

Site H2730a (Photos of Woodsome Hall and view towards H2730a) – Submitted by GAIL





View from Woodsome Halls ‘Capability Brown’ terrace

“The terrace was laid out in the mid-18th century, by Lancelot [Capability Brown](#) for the Legge family”.
 (source: Historic England Archive ref: 341260)

From the terrace the view is enclosed by the tree lines leading the eye to the view beyond as can be seen in ID26. However, the view of the proposed sites (H2684a & H2730a) is closer than what is depicted in the submitted photograph. Lepton village is totally blanked out by the tree line within Woodsome halls grounds.

The topography of the land descends from woodsome Hall to a low point at Penistone road. It then begins ascending within the western field of H2684a. Due to the elevated nature of the railway embankment the small development at Beldon brook green is only just screened from view. Reliance gears is also screened due to its topographical position and the large trees that screen it.

Lepton Great (ancient) wood is the final view point with the trees tops bending into the skyline. The view from the Capability Brown terrace to the woods is visually uninterrupted, as in ID26.

Woodsome Hall and woodsome valley / views at local plan public consultatation stages

1st consultation period – 09/11/15 to 01/02/16 (comments within PDF files not included), many comments duplicated over H344, H455 and H659 removed to provide a general overview.

(ID: 969821)

SETTING OF GRADE 1 LISTED BUILDING AND SCHEDULED MONUMENT.

The proposed release of Greenbelt sites H334, H455 and H659 is sacrilege to the setting of Woodsome hall (grade 1 listed) and Castle Hill (scheduled Monument). Castle Hill's setting should now be respected due to the neglect in recent years.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD5852• Response Date: 01/02/16 18:51	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site H334 :
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD5851• Response Date: 01/02/16 18:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site H455 :
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD5849• Response Date: 01/02/16 18:48	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site H659 :
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(ID: 973244)

The fields that give a magnificent view across to Woodsome Hall [grounds laid out by Capability Brown] are the type of ungrazed plant and wildlife rich meadow that organisations, such as the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, are struggling to preserve from disappearing completely.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD7871• Response Date: 01/02/16 11:49	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site H334
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(ID: 975059) (ID: 969632)

Whilst recognising possibly a need for more housing we also need to protect areas of outstanding natural beauty,(and the Woodsome valley and surroundings are certainly that), from commercial development and wholesale swathes of new housing. A country park is not needed here, this existing historic countryside with its many, many pathways is a delight in its own right.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD8708• Response Date: 01/02/16 09:27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site H334 :
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD8363Response Date: 01/02/16 17:02	Site H334 :
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(ID: 968968)

I stongly object to the allocation of Green Belt for hosing development in the Local Plan. In particular I strongly object to site H334 having Green Belt status removed and allocated for housing development. This land contributes to the open countryside setting of the Woodsome Valley

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD5310• Response Date: 31/01/16 20:42	Site H334
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(ID: 969773)

The beautiful views over farnley line, Woodsome and castle hill would be blocked reducing people's enjoyment of the county side,

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment ID: DLP_AD5750• Response Date: 27/01/16 16:10	Site H334
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(ID: 967947)

Loss of an asset/amenity.

The fields to the west of Lepton Great Wood afford an unparalleled view of the Woodsome Valley from Storthes Hall and Highburton to the south across to Castle Hill and Almondbury to the west comprising a wonderful mixture of colours, shapes and textures throughout the year. Lepton Great Wood and foot path KIR/85/10 from the wood leading to Rowley Lane are the main access points and are regularly used both by local people and many others from further afield. Both rely on the open fields to present the vista described, construction on the other hand will present a view similar to those to be had in other built up areas of Kirklees.

- Comment ID: DLP_AD4318
 - Response Date: 27/01/16 00:10
- Site H334

(ID: 968739)

Block the views from Lepton Great Wood to the Woodsome Valley reducing the amenity value of the wood for local residents

- Comment ID: DLP_AD4783
 - Response Date: 26/01/16 09:21
- Site H334

(ID: 967398)

The leisure opportunities and pleasure of the open countryside bordering Lepton Great Wood is a much valued asset to the quality of life for local residents. We simply do not want to lose so much green space and the outstanding views over Woodsome valley.

- Comment ID: DLP_AD3763
 - Response Date: 22/01/16 13:29
- Site H334

(ID: 967207)

The Woodsome valley area is beautiful countryside which is overlooked by historic castle hill and is been considered as such a tourist attraction that there are proposals to make a country park in the area. It therefore is even more important to preserve this area.

- Comment ID: DLP_AD3591
 - Response Date: 20/01/16 11:50
- Site H334

(ID: 961692)

I don't think I have ever felt as strongly as I do about the Sykes' family's plans for a so-called country park in the beautiful Woodsome Valley. Their only goal, as far as I can see, in giving a 'legacy' of a country park with car

park, zip wire, tea shop etc to the people of Kirklees, is to open up the door to their building a swathe of probable upmarket houses in one of the last areas of natural beauty in Huddersfield.....

This country park is the least of my worries as I don't actually believe the Sykes' family will honour their agreement to provide this once Kirklees allows them to build. My biggest concern then, is the proposed building on beautiful green belt in Lepton and Woodsome

- Comment ID: DLP_AD1420
- Response Date: 30/12/15 13:51 Site H334
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(ID: 971241)

If you walk in the Lepton Great Wood one of the unique and impressive attributes are the beautiful open views across the Woodsome Valley and toward Castle Hill. Any development on those fields would therefore remove forever that opportunity for future generations growing up in the Lepton area.

Comment ID: DLP_AD6713

Response Date: 30/01/16 16:17 Site H455

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(ID: 1049321)

A walk along the footpath on the western edge of Lepton Great Wood coupled with the visualisation 312 houses blocking open views across Woodsome valley would, I believe, support how these plans are not sound or consistent with national or local policy on green belt land usage.

- Comment ID: PDLP_AD526
- Response Date: 18/12/16 18:07
- Site H2730a :