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Monday, 04 September 2017

RE: Objecting to the allocation of my land for open space.

Dear Mr Hirst,

I am writing today to object to the allocation of my land for open space which is the **Land at the front of the Village at Gleneagles Drive, Brockhall Village.**

I've obtained legal opinion and have had a planning consultant review the planning history for the site. The briefing note they produced identified that planning permissions relating to the site earmarked the site for woodland **not** open space. Also in the note they conclude that they consider the comments made by the Council within the committee report for application 3/2016/0464 to be erroneous (i.e. that there is an obligation for the land to be retained as open space and be maintained and managed as such).

Therefore I request that my representative on my behalf is afforded the opportunity to speak at the future Examination in Public.

I look forward to your response.

Regards

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Thursday, 07 September 2017

RE: Supplementary Letter regarding the allocation of my land for open space.

Dear Mr Hirst,

Further to my letter dated 4th September I am writing to provide supplementary comments and respond to the e-mail I received from the Council on 6th September.

The land to which I refer can be described as **Land at the front of the Village at Gleneagles Drive, Brockhall Village**. I attach a location plan which was submitted with a previous planning application for the site and shows my land edged in red.

The site is shown on Map 5 'Proposed Additional Open Space Sites – Brockhall' within the Final changes to the draft Proposals Map submission documents and is allocated as open space (Core Strategy Policy DMB4). I have objected to the allocation of my land for public open space on the basis that the Council has not undertaken an open space assessment that justifies the allocation of my land. There is no basis for the proposed designation and it reflects neither the use to which the land has been put, or an evidenced position which justifies the need for the land to be allocated and thereby protected. The absence of any evidence to support the proposed approach is an indication that it is unwarranted and unjustified.

Furthermore, my intentions for the site which is substantiated by the submission of a planning application (Ref. 3/2016/0464) for the construction of Four All Weather Pitches/Courts are to develop the site for sport and recreational purposes. Such development of the land would continue to offer space for villagers to undertake sport. This application was recommended for refusal by officers for what I understand, from seeking independent planning advice, to be in part erroneous reasoning. This planning application was subsequently withdrawn.

To the west of the site are all-weather pitches associated with the Blackburn Rovers Training Facility. The goal of putting all-weather pitches on the site was intended to enhance this existing facility in the village.

The allocation, as it stands, prevents these ambitions without any clear justification. I ask that the Council reconsider the allocation either by removing it altogether or ensuring suitable flexibility is afforded to the site to enable use for private recreation/sports pitches in future.

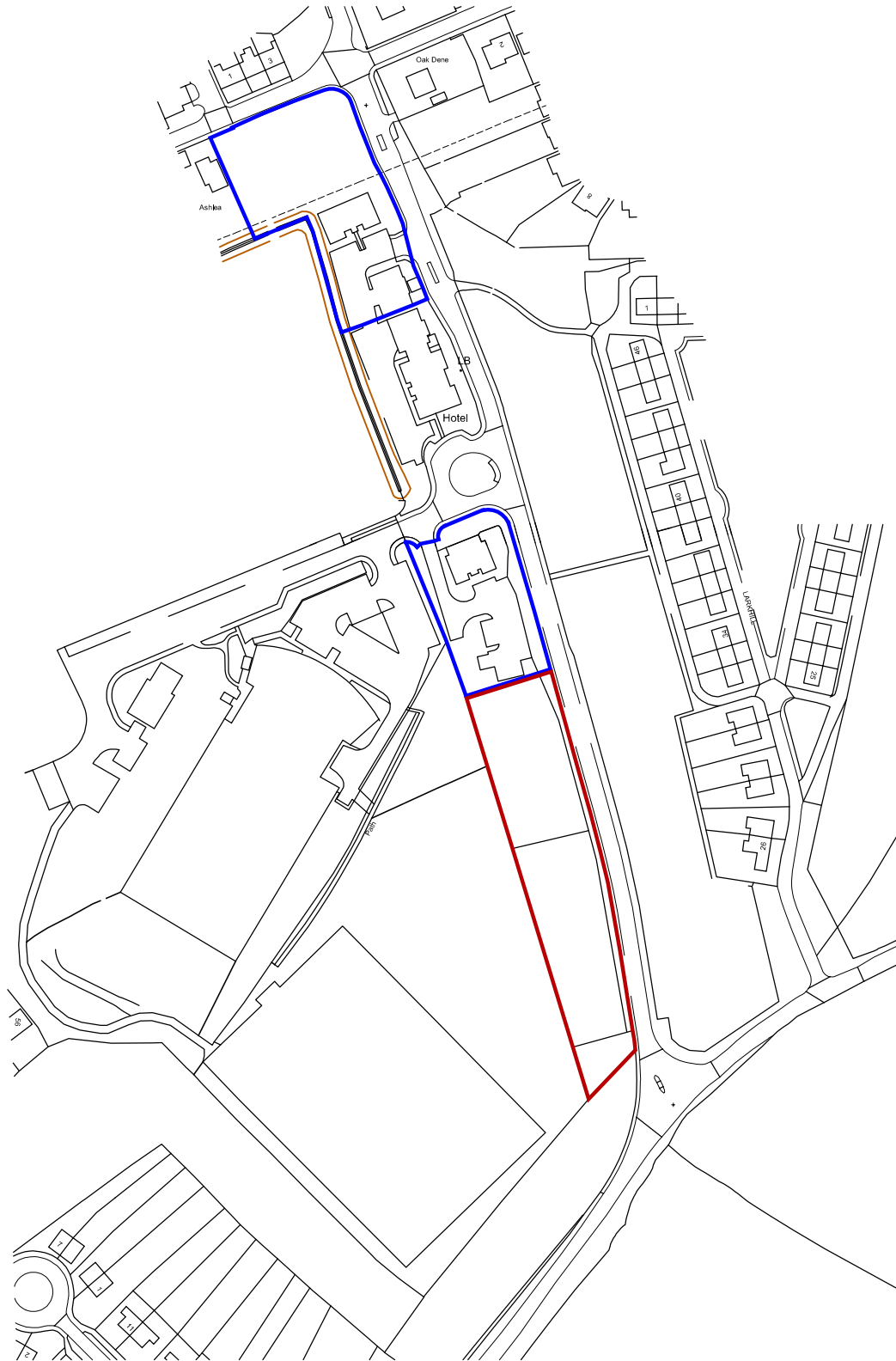
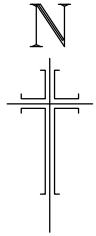
I reserve the right to make further representation either personally or through an appointed third party, at the future Examination in Public.

