happiness we did whilst growing up.

I still visit my parents and we still go for walks around the green and still enjoy doing so.

Please consider the application to grade this area as a Village Green and safeguard it for future generations to enjoy.

Yours truly



Sharon Stafford AAT

(Previously Wakley)

18 High Queen Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0EE

1st August 2007

To whom it may concern;

I lived in Witton Park from being 5 years old until I moved to Hartlepool when I was 23.

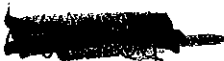
Growing up was a very happy experience , my sister and I would play out on the green from morning till night without our parents having to worry where we were or if we were safe.

School Holidays we would pitch our play tent and have picnics and I also remember spending hours catching grasshoppers and butterflies.

We would play chase , football etc and all the usual activities and spent many hours riding our bikes safely.

It would be a shame to lose these areas as I have recently moved back to the village and now use the green areas with my 1 year old daughter and she too enjoys the freedom and safety it gave myself whilst growing up.

Please consider the application for 'Village Green' status seriously as it would benefit many people for years to come knowing our green areas had been protected from any future developments.



Keith Wakley CIMA

**New Chapel House
27 Main Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
Co Durham
DL14 0DY**

Ms Patricia Holden
Legal Services
Durham County Council

Dear Ms Holden

Re: The Village Green, Witton Park


I have lived in Witton Park for over three years, and am writing to support the current campaign to have the open land in the centre of our village officially designated as a village green. My understanding is that this has long been the desire of the majority of the local community but that the correct procedures to register the land as a village green have stalled in the past.

One of the main reasons I chose to live here when relocating from another town was the rural aspect. I regularly walk over the village green and enjoy both the open space and the trees on the fringe that host a variety of wildlife. Witton Park is alive with sparrows which is now unusual – I am attaching an article from last weekend's Independent on Sunday which laments the demise of these cheerful birds – and it would be a shame to contribute to their further demise.

One of the aspirations of the Escomb & Witton Park Community Partnership is to enhance the village greens in both villages with planting and landscaping, because local residents have confirmed that they value the amenity. The strength of feeling when a travelling community pitched caravans in the rain and badly damaged the ground last month is testimony to this. Residents who had raised and spent money to have the land levelled and grassed many years ago were genuinely upset.

I very much hope that the local community's wishes are conveyed to you in a way that enables you to take appropriate action in our favour.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joss Harwood', with a small loop at the end of the line.

Joss Harwood (Mrs)

Urban sparrow under severe threat from new housing

By Roger Dobson

"A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough, without ever having felt sorry for itself," wrote DH Lawrence. Not so today's suburban sparrow, which is in trouble as towns and cities expand and green spaces grow smaller and scarcer.

According to new research, house sparrows are in a sorry state, with their numbers reduced dramatically by too many houses. Researchers found that numbers of the birds, including the chirpy males, decline rapidly when gardens and green spaces in towns and cities are converted to housing.

In the new study, the researchers, who say little is known about the birds and their habitat in urban areas, looked at sparrow densities in 1,223 randomly selected urban areas in the UK measuring 500sq m and where there was a relatively high human population.

The numbers of chirping male house sparrows and of all house sparrows were analysed separately, and the results show that residen-

tial areas, allotments and farm buildings were key predictors of sparrow density and chirping male density. Researchers found a threefold increase in the numbers of the birds in areas where there were gardens, and they say green spaces need to be preserved to protect the bird.

"Allotments and residential areas with gardens are likely to be under pressure due to increased demand for housing, specifically from the infilling of green space within urban areas," say the researchers who report their findings in the *Journal of Ornithology*.

"It would seem to be imperative that any action plan to protect urban house sparrow populations should include specific protection of such key habitats."

