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January 16th 2020

To whom it may concern

I am writing to explain how important Maisie's Meadow has become for both me and my dogs. I have a dog that is fearful of other dogs as he has been chased by aggressive dogs in public parks and as a result he has become terrified of being in public spaces. Maisie's meadow has provided us with a safe place. Somewhere for me to take him, to exercise him freely without fear of him being set upon by unknown dogs. This space is always immaculately kept, its clean and secure. It's a dog owners safe haven if they have a dog they're unable to take to public parks. It's so important for local people to have safe and secure places they can exercise their dogs. It keeps both people and dogs active and able to enjoy the outdoors. Maisie's Meadow is a beautiful space and I use regularly, as does a friend, and we respect that space as do our dogs. It would be an absolute travesty for so many dogs in need not to have this beautiful safe place where they can be active and happy being able to just be dogs.

Yours sincerely
Dr Philippa Reeve

13:23 (16 minutes ago)

Kim Parker <kim.parker@rochfordparishcouncil.gov.uk>

to me

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Dear Maisie's Meadow,

I am so sorry and outraged to hear that you are having complaints from neighbours, I really cannot understand why? Maisies Meadow is an absolute necessity to the area, I have tried speaking to 'Friends of Cherry Orchard' and various councillors about the lack of 'secure' dog walking in our area! I have asked over the last few years about getting a secure area over at Cherry Orchard and have been told to no avail that the only one that was there that was sabotaged by travellers a couple of years ago was not meant to be for dog walkers anyway but for an 'Orchard' so they would not be repairing the damage or missing gates. Great!!!

I have two dogs a husky and a malamute, both are very big dogs and cannot be let off the lead as they would run off! Because of their size they are quite 'scary' if they are running towards someone so I do not let them off of the lead! Also there are quite a lot of dogs being attacked and stolen and I do not wish to put my dogs in this situation. Since using Maisies Meadow this has literally changed my life! Having somewhere to take my dogs without worrying about them running off, running after someone or chasing horses etc etc.

Please please do not close Maisies Meadow!!! What really is the harm in us using a field that to my knowledge has been unused for many years now. We should as a community and a council be encouraging people like Mandi who are trying to help the community especially when as a council we are not being seen to provide services like this. I feel very strongly about this and please if you want to speak to me I will gladly come in and have a chat with you. We need this as a community service so please help. Its not like Mandi is trying to make a small fortune, as I understand it, it has cost her a few thousand pounds to set this up and the charge is going towards her costs then after that I believe (don't quote me on it) that she will be donating money to a rescue dogs home in Romania that she regularly raises money for and has re-homed a dog from there herself.

397 Eastwood Rd
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To whom it may concern,

I write with regard to Maisie's Meadow which we have recently used to exercise our lively Labradoodle Willow. We stumbled across Maisie's Meadow whilst out walking Willow and was delighted to see that such a facility in our area existed. Unfortunately, Willow can be quite boisterous and due to her young age, we are reluctant to let her off lead. The field is of adequate size for us to allow her to run and fetch a ball and is a safe and secure environment in a peaceful setting. It is managed efficiently and is evident that the field is maintained to a high standard ensuring that it is a safe environment for us all to use.

We have previously enquired locally if there are similar facilities within walking distance of our house, but unfortunately all other areas are some distance. To use these alternative fields would necessitate using our car which we would prefer to avoid. Having such a field within walking distance for us is an excellent addition to the community!

Should you require any further feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Shelley, Craig & Willow
Tel: 07808610461

Tue, 7 Jan, 11:26 (9 days ago)

Paul

to me

298 Eastwood Rd
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Hi Mandi, just a quick note to express my concern over the potential closure of the meadow. What you have provides an extremely valuable service to dogs and their owners like. We have a rescue dog and as yet don't feel able to let him run off lead. The meadow is fantastic for his training and general well being as it enables him to do what he naturally wants to, in a safe and extremely well maintained environment. We don't know of any other such facility in the area and we really hope we can continue to use it regularly to train our dog safely

Best wishes

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To whom it may concern,

It's not often I feel strongly about something to do with 'officialism', in fact this is the first time I have felt strongly enough about something to put pen to paper, so please take what I am saying seriously.

Maisies Meadow provides a much needed safe area for the communities responsible dog owners, I really don't know where they would go without it.

A responsible dog owner understands the need to use an enclosed safe space, where they now their dog can't get out, and other dogs (or distractions) cant get in, for many reasons, for example:

When you have a puppy and you are teaching recall you need a bigger space than your garden to test your dog. It is very nerve wracking letting your new 'baby' off the lead in a public place in case they don't come back or in case they jump at at people or in case they pester other dogs who might go for it, the list goes on and on. You need to know before you are in a public place that you can be confident of your dog.

