

CABINET MEMBER DECISION



SOUTH
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DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Decision:

That approval is granted for the registration of Wyndham Park as a Centenary Field and that the completion of the Deed of Dedication is authorised.

(1) **Details of Decision**

To obtain consent to complete registration of Wyndham Park as a Centenary Field – under the national Fields in Trust scheme.

(2) **Considerations/Evidence**

The Centenary Fields programme was launched in 2014 by Fields in Trust President HRH The Duke of Cambridge.

The Centenary Fields programme aims to protect at least one green space in every local authority area across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to commemorate the centenary of World War I (WWI). Protected sites could be war memorial parks or recreation grounds, memorial gardens, parks and recreation grounds that contain war memorials or other valued green spaces. Safeguarding these sites will create a living UK-wide legacy in commemoration of the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in WWI.

Landowners across the UK are being encouraged to dedicate a recreational space as a Centenary Field. Suitable spaces include war memorial playing fields and recreation grounds, memorial gardens, parks or recreation grounds that contain a war memorial and other valued green spaces that have some significance to WWI, either existing or planned.

Wyndham Park with its unique heritage features including Post WW1 memorial buildings became the Town War Memorial ground during 1924.

With the capital works element of our Heritage Lottery Funded improvement project delivered during 2018, registration of the site as a Centenary Field is a natural progression, endorsed by the Wyndham Park Forum.

By dedicating land through the Centenary Fields programme we can ensure that Wyndham Park is protected as a living remembrance to those who fought and lost their lives in World War I.

(3) **Reasons for Decision:**

Dedicating a Centenary Field is a fitting way for landowners to mark the centenary of WWI by commemorating the sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the conflict and ensuring that their communities benefit now and in the future from protected green spaces.

On completion of the registration we will receive a commemorative plaque to display at Wyndham Park.

The costs are as follows:

- As the bulk of the legal costs are covered by Fields in Trust the cost of installing the commemorative plaque – which will be provided free of charge.
- The cost of registering the resulting restrictions with the Land Registry - currently £80 for up to three titles.

Fields in Trust acknowledge that on rare occasions communities change and land use changes accordingly. Parts of sites, or very rarely, whole sites can therefore be disposed of provided the disposal is of clear advantage to, and in the best interests of, the community from a recreational perspective. The criteria which Fields in Trust applies to replacement facilities are that they should be of:

- at least equal size
- better quality
- serving the same community in terms of catchment area

Additionally, and very importantly, any disposal should apply as much of the proceeds as necessary to replacement sport, recreation and/or play facilities, with priority given to outdoor before indoor facilities.

Application for Centenary Fields status was made during 2015 and a draft Deed of Dedication has been prepared in anticipation of consent to proceed with registration.

Fields in Trust and the Green Flag award scheme work together to safeguard green spaces and ensure that they are fit for purpose.

Membership of Fields in Trust at £95.00 per annum is optional.

Wyndham Park is situated within the Grantham St Anne's conservation area. Application for protection under the scheme was proposed by the Wyndham Park Forum during 2015.

Conflicts of Interest

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded).

NONE

Dispensations

(Any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted).

NONE

Decision taken by:

Name: Councillor Nick Robins
Cabinet Member for Retail & Visitor Economy

Date of Decision: 14 January 2019

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 15 January 2019

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 days after the date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Chairman of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any 5 members of the Council from any political groups):

23 January 2019