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**Policy N26**

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Policy N26 Land at Beacon Road, Herne Bay.

I should like to register my objection to the proposed development in Beacon Road (Draft Policy 26).

I have heard this open space referred to as a Brownfield Site. It is my understanding that such a description applies to sites which are derelict and unused. This site was used extensively even after the departure of the hockey and tennis club. The reason for the lack of use at the moment is the installation of a substantial fence and locked gates which prevent easy access. The contractor handling the installation told me that this was at the request of Canterbury City Council. He told me that there is a Health and Safety issue and that The Council would be responsible for any accidents. Following that logic The Council would be liable to take responsibility for accidents occurring anywhere in the town. I taught my grandson to ride his bike on the old hockey pitch away from the dangers of the road and without any inconvenience to pedestrians. Before the installation of the fence there were youngsters playing ball games most days.

The addition of yet another development will, obviously, put even more strain on an already overextended group of utilities. We see on local news that raw sewage is regularly discharged into the sea because the system cannot cope. There have also been, from time to time, water pressure and water quality issues. None of these problems can possibly be alleviated by increasing the load on the systems involved.

When looking around Herne Bay it would appear that there are not that many open spaces close to existing houses, to lose another to development will reduce further the obvious benefits of urban open spaces. I believe that this area was given to the town as a recreation facility and is the subject of a covenant to that effect. Should it be decided that there is sufficient local sport facilities; the benefits of an open space would be well served by the creation of gardens or allotments.

As I am sure you are aware, this is a conservation area. One is bound to ask, what exactly are we conserving if we develop every open space?

**Regards,**  
**Tony Dillon.**

