

## **SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGES**

### **Summary of standards for open space and recreation comments:**

- We have farmland in Abberley but it is not public open space. There is a very hilly village green but no playing field or open area for children.
- We do not need standards to "give guidance" to developers. We need rules and penalties for breaking them.
- Too many developments in rural villages have in the past resulted in poor recreational facilities for the new families moving in.
- This should take into account existing housing density too. Not just a formula based on new properties built by the developer.
- Safer village pathway for pedestrians to schools. Pavement / paths need proper maintenance.
- Aside from the school playing field, (not accessible out of school times) there is no space for children to play in Abberley.
- Developer should work with Parish councils and local residents to avoid piecemeal approach where each development has its own small area of open space – better to have a large open space
- Great Witley has the Quatergreen sports area, more housing and more families can make use of this to its full capacity / capability.
- field adjacent to the Glebe should be kept for grazing or agriculture.
- All homes should have gardens to grow plants and vegetables
- The current one (dwellings per hectare (20)) does not leave any room for reasonable open spaces
- A smaller development would allow for maintenance of existing green spaces in the village
- Bowens Field caters for the needs of the existing village. With the new proposed high density housing for the village, further green field space will be necessary.
- Rural areas should be kept rural.
- consideration should be given to providing allotment space.
- Bloor were suggesting natural and semi-natural openspace to be joint managed by the community- seems a good idea if the terms are clear and agreed by the community.
- This is an essential part of village life.
- Manufactured park is not the same as open meadow with wildlife or farmland. Farm land needs to be preserved.
- Present open spaces should not be compromised.
- Policies should be applied consistently
- Open space is not the same as recreation facility. Fields with cows are beneficial even if people don't walk in them.
- More Green Belt
- Development should be on brown sites in places where there are job opportunities - not taking away the fields i.e natural habitats.
- Natural open spaces should be kept as nature intended. Man made parks generally cause problems for residents as they are too close to houses and are generally not used for the purpose intended.
- Development must include space for sport/recreation. Kempsey has a playing field but this would not be able to cope on its own.

- Cul-de-sac adjacent to the limes by the pine trees- these fields could be used for play area, sports fields.
- Sports, communal areas, play areas need to be protected.
- Vital for children. Leaving fields unfettered with Rights of Way for walkers is very important to support the countryside way of life
- The open space to the east and north east (the valley) is already in use by the powick estate and as such should be left unchallenged.
- Planners must be aware that this is not suburbia. It is countryside.
- Within the village of Alfrick the green space around the war memorial, the playing field and tennis court needs to be preserved.
- The Parish Council would look to developers to enhance the community facilities available for recreation.
- A play area for the children of the village to use would be very beneficial and help to build community spirit! Ideal if parents and children could walk to it safely. Many people do walk in Shrawley Woods, but it is not necessarily safe for younger children.
- Hanley castle is mostly farming. Farmers are struggling to make a living, so change of use of some land could help. Parks are public places, and you could cover exercise, playing fields etc.
- Our Parish plan survey resulted in much support for the provision of an open space and / or village green.
- We need to protect existing sites at the edges of town so that they can remain in a natural state and not be regimented by developers leaving the minimum spaces required by law.