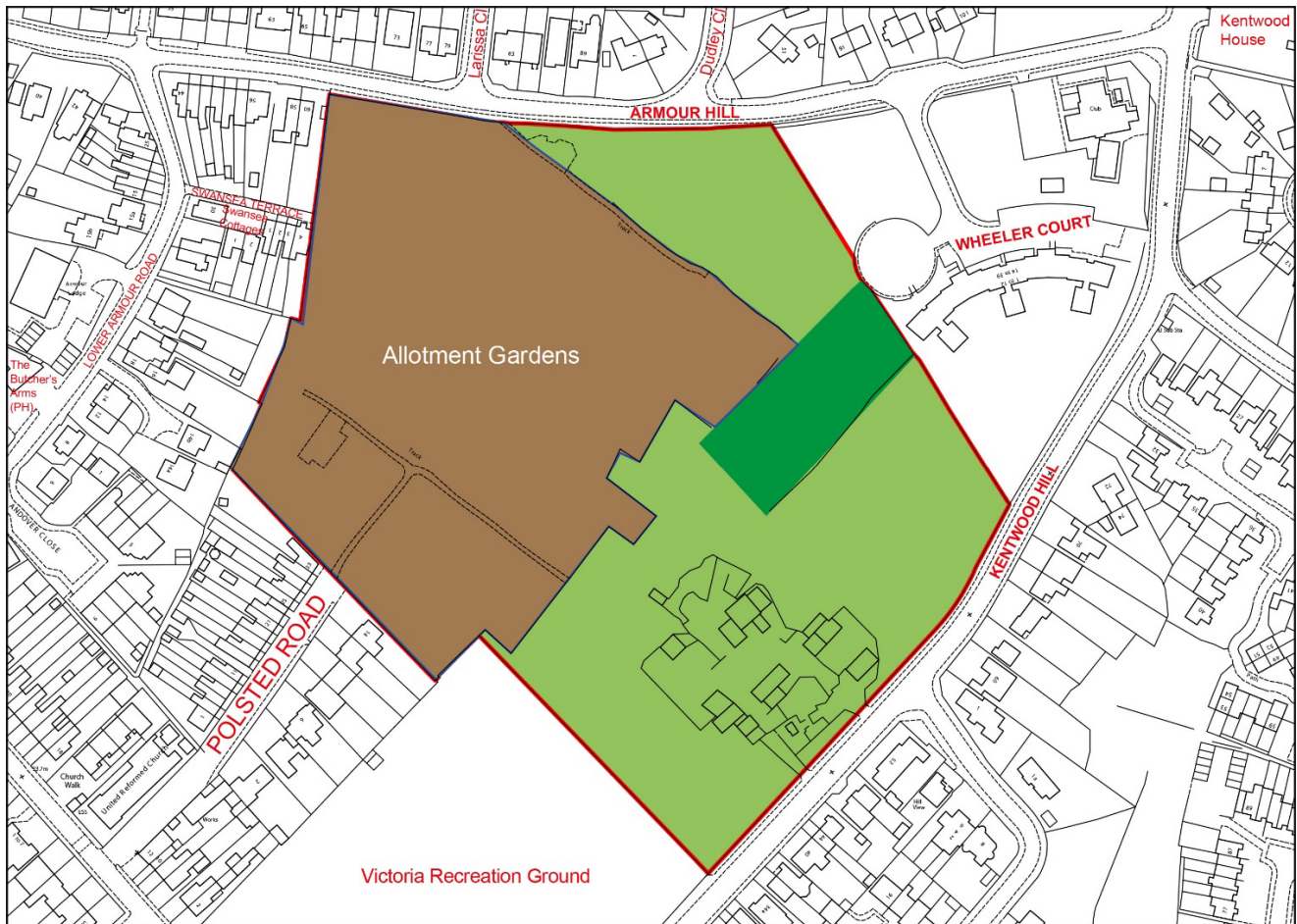


Can you help?

The land surrounding one of your local allotment sites - between Kentwood Hill, Armour Hill and Polsted Road - is up for sale.

Offers are to be submitted by 31st January 2022 and chances are the only buyers will be property development companies.

Within the Reading Council Local Plan, planning permission may be granted for up to 80 dwellings in the areas marked in light green if the sale proceeds.



The land has been held in trust by the Tilehurst People's Local Charity (previously known as Tilehurst Poor's Land Charity) for over 200 years as a result of the Enclosure Act of 1811, prior to which it was common land.

This land has never been built on before beyond some pig sheds. Once it's developed it will be gone as an open space forever.

This area of land is theirs to sell unfortunately. However the actual allotments and the Victoria Recreation ground that are also owned by TPLC are not for sale, they are also protected against development by Reading Council as Local Green Space.

The area marked in dark green is known as "The Withies" and is protected under the current Reading Plan as an area of identified biodiversity interest. Development of the surrounding land will reduce the effectiveness of this area, removing existing links to other areas of biodiversity interest in the vicinity and reducing the available hunting, grazing and nesting space for wildlife.

Are you concerned about:

- The loss of green space and the climate crisis
- The depletion of 'green corridors' and the threat to protected and unprotected trees
- The impact on wildlife (we have badgers, foxes, bats, owls, kites, hedgehogs and slow worms in this area, to name but a few)
- The impact on local services and infrastructure, including increased traffic
- The impact on the character of the area and the view?

Then you can take action!

**We have fought off many similar plans for development of this open space in the past.
You can help us do so again.**

What can you do?

- Write to/ email the Tilehurst People's Local Charity to say what you, as a Tilehurst local person would like to see happen with the land. No attempt has been made by the Charity to gather the views of the local neighbourhood. Write to TPLC at P.O. Box 2802, Reading, RG30 4GE or email tplc@talktalk.net
- Write to/ email your local councillors and MP to voice your concerns about this sale.
- If you regularly walk through or around the allotments or you live in Kentwood Hill, Armour Hill or Polsted Road, keep a record of any wildlife you see around the site to help maintain an up to date record of the area's rich biodiversity. Use the Thames Valley Records Centre website to record your findings: www.tverc.org/cms/content/share-your-records.
- Let your local friends and neighbours know about the land sale, the irreversible changes any development would make to their area and the actions they can take.
- Email us at admin@keepkentwoodgreen.com to register an interest in this issue, to be kept informed and to let us know if you'd like to help. Our website will be up and running soon and will continue to be used and updated going forward
- Sign our petition that will be appearing locally soon

Further Information:

The Reading Plan can be found on www.reading.gov.uk as a pdf called "Local Plan Adopted November 2019. [Local Plan Adopted November 2019.pdf \(reading.gov.uk\)](http://www.reading.gov.uk/Local_Plan_Adopted_November_2019.pdf)

TPLC website – www.tilehurstplc.org.uk

Sales particulars - www.chaneys-cs.com/property-management-reading-img/RDG-Kentwood-Hill-and-Armour-Hill-3.pdf

Tilehurst Allotments Society – www.tilehurstallotments.co.uk

Thanks on behalf of the Keep Kentwood Green group