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**To:** Annette Feeney

**Subject:** Re: Local Plan Hearings, Matter 10, additional material requested by the Inspector

Dear Annette

Thank you for your earlier email. I have now seen NNDC's submission. Please would you forward the following to the Inspector.

Thanks, Alistair:

I attended the hearing on Matter 10 and, as I understood it, you asked NNDC to provide a list of private gardens proposed to be designated as open spaces under policy HC2.

I have seen the long list of open spaces which NNDC has provided (Examination Library Document ref: EHO16 (I) Appendix 1) which makes reference to just three designations containing private garden land:

- The first of these is my garden, 39 New Road, Blakeney (which I challenged at the hearing)
- The second is the land off Warren Road, High Kelling (which was also challenged)
- The third is Morley Hill, Sheringham where the designation seems to wash over garden land on the edge of Morley Hill without any explicit justification. (This appears to be the rolling over of the old CT1 policy area).

I think this demonstrates how unusual it is for private gardens to be designated as Open Land Areas. Furthermore, this list is grossly misleading in suggesting that many of the proposed Open Land Areas are inaccessible to the public. It states that areas used as sports clubs, school playing fields and allotments are inaccessible. Other areas listed as accessibility "unknown" include areas of common land, new open space areas on new housing developments and some roadside verges.

The only areas on this list which are truly inaccessible to the public would appear to be private gardens.

Whilst writing, I would also draw attention to the fact that the table of open spaces is incomplete: it seems to omit (without explanation) all of the proposed Local Green Spaces across the district and also omits many of the open spaces within the smaller villages (although I do not believe that these include any private gardens).

With thanks

Alistair Lindop