

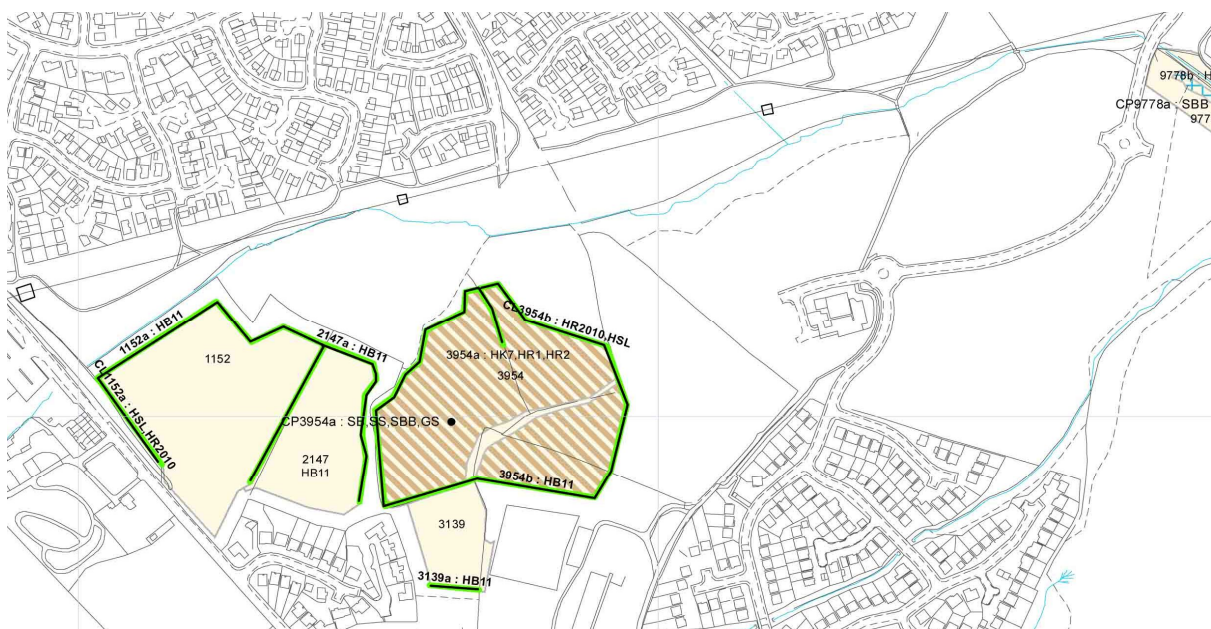
## Please help save **Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail** by

signing our petition to Sheffield City Council: <https://chnq.it/6vXHqcGG4S>

also, our petition to Parliamentary Ombudsman: <https://chnq.it/FPc7X4Nq>

Although planning permission to build on plot (F) Owlthorpe Grass Land Grazing Project, was originally refused, it is very disappointing to see that Sheffield (LPA) have now reintroduced plot (F) with a proposal to build 150 new properties on the 22 acres of the Grassland Grazing Project. When first developed our oasis received government funding under **Natural England Higher Level Stewardship Agreement**. The most recent guidance, published 2nd February 2023 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natural-england-unveils-new-green-infrastructure-framework> "Natural England's commitment is that the public should be able to access green space or water, such as woodlands, wetlands, parks and rivers, within a 15-minute walk from their home."

The history of Owlthorpe appears in the 1086 Domesday Book. Sickles and scythes were manufactured to support the farming industry. Water was pumped from the mines into the Ochre Dyke. With 12,243 trees & hedgerow plants planted also 64,000 bulbs & 1,500 square meters of wildflower seed sown our oasis is a wild life sanctuary. The map below shows Hedgerows/ditches + grassland of high environmental value. For more information, please visit our website: <https://ecological-owlthorpe.org> Surely it is difficult to understand why Sheffield (LPA) wish to destroy our open space, used and loved by the local community.



(Plot (F) is situated on Moor Valley opposite Diamond Cottages & Birley Moor Garden Centre)

If allowed to proceed this project would completely destroy the Owlthorpe Grassland Grazing Project which is a major component of the award winning Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail a rural Oasis in the urban southeast of Sheffield. The trail was opened with an official event on March 16th 2012 by children from three local primary schools assisted by Clive Betts MP for Sheffield South East and other Sheffield City Councillors.

As we say on our website, "public opinion is a very strong tool. It is by working together that we can change hearts and minds and curb the over-development of vital green spaces, especially when mature and valuable trees are threatened with the axe. Numbers are important: politicians take notice when they feel a sufficient threat to their re-election."

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