

OUR MEADOWS NOT FOR SALE

Mayor Joe Anderson and Liverpool City Council ignore over 1,300 objections and 7,500 petitions to put Sefton Park Meadows up for sale in November.

Joe Anderson and Labour councillors have overruled every single policy to protect parks and green spaces in Liverpool, ignored massive local opposition, and voted to advertise Sefton Park Meadows for sale. Within a few weeks, adverts will go out for upmarket housing developers to build on this historic green space in the heart of the Sefton Park Conservation Area. This is a place that belongs to all of the people of Liverpool and the Council holds it in trust.

What Can You Do?

We have set up a **new** government e-petition - to get any planning approval called in for an independent review. **SIGN UP NOW AND HELP US GET PROPER SCRUTINY OF WHAT JOE IS DOING.**

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/53216>

URGENT.... Save the Meadows...

PUBLIC MEETING

7pm

Wed 13th Nov 2013

**Rathbone Room,
Greenbank Academy,
Greenbank Lane**

L17 1AG

Planning Battle

We will start a massive campaign to stop any developer getting planning permission for Sefton Park Meadows.

We will need to convince Liverpool's planning committee that the rich, historic and cultural setting of the Meadows as part of the Sefton Parklands means that it cannot be built on. The size of this 6 acre site (more than 2 footy pitches!) means that English Heritage will have to give a formal opinion on the impact of housing development on the conservation area and on the setting of Grade 1 listed Sefton Park.

We've already applied to English Heritage to get Grade 1 listing for the Meadows, along with Sefton Park. **If you can help us in any way in reading up and/or preparing our case against planning, please get in touch with the campaign.**



Complaint to City's Chief Executive Officer

The campaign group have sent a formal letter of complaint to Ged Fitzgerald for 'misconduct and waste of public money' by Mayor Joe Anderson, Labour councillors and council officers in the decision to offer the Meadows for sale.

The Council has blatantly ignored all of its planning policies, open space assessments, and Green Infrastructure planning - not to mention the largest number of objections and petitions it has ever received for a land sale. We believe this site will never be granted planning permission which means this process to sell off is a gross waste of taxpayer's money.

A complaint to the Ombudsman will be next.

We Have to Stop this!

Selling this site will not save Liverpool from bankruptcy in 3 years. The proceeds will be soaked up by the council with nothing to show - and once this beautiful, historic entrance to Sefton Park is gone, we will have lost it forever. We may need more upmarket housing, and higher band community charges, BUT NOT ON THIS SIGNIFICANT GREENSPACE. Let's use the huge number of city-wide brownfield sites first.

The fight to save Sefton Park Meadows is not over by a long way. Mayor Anderson and Labour councillors know this. They have bulldozed this decision through council procedures and committees, with no real democratic scrutiny, ignoring Liverpool residents' opposition. They have flatly denied that the Meadows has any heritage, cultural or natural value, calling it 'incidental open space'.

- **Sign up to our NEW e-petition to get any planning permission reviewed by an independent planning inspector** <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/53216>
- **Come to the Save The Meadows Public Meeting Wed 13th Nov @ 7pm, Greenbank Academy L17 4AG**
- **Contact Joe Anderson, your local councillors and your MP to challenge the sale**
- **Call or write in to local radio and TV, the Liverpool Post and Echo**

Our Liverpool Heritage

We have applied to English Heritage for the Meadows to be granted Grade 1 listed status as they form the last remnants of a cordon of grand boulevards, which connected the Ring of Parks created by Liverpool City Council in 1862.

The Meadows are part of this 19th century plan for a Ring of Parks and they lead to the next link, Calderstones Park.

The Queens Drive entrance at Sefton Park Meadows is a deliberately designed, beautiful and graceful entrance to Sefton Park and should be given the same Grade 1 protection as the already listed, stone gate entrances at Sefton Park Rd (leading to Princes Park) and Aigburth Vale (leading to Otterspool). The Meadows' distinctive, unique grand design of a double row of lime trees protecting this broad walk used to go right around Queens Drive. This can be seen in photos from 1906 at Queens Drive in Walton, before the trees were felled to make way for the dual carriageway.

English Heritage has 'fast tracked' consideration of our application.



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