

**Grounds of objections / representations received for the proposed disposal of land at Longridge / North Downs, Knutsford.**

**Objections to the sale of Public Open Space**

Summary of Objections
1. POS contributes to Social Well being
2. Relocating POS would make it less accessible to Local Residents.
3. Used for Recreation purposes (including football).
4. Used regularly for Dog Walking
5. Loss of Wildlife / Wildlife Corridor

**Other Matters not specifically relating to the notice of the Council in respect of the disposal of public open space**

1. Personal view indicating the land has been Public Open Space since 1969 is in poor condition and CEC have a duty to maintain it.
2. Personal view indicating the land is well used recreational green space, forming part of the Character of the area and been seen as an asset to the community.
3. Personal view indicating the land serves an existing housing area and putting a road through it will make it less safe and less use.
4. Personal view indicating the proposal is unclear about how much land is needed.
5. Against Local Plan and Local Plan Policies including disposal of Green Belt land and set a precedent for onward development.
6. Personal view indicating that the disposal is against public interest but clearly in private and commercial interests.
7. In the standard form objection a statement to the effect that the Town Council supported the protection of the Blue land was recorded.
8. In the standard form objection two petitions of over 400 signatures have objected in principle to the sale of POS in respect of the recreational playing field [The Blue Land].
9. Personal View that the proposal to dispose would be detrimental to the residents in the area as they will not be able to explore and play safely.
10. Personal View that green space is required for dog walking and children's play
11. Objecting against the adjoining housing development and a general objection to the development of Knutsford.
12. Personal View that the proposal is unnecessary action - solution using green land.
13. Increased Traffic, Highway issues and planning matters
14. Objections based on promises made by former leader and actions of CEC are contrary to fair governance, bordering on illegality.

15. Personal view stating the Council has a conflict of interest as they will be rewarded financially.
16. Personal view indicating that CEC should explore the restrictive covenants issue in respect of the green land and not dispose of the blue land.