

## Park Estate Tenants & Residents – Neighbourhood Plan Quotes

The Greens on the estate have always been used by children and families to play on in sight of their homes, so parents feel the children are safe because they can watch them. We used to have family picnics on them and celebrations for the Queen's jubilee etc. Originally the two straight Greens running from Midland Road through to Severn Road and then the top piece up to Park Road had children's play parks on them. A roundabout; slide; two sets of swings and toys on springs. These were removed during the 70s /80s and we were told they could no longer be maintained. Children now have to go to Laburnum Field or Oldends Lane playing field, both of which the children need to be accompanied for because they have to cross roads to get to them. The Green with the Oak tree on used to have a seat on a concrete plinth, it would be lovely to have that back. Children use that Green all the time and it's lovely to see them enjoying the outdoors. Quoted by: **Frank Smart aged 90yrs who has lived on the estate for at least 45 years.**

I was born on the estate, moved away when I was six and then moved back in 1983. I can remember the play areas on the greens between Midland Road and Park Road. Lots to play on and space to run about. We always felt safe as children because our parents could see us and we had plenty of space to play. The tree on the main Green must be very old judging from it's girth and I am sure we were told it was over two hundred years old when we were children. I have tried to look for old maps of the area but cannot find any, nor photos of the original land. My Mother told me that the land used to belong to Park House on the corner of Quietways and that is why it is called Park Estate. She also said that the building of the houses had been allowed with the proviso that the Greens must be left for outdoor activities. Quoted by: **Norman Rine**

We use the Greens every day for walking and training our dogs, and have done for many years. We have lived on the estate for over 40 years. The Greens are a vital part of the area, allowing children to play in safety. Many children will not go to the Oldends Lane playing field without an adult, firstly because they have to cross the road but mainly because the people that use the skate park are verbally abusive and frighten the younger ones. There have been various activities on the Greens from picnics to Family Fun Days all of which have been really well attended. Some of the land was originally owned by the Winterbotham family at Stonehouse Court and was gifted to the council.  
Quoted by: **Diane & Gordon Baker (Diane was born in Stonehouse)**

We moved to Midland Road in 2012 and during that time the Greens have been enjoyed by the locals in a number of ways. A lot of people exercise their dogs on the greens and at evenings and weekends groups of children play and enjoy the outdoors. There have been events such as the 'Pride in your Neighbourhood' provided by the council and Family fun days. I would like to see the Greens designated as 'Village Green Status' to save them for future generations and to allow green spaces to be used by families and children in a safe environment.

Quoted by: **Rick & Marion Jordan**

Although we have only lived here from 1990 we can see how important the three Greens are to the Estate and to the town. Children are always out playing in the fresh air with their friends in view of their homes which makes it a safe place to play. There are residents that walk their dogs on the greens for exercise and training and for the older people in the community it is an easier option than taking them further away from their homes. We have taken part in activities on the greens such as 'Pride in your neighbourhood' and Family Fun days. It would be good to see the Oak tree have a preservation order put on it as it is an integral part of the estate and currently has a pair of ducks making their home beside it.

Quoted by: **John & Jacky Edwards**

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**Fw: Park Estate Greens - Neighbourhood Plan**

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Good evening all,

You will recall that I attended a focus group meeting of residents from the Park Estate recently. I attach the comments received back from them.

Kind regards,  
John

On Sunday, 15 May 2016, 17:20, jacky edwards <[redacted]@btinternet.com> wrote:

Hi John

Sorry this is later than planned but I spent most of Friday giving a presentation to the Gloucestershire Gateway Trustees in Cheltenham, with a view to APT being funded by the Gloucester Motorway Services from April 2017!! Let's hope I made the right impression!!

We held a second meeting on Thursday evening, the same people turned up, so that was a good start. After long discussions I took the quotes that I could and then talked about compromise. The whole group would like to see a preservation order on the Oak Tree, and for the large Green where the tree is to be given 'Village Green status' if that is possible. Then we looked at the other two main areas of Green. The area between Midland Road and Severn Road which has a small parking area at the Severn Road end, this if possible should be given 'Village Green status' and we hadn't realised children from both blocks of flats (Park Road/Elm Road) all seem to play on the top section between Severn Road and Park Road so again if it is possible to register that green as 'Village Green status'.

The long area of green, which runs along the side of Severn Road is difficult to use for activities because the road is very narrow and cars currently park all the way along it, with the access path to the rest of the Estate and down to the business park over the railway running through the middle.

It was felt the compromise would be to just register the Green with the Oak tree and the one with the parking area in it if that is what we are able to do.

We have contacted the Stonehouse History Group for any photos, but they only have some of the Estate roads and houses but nothing with activities on and they do have some cine film but pre Estate days. So other than the photos I sent to Clare Sheridan we have no other evidence of use of the Greens. Because of the conflicting tales of who owned the land I am happy to try looking at Archives if you think it would help? From

talking to Diane Baker, her family where part of the Winterbotham family who owned Stonehouse Court, so I can have another chat with her to find out more if you think that would help.

John if you would like me to try and get a preservation order put on the tree I am quite happy to fill in the forms on the SDC website and then let you have the information. As far as I can see on the tree preservation pages there are very few trees in Stonehouse that have orders on them. I'm very surprised the trees in the High Street aren't registered.

This doesn't amount to much really but If I can help in any way please let me know.

Kind regards

Jacky



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