Regards

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Enc. Site Location Plan

Copy of Map 5 from the Council's 'the Final changes to the draft Proposals Map submission'



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PLAN REFERRED TO:

Land to the North West of Old Langho Road,
Old Langho,
Blackburn,
Lancashire

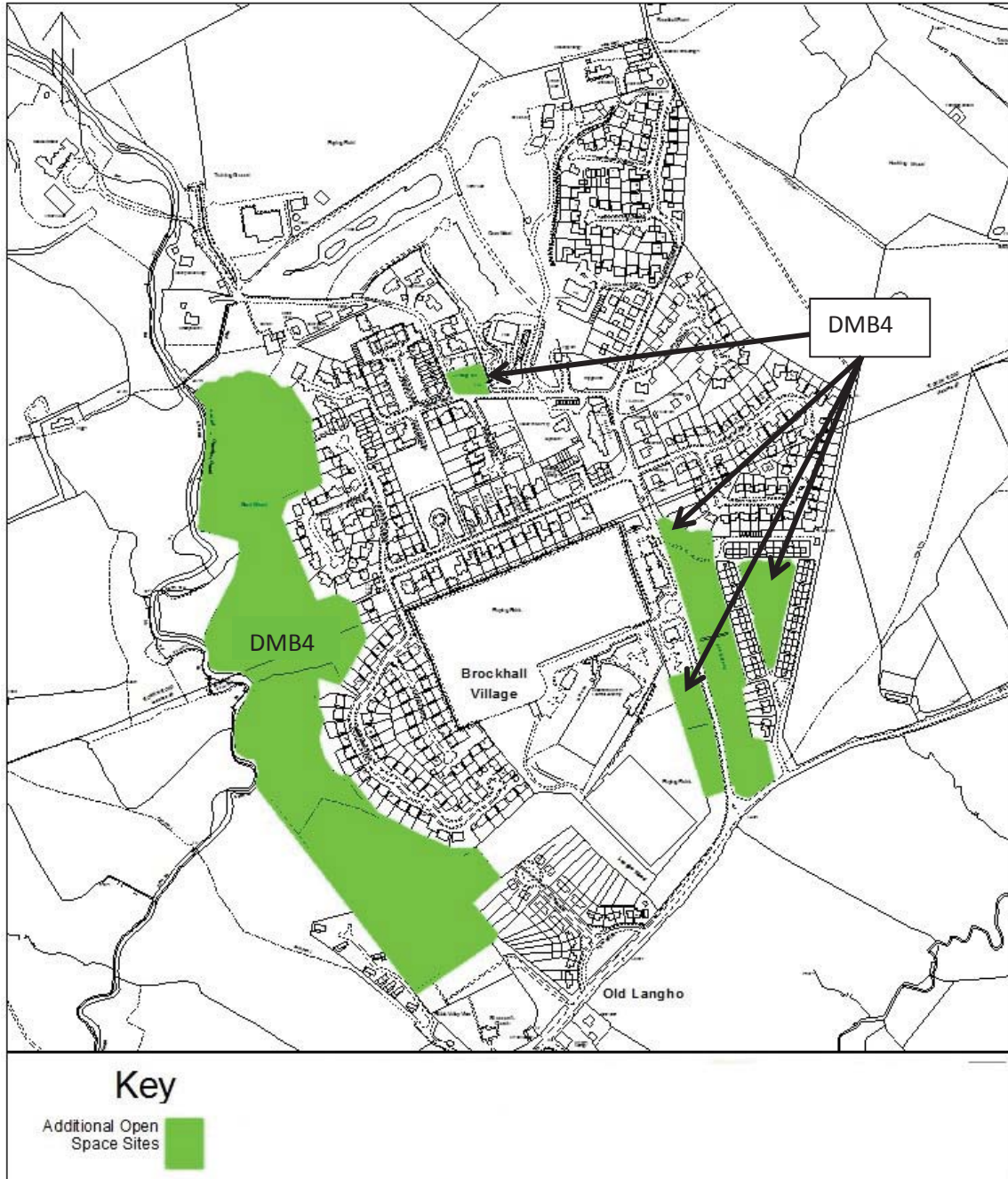
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Amendments to Draft Proposals Map

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Map 5 Proposed Additional Open Space Sites - Brockhall



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