

Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

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On behalf of myself and my partner, James Goldsworthy, we would like to make the following comments about the proposed modifications to the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan.

1) We wholeheartedly support the changes to the plan as a whole and feel that the plan achieves the aim of helping to preserve the character of the village whilst making adequate provision for appropriate development and supporting environmental policy.

2) In particular, we strongly believe that Gobbey's Field deserves to be designated as a Local Green Space. On many occasions I have observed bats and birds of prey over this field, providing an excellent opportunity for villagers to be exposed to some of our local wildlife. I also regularly walk my dogs there. It has particular value for us as being the only green space that my blind partner can access unaided (due to not having to cross any roads to reach it), when he needs to walk the dogs without me. Its use as an amenity for the whole village has been especially noticeable during the COVID-19 "lockdown", when we have observed many families using the field as part of their daily exercise.