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Dear Cllr Yasseen

Question to Council – Wednesday 17th July 2024

Thank you for the question your raised to Council on 17th July 2024. I have set out the question and my response below.

Does the council acknowledge that Herringthorpe Playing Field, as described by the public, is protected by a restrictive covenant, thus safeguarding and protecting Herringthorpe Playing fields from any development that does not preserve its designation for recreational purposes?

Further to recent enquiries about the possible development of the site adjacent to the Playing Fields, known as Boswell Street/Arundel Road, the Council has investigated possible restrictions for the area in question.

This process has involved reviewing the title deeds for the Council's original acquisition of the land, the Rotherham Corporation Act 1928, and past grant allocations, in addition to prior and existing uses, whilst community representatives have also been asked to supply any information they feel is of relevance. No evidence has subsequently been found which identifies any restrictions on the Boswell Street/Arundel Road site. The Council is not proposing development on the Playing Fields, nor any change of designation, and has not therefore considered any restrictions or protections over the land.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sarah Allen', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Sarah Allen
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