

READING BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION NOTE ON CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL PROPOSAL IN RELATION TO LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATION

In discussions on Issue 5 for the Reading Local Plan, the Inspector asked for additional information on the amount of the proposed Local Green Space designation EN7Nn which would be lost to the proposed Caversham Heights Primary School, under planning application 171023, which Planning Applications Committee resolved to grant subject to notification of the application to the Secretary of State and completion of a Section 106 agreement on 4th April 2018. Permission was issued with the signature of the S106 on 14th August 2018.

The total area of designation EN7Nn (Mapledurham Playing Fields) is 10.86 ha. The red line boundary of the planning application covers 0.97 ha, but this includes the access and car park which does not fall within the Local Green Space designation. The school site itself covers around 0.50 ha of the Local Green Space, which is 4.6% of the total. It is also worth noting that around 0.12ha of the school site will be used for landscaping and green space according to the planning application site layout.

The map in Figure 1 shows the extent of the Local Green Space, with the part of the designation that would be taken up by the school shown with a red boundary.

Figure 1: Extent of Local Green Space to be used for Primary School under application 171023

