

FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Mrs Christine E. Hodgson	No	No	No	Paragraph, Policy	LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT	Tranquillity in the Local Green Space Assessment of Leconfield Road Paragraph Leconfield Road, Site A, pages 4-6 Policy Local Plan Local Green Space Assessment 2021 4(2) Not sound, not justified			

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
<p>Details</p> <p>NPPF clause 100 (2018 version) sets out the measures of ‘local significance’ to be used in demonstrating why a Local Green Space is special to the community. The Council’s assessment claims that the local significance of tranquillity is not demonstrated.</p> <p>The Council’s assessment says tranquillity is not demonstrated to be locally significant as the land has housing on three sides and there is a busy road in the vicinity. No assessment of whether the housing or the road actually affects the perception of the tranquillity is provided.</p> <p>In fact, because of the hill on the site, there are substantial secluded areas of the land near the ancient wood (that now extends significantly on to this site), where, apart from the Grade II listed Burleigh Farm and its former outbuildings, the housing cannot be seen. The ‘busy road’ is perhaps 50m at its closest point the site, but around 150m from the most secluded south-west corner. The road is not visible from any part of the open space and noise well shielded by large gardens with mature trees and shrubbery. Normal traffic is not intrusive and not heard over birdsong, especially when near the Wood. In fact, with the prevailing wind being from the west, it is the distant rumble of the M1 on the far side of Burleigh Wood that that is normally the more intrusive in the Nanpantan residential area.</p> <p>Please see the attached video that more than adequately demonstrates the wonderful tranquillity in the western part of the site [1].</p> <p>This is one of the most tranquil areas of the Ward and is clearly of local significance to residents who venture the short distance here.</p> <p>Modification</p> <p>Change the outcome to ‘The tranquillity of the site is of local significance.’</p> <p>Reference</p> <p>[1] Video demonstrating the tranquillity of Leconfield open space, taken at 8.30am, Tuesday 1 June 2020, <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xhc-sX8sSYHbSWvtPViZIWrb2gtGyC5N/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xhc-sX8sSYHbSWvtPViZIWrb2gtGyC5N/view</a></p> <p>3. NPPF 99 (2018) Local Green Space sustainable development criteria Paragraph paragraph 9, page 2 Policy Local Plan Local Green Space Assessment 2021 4(2) Not sound, not justified</p> <p>Details</p>	<p>The inclusion of planning applications in the sustainable development criteria used to assess LGS designation is illogical (as specified in NPPF 99 (2018)). In particular, we said in our email to Officers on 7/3/21.</p> <p>Planning applications are transitory in nature, covering a much shorter time scale than that of preparing the local plan. At exactly what point in the local plan preparation process would you think a planning application might have the effect of defeating an LGS application? When the idea of an LGS is first raised? Perhaps when a particular draft is being formed or perhaps some other time of the Council’s choice? Since you have told me many times that the local plan preparation process is entirely separate from the consideration of a planning application, it seems highly suspicious if you decide to link them here. Of course, to take this illogical idea to its logical conclusion, an LGS proposal could be defeated by anyone submitting a planning application (however speculative) at the appropriate time (or even at multiple times) during local plan preparation. This would be entirely against the intention of LGS designation and I hope you understand this.</p> <p>Further, NPPF Guidance Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306 on Local Green Space only states designation is not suitable if there is planning permission, but does not say designation is not suitable if there is a planning application.</p> <p>Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development.</p> <p>In a later meeting on 29/3/21, the Council Officers confirmed that all references to planning applications had been removed. They agreed reference to planning applications were not relevant and read out a version of the ‘sustainability assessment’ with no reference to planning applications.</p> <p>However, a new final paragraph with new references ap</p>	No	