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Response to the submitted NORTH CLAINES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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We refer to the proposal in the North Claines Neighbourhood Plan that wants to change the Amenity Green Land - Allotments at the rear of Fernhill Heath War Memorial Hall into 'small scale development'.

As residents in a cottage that backs onto the Memorial Hall Allotments we object to any proposal of building on the land behind us.

It was our understanding when we bought our house 4 years ago that the Memorial Hall and its' accompanying allotments and the small brick building on our/allotment land were of local historical importance. It was said that Lady Agatha of Hindlip Hall entrusted the Memorial Hall and its' allotments to the villagers of Fernhill Heath. We were also informed that the brick outbuilding on our/allotment land was in fact a WW2 air raid shelter (for possible use of cabinet ministers at Hindlip Hall during WW2). We do not however find that this small outbuilding is listed as such, but any future development plans should possibly look into the history?

When purchasing our cottage we were satisfied that it would not be possible to build on the allotments as we were informed they were written into a covenant to protect them from being used for anything but allotments or green space.

It can be said that the allotments have been underutilised in the last year or two, but that is hardly surprising when you have to become a member of 'the club' to use one. Many residents of Fernhill Heath may have found this off-putting or may not even have known that the allotments *could* be available to use.

As the back gardens of the cottages surrounding the allotments are generally short, it would be imposing to have houses built on the allotments. We would like to see the allotments remain and be put to good use as allotments or a shared green community space.