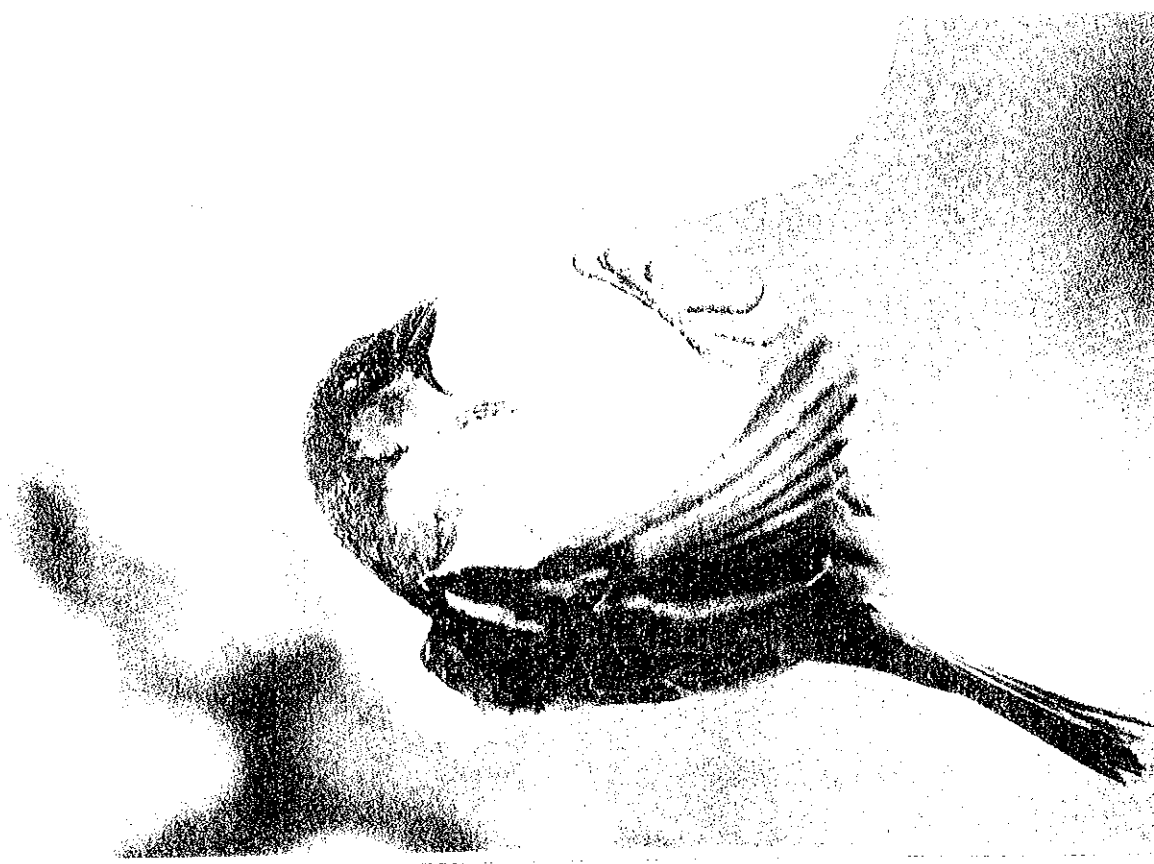
The house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) is declining in many parts of Europe, with recent severe declines in urban areas. According to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, around 60 per cent of sparrows have been lost since the mid-1970s. Declines have been greatest in the south-east of

England and in the centres of large cities, including London, Edinburgh and Glasgow. There are now thought to be between six and seven million breeding pairs.

The decline has been seen as particularly concerning because the house sparrow is one of very few species that thrives in close proximity to people, even in city centres.

It is also perplexing because, according to a government report, the number of birds in Wales and Scotland seems to be increasing, and rural houses and their gardens also support high densities of house sparrows: "Declines have been greatest in suburban and urban gardens. Rural gardens may be the most favoured habitat for the species," says the report.

Just why there has been such a dramatic drop in urban numbers is not clear, although there have been a number of theories, including predation by domestic cats and sparrowhawks, loss of sources of weed seeds as a result of the development of brownfield sites, pollution and disease.



Growth of housing has put huge pressure on sparrows' habitats VASILY FEDOSEENKO/REUTERS

5/18/10 Independent on Sunday

13 High Queen Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
Co Durham
DL14 0EE
9 August 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to lodge our objections to the proposed plans for houses on the Green area at Witton Park.

Both of the Green areas are well used by members of our village and other people passing through the village.

They are used in all weathers by the children of the village as playing areas with no damage done to either side.

We have lived in the village for 5 years now and have seen some big changes since we first came, especially in the number of new houses already built. We might add that there seems to be a few problems in selling the houses now and there are still some more new ones to be put up for sale.

The village roads and infrastructure can just about cope with the number of properties now, how much more traffic will the proposed houses bring? How many more children wanting school places? Which will also only increase, a very bad situation with more traffic parked out side of the schools, causing more congestion.

We cannot stress enough that we will oppose any plans to change the outlay of the village as it stands now. We do not have a problem with in fill houses in the few sites that are neglected and unsightly.

Yours Faithfully

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Malcolm John Shirkey.
Elaine Shirkey.

14 Main Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
Co Durham
DL14 0DX

17 August 2007

Durham County Council
County Hall
Durham

Dear Sir/Madam

The Village Green – Witton Park, County Durham

I am writing in support of the application which is being made by our village community, to formally register as a Village Green the green land at the heart of this village. This land lies on the grassed areas north and south of the Low Queen Street. Neighbours who have lived here all their lives have told me that after much of the housing in the centre of the Village was demolished over the ten years between 1959 and 1969, that central area was left derelict until the Territorial Army came here in 1981 and worked with the remaining villagers and their families and local schools, to clear the ground and plant grass and trees. So it was at that time – 26 years ago - that the Green was born, and people have referred to it as 'The Green' ever since.

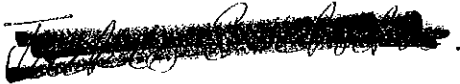
I moved to live in the Village over 5 years ago. The reason we bought a home here is because Witton Park as it is today, is a real village community. People speak to one another, know each other and go out of their way to help a neighbour. The green provides a safe and well-overlooked place for young and old people to walk and play. The lay-out of the green and the road running through it (with a sharp bend at each end of the road) means that traffic is visible early and people drive slowly at that section. People walk their dogs, stop and chat, and children play on both sides of the green and I witness this on a daily basis. It is well used. Witton Park is a safe and pleasant place to live – and the Green at the heart of the village offers us a healthy and positive central focus to our daily lives.

