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Dear Leslie,

PROPOSAL TO DECLARE Masons Field: Fryent Country Park AS A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

I am writing regarding the proposal to declare Masons Field: Fryent Country Park a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) under the National Parks and access to the Countryside Act 1949 (as amended).

Natural England's purpose is to conserve and enhance the natural environment for its intrinsic value, the wellbeing and enjoyment of people and the economic prosperity that it brings.

Thank you for showing me around Masons Field: Fryent Country Park on the 26 June of this year. I was delighted to be shown the field. Also thank you for the explanation of the history of Fryent County park, this was very fascinating and put into context the aims and objectives for the whole area. As such, I am pleased that you have received a positive response to your consultation proposal (to declare Masons Field as a Local Nature Reserve).

I read your management plan for Fryent Country Park and Masons Field under this management will be of value to both local wildlife and the local community. Natural England is pleased to support the declaration of the site as a LNR. Protecting this site and its habitats will allow it to continue to be used and valued by local people for recreation and enjoyment of the natural environment. Further Natural England is gladdened to see an increase in the area of Local Nature Reserves; this is to be especially applauded in the urban confines of the London boroughs such as Brent

Natural England confirms that it has been consulted on your proposal to declare Masons Field: Fryent Country Park a nature reserve under the provisions of Sections 19 and 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (as amended). The requirements for consultation contained in Section 21(6) of that Act have therefore been met. As Senior Adviser for the People and Access Team, I would like to formally welcome these proposals on behalf of Natural England.

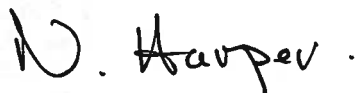
The next step is for the London Borough of Brent to make the necessary arrangements for the formal declaration of the reserve. This can be limited to the issuing of public notices or can be extended to include an event to celebrate the declaration.

Once the declaration is complete, we will need confirmation of the declaration date, and a copy of the declaration papers and a map showing the exact boundaries of the declared area. The map can be a paper copy, pdf file or GI digital data. The site will also be promoted through Natural England's internet site finder. Could you also complete the attached details sheet so

that we can ensure our records are up to date and return it to me as soon as possible.

If you are unsure about any part of the declaration process, please refer to the guidance booklet from our website (<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/31039?category=15005>) or contact me using the details below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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