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Linda Roberts  
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Wrexham County Borough Council  
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Wrexham  
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24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Linda,

**Application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green, no: WCBC-036152-VG14A**

I write to you today in support of the above application for registration of land as a Town or Village Green.

The area commonly known as Dean Road Playing Field, Wrexham, although the property of Wrexham Glyndwr University, has been used by the community for around 50 years. It has been used for organised sports, football, hockey and rugby, as well as for running, walking, picnics and other recreational activities.

I understand that photographic evidence has been offered which provides clear evidence that the land **has been used for lawful sports and pastimes and for a period of at least 20 years prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

Alongside the provision for recreation that this land provides, it also provides other benefits to the Acton community. It is well documented that green spaces have a positive effect on the mental health and wellbeing of those living near them; green spaces help prevent urban sprawl; and they promote biodiversity and health natural environments.

As a community, Acton also has a deficit of green space: if the Dean Road Playing Field was lost, it would be at the detriment to residents and would further reduce access to recreational facilities and green space for those living in Acton. It is therefore vital that this land is protected as Town or Village Green for the benefit of Acton residents.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Atherton".

**Sarah Atherton MP**  
**Member of Parliament for Wrexham**

CC: Ian Bancroft, Chief Executive Wrexham County Borough Council