



Cllr Anthony Harper
Chairman, Jobs & Economy Committee
Broxtowe Borough Council
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25 January 2017

Dear Tony,

AGENDA FOR JOBS AND ECONOMY MEETING 27 JANUARY 2017: REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND PLANNING SERVICES

I am writing to you in my capacity as the chairman of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum to ask you on behalf of the Forum to postpone a decision on the recommendation on land allocation made to you by the Director of legal and planning services in a report included in the papers submitted to the Jobs and Economy committee ahead of its meeting on 26 January 2017.

Members of the Forum met on 23 January 2017 to discuss the recommendations made to your committee. Our detailed review of the report made to you has identified significant uncertainties in the evidence presented to you and also potential further community benefits that ought to be easily realisable given the considerable price the community is being asked to pay and the high value of the land the public is being asked to surrender to an independent body.

There is considerable support for the replacement of the White Hills Park Federation school buildings and of the Council owned leisure centre, both located on the Bramcote site.

The recommendation to allocate part of the green belt adjacent to former green belt at the Field Farm site in the form of the Stapleford and Bramcote sites will irrevocably destroy the character of this part of Broxtowe and extend the urban fringe of Nottingham into what is to all intents and purposes open countryside. It will compromise both the openness and the permanence of the green belt in this part of Broxtowe.

There are no firm protections in place nor anticipated in the report that would secure the building of the new school in the timetable published by the Federation let alone provision for a replacement leisure centre that would comprise a genuine benefit to Broxtowe for giving up its green belt. Indeed there is a considerable risk that the Federation's timetable will not be accomplished to the detriment of cohorts of students.

We have identified a number of weaknesses in the report to your committee with respect to phasing of the development, transport, contradictory messages about the financing of the new school, a lack of certainty that the promised local green space will be any better protected than the green belt, the loss of the final remnant of Bramcote Moor, the lack of certainty about the allocation of



land for the new school and leisure centre buildings and the knock on effects on other remnants of the green belt in Bramcote and beyond.

We urge your committee on the basis of the above points to defer your decision until such time as you have clarity and confidence in what you are being asked to resolve and in the confidence that it will be delivered.

If you need any clarification or further details ahead of your committee or would like me to address them directly on Thursday please do not hesitate to get in touch either by email or by phone.

The Forum remains committed to its vision for Bramcote. We are grateful for the willingness of councillors and council staff to engage with our community and look forward to continuing such engagement for the common good of Bramcote and beyond, today and tomorrow.

We recognize that the responsibility for and decision on the future of the Bramcote site and with it that of the green belt