

## Harry Butcher

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**Sent:** 23 September 2025 14:10  
**To:** Consultations  
**Subject:** Re: Old Hockey Pitch, Beacon Road, Herne Bay

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**Subject:** Fw: Old Hockey Pitch, Beacon Road, Herne Bay

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Dear Andrew,

I am writing to you with regard to the above land that is now out for consultation/ proposed for housing.

I, and others, attended the meeting last night and spoke out about this area, a Protected Open Space that has been changed without any notice or consultation, to Brownfield. It is a shock to all of us to have inadvertently been alerted to this.

This land has more than one covenant on it, that I personally discussed with Peter Riley in Land Management, which state that this land is to be used for the recreational and enjoyment purposes of the community as it has been for over 100 years. These covenants are known by residents who have lived here and enjoyed this area for a long time, generations of families.

This covenant is, it appears, not being presented or cannot be found now, but the area, along with 4 others, including The Downs, was given as a gift to community of Herne Bay in the 1800's and is noted again in 1938.

We have photographic evidence of this dating back to [1912](#), including sports and community events, leisure activities, and allotments.

This is a just small green square of land, full of wildlife & biodiversity, which, ironically, the council has published an emergency plan on.

On all sides, it is surrounded by mainly Victorian Houses and has been used for over a century by the community.

Additionally, the sewage/water is a big concern as it was rejected in [2002](#) because of this and the community use, and nothing has changed. In fact, there are more people living in the vicinity now.

Beacon Road and Cecil Park are narrow residential roads with cars parked on either side for residents, and only 1 car can pass at a time. The only entrance/exit is on Beacon Road, which will result in a horrendous increase in traffic and congestion

Since a huge gate was erected by the council a few years ago, it has been impossible for the community to use this field as it was meant, and it has deliberately been left to fall into disrepair and now listed as Brownfield when it should be a Protected Open Space. There is a green area and tennis courts just waiting to be used again by the local community. As mentioned previously, there is an abundance of wildlife and biodiversity.

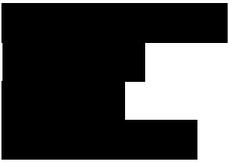
It will be tragic to lose this much loved small green space in amongst our houses. The loss will be felt greatly by everyone in the area and have an enormous impact on us all.

Please would you take some time to come and meet with a couple of us, visit this site, and look at the road infrastructure.

It would be very much appreciated by everyone.

Many thanks,

Tina and Steve Benson



On behalf of **Friends of Beacon Road Hockey Pitch/Beacon Road Community Land**

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