Site S04106: The Boundary Club, Jordanthorpe Parkway, S8 8BU

In the "Additional Site Allocations" this site has been rejected by SCC due to the "fundamental constraint" of it being "unused outdoor sports". This is correct, it has not been used as a sports ground for over 10 years, and was sold for development in 2019, as reported in The Star (Aug 2019):

Site of former Sheffield community centre and football pitches bought for more than £500,000

It is frequently vandalized and set on fire, as also reported in The Star (April 2022):

Jordanthorpe Parkway fire Sheffield: Huge blaze at former Sheffield social club is believed to have been started deliberately

The site is now a mess and has been named one of Sheffield's "10 grottiest eyesores" by readers of the Sheffield Star (January 2024).

Sheffield's grottiest eyesores, according to The Star readers



Photo of the Boundary Club Site from The Star's report

Looking at the "Selection of Sites for Green Belt Release Topic Paper" (page 172) Sheffield City Council's other objections to the site being used are:

Indicator	Indicator score	Indicator score result
Loss of onsite Open Space, sufficiency of Open Space in the surrounding area and impact on Local Green Spaces	NN	Insufficient open space - more than 20% below policy standard
Use of Previously Developed Land (PDL)	NN	Development on site including previously developed land and greenfield land or would lead to regeneration of the urban area

These two scores are incorrect:

1. There is plenty of open space in the surrounding area. The site sits in the Beauchief & Greenhill Ward. According to Wikipedia:

About a third of the area of the ward is taken up by the grounds of <u>Beauchief Abbey</u> and <u>Beauchief Hall</u>. These include Ladies' Spring Wood, Parkbank Wood, Beauchief Park, and two golf courses. Also within the ward are <u>Hutcliffe Wood</u> and Chancet Wood.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beauchief and Greenhill

2. The site has been previously developed and contains the footprint of a demolished social club. The photo below is of the site in 2015 showing the building.



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<u>Summary</u>

S04106 is a previously-developed site, sold for development and widely recognized as being an "eyesore". Yet, it has been rejected from the additional site allocations. Why?