

Dear Yvonne,

Thank you for your email to Derek.

Regarding planning laws and green belt land, unfortunately the land in question is no longer classified as green belt land. It was changed to Housing Allocation land in Halton Borough Council's Local Plan, which was produced in 2018/2019 and this was then passed by the government's Planning Inspectorate in March 2022.

I can advise that Derek strongly objected to this in 2018 when the Local Plan was out for consultation and his objections were also advised to the government's Planning Inspectorate. Derek also personally raised the matter with the Housing Minister. However, Halton Borough Council and the Planning Inspectorate disagreed with Derek and the green belt status was removed from the land and the land was given Housing Allocation land status. Derek is very unhappy that the land is no longer classified as green belt but that is now a fact.

You can read what Derek responded to the Halton Borough Council consultation here: <https://derektwigg.org/2018/01/29/halton-draft-allocations-local-plan-dalp/>

Derek is not part of Halton Borough Council or Knowsley MBC and has no decision making powers regarding the Councils or planning applications. He would advise that you contact your local Councillors, as it is Councillors who can represent you at Planning Application Hearings and it will be the Councillors of the Development Management Committees that will make the decisions.

Kind regards,

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