



HILL SUMMIT: People in Hough on the Hill want to protect Loveden Hill as a Local Green Space.

'Protect our beautiful hill from threat of developers'

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A village wants to be the first to be able to declare a landmark a Local Green Space.

Hough on the Hill parish is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and wants to protect Loveden Hill, a loved and valued feature in the local landscape.

By declaring it a Local Green Space, it can be given special protection against development as it is seen to be of particular importance to the community.

Loveden Hill is an ancient burial mound, distinctly prominent just to the south of Gelston. It is believed to have been the meeting place for the Loveden Wapentake (Hundred) and is one of the largest Anglo-Saxon burial sites in the country.

Parish Councillor Roger

Kingscott said: "Loveden Hill dominates the topology of this area, and a walk round the hill affords a breathtaking panorama across the Trent Valley and beyond. This ancient hill has always been a significant place, and we still feel the power of it even today.

"The Government has given new powers to local communities in the Localism Act 2011 to declare a Local Green Space in Neighbourhood Plans. We think Loveden Hill meets the criteria, and so we are now consulting further with residents to see if this is what they would like to see happen.

"We have a public workshop session taking place on Saturday, January 25, at 11am at All Saints Church, Hough on the Hill. All residents, local landowners and businesses in the Parish are invited to attend."

●● For further information go to www.loveden.org.uk/np

Loveden Hill... site of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery

●● The hill is the site of an extensive Anglo-Saxon cemetery, featuring burials and cremations. It is one of the largest such sites in England, covering 1.2 acres and dates from between the fifth and seventh centuries. More than 1,700 cremations and 45 burials took place there.

●● Many of the finds from site excavations can be found at Lincoln's Art and Archaeology Museum and others are in the British Museum, as well as museums in Grantham, Newark, Nottingham and Scunthorpe.

●● Loveden Hill is at the centre of Loveden Wapentake (the Danelaw equivalent to the "Hundred" in Anglo-Saxon England). The court would meet at Loveden Hill. The word Wapentake means "show your weapon". All those in favour of a resolution would have raised their swords.