

**Subject:** Council sale of Old Kays Park Parkland at rear of 131-133 Holcombe Road, Tottington, BL8 4AY

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing to object to the proposed sale by Bury Council of Old Kays Park Parkland to the rear of [131-133 Holcombe Road](#), Tottington.

My main objection is that whoever bequeathed the land that is now Old Kays Park to the public would not have intended any part of this land to be sold off to a private individual. Bequeathed on a temporary basis? Surely not. Surely the Park was created for the " .... benefit of the wider public and continues to be used as such" (a quote from issues raised by Tottington District Civic Society listed on Planning Application ref. 58754/Full, target date 31/07/2015). Old Kays Park was certainly not created to be sold off to private ownership in parcels of any size.

I'd like to point out that a highly visible "Welcome" sign exists at the lower end of the Park, closely adjacent to the parcel of land in question that is being sold, on which is written : "A new woodland is being created for your enjoyment and that of future generations, with the help of the Forestry Authority". If even a parcel of Old Kays Park close to such a notice is sold off, how will future generations will be able to enjoy this and any other future sold-off areas?

I do also wonder what the Forestry Authority has to say about the matter.

I also say that the sale of this area sets a precedent for future sales of Old Kays Park Parkland. For example: would the owners of the two residential houses in the Park - of which I am one - be able in the future to purchase parcels of Parkland adjacent to their current property boundaries? Would houses at Old Kays Park boundaries also be able to purchase Parkland? I would sincerely hope not; it's neither a right nor good thing to happen.

I also fully agree with the other points made by Tottington District Civic Society listed in Application Ref. 58754/Full, namely that the prospective purchasers of the Parkland were fully aware of the boundary of their property when they bought their residence. It is also conceivable that the purchasers may decide in the future to apply for consent to build on the Parkland the Council is now proposing to sell to them.

Regards,  
[DETAILS REDACTED](#)

Sent from my iPad