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Sent: 25 January 2018 15:57

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Subject: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT 100 HOUSES LIMES FARM ESTATE.

To Whom It May Concern

I have already emailed my objections to the above proposal but I would also like you to add to my objections the following, which was sent to me via Gavin Barwell Housing Minister for the Government. It clearly states existing open spaces and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, SHOULD NOT BE BUILT ON, this is the ONLY green space that we who live in Grange Hill have. Green space is vital for adults and children for health and happiness, our children play on these fields, I totally object to any kind of development on this land. Please confirm receipt of my email.

Dear Ms Watmough,

Thank you for your email of 7 November to Gavin Barwell MP, about the proposal of your council to build 210 houses on the only piece of green space for recreation in Grange Hill, Chigwell. We are sorry the Minister was unable to reply to you personally, due to the large amount of correspondence he receives. We have been asked to reply on his behalf, as our Team has responsibility for national planning policy on green and recreational spaces.

We hope you will appreciate that neither Ministers nor officials are able to comment on individual development proposals. However, the *Promoting Healthy Communities* section of the National Planning Policy Framework sets out that access to high quality open spaces, and opportunities for sport and recreation, can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities, and opportunities for new provision.

The Framework is equally clear that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- an assessment has been carried out which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in a suitable location; or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

The National Planning Policy Framework is available on line at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

We note that residents have been given until 12th December to make comments to the council on this proposal. In reaching its decision on a planning application, we would assure you that the local authority must take consider all representations made within the set period, and take into account any material issues that they raise.

Thank, you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely

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