There is great strength of feeling in the village about development on the Green. Just under 3 years ago development proposals were being discussed by private speculators and the District council (to build over 100 houses on the Green). At that time a meeting was held which was attended by over 100 villagers (over half of the adult population of the village) at which they strongly voiced their whole-

hearted opposition to building on the Green. Over 50 letters were then sent to Wear Valley District Council opposing the development – and in light of the strength of feeling, the Planning Committee subsequently denied the corresponding request for planning permission. My understanding was that the Council would respect the wishes of the villagers and not allow any development of the Green.

I see the formal registration of the Green as a Village Green as a positive and progressive act. People in Witton Park fought to keep the village alive when it was 'D' registered in 1949 –and we are now striving again to preserve the 'green heart' of our community for future generations. I would be very grateful if you would approve the formal registration of the green as outlined in the attached application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which is heavily obscured by a thick black redaction bar. The signature appears to be "Jackie Sochocka".

Jackie Sochocka (Mrs)

D. Jameson
38 Main Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0DY

08/08/2007

Dear Sir or Madam

I have been visiting Witton Park for 13 years and have lived here in the village for 8 of them years. In these years I have seen both sides of the green being used by children playing, riding bikes and playing football. My own children one in a wheelchair also use both greens to play on. I also use the greens to walk my dogs on with my children.

D Jameson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Jameson', is written over a dark, textured rectangular area that looks like a stamp or a piece of tape.

4 Albion Terrace
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
Co Durham
DL14 0EL

To Whom it May concern
Durham County Council

08 August 2007

Dear Sir or Madam


Re: Village Green Status – Witton Park

I moved to Witton Park in April 1991, I have walked my own dogs and ridden my horses on the green on a weekly sometimes daily event.

I moved a few years ago to the above address which overlooks the green. Not a single day goes by that the green is not used to walk on, walk dogs on, Ride on and sit and enjoy the occasional good weather. I support the village's request for a Village green that can not be built on.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours faithfully



Petra Bryan (Mrs)

11 Beddow Court,
Witton Park,
Bishop Auckland ,
Co. Durham,
DL14 0ED

I have lived in Witton Park for nearly four years since I moved to Beddow Court. With my husband, I have often walked our dog over the land which is outlined in red on the attached plan.

At these different times I have seen children playing on the green with balls, frisbies and just running about chasing each other.

I have seen adults with children walking and playing on the green. I have seen adults on the green walking dogs, women and men pushing prams and cyclists both adult and children.

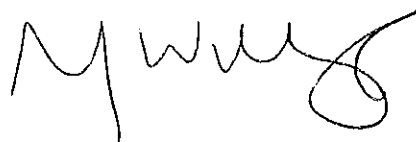
Although with no historic knowledge of the land in question, I have always considered it to be a "Village Green", an important civic amenity and think it should be kept as such.

House building would I think be detrimental to the immediate area and to the village as a whole. There is I think insufficient infrastructure in the village to sustain any further housing development.

Helen Thomason



The contents of this letter are true. *HL 20.*



ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

I came to live in Witton Park in the late summer of 2003.

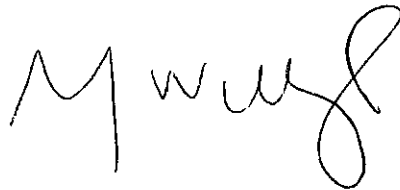
Since that date I have frequently walked my dog over the green on the way to the park and have seen the "green" used for many recreational purposes, children playing football, dogs being exercised and people just out walking ,

I feel the "green" has and is being treated as a village green and official status should certainly be granted

Clifford Thomason

A signature that has been completely redacted with a thick black horizontal bar.

11 Beddow Court,
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland,
Co. Durham.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. W. Willoughby'.

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

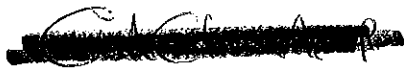
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15 Main Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0DX

Statement about the Village Green at Witton Park

I have lived in Witton Park for five years and during that time I have seen the green on either side of Low Queen Street used regularly for recreation purposes. In particular they are used by children playing, and by adults walking with their dogs.

I personally have used the green as a means of crossing to the houses at Park Road and when walking or jogging out of the village towards the Wear viaduct.

These areas are generally regarded as the village green



MRS E. M. CHARLES

Vicky MORALEE
10 BENDOW COURT
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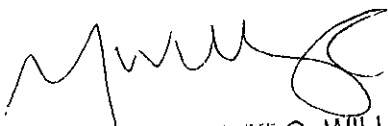
TEL 01388605673

Dear Sir or Madam

I have lived in Witten Park for
nineteen years in this time I walk over the
open space called the green three or four times
a week visiting my brother and sister who live
in Main Street. I have also seen children playing
football and other games on the grass, as it is
very well used by children and adults: walking,
dogs or having picnics. I hope it will remain
a green for the village for many years to come

Yours faithfully

~~Vicky Moralee~~



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~~Vicky Moralee~~

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17 August 2007

Durham County Council
County Hall
Durham

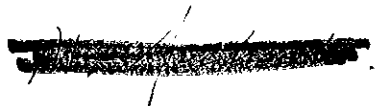
Dear Sir/Madam

The Village Green – Witton Park, County Durham

I have lived in Witton Park for over 5 years. In that time, I have myself walked the Green and have seen both adults and children using both parts of the Green. The low Green is particularly used by children for any number of activities: from ball games, to tag, to having a giant paddling pool in the hot weather. I believe it is especially favoured by children and parents as it is overlooked by houses and provides a safe area for children to play. Importantly, it also provides a safe area for a child who uses a wheelchair and who is able to participate in many of the games with the more able-bodied children. As well as this, for people who are elderly or less mobile, it allows them to have a bit of a walk – or even just to sit and enjoy watching village life on the Green.