For dog training without distractions

When you have a nervous dog you need to be able to exercise it where it feels safe and un-threatened, dogs need to be able to run, that isn't possible on lead.

When you have a dog that is unsociable with other dogs, not necessarily aggressive but one that just wants to sniff around on his or her own without other dogs constantly bothering them.

When you have a dog that has no recall.

When you have a dog that is big and you don't want other dog walkers saying 'that dog should be on a lead'.

When you have a rescue dog and you are getting to know it's temperament.

When considering the possibility of closing Maisies Meadow would mean to the community. There are no other safe enclosed spaces we can use with the exception of tennis courts!

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Ann Garry

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Dears sirs/madam,

I am writing in regards to Maisies meadow to inform you of its importance to myself and my dog.

I rescued a very nervous, dog reactive Staffordshire bull terrier 9 years ago. I have never been able to let him off lead due to the potential problems he may cause others and the danger he may cause himself too!

This made walking very hard as a lot of people do not respect that he is on the lead and we have had countless incidents with other dogs off lead with no recall!

Walking generally has been tricky for us .. until Mandi opened Maisie's meadow. He can now run off lead, have the freedom to explore and enjoy his walks. Not only is that wonderful for him - but it also makes it more enjoyable for me!

I have met loads of other owners since walking him there who have similar issues and it has made me realise I really am not the only one!

This is more than just a paddock ... it helps dogs and their owners enjoy time together in safety and is a lovely space that mandi has created for everyone.

There really isn't anywhere in the area for us to go if we lose this space.

Yours faithfully

Amelia Jenner & Rosco

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To whom it may concern:

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Maisie's Meadows

I am writing this letter in support of keeping Maisie's Meadows open. This is for the following reasons:

I have a 15 month old very small dog and when walking him I am very aware of other dogs and always feel very nervous and anxious if a dog is off the lead and I would never feel safe letting my dog off the lead.

When I take my dog over to Maisie's Meadows, it is so reassuring to know that it is totally secure for him to run around until his hearts content and that he will be totally safe in doing so.

There is nowhere else in the local community that offers this facility and to lose it would be devastating for a lot of people, including myself, who rely on Maisie's Meadows to provide a safe environment for our dogs to get some proper exercise without the worry of them running off or escaping if frightened by another dog.

I feel very strongly that Maisie's Meadows should remain open as it is a much needed facility in the local area for a lot of people and their dogs.

Yours faithfully

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14th January 2020

To whom it may concern

RE: Maisies Meadow

I wanted to write a letter to you with regards to Maisies Meadow and how much having a safe space for my dog means to me.

My dog Max is young and of a really nervous disposition. There aren't any places locally that I can guarantee he can let off steam and have a run around without being approached by other dogs and people. I can't trust his recall and this is why Maisies Meadow has been so good for us.

It is so nice to have in our community a safe space for dogs who otherwise might become a nuisance because of lack of exercise. In my experience using the field its causes no disruption as it was just us there, my dog is very quiet and it is very peaceful.

I hope that Maisies Meadow remains open as it is of such a benefit to the community and such a rare find.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

Lyndsey Martin

Mrs Sam Kempley

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15th January 2020

To Whom it may concern,

My three gsd's regularly use Maisie's Meadow. They love it there.

It's so nice to be able to take your dogs in a secure field

Without worrying about other dogs.

Whilst we are in the field local walkers always stop and compliment

My dogs whilst I train them. I really do hope Maisie's Meadow

Will still be accessible as there is no where else like this locally.

Yours sincerely

Sam Kempley

14:16 (40 minutes ago)

Anita Houser <anitahouser@hotmail.co.uk>

to me

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Dear Mandi

I was so pleased when I found your newly opened secure field late last year. There is nowhere else within easy distance of Eastwood that is safe enough to let our dogs run, play and, practice their recall.

We have three young toy breed dogs. The youngest is nervous and yappy around other dogs and we would not be able to let her run off lead without using the meadow.

Unfortunately, although there are plenty of open areas for us to walk our dogs, they can be a nightmare when people let their dogs off and don't have proper control over them.

Being able to hire a secure meadow is a real godsend. We can spend half an hour just enjoying time with our dogs, in the open air, without worrying about them being spooked or attacked.

I do hope that Maisie's Meadow keeps going for many years so that more dogs and their owners can enjoy the benefit of your secure area.

Kindest regards

Anita Houser

Mrs Samantha Murphy

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15/01/2020

To whom it may concern

I wanted to take the time to outline all the positives that having a place such as Maisie's Meadow (MM) has given.

