

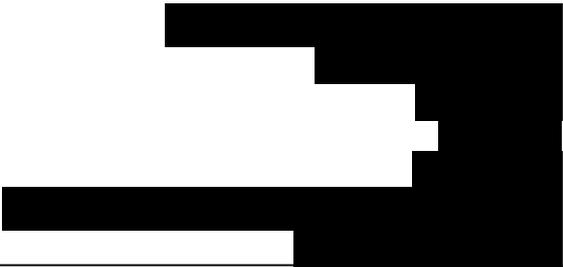
Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space Report

Appendix 7 – Consultation letter and form sent to nearby residences of Dial Close

See overleaf

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL



2nd April 2019

Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Dial Close potential Local Green Space

Dear Seend Parish Resident,

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The legislation on LGS is very strict; the spaces overleaf and the Dial Close green space enclosed are those that we have assessed and found to be potentially compliant with national planning policy criteria. Other spaces, such as Giles Wood and footpaths across the Parish, can be included in the Plan in other ways, for example as part of the Parish's Green Infrastructure network.

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To our knowledge there is no current intention to develop the space. Please let us know, by filling in and returning the form overleaf, if it meets – for you – any of the five criteria above. If you and others value it highly, we will contact the landowner, who has the right

to object to the proposed designation. The results will then be assessed by the independent Examiner who will eventually report on the Neighbourhood Plan, and so the strength of local evidence is crucial.

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Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Chair, Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
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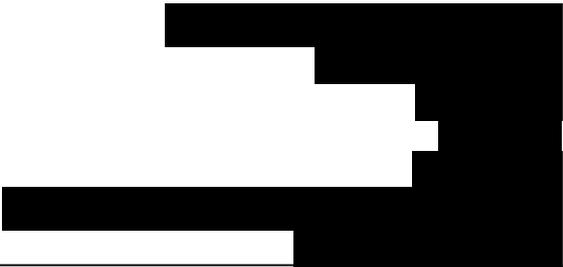
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