The Green provides a breathing space for young and old alike that is safe and enjoyable to use. I do hope that you will support our application for it to be officially registered as Witton Park Village Green.

Yours sincerely

A blacked-out signature, likely of Marek Sochocki, with a small mark above it.

Marek Sochocki (Mr)

Prospect House
Main Street
Witton Park
Bishop Auckland
DL14 0DX

01388 602797

30 July 2007

Dear Sir,


PROPOSAL TO CREATE A VILLAGE GREEN IN WITTON PARK

I wish to declare my desire for the formal creation of a Village Green in Witton Park.

I have been resident in the village for 13 years and throughout that time I have considered the land at the centre of the village, split by Low Queen Street to be our Village Green. This is based on a number of points:

- a. Originally the council had swings on "The Green" which proved, at the time, to be a gathering point for the children of the village.
- b. I walk my two dogs there twice daily for at least half an hour on each occasion.
- c. I constantly see village children playing on "The Green".
- d. I constantly see other dog walkers enjoying the land.
- e. My family will go bramble-picking in the borders of "The Green" when in season.

In essence, the Green land to the centre of the Village is a 'hub' around which the village is based. I feel it only right and proper that this land is given Village Green status so that it may be officially used for what it is used for now.


CRISPIN MARTINDALE

5 Dents Villas
Woodside
Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham
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9 August 2007

Re: Green Area Witton Park

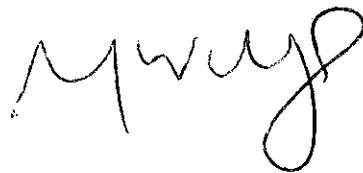
We wish to confirm that both our children and our grandchildren have played on this area as a village green for the past 25 years or more. Our children planted trees.

We also have used this green for walking the dog.

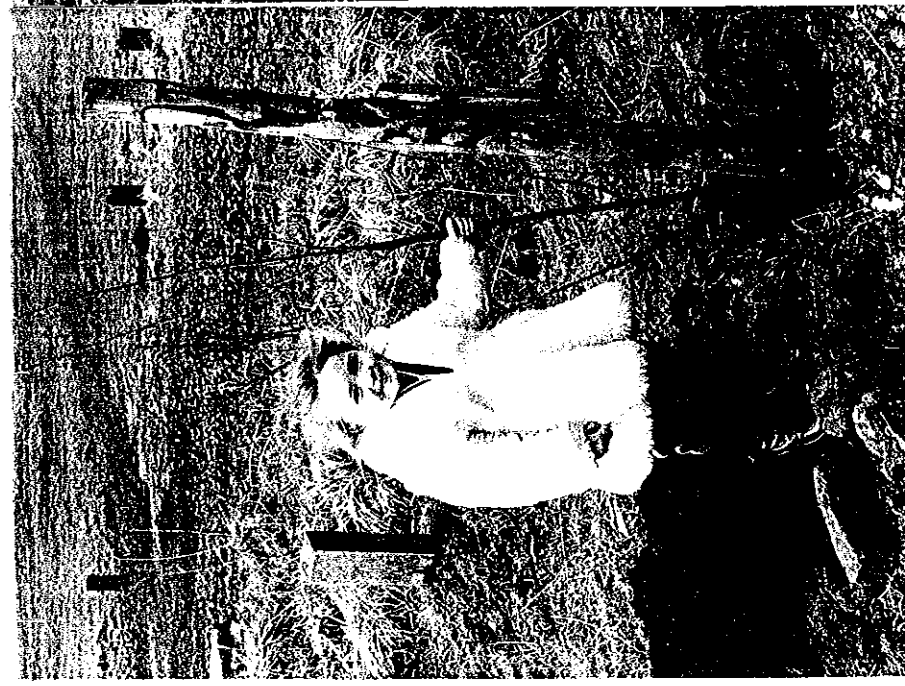
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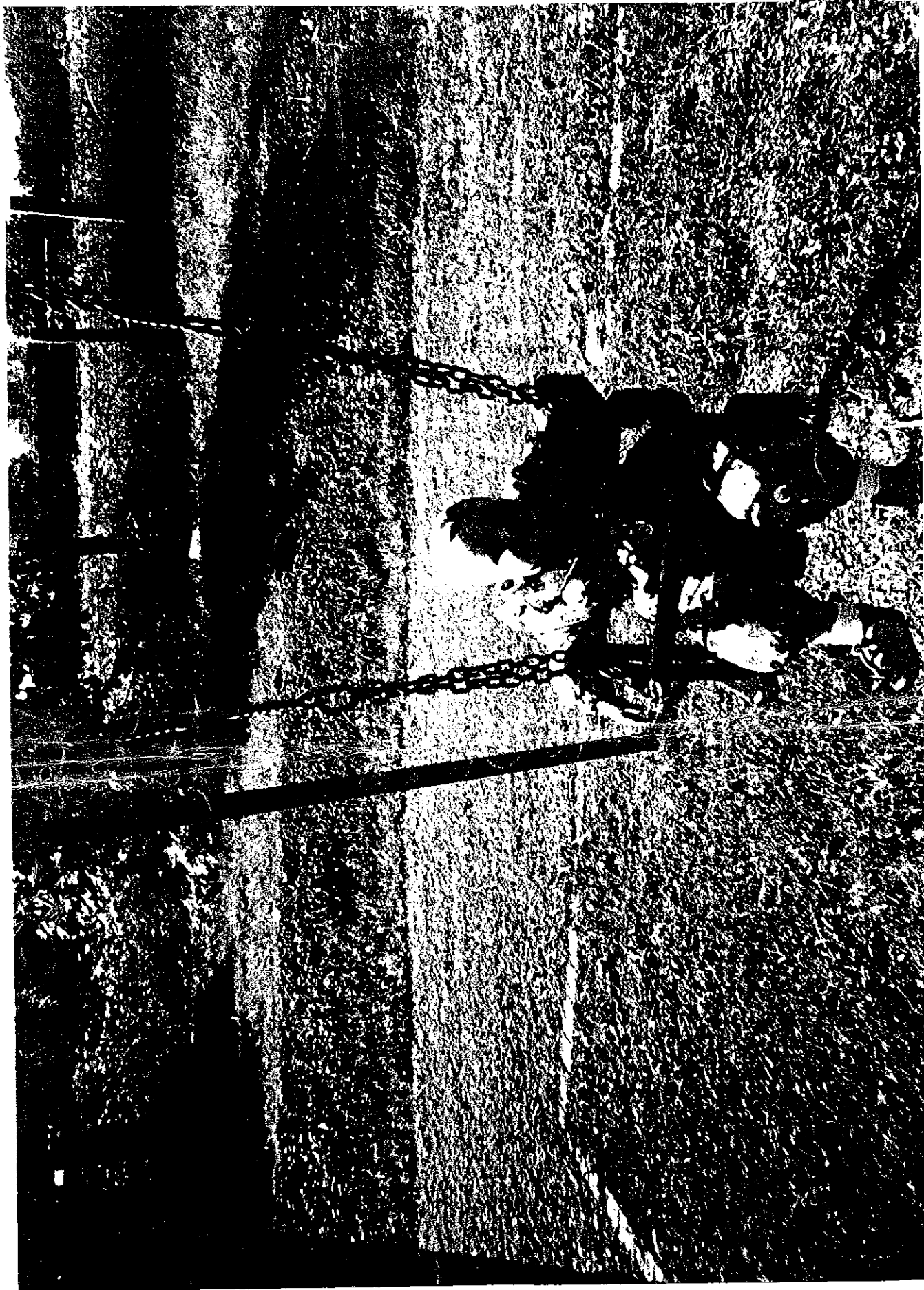
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ROBERT G. VALLOUCHY, LL.B SOLICITOR
OF COUNSEL & CO.
5 COUNTESS HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND









