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**Update on our petition demanding compensation for the loss of Boleyn Road
public open space**

Dear Mr Bruckshaw,

Thank you for signing our petition calling on the City Council to compensate residents of Frankley for the loss of the Boleyn Road Public Open Space. Residents may recall from my previous communications that the City Council themselves are the ones who submitted a planning application to build on the much-loved public open space.

At the time of the application the City Council Leisure Department were clear with the City Council Housing Department and Planning Departments that the loss of the public open space needed to be compensated for by a payment of £580,000. Sadly the Planning Department decided the City Council Housing Department did not have to pay this. Our petition was demanding the compensation that Frankley residents deserved.

We have now had a response from the Council, which I have attached overleaf for your information. Sadly, they are disgracefully still refusing to pay the compensation that the City Council's own Leisure Services department said they should pay. I will be continuing to fight for Frankley for the compensation you deserve.

In the meantime, if I can help with anything else, please do contact us and I will be happy to try and help.

Yours Sincerely

Gary Sambrook MP
Member of Parliament for Birmingham Northfield

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Northfield, Rednal, Rubery and Weoley Castle all year round!***

Dear Councillor,

PETITION 2691 – COMPENSATION – BOLEYN ROAD PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

I refer to the above petition which you presented to City Council on 7th November 2023 on behalf of the residents of Frankley Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to give £580,000 compensation to Frankley Ward for building on Boleyn Road Public Open Space.

The petition has been submitted to Birmingham City Council on 7th November 2023 following the grant of planning permission on 27th April 2023 for the development of 70 dwellings on land off Boleyn Road (2022/03860/PA) and raises concerns that the Authority allegedly failed to pay a £580,000.00 compensation payment to residents for the loss of the open space.

By way of background, the sum of £580,000.00 was stated in the consultation response received from the Leisure Services Department as part of the planning application. They considered the payment was required to accept the loss of the open space. However, the justification why this request was not considered to be appropriate or reasonable has been clearly addressed and explained in the Council's Committee Report which can be found here: Officers Report (birmingham.gov.uk).

To summarise, the scheme has been assessed against adopted policy, most notably in this regard policy TP 9 (Open space, playing fields and allotments). It was concluded that subject to the provision of a children's play area on site (which forms part of the proposal), the scheme would be fully compliant with policy TP9 and the principle of the loss of the open space would be acceptable. In addition, the scheme delivers a significant amount of affordable housing as well as the children's play area and a contribution to off-site Biodiversity Net Gain.

Considering its full compliancy with adopted policy, it would not be appropriate or reasonable to request a compensation payment for the loss of the open space as suggested by Leisure Services.

I trust this is clear and sets out the Local Planning Authority's position in this regard.

Yours sincerely

Paul Kitson,

Strategic Director of Place, Prosperity & Sustainability