

Question	Response
<p>From Councillor Mike Dendor</p> <p>2.1 20/502524/FULL Land Adjacent to 6 St Michaels Close, Sittingbourne, ME10 3DH</p> <p>In reference to Cllr Whelan's statement in 5.2, ".....This plot was designed to be a green open space".</p> <p>Was it ever designated as green space? I note that the site has not been maintained - if designated green space who was supposed to maintain it?</p> <p>In reference to 5.1 "Insufficient parking" and 8.13 "The application proposes a nil parking provision....."</p> <p>On a personal visit to the site, I noted that there are ten dwellings in St Michaels Close, that six planning spaces are available in front of the close but there are also six garages in The Butts behind St Michaels Close. I am told by residents that these garages are used by some of the householders in St Michaels Close. In front of 5 of the garages, two cars can be parked in tandem. Assuming that each garage is counted as a parking space, that is a total of 23 parking spaces available to residents in St Michaels Close.</p> <p>I don't know what the ownership is of the garages but if each garage is owned by 1 resident in the</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I can find no formal designation as open space in the local plan, or in the planning history of the site or that of the wider cluster of houses. Aerial photographs from around 10 years ago are somewhat unclear, but it is possible the land formerly formed part of the garden to no.6. 2) Unfortunately, we do not have information regarding the ownership of the garages and could not base a decision on this matter. The key issue in this respect is whether the proposal complies with the requirements of the recently adopted SPD on vehicle parking, and this is set out in the report.

Close and front of garages are not counted, then parking spaces still total 12.

Would you agree with my assumptions?