STATUTORY DECLARATION

MRS H M. SUTTON

3, HIGH QUEEN ST

WITTON PARK

BISHOP AUCKLAND

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SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE

AS FOLLOWS

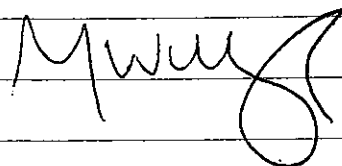
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I WAS BORN IN LOW QUEEN ST WITTON PARK 63 YEARS AGO. WE THEN MOVED TO GARDEN ST AND THEN THOMPSON ST. I HAVE LIVED AT MY PRESENT ADDRESS FOR 36 YEARS. THE GREEN IS AT BOTH SIDES OF LOW QUEEN ST, PLUS THE REAR OF HIGH QUEEN ST AND HAS BEEN USED FOR AT LEAST 25 YEARS AS A PLAY AREA FOR THE CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WALKING THEIR DOGS. THERE WAS A COMMITTEE MANY YEARS AGO WHO FOUGHT FOR MONEY TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE DONE AND THEY WANTED THE GREEN MADE NICE FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY. STUDENTS CAME FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD TO TIDY A PLACE FOR A PLAY PARK MANY YEARS AGO. WE ALSO HAD MANPOWER SERVICES TO PICK STONES. IT IS NICE TO SEE CHILDREN PLAYING GOLF, FOOTBALL AND MANY OTHER DIFFERENT GAMES ON THE GREEN. THAT IS WHY I WOULD LIKE IT TO BE NAMED THE VILLAGE GREEN. I WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE HOUSES BEING BUILT ON ANY OF THE GREENS AS IT WOULD SPOIL THE VILLAGE. THE MAP ATTACHED IS THE AREA OF LAND WE WOULD LIKE AS THE VILLAGE GREEN.

YOURS SINCERELY

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND



MRS. J. A. Nelson
6, ALBION TERR.,
WITTON PARK,
BISHOP. AUCKLAND
CO. DURHAM
DH14 0EL.

I was born in Witton Park June 22 - 1936
and I have lived here all my life
I ran the Man-power Scheme that
kided the village up, Rosie & Marie
& Nick Beddows spent a lot of time
making money to get a lot of work
done.

