



The Manager, Planning Policy,
Hertsmere Borough Council,
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Dear Sir,

Designation Of Reveley Lodge Field as a "Local Green Space"

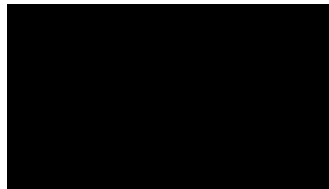
I write belatedly as a "Friend of Bushey Museum" with regard to this redesignation of the Reveley Lodge Field. I realise that I have missed the date for representations, having been out of the country for 6 weeks. However, I strongly support the efforts of the Bushey Museum Property Trust to remove the field from the list of designated Local Green Spaces!

You will be aware that the late Mrs Eila Chewett bequeathed Reveley Lodge and its estate to the Bushey Museum Trust, following their recognition and preservation of the artistic work of her husband Albert, the well-known local Bushey artist. The Bushey Museum Property Trust was then formed to look after this bequest. Unfortunately, after a short time it became apparent that the cost of upkeep of the estate (roofing, plumbing, electrics, etc of the house in particular) including its row of cottages, was beyond the means of the Property Trust. The only option for the Trustees to raise the necessary funding was to sell the field (also known as the Paddock).

The action of Hertsmere in carrying out the Local Green Space designation has the effect of a confiscation, with no compensation for the Property Trust. I suspect that the Council's action was triggered by the comments of a few local residents objecting to the proposed sale of the land.

I strongly urge Hertsmere to reverse the Green Space designation, unless they are willing to recompense the Museum Property Trust by a sum of above one million pounds, which is what the Trust had hoped the sale of the Paddock would bring in. You will realise that the Museum, the Museum Trust and the Museum Property Trust are NOT professional organisations, but run by teams of volunteers, providing an invaluable service for Bushey and the surrounding areas.

Please take some action as I have urged.



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Friend of Bushey Museum

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