- There is currently no 'safe' or 'secure' environment within our local community that allows you to let your dog off lead and run free other than MM.
- It has given our rehomed dog, who is very nervous around other dogs, the ability to run around and be care free, burn off lots of energy and most definitely brings positive to his wellbeing, he is just so happy to be off the lead without the fear of or threat of other dogs approaching.
- It has also been a huge physical and mental wellbeing positive to us as owners, as we are also in an environment where we also feel safe and not on guard. It encourages us to run around and also it really has improved our mental wellbeing through seeing the sheer delight and happiness in our dog's behaviour when he is there.
- The most rewarding fact is that we don't have to restrict our pet by keeping him on a lead and can encourage him to play and stimulate him through lots of play and also training, focusing on recall.
- The area that MM offers is also respectful of the local community, neighbours and fellow dog owners. There are strict rules and sufficient overlap time to allow dogs to come and go without any disturbance. The private parking is sufficient and does not restrict others. The hours that it offers services between are sociable.
- Our dog and us as owners have found this service invaluable, I cannot convey how much pleasure a small secure and safe area has brought. It really is a huge asset to the local community and also to dog owners.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Samantha Murphy

To Maisies Meadow

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To whom it may concern

When Mandi told me , that she was required to put in for planning permission for Maisies Meadow, I was horrified, that there could be a possibility that MM could close.

I am an 84 year old lady and I have poor mobility and breathing problems, MM has enabled me to be able to take my dog Teddy for his exercise , without having to do any walking.. I can watch Teddy run till his heart is content in a safe and secure environment, something I have not been able to do before, as there is nothing else like it in the area. MM has completely changed my life, it has bought fun back into it, and enabled me to be able to take Teddy there, without having to rely on dog walkers.

If it was to close, I would be devastated, and would have to go back to getting a dog walker, and not be able to get pleasure from seeing Teddy run.

MM is a god send for lots of people in our community for sure, and should be allowed to continue, and as our local council, we rely on you to help and support the community.

Kind regards
Shirley Woodcock.

To whom it may concern

I have visited Maisies Meadow with my 7 month old puppy Rocky and enjoyed every minute of it.

The field is secure which means I can let Rocky off his lead and not worry about him running off, I can also practice his recall training without the distraction of other dogs / people / traffic.

Maisies Meadow is providing a safe environment for puppies to play and learn , for older dogs to exercise , for rescue dogs to overcome their fears and lots more.

There is secure parking, balls to play with and a compost dog waste loo ready to use.

There isn't anything else in this area like Maisies Meadow and it would be a shame if it had to close.

Kind regards

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15th January 2020

To whom it may concern,

Re: Maisie's Meadow

What an amazing place Maisie's Meadow is! Such a wonderful idea and local community asset. We have a 7 month German shepherd puppy called Bear, who absolutely loves the meadow. A secure place for him to run around and practice his training. As owners, we have the reassurance that the meadow is completely secure and Bear won't become an escape artist! Mandi facilitates the meadow well, by having a time gap between when owners arrive to avoid crossovers and issues.

For us, without Maisie's Meadow, Bear's off lead and recall training would have been difficult and an apprehensive time.

As a community, we should be supporting local people, running a local business, a business and asset that is the only one of its kind in the area.

Kind Regards

Helen, Aaron and Bear

Mon, 13 Jan, 19:53 (2 days ago)

Lynn Jefferys <fluff.ontour@gmail.com>

to me

To whome it may concern

I feel compelled to write in support of keeping the very important Maisie's meadow going. For me this is such an important resource.

When I have been unwell and going through treatment, and have been unable to walk far with my dog, Maisie's meadow has been vital. I can just park up and don't have to walk far, and my dog loves running around there and is completely safe. I do not know how I would manage without it. I still cannot walk far and for me this is a godsend.

I cannot understand how anyone nearby can object to this, as all activity is in daylight hours, and is not disturbing anyone. There would be more noise from the front of their houses on the road.

If this had to close I do not know how I will manage.

Kindest Regards

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To whom it may concern

Last year we rescued a German Shepherd from Battersea dog and cats home.

As with most rescued animals Elsa came with her problems, the main one being she was scared of dogs and people. This left us with the issue of where we could walk her, somewhere she would feel safe and relaxed; somewhere where other people and dogs would also be safe

We searched for a safe, enclosed space. We found two outside the area, both a considerable distance away. The nearest was Billericay, and we found a second in Wickford. Both are far enough away that a long, and stressful car journey for Elsa undid many of the positive effects of being in those fields.

A chance conversation with the owner of our local pet shop led to her recommending the (at the time) newly opened Maisies Meadow. This, being located in Eastwood, is so much closer than any other that we can go multiple times a week without stressing Elsa out.

