

Respondent ID	Agent ID	Document Part Name	Comment (plain text)	TMBC response
42556129	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	<p>Site ID 59457:</p> <p>Who the hell proposed this as a valid place to build? Have you employed Liz Truss as your new planning consultant? The car park is there for people to use whilst using the local shops and doctors surgery. There are double yellow lines everywhere and there is NOWHERE else to park. It will kill the businesses that need the local trade. Moronic idea at best.</p> <p>[59457, 59433]</p> <p>I have just read the Autumn Hotline for Larkfield and I am appalled to discover a plan to build houses on Martin Square car park, Marlowe Green and Gighill Green, how absolutely absurd!</p> <p>If there is a requirement to build so many houses in the Borough then why did the council not use the old papermill site in Aylesford?</p>	Comments noted.
44721441	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	<p>I have lived in Larkfield my entire life which is now in excess of 50 years and have seen it become more and more built up with much fewer green areas and now you want to build on the remaining few.</p> <p>I must admit to now considering moving out of the area as you are ruining it!</p> <p>Where are people supposed to park their cars? What are you doing to improve the congestion on the roads? How are the schools and Doctors supposed to cope with the increase in demand? Where are people supposed to walk their dogs?</p> <p>Kent was once considered the "Garden of England", well done, not anymore it would seem.</p> <p>How are you improving the environment and protecting wildlife by doing this?</p> <p>Please show some compassion and humanity and reconsider this preposterous plan.</p>	Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes.

			[59457]	
			I am compelled to write to you in no uncertain terms to express my shock, disbelief and my objections to your proposals for the development on Gighill Green, Marlowe Green, the Greens at the Lakes and Leybourne Park and the most ludicrous of all Martin Square Car park.	
			Larkfield is at breaking point due to lack of infrastructure, doctors' surgeries, the vast amount of traffic at all times including HGV's and delivery vans. Adding more housing in this area can only lead to further chaos in the area. Whilst I acknowledge that we are blessed to have access to the Leybourne Country Parks are we not entitled to be able to enjoy the green spaces around us which are, incidentally, becoming fewer?	
44860577	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	<p>Finally with regard to Martin Square carpark, using a well-used carpark that many in our community need in order to access Thornhills surgery, the Post Office, Paydens the chemist and the library is beyond belief. We should not forget residents of the flats above the shops either; where are they supposed to park? These shops are small businesses and a lifeline to the community; during this economically difficult time we and the Council should be supporting them where we can. It has not passed me by that the Leader of the Council, Matt Boughton signed an Executive non-key decision some 5 -6 weeks ago to grant permission for a butchers shop in the vacant unit in the square. It seems incredulous that on the one hand the council is inviting and allowing new opportunities for small businesses and on the other threatening to remove the parking that their customers would need. No parking means no customers, no customers means a risk to livelihoods. I wonder if the new leaseholder is aware of what is proposed in the Local Plan? You are setting new and old businesses in the Square up to fail which is totally unacceptable to me and I am sure many others.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider the appropriateness of using these sites.</p>	Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes.
			I am resident of [redacted] and will like to raise strong objection of TMBC plan for allocation of green spaces around this community for future development. I think this is listed as site 59441	
44983841	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* This is only few green open spaces left with a running stream for resident to exercise , sit and relax</li> <li>* This has several mature trees all along which are important for enviroment and also with climate change persepective and must to be protected</li> <li>* The site has major utility pipes running through it</li> <li>* After Pandemic the importance of open spaces have become clear for physical and mental health of residents and this proposal is significant contrary to resident and senior citizen well fair and well being</li> <li>* I am also adding my support to leyboune parish council in their objection to this development.</li> </ul> <p>Hope these objections are taken seriously and favourable outcomes are achieved.</p>	Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes.
			[59457]	
45321569	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	<p>Whose ridiculous idea was it to propose building houses on the car park at Martin Square in Larkfield? Has anyone actually visited this site and seen how many cars are parked there at any time? Sometimes I have to drive round a few times to find a space. Where are these cars going to park? They will end up clogging up the nearby roads, which are already busy. Also many parents park there and walk down to the nearby schools to pick up their children. The roads will be chaotic, not to mention how the Martin Square shops will suffer. Come on planners, be sensible!</p>	Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes.

I would like to lodge my objections to the following site numbers, as proposed greenspace to be lost to development:

- \* 59442
- \* 59443
- \* 59445
- \* 59691
- \* 59432
- \* 59441
- \* 59456
- \* 59833
- \* 59863
- \* 59844

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I have been a resident within the Leybourne area (Roundhay and Highberry) since 2013. I have two young daughters under the age of 3 years. It is an absolute privilege to live in Leybourne, bringing my daughters up within this community and getting them out into the green spaces. The thought of our green spaces being lost to more properties is gut wrenching.

Although we are a strong community at heart here in Leybourne, we are also a community not being serviced as we should be, before the possible additional homes. We have:

- \* regularly overflowing public bins
- \* overgrown council-owned perimeter bushes on paths (making it difficult with prams/wheelchairs to get around)
- \* over-subscribed doctors surgery
- \* Congested Oxley Shaw Lane due to Covid vaccinations. (increase in traffic and parking making the road unsafe)

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Having been a resident in Kingfisher road for many years I have witnessed the chaos caused by the closure of this car park on several occasions. Recently for re surfacing.

