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## **Earley Town Councillors Determined to Protect Bulmershe Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV)**

Following a meeting of the Earley Town Council Planning Committee, Members expressed their determination to protect the Bulmershe Site of Urban Landscape Value. Councillors endorsed the statement of the SULV Joint Working Party, comprising of members of both WTC and ETC, in response to the Borough's 'Homes for the Future' Consultation.

"Earley Town Council and Woodley Town Council's joint Working Party on the Bulmershe Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) known as the Bulmershe Fields, site reference 5WO003, do unanimously request that Wokingham Borough Council change the suggested use allocation of this site in the Local Plan Update from "Leisure/Public Open Space" to simply "Public Open Space", which is what is recorded as the current use classification.

Residents of both councils have made their feelings known and they wish this area to remain as it currently is, and to ensure the retention of the existing grass sports fields and the provision of public open space for informal recreation without the threat of any building, even if it would be to provide additional leisure facilities."

Earley Town Councillors also added the following comment:

The designation of 'Local Green Space' (as defined in the NPPF points 99 to 101) be adopted by Wokingham Borough Council as part of the Local Plan Update if it proves to be a more effective designation, in terms of protection of the space, than the designation of Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV)

Councillors sought no change to the current identified boundaries of the SULV and wished to avoid further erosion of the outer limits of this area which provides public benefit

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