

# 'Get lawyer to protect green land'

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RESIDENTS have been advised to seek the help of a solicitor to protect a piece of land which was left to them by a local company in 1973.

Last week the Advertiser reported how Dukinfield golf club bosses want to lift the covenant on Waldorf playing fields, off Matley Lane, Hyde, so that they can buy the land and extend their course.

Speaking at a meeting of Hyde District Assembly on Monday, chairman John Sullivan said they were not allowed to discuss planning matters. However, Conservative Leader Councillor John Bell, said it was 'right and proper' the issue was brought to the attention of the meeting.

"Forget the planning issue, it's about a publicly owned piece of land that was given to the people of Hyde. I can speak as leader of the opposition and say that we, the Werneth, Stalybridge South ward and the councillor in Dukinfield/ Stalybridge, have put in a letter of objection to the sale of the this land.

"My advice to the residents is to employ a solicitor on this. If you band together and get a solicitor with particular expertise in this type of conveyancy, it will be beneficial to you.

"It should remain public open space to be enjoyed by the public."