The ARMY cleared all the green up
because it was left in a TERRIBLE
state, that was 1981 so if it as been
of 25 yrs it should be left the way
it is because the children love it
and adults can watch them play

I don't want any houses built
here on the green, I don't mind
the chapel being built as long
as there is nothing else no houses
or any-thing else

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

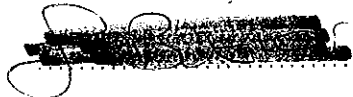
STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, LINDA BUTLER of ALBION COTTAGE, MAIN STREET, WITTON PARK
do solemnly and sincerely declare and say as follows :-

1. I was born on 3.10.59
2. My occupation is NURS. AND ANALYST
3. I have continuously lived at the above address since July 1988 I state from my personal knowledge that Witton Park has enjoyed the benefit of a village green 'the green' shown edged red on the plan attached comprising Exhibitin the period from..... to..... 'the period'.
During the period I have used land the green for the following sports and pastimes:-
PLAYING WITH CHILDREN, PICTNICS, EXERCISING, DODGERS
- CHILDREN HAVE Cycled, PLAYED BADMINTON, ROUNDBALLS etc
4. I have not been prevented from using the land by its owner during the period. I consider myself to be a inhabitant of WITTON PARK and to be local to the green.
5. Attached hereto comprising Exhibit..... is a statement made by me describing my personal knowledge of the uses to which the green has been put.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing the same to be true by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARED by the above-named


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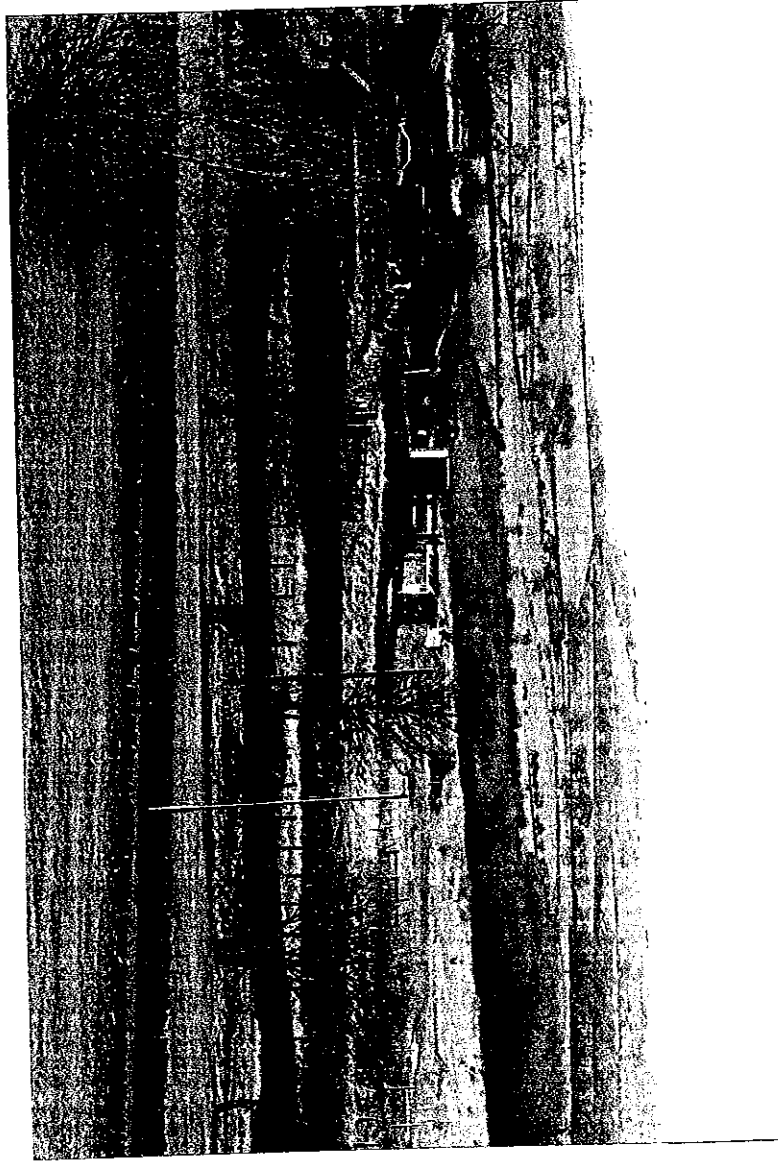
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This day of 2007

Before me :