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For it to be included in the plan for land possibly for housing is completely and utterly ridiculous.

Not only do residents of the flats above the shops park there, but shoppers, those attending the Thornhill medical center, library, public toilets.

Where would these hundreds of cars park? The local shops trade would plummet without a doubt.

Could the planners please show a modicum of common sense.

Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes. Management matters at Leybourne Lakes are the responsibility of TM Active. Infrastructure requirements will be reflected within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

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[SITE REFS: 59457 AND 59433]

I was astonished to hear about the places you want to build houses on in my area.

Martin Square Car Park .... this is an extremely well-used and essential car park for various reasons, including for the Shops, picking up school children when no-where else to park, visiting the Doctors' Surgery when their car park is full, and the Library;

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The Green Spaces are important for everyone,..Gighill Green has been here for a long time and should not be used for housing; and building on a children's play area...really?

The other thing is if you keep building houses round here, how are all these people going to find a Doctor, Dentist, Vet and other important facilities...I haven't had to experience this having lived here a long time, but apparently they all say they are full; so the infrastructure isn't here to support all these new people;

Also, don't you think the traffic is bad enough already;

Please think again;

[59457]

The Parish Council OBJECTS to the inclusion of this car park as a potential housing site.

The car park together with the adjoining shops with flats above were built by former Malling Rural District Council under its Housing powers to provide a Local Centre for what was then the growing community of Larkfield.

Kent County Council also built the Library and a Welfare Centre now replaced by the large Medical Centre.

The Borough Council continues to own the shops and car park with the latter being an essential part of the Local Centre.

Since this centre was provided, Larkfield has doubled in size with further development north of the M20.

It serves not only Larkfield but the wider area including East Malling, Ditton and Leybourne.

The majority of people come by car using shops, library and medical centre. Building houses on any part of the car park would mean it could no longer function properly to the detriment of the local area.

It is also the case the car park was built to provide parking for the shops as part of a single permission and past changes to them have identified parking provision as the car park. The same applied when the new Medical Centre with limited parking was provided.

The Parish Council therefore asks the Borough Council both as landowner and Planning Authority to remove this site as a potential one for housing.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

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45187937	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	I cannot believe that TMBC are even considering building houses on Public green areas in leybourne and Larkfield, to say I am disgusted is an understatement and I am sure many local residents feel the same. They are already going to develop 40 Acres on the A20 which will lead to more traffic misery	Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes.
			These green spaces are enjoyed by children and adults alike they are meant to be for use by the local community not for building on. TMBC have no regard for the people in these communities, do they really think people will be in agreement with these outrageous ideas.	
			These developments will put even more strain on local services, GP'S and schools which are already at breaking point.	
			These plans should be dismissed now !!	
			Please find my comments on suggested residential developments in and around my home address and Larkfield.	
			GIGHILL GREEN - (Between M20 motorway and Partridge Avenue).	
			A well used open space amenity owned by Larkfield and East Malling Parish Council and registered as a Village Green is used by many local dog walkers, exercise users, and play area for children. Also used by local walkers to access Larkfield village hall and playing fields, and businesses in the northern end of New Hythe Lane. Gighill Green also serves as a buffer against motorway noise for all residents of Partridge Avenue and Redwing Close. The recent installation of an acoustic barrier has had only marginal improved effect. Traffic access to the proposed Gighill Green area would also create another crossroad junction in Lunsford Lane opposite to or very near to existing Ashden Walk road junction. Nearby bus stop at the Partridge Avenue turn off presents additional road traffic and pedestrian risks and hazards.	
45652705	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	Please note - during the construction in the late 1960's phase course of the M20 motorway the whole existing area that has now become Gighill Green was used for the dumping of surplus soils (Larry Webb was the earth moving contractor during that time). The then height of the spoil heap was reduced due to residents concerns for a fear of a future earth slippage. The present height is probably about 3-4 meters above the former natural soil level. Any serious residential development would have to take this into a developers costings.	Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes.
			MARTIN SQUARE - car park	
			The proposal to create a residential site on this car park would be likened to making the car park of T&M Gibson Building car park into a residential housing site (not included in the planed proposals - yet). Martin Square is a very well used public amenity for the whole of Larkfield and beyond, so well used that on most days there are occasions it is filled to capacity. The car park is essential to access all the local Martin Square shops, in particular the Post Office, Pharmacy, Thornhills Medical Centre, GP surgeries and other medical services, nearby dentists and supermarket, consultant lead opticians, hairdressers, dry cleaners and cafe Thus there are inconveniences and risk hazards if people ( especially the disabled) have a need to travel other We strongly object to the proposal for houses to be built in the car park. Where would people park when they come to the Post Office, shops, library, Thornhills Medical Practice and all the shops in Martin Square? Also people live above the shops so where would they park?	
45876065	0	Table 9 - List of Sites - Larkfield South	It is a stupid idea and we hope that it doesn't go ahead. It is obvious that whoever suggested it does not live in Martin Square!	Comments noted. The site specific matters raised will be taken into consideration within the site analysis and site selection processes.