We have been going there now since November; the positive change in Elsa is really noticeable, especially by our qualified trainer. People and dogs can walk in the lane behind the field, and Elsa takes no notice. She's socialising by inches, without even realising it.

If this field is to close, all the progress we've made would end, and Elsa would be back to a long, stressful journey to and from a far away field, the stress negating any benefit she gained. This would have a significant impact on both her and our quality of life, with no other facilities like it left in this area.

We ask you to look favourably on this planning application

Yours Respectfully

Sue & Steve Fletcher

Hi Mandi,

We was sorry to hear you are having trouble at maisie's meadow. The people with issue have obviously never had the need to use such an amazing facility.

Maisie's meadow was a life saver for us when we took on our rescue dog in November. As you know, our other 2 resident dogs are well trained off a lead but when we took on bella it was a different story! An abused, beaten, frightened dog from spain who had never lived a day in a house...this girl has issues & CAN NOT be let off a lead anywhere safely. So when i googled 'enclosed dog park' & found this little gem only a 15 minute drive from home it made my day!

Bella is a working breed & needs to have a good run & explore which would be impossible for us without maisie's meadow.

It has been really useful for us in helping train her with recall as we can let her off lead without fear of her bolting off & getting run over.

I have many friends with dogs who i have recommended this meadow too as so many have issues with exercising their dogs safely, due to them being reactive to others or being young puppies in training. Its also great for my elderly nan who couldn't chase after her dog in a big open space if he ran away.

There is a real need for these enclosed dog parks in ALL communities & i do hope you manage to keep maisie's meadow open. We was looking forward to agility training in the spring!

Take care

Kim

Mrs K Foster-waldron

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8th January 2020

To whom it may concern

Re: Maisies Meadow

Our family has been using Maisies Meadow since November 2019. It has been an absolutely valuable resource for both us and our rescue dogs.

There is nothing in the local area like this, a safe, secure space where we can exercise our dogs without fear or worries. The dogs can be both free and safe, minimising the risk of any incidents in public places. With the increase of dog incidents across the borough, this community service provides complete peace of mind. Aside from this, we get the opportunity to support a lady, who after a personal battle with cancer, has decided to give something back to the community.

We have a weekly booking and the service is very professionally run. It's very well organised and there is no mayhem or large groups of dogs. I would urge you to visit this service yourselves and see how it greatly benefits the local community.

Kind Regards

Sankara and Errol Langley

Mr & Mrs Pryke
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11th January 2020

Without Prejudice

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: "Maisie's Meadow"

It is with some dismay that I have been informed of the potential closure of "Maisie's Meadow". This is the second such field that we can use to freely exercise our dogs that, within days of each other have informed us of their potential closure of a secure area for our dogs.

We have four dogs that are all rescue's, each one has had a chequered start in their life which means they do not freely mingle in open spaces, with other dogs and with strangers. Our worst case is our Patterdale who was an RSPCA rescue. Found bound with Barb Wire around her Muzzle, "Baiting" wounds and injuries from repeated sustained beating.

We can walk her in open spaces, but have to take great care and she cannot be allowed a good run as she has to be permanently on a lead. This is similar for most of our dogs who all have similar issues.

Having an open space with secure fencing like "Maisie's Meadow" allows us to exercise our dogs off lead in an environment that both us and them can relax. Without the fear of them running off, being attacked by other dogs or the worst case stolen.

Please do not let another secure area for our pets be closed in the area, areas such as Cherry Orchard Park, are fantastic but even there we have had incidents of theft and attacks by other dogs. These are not isolated incidents as we have had incidents at Sweyne Park and Gunners Park to name a few. A lot of it is just ignorance but unknowledgeable owners who have no understanding that animals like humans can have hidden injuries and terrors.

So please have some understanding to the importance of these open secure places and the people who take the time and expenditure to allow people access to an environment that protects us, our dogs and other pets and owners.

Yours sincerely

Mr G M Pryke

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8 January 2020

Re: Maisie's Meadow, Fleming's Farm Road, Eastwood

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support Maisie's Meadow's use as a private and enclosed dog exercise facility.

I have two German Shepherd dogs, one of whom (Meshiska) is extremely nervous and reactive; she was not socialised properly by her breeder. She needs to be exercised off lead, but this is not appropriate where she could react to members of the public, as she is easily frightened.

I cannot find any other suitable places locally to exercise Meshiska and have found her confidence to be much improved since taking her to run and play with Monty at Maisie's Meadow.

My husband is recovering from major surgery and has been able to come to the field with the dogs as well, due to its accessibility. This has benefited him too.

Maisie's Meadow is a unique resource locally and is therefore invaluable.

I am happy for you to contact me, should you need any further information.

Yours faithfully

Barbara Middlemast-Neal