Solicitor/Commissioner for Oaths



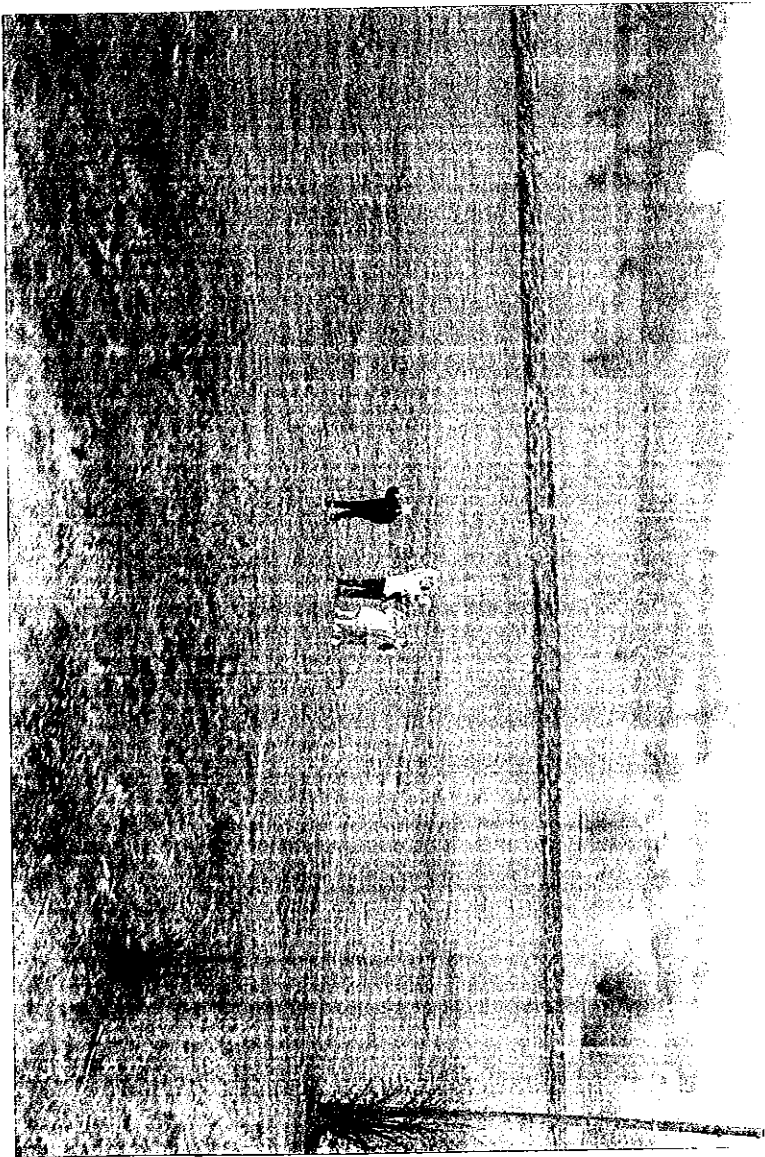
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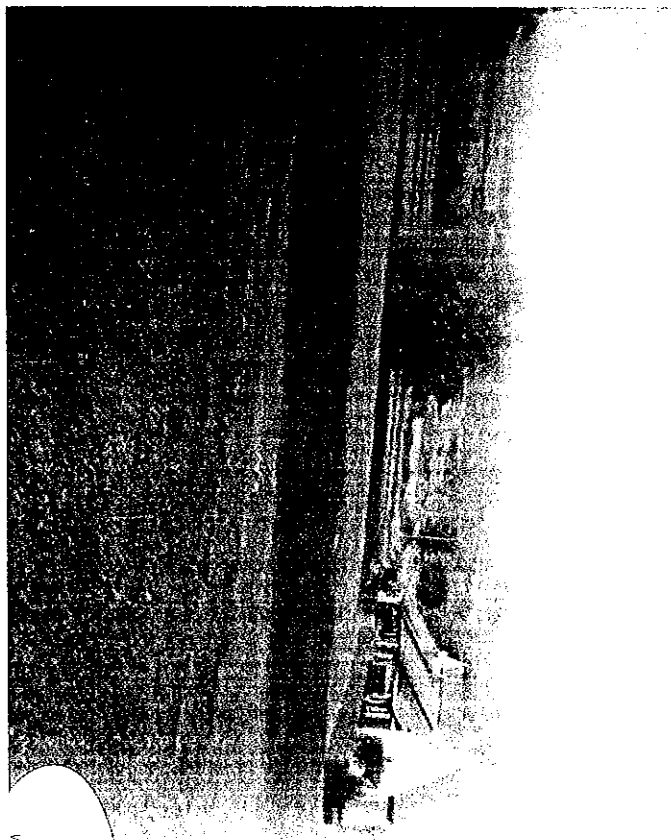
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building and its surroundings.
This is a hand-drawn sketch of the building
shown in the photograph above.
Washington, D.C.

MR RONNIE CASSIDY,
MRS ETHEL CASSIDY,
33, PARK ROAD,
WITTON PARK,
BP AUCKLAND,
CO, DURHAM.
DN14 0EN.

31ST JULY 2007.

REF - LAND TO BE DESIGNATED AS A VILLAGE,
GREEN IN THE VILLAGE OF WITTON PARK,
(SEE LOCATION PLAN.)

WE, THE ABOVE MENTIONED, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
A STATEMENT AS TO THE PAST AND PRESENT USE
OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED LAND IN THE VILLAGE OF,
WITTON PARK,

IN APPROXIMATELY 1981 THIS LAND WAS,
CLEARED, TIDIED AND LANDSCAPED BY VARIOUS
ORGANISATIONS, AND THE RESIDENTS OF WITTON PARK,

IT IS TO THESE PEOPLE WE OWE THANKS
FOR THE PRESENT CONDITION, AND STATE OF
TIDINESS THIS AREA IS IN TODAY -

WE MR R. CASSIDY, AND MRS. E. CASSIDY,
HAVE LIVED IN WITTON PARK FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 YEARS
AND HAVE WITNESSED THIS OPEN SPACE LOCALTY KNOWN,
AS 'THE GREEN' BEING USED FOR VARIOUS EVENTS,
USES, AND RECREATIONAL USES BY THE CHILDREN,
AND RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE FOR AT LEAST,
THE PAST 26 YEARS.

