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I am writing regarding the Old Hockey Pitch Beacon Road Her ne Bay.

This is a small green Protected Open Space surrounded by Victorian Houses and has been a community space for 100 years. This land was given by Thomas Dence as a gift to the community along with The Downs and has a covenant on it in 1893.

It is worrying that it is being considered for housing and has suddenly been listed as Brownfield Site. 32 houses is a drop in the ocean for housing target but a huge loss for the community to use for recreation and leisure. There is a lot of wildlife, bats, owls. seagulls and a biodiversity there now, as it has been gated by the Council so that people cannot access it. It would be such a loss.

It is also very concerning to a lot of residents that there has been rumours of it being used as a floodlit football pitch with events in a sports hut which, surrounded by houses and not protected by any mature trees, will cause enormous noise and light issues and massive stress to neighbours who back on to it. There are now 3 football pitches in the area and no more are required.

Please consider keeping this as a Protected Open Space to be enjoyed. There are many clubs and organisations like Mencap and others that would be pleased to rent it for various things - we have very little green space left in Kent let alone Herne Bay.

Many thanks,

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