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To: localplan
Subject: Comment. Redpath Village. Consolidated Local Plan

Dear Sir

I refer to the public's opportunity to comment on the Consolidated Local Plan.

As regards the Local settlement Plan for Redpath, I am pleased to note the prominence given to the village's Conservation Status.

The Department will recall a contentious Planning application for a house on the village green which was refused in 2013. Almost without exception, it attracted widespread criticism from householders in Redpath. After a case officer recommending refusal of the application, a Local Review Panel was held and its outcome produced a principled statement about Redpath Village Green. It implied that the future of this land would be for amenity and recreational use and that it was important to the local community. It is my personal opinion that Redpath Village Green could well be under threat at some time in the future and that it is now appropriate for the Council to define its future role in the village structure.

I note that other settlements have allocations for open space (for recreational and amenity purposes) defined on their plans and would suggest a similar designation for Redpath.

As background, I show an extract below from the Councillor Review Body's report held into application 13/00245PPP .

The Review Body acknowledged the historic development pattern within the village and that there was limited open space within the settlement. Members agreed with the appointed officer that the site contributed to the understanding of this historical development of the village, as well as having an intrinsic value as an open space. They considered that the land made a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and that its loss to development would diminish the area's attractiveness and scenic qualities.

Thank you

Paul Gregory