

Response by Steven Jones on behalf of Charlbury Street Fair

Response type: OBJECT

Comment on policy NE7

Wychwood Paddocks playing field is not protected, and its loss would adversely affect the Streetfair

As is noted in section 6.4, parking in Charlbury is very limited, and for particular events, it is extremely important to have an area that can be used for occasional overflow parking. In the case of the Streetfair, the Wychwood Paddock playing field is used for visitor parking and, latterly, for trader parking as we no longer have access to private land previously used. There are no obvious alternatives to the Wychwood Paddock playing field for this function, and whilst the use of public transport is preferable, this is not practicable for many and is impossible for traders, musicians and others who are critical to the event. The position is made even worse as, during the Streetfair significant amounts of street parking are lost due to necessary road closures and to allow access to the Playing Fields by large fairground vehicles. Whilst the annual Streetfair is particularly affected, it would also affect any other community event that might be staged which also requires occasional parking arrangements. The Streetfair committee also note that policy ECT7 references issues regarding parking for visitors. On behalf of the Charlbury Streetfair Committee, then we would like to see the issue of considering the protection of Wychwood Paddocks playing field as a protected green space to be considered as its loss would cause severe problems with future running of the events as we are unaware of any viable alternative. This is, of course, in addition to the utility of the area for other purposes such as its use by the primary school.