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Dear Sir/ Madam We wish to make the following Submission on “Sheffield Plan :Our City,Our Future-Publication (Pre-Submission)Draft for Addition to the Green Belt

Nick Duggan Chair Crookes and Crosspool Labour Party

Representation on 'Sheffield Plan: Our City, Our Future – Publication (Pre-Submission) Draft'

by Crookes & Crosspool Branch Labour Party, February 2023

Number of people represented by Crookes & Crosspool Branch Labour Party: 386

Geography of representation: Crookes & Crosspool ward

Representation authorised by: Branch Ordinary General Meeting held on 6th February 2023

Request for: Addition To Green Belt

Crookes & Crosspool Branch Labour Party requests that Green Belt designation on the Draft Sheffield Plan be extended to encompass land at the junction of Coldwell Lane and Manchester Road (A57) in Crosspool.

The green space in question, shown in Figure 1, is known as Hagg Copse, and occupies a corner site separated from the existing Green Belt designation to the west by two dwellings (725 and 727 Manchester Road).

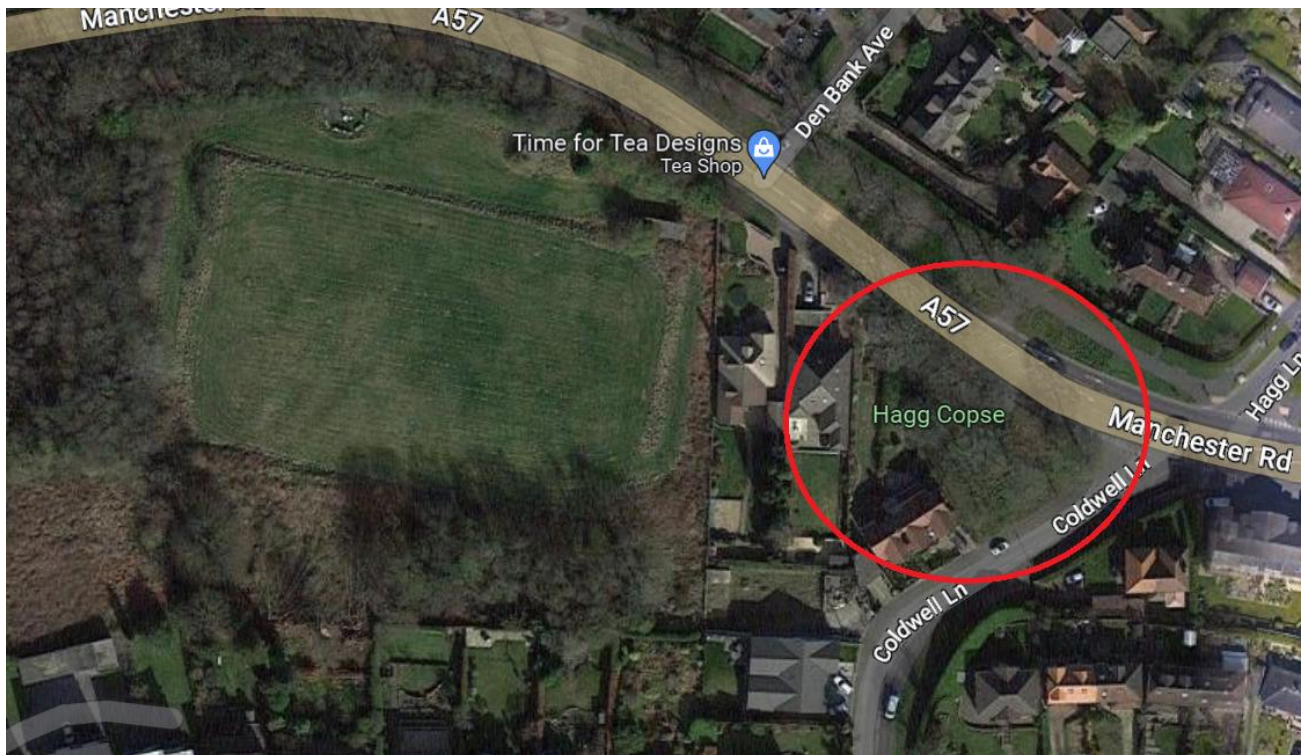


Figure 1: Hagg Copse satellite view

Hagg Copse is tended and maintained by volunteers organised by the Crosspool Forum. There are several mature trees on the site, along with an informal open grassed area (Figure 2).



Figure 2: view of the site from the corner of Coldwell Lane and Manchester Road, looking west.

Saplings, fallen trees and branches, and wild scrub undergrowth provide additional habitats for small creatures (Figure 3).



Figure 3: close-up view of ground habitat managed for biodiversity.

There is a functional bench on the edge of the plot (Figure 4). In November 2022 a working party cultivated several square metres of the site for wildflower growth (Figure 5).



