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11th October 2019,

Todmorden Development Committee
c/o Todmorden Town Council,
Todmorden Community College,
Burnley Road,
Todmorden,
OL14 7BX

I am writing to express concern about a proposed development in the locality. It has come to our attention that a local green space sited off Woodlands Avenue and Stansfield Hall Road is being considered for housing development under the Calderdale Local Plan (site LP0901). This green space is a vital community resource, used by many people in the locality, including pupils of our school.

- The green space is easily and safely accessible by local families and others on foot from surrounding areas.
- The majority of householders in the area do not have gardens. The field is an important space where children can go and play safely.
- The field is popular with dog walkers and families.
- The field is home to a diverse range of wildlife that enriches the environment in the town
- There are few flat green spaces for public use in Todmorden – this field should be maintained as a valuable community asset, promoting health and wellbeing.
- The site has great potential for further outdoor activities of benefit to the local community, such as allotments, a Local Nature Reserve and/or a recognised Local Green Space.
- Local schools can use this flat grassed facility for their sports and other outdoor activities such they wish. As a school we have used this site for school trips and research visits.
- We recognise the need for housing in the Valley, but believe that the development of housing should not come at the cost of losing or reducing the area of in-town green space, which is an asset both to our children and the wider community.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher