



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Willand Parish Council response to the consultation on public open space protection (dog orders)**

Willand Parish Council considered the consultation document and schedules of open spaces to be affected by the proposed order at the meeting on 11 June 2020. It made the following general comments and then looked at each proposed area and made comments on the individual plans.

The Parish Council is very aware that Willand has a high population of families with young children and a growing number of dog owners, some being families with both children and dogs. There had been reports from families that they appreciated being able to be in an area where their children and dogs could play together. The Parish Council believed that all sections of the community needed to be able to access suitable areas for recreation, which included areas for dogs to exercise off the lead. The Council did not comment on the number of dogs that an individual should be allowed to walk, or the issues of carrying bags for cleaning up excrement. It was questioned as to how these new orders would be enforced with the limited staffing that MDDC had, and the difficulties already experienced in enforcing penalties, for example against fly tipping. It was assumed that this had been costed as part of the plan.

i) **Schedule B** Churchyards and Cemeteries. Dogs would have to be kept on a lead at all times.

Plan 18 for St Marys churchyard was correct

Plan 19 for the Willand Cemetery looked to only include the current space and not the extension which it is intended to fence this year. It is requested that MDDC include the whole area within the order. An outline of the area is attached to this document for information.

ii) **Schedule C** any Person in Charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead and under proper control at any time.

Plan 27 Chestnut Drive the Parish Council recommended that this area was removed from Schedule C and dogs were allowed to be off the lead. The small fenced play area with the equipment should be included in Schedule D. The plan is attached for illustration in Appendix A.

Plan 37 Gables Lea, the red line was drawn around the area held on a 25 year lease from MDDC by the Parish Council. This is part of the Jubilee field which includes Plan 123 marked as the Recreation Ground owned by Willand Parish Council.

The Parish Council suggested that this field should be reclassified so that there was an area (plan 37) where dogs were not restricted to being on a lead. But that the area which contained the play equipment should be designated an area where dogs had to be on a lead. It was noted that it might be the case that a fence would need to be erected to cut off the field to give an enclosed areas for dogs. The Parish Council undertook to investigate the practicalities of this as there were a number of factors to be taken into consideration. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix A.

Plan 63 Sycamore Close the Parish Council recommended that this area was removed from Schedule C and dogs were allowed to be off the lead.

Plan 67 Victoria Close the Parish Council recommended that this area was removed from Schedule C and dogs were allowed to be off the lead.

Plan 70 Willand Moor Road the Parish Council recommended that this should be retained in Schedule C but the small fenced children's area off Buttercup Road should be included in Schedule D. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix A

iii) **Schedule D** a Person in Charge of a dog is prohibited from taking that dog onto, or permitting the dog to enter or remain on any enclosed children's play area (which are Public Spaces)

Plan 27 Chestnut Drive enclosed play area is not in Schedule D and should be added. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix A.

Plan 70 Willand Moor Road the enclosed play area accessed from Buttercup Road was not identified in Schedule D and should be added. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix A.

Plan 96 Harpitt Close the Parish Council recommended that the enclosed fenced area should remain in Schedule D but the other grassed area should be removed. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix B.

Plan 109 Mallow Court the Parish Council recommended that the enclosed fenced area be retained in the schedule The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix B

Plan 113 Orchard Way the Parish Council recommended that the area be retained in the schedule. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix B.

Plan 123 Jubilee Field (Recreation Ground) the Parish Council recommended that the enclosed fenced area be retained in the schedule. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix B.

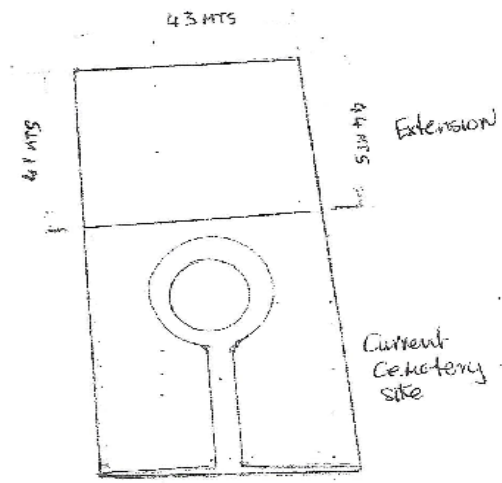
Plan 126 South View Close the Parish Council recommended that the enclosed fenced area be retained in the schedule. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix B.

Plan 141 Victoria Close enclosed play area the Parish Council recommend that dogs should be admitted on a lead to walk through the area on the footpath. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix B.

Plan 147 Worcester Crescent the Parish Council recommended that the enclosed fenced area be retained in the schedule. The plan is attached to illustrate this in Appendix B.

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## Willand Cemetery Extension