

SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGES

Summary of protection and provision of green space comments:

- Our environment needs protecting and this should include local green areas as these mean so much to local people
- They offer places for wildlife, children's play and country walking/places for relaxation. Rural green spaces are precious and make our villages individual and worth protecting.
- Sites identified as being of local wildlife / geodiversity importance should be protected from development.
- The countryside has become too "tidy" to support good biodiversity. Preserving scrubland, old orchards, heath land is becoming essential for a variety of wildlife.
- Green corridors for wildlife need to be preserved for all species to remain at healthy levels.
- There is a need for play areas in Abberley.
- This is a leading question and should not be put in these terms. To answer Yes, implies agreements to the development that the sites of local wildlife / geodiversity needs to be protected from. To answer No, implies that we do not need to protect these sites. Neither of these is my position.
- Great Witley already has an area defined for this purpose.
- We need more green spaces or agriculture so that we do not import food from abroad.
- In a rural community, "Green Space" is integrated to the feel of the village – "These areas are the lungs of the village".
- Many argued that green spaces should be protected.
- Site MHGW02 has already been set aside for this purpose.
- Questions are deliberately geared in favour of development
- many green spaces are gradually being ended despite legislation
- not only be maintained but expanded.
- A single village green would be sufficient for Hallow
- Where are these green spaces in Kempsey? I have to look outside the built up area along the A38 to find green space and very often these are very wet or flooded. We are lucky that we are surrounded by green at the moment, but this is supposed to be a village.
- Rural communities are essential to reducing the country's carbon footprint and minimizing natural disasters such as flooding.
- Habitat around Hatfield Brook should be protected.
- Protect the upper hams, Napleton Lane, Bannut Hill and land between Main Road and old Road South all surrounding Bight Farm.
- Recreation area at Napleton land could be extended and a much larger children's playground provided.
- Why not ask the parish councils which areas they wish to preserve.
- Follows present policy decisions of MHDC that high quality farmland should not be developed (as supported by Inspector).
- To fill in all 'open spaces' in a village destroys its character. Better to build adjacent to current development line.

- There maybe occasions when the loss of a small part of green has much wider benefit.
- Need to protect from ribbon development and therefore have open spaces near to housing and amenities. Green sites in continuum with Old Hills should be protected from development for local wildlife corridors.
- Open spaces are important. People need to have places to walk in and views to admire. This helps to cut down stress, children need to be able to learn about nature and use real energies in a positive way.
- National planning policies say we must safeguard and protect local wildlife and biodiversity but then saddle us with building on greenfield.
- MHPW02 should be protected greenspace. This land was outside the original Powick Hospital site "footprint" and is valuable open space and countryside.