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- CURRENT SITE ALLOCATIONS CONSULTATION  
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Dear Sally

Thank you for your email and comments. I have cc'ed this email to the Site Allocation Plan in box to make sure that this is recorded. Please take this email as acknowledgement of receipt.

Regards

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**From:** THOMAS ALEXANDER  
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Red Hall offices and playing field site (HG2-119(2062)); including site HG1-284.

Dear David

I wish to respond formally to the current consultation regarding site allocations.

Consultation process

It was disappointing that no drop in meeting was arranged by the Council for this area, the nearest not being walkable and so incurring the cost of bus fares or a taxi for those without transport. A meeting could have been arranged in the local community centre. There appears to have been very limited publicity for this Consultation and the drop in meetings and I only heard of it through the Friends of Red Hall Playing Fields.

If I had not become aware that a Response could be made by email or a letter and had had to try and complete the complex form available from the Council, I doubt whether I would have had time to read and try to understand the Guidance Notes and Response Form.

Because of the way this Consultation has been organised, many of the target population will have been denied the opportunity to make a Response.

### Site Allocations

I am aware of and share the considerable local concern about the allocation and distribution of green space, particularly as a mother of three children and a dog owner.

The proposed small, so called 'country park' is to be located on the other side of the new orbital road and will therefore largely be cut off from the new build housing; it will certainly not be walkable for many people. From previous experience of these detached sites it is not a place I would feel safe with my children. It will also be prone to unsocial behaviour.

I now refer to the Red Hall offices and playing field site (HG2-119(2062); including site HG1-284. There is considerable local unease which I share about the future allocation of this site for housing.

Thousands of houses are to be built on the adjacent Northern Quadrant. There is strong local feeling that the current shortfall in green space should be fully recognised and addressed.

Red Hall Playing Fields were formerly used for formal football, rugby and cricket training and matches with additional green space provision for informal use and is the parkland of the historic listed Red Hall House. The Council no longer lays out the Fields for formal sport, however the Fields are in constant use from dawn to dusk as walkable green space. Being flat and open land with roads on two sides and overlooked by new build houses, it is a safe area for young and old. The use has changed to a wide range of informal uses such as family activities, individual sport training, dog activities, informal sport, or simply as an area of tranquillity with a community building role. Daffodil bulbs have been planted by the community and a war memorial bench is planned.

This use can only increase with the surrounding new build of over 2,000 houses.

The proposed provision of formal pitches would be welcomed, but of course they would have to be kept dog-free in the interest of public hygiene.

To restrict the green space provision to formal pitches alone, however, would not address the need for informal green space where a wide variety of leisure activities can take place, including a substantial area where children and dogs can safely run around and let off steam. This need will, of course, increase very considerably with the vast increase in housing currently planned. Given this fact, and the fact that a large part of the Red Hall Playing Fields site will be taken by the new orbital route, the case for retaining the whole of the remaining area of the site as green space is extremely strong.

I would be grateful if you would please acknowledge this representation as valid.

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