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Q1. To which document do your comments relate? Supporting Evidence - Local Green Spaces

Q3. Please provide your comments below making clear which part of the document you are referring to (specifying relevant paragraphs, tables, figures, boxes or appendices).

Further to your email of 17th December 2019 to Rob Holsey, I wish to respond on behalf of LEAP Multi-Academy Trust.

We note your comments regarding the proposal to designate Dinnington High School's playing field's a *Local Green Space*. We understand this designation would limit the ability to reconfigure the arrangement of school buildings and playing fields in future, if required.

You will be aware that in addition to the planning regulations, the school would be bound to adhere to the terms of its lease, with Rotherham MBC, and the requirements overseen by the Department for Education. Organisations including Sports England would be involved in relevant processes to safeguard the school's green spaces. It is believed there are sufficient checks and balances under the existing arrangements.

Whilst there are no current proposals for any relevant changes, it appears the *Local Green Space* designation could severely fetter any reasonable opportunities to invest in the school for the benefit of its pupils.

The school had been approached by Dinnington St John's Town Council and Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group but not appreciated the significance of the designation.

Please would you accept this representation under the consultation which is currently taking place.

Q5. Do you wish to be notified of the Council's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 2012 whether to accept the Examiners' recommendation? (please tick)