

Email from owner of 1 The Holmes.

Dear Councillors,

It has recently been brought to my attention that large parts of the Leven Valley are now being considered for classification as Local Green Space.

As my home is situated in this area I would be directly affected should this change come to fruition.

I do not have a background in planning, but following some research of the National Planning Policy Framework, my understanding is that in order for a site to be declared green space it must meet a set list of criteria; I am quite sure, the area in question does not do this.

I do not believe my land, put forth for consideration, can be deemed demonstrably special to the local community for the following reasons :

Recreational Value - My property holds no recreational value to any member of public or local resident, other than my family and I. It is totally private and consists mainly of private garden.

Local Access - No area within my property boundary, displayed in the attached picture, contains a public access or right of way. The footpath towards the sewage works stops short of my property by over 90m. It could be argued that parts of my land may be visible from the footpath within close proximity of the sewage works, however the boundary is still separated by over 35m of river and mature trees at the closest point rendering the argument invalid.

Historic Significance - The land within my boundary holds no historical significance. My house is not listed, nor does the grounds hold any features of historical significance.

My property and surrounding land is barely visible to any member of public, from any aspect of the boundary due to its situation being isolated at the bottom of the valley, where it is surrounded the River Leven and bordered by hundreds of mature trees.

I am totally at odds as to why this and other areas in the Leven Valley are even being considered as green space. The criteria required is simply not applicable to this proposal.

I would be extremely grateful for any clarification you are able to provide me regarding this matter.

Kind Regards

