

JUSTIFYING THE RETENTION OF CERTAIN LOCAL GREEN SPACES IN COULSDON

The official inspection of Croydon's new five year local plan demanded that a large number of very local green spaces in the borough need stronger justification if they are to be retained. (Behind this decision is pressure to find much more land in the borough on which to build dwellings "given planning constraints and development requirements".)

The Friends group intend to respond defending local green spaces in general, but it is clearly very important for local residents to write to the council about the site closest to you – what it means to you. Below is space for you to respond about a particular site:

Name of the site:

Give your view about it: (e.g. its character, accessibility, and how you use it).

Give your name:

Your address in brief:

Kindly return the form by 12 July to: Ian Payne, 42 Bradmore Way, Coulsdon, CR5 1PA and the Friends will forward all the responses to the Planning Department at Croydon.

The list of sites thought to be chiefly at risk are listed here:

Coulsdon Memorial Ground (Marlpit Lane), Chaldon Way Gardens, Coulsdon Coppice, scrub near Woodhatch Spinney, a site on Hillars Heath Road, and Copse Hill Spinney.

The Friends think it might be advisable to make supportive comment on the following additional places: Dollipers Hill, Inwood, Betts Mead Rec, Higher Drive Rec, Rickman Hill Rec, Millstock, Grange Park and Bradmore Green.

Graham Lomas, Chair Friends of Farthing Downs & Happy Valley

Note: If you prefer, you could respond directly to the Council by emailing jamie.vaniersel@croydon.gov.uk However, Friends of Farthing Downs & Happy Valley would prefer to see your responses first so that we can include your ideas in our formal response. Please use a separate sheet to comment on a second site.