

Neo Georghiou
Estates Surveyor
Rother District Council
Town Hall
Bexhill
East Sussex TN39 3JX

7th June 2019

Dear Mr Georghiou,

B032/Town Salts

The Rye Conservation Society wish to object to the proposed let by Rother of the old bowling green on the Salts on a 25 year peppercorn lease to the Rye Amenity CIC which proposes to create a wild life meadow on the Site.

Whilst the initial concept may be superficially attractive we have grave concerns as to the practicality and suitability of the proposal for the following reasons.

- 1. An area of unmown grass meadow in the middle of a flat grass playing field will look inappropriate.*
- 2. Visitors will wonder why that 'bit hasn't been cut'.*
- 3. Does the Rye Amenity CIC have the expertise and the day-to-day and long-term personal with commitment to maintain such a project.*
- 4. Neither the Town Council nor interested bodies such as the Bowls Club, have been consulted about this project which will be a prominent feature in a highly visible part of the setting of the historic core of Rye.*
- 5. Details of the proposed leasehold arrangements have not been made public together with any conditions relating to future use of the property and its up keep.*
- 6. How will there be control of weeds and seeds contaminating adjacent green open spaces.*
- 7. How will access to the area by locals and visitors be controlled/affected.*

We are concerned that this disposal albeit on a lease to a third party sets a precedent for future sale and carving up of the Salts into separately owned plots for all sorts of activities. We

believe that any change to the Salts is a matter for the whole community which in this instance has not been adequately consulted.

Finally I am having to write this in a hurry because of the very short time scale that we have been given to respond to the notice and we have had to discuss the matter at committee level before coming to these conclusions.

Yours Sincerely

David Bookless
Chairman, Rye Conservation Society

Public notice - Disposal of open space land

Land at the Salts, Town Salts, Fishmarket Road, Rye

Local Government Act 1972

Notice under Section 123(2A) of the intended Disposal of Open Space Land in the district of Rother, East Sussex.

Dated: 24th May 2019

Notice is hereby given under Section 123(2A) of the above mentioned Act that Rother District Council the owner of the parcel of land described below which is held and maintained as public open space intends to dispose of the said land to Rye Amenity Community Interest Company (CIC) for the purposes to turn the land into a 'managed wildflower meadow' or 'managed perennial meadow'.

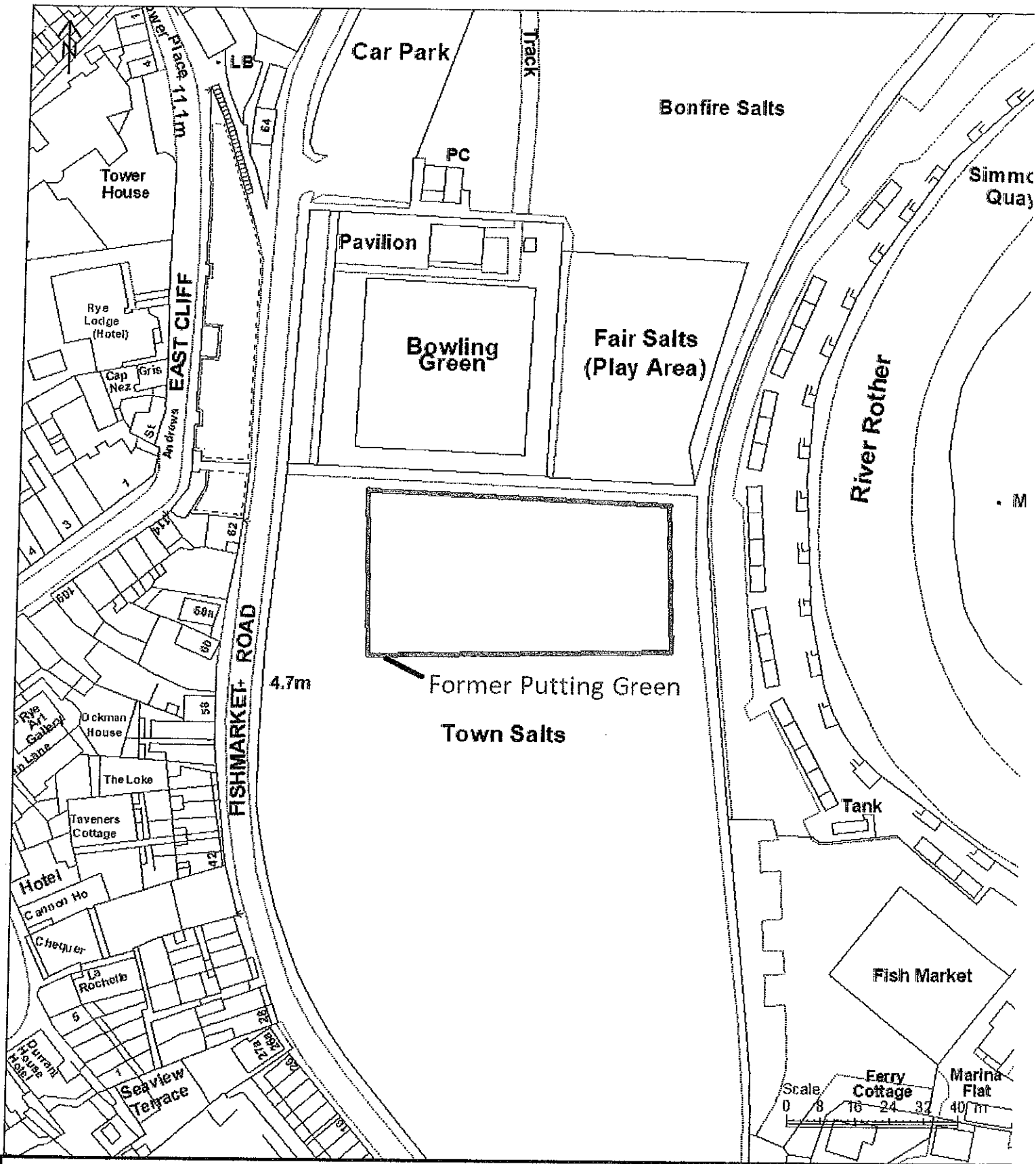
Land at the Salts, Town Salts, Fishmarket Road, Rye, East Sussex consisting of an area of approximately 2,600 square metres or 0.64 acres which is for identification purposes edged red on the plan. The boundary would follow the existing fencing around the former putting green.

A plan that identifies the precise location of the Open Space land in question is available to view at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 3JX or can be viewed below:

Plan of Land to be turned into a managed wildflower meadow or managed perennial meadow

Objections to the above proposed disposal must be made in writing to Neo Georghiou, Estates Surveyor, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3JX by no later than 7th June 2019 quoting the reference: B032/Town Salts

Dr Anthony Leonard
Executive Director of Business Operations
Rother District Council
Town Hall
Bexhill-on-Sea
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Rother District Council

Asset Register



Former Putting Green at Land at the Salts, Rye

Plan:

Scale: 1:1250

Date: 16/05/2019