WE, THE AFORE MENTIONED WISH THAT THIS
OPEN SPACE BE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS,
A "VILLAGE GREEN" AND NOT USED FOR ANY
DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING OR OTHER - .

Mr. R. Cassidy -
Mrs. E. Cassidy -

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[Handwritten signature]

ROBERT G. WILLOUGHBY, LL.B SOLICITOR
C.W. BOOTH & CO.
5 COCKTON HILL ROAD
BISHOP AUCKLAND

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**WITTON PARK VILLAGE GREEN
PETITION IN SUPPORT OF FORMAL APPLICATION**

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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
XXXXXXXXXX	16 HIGH QUEEN ST, WITTON PARK.	602824
XXXXXXXXXX	8 THE GREENS WITTON PARK	607160
XXXXXXXXXX	WOODSIDE HOUSE FARM, WITTON PARK B/A	607495
XXXXXXXXXX	ALBION COTTAGE, MAIN ST WITTON PARK BIA	607720
XXXXXXXXXX	BEDDOW COURT, WITTON PARK	602729
XXXXXXXXXX	15 BEDDOW COURT WITTON PARK	
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WATTON PARK, WILSON, BRITAIN

IN THE DISTRICT OF WATTON, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

1911

THE DISTRICT OF WATTON, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, BEING A DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LOCALITY OF WATTON PARK, WILSON, BRITAIN, IS SITUATED, IS HEREBY ORDERED TO BE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL PARISHES, AND THE SEVERAL PARISHES INTO SEVERAL WARDENS, AS FOLLOWS:

WATTON PARK	WATTON PARK	WATTON PARK
14.6.1911	7 MAIN STREET, WITTON PARK	01388 661929
14.6.1911	5, MAIN ST., WITTON PARK.	661929
14.6.1911	7 Main Street Witton Park	
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14.6.1911	1A STATION VIEW, WITTON PARK	608124
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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
K. [unclear]	75 Park Rd, Witton Park	
F. [unclear]	33 Park Rd, Witton Park	
R. [unclear]	33 Park Rd, Witton Park	
[unclear]	11 Meadow Court, Witton Park	
[unclear]	5 Danks Field, Meadowside, Witton Park	
[unclear]	20 Bedford Close, Witton Park, BA	
[unclear]	12 The Grange, Witton Park	
[unclear]	WEAR VIEW WITTON PK	
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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
XXXXXXXXXX	1-3 THE BAKEL WITTON PARK	
XXXXXXXXXX	3A THE BAKEL WITTON PARK	
XXXXXXXXXX	14 THE BAKEL WITTON PARK	
XXXXXXXXXX	14 MAIN ST. WITTON PARK	
XXXXXXXXXX	14 Main Street, Wilton Park	
XXXXXXXXXX	{ Wreedside, Wilton } 3	
XXXXXXXXXX	10 The Bastion Wilton Pk	
XXXXXXXXXX	14 The Bastion, Wilton Park, Boleys Hill	

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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
 	76 WOODSIDE WITTON PARK	
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 	3 Denton Villas Witton Park	
 	5, DENTON GULLFAS WITTON PARK	
 	WOODSIDE FARM, WITTON PARK	
 		
 		
 		
 		
 		

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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Mr [redacted]	4 Woodside, Witton Park DL14 0DS	609052
Mr [redacted]	3 Woodside Witton Park DL14 0DS	
Mr [redacted]	6 Woodside Witton Park DL14 0DS	
Mr [redacted]	18 Woodside, Witton Park	
Mr [redacted]	17 Woodside, Witton Park DL14 0DS	601086
Mr [redacted]	30 Woodside, Witton Park, DL14 0DS	607736
Mr [redacted]	35 Woodside, Witton Park, DL14 0DS	458557
Mr [redacted]	37 Woodside DL14 0DS	602897
Mr [redacted]	75 Woodside DL14 0DS	603128
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33 Main Street	01388 603945
33 Main Street, Bishop Auckland	" "
23 Nalland Road	01388 662136
23 Nalland Road, Bishop Auckland	" "
4 Station View	
4 Station View, WITTON PARK	
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37 Main Street, WITTON PARK	
4 ALBION TERRACE	01388 603945
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1	6. INC. BALTIC VIEW PARK	
2	HIGH BALTIC VIEW WILTON PARK	
3	HIGH BALTIC VIEW WILTON PARK	
4	1 Station View (WILTON PARK)	
5	STATION VIEW (WILTON PARK)	
6	STATION VIEW (WILTON PARK)	
7	PEAK VIEW WILTON PK.	
8	53/61 Peak Pk	
9	52 Peak Pk	
10	50. PARK RD	

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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
John Carson	21 MAY STREET B/A.	
John Carson	36 HOSWORTH VIEW (overdown)	
John Carson	ETHERLY EX WOODSIDE.	
John Carson	10 of 4 Mill ex Thompson St.	
John Carson	ex ALBION ST. X WOODHOUSE CLOSE ex Penny Hill.	
John Carson	(ex Phoenix Row) ETHERLY B/A.	