Figure 4: bench provided and maintained by the local community.

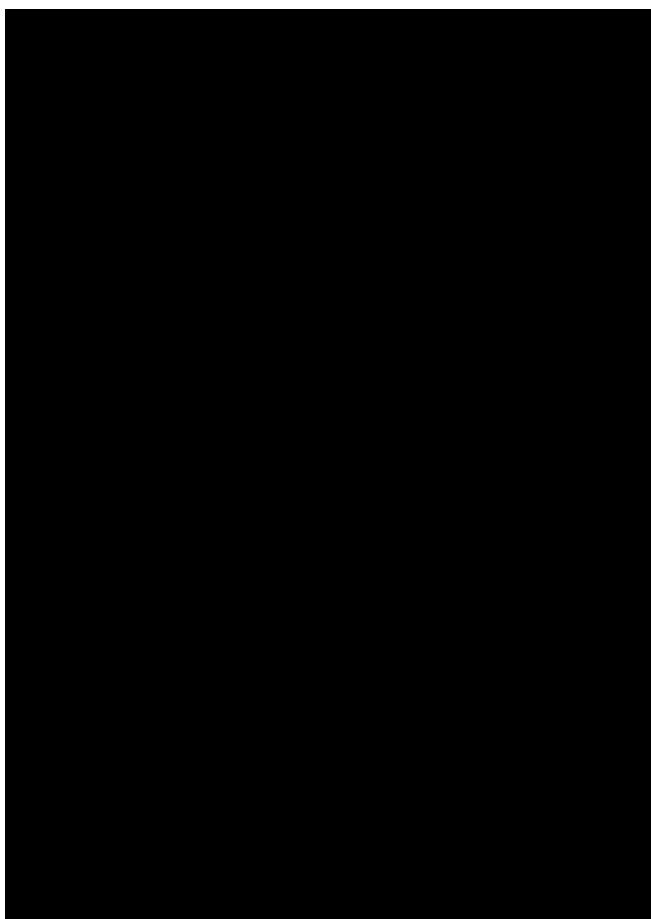


Figure 5: local volunteers preparing ground for wildflower planting.

This site is of demonstrable amenity benefit to the local community, highly visible to passers-by, contributing to recreational activity and human wellbeing, as well as providing ecological value.



Figure 6: view of Hagg Copse from Manchester Road.

SOUNDNESS

The Draft Plan shows the site in a 'Residential Zone' (Figure 7). Although some assurance is offered by Policy GS1 (Development in Urban Green Space Zones) around recognition of non-designated urban green spaces, Crookes & Crosspool Labour Party considers that Hagg Copse requires inclusion in the Green Belt to safeguard it robustly against any potential development. It should be formally recognised as belonging to the green corridor stretching from the west. Any potential future assumption that the site could be considered a continuation of housing stretching northwards on Coldwell Lane will be precluded by Green Belt designation.

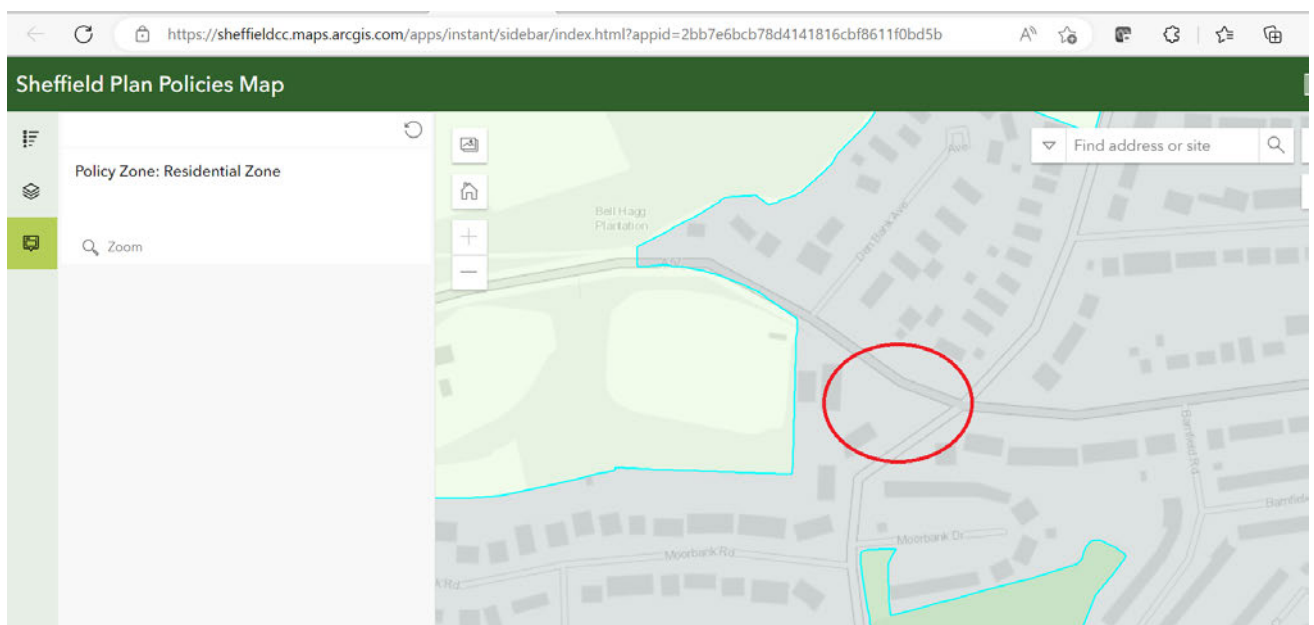


Figure 7: Draft Sheffield Plan Policies Map (February 2023).

This land is Council-owned (Figure 8). Consideration should be given to the precarity of local authority finances across the country, and potential ‘worst case scenario’ decisions that councils may feel pressured to consider down the line – i.e. selling off parcels of land for development to raise emergency funds. The future cannot be predicted; **any uncertainty or potential loophole in this site allocation and future interpretations of policies belonging to the Sheffield Plan should be addressed now to ensure that the Plan is sound.**

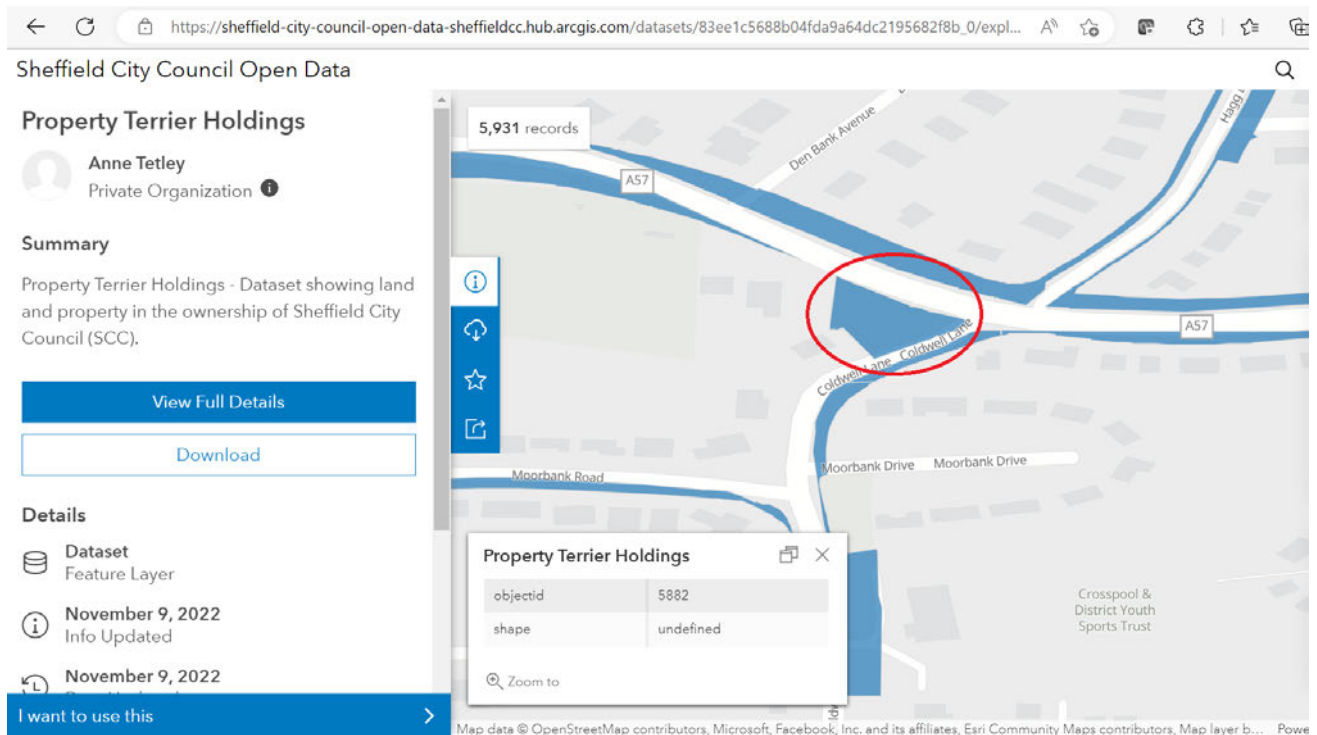


Figure 8: Sheffield City Council Property Terrier, showing ownership of Hagg Copse.

Bring Hagg Copse into the Green Belt to make its designation in the Sheffield Plan sound.

Give its ecological value full, formal recognition, and safeguard this local gem as a public amenity for generations to come, leaving nothing to chance.



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