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Subject: Danehy's third grass playing field to plastic turf

My name is Mary Custic and I'm a Danehy Park abutter (on Bellis Circle). I have 3 points about why we should keep grass in our park. Firstly, I've seen the marsh area come alive with animals with my own eyes with animals that depend upon grassland for food and shelter. The hawk and owl that travel from Fresh Pond to the marsh in Danehy are looking for food across this whole expanse. How will it find food if 2 more fields go artificial? Second, the park has taken a generation to come this far from its garbage dump days. Still, underneath the grass we have dangerous chemicals that need to time to biodegrade. My neighbours and I have tested our soil and it's not safe to grow food yet. There is still a lot of methane gas. How will the land underneath biodegrade and repair if we cover the park over with plastic? Third, why do we need to turf over precious green space in Cambridge? Can we not turf over some empty lot and turn that into useable space? Why are we taking something from nature and turning it into a fake environment? City living doesn't provide a lot of green space as it is and we're willing to lose more? I just don't get it.

I'm not able to be at the meeting today but I hope you can represent my thoughts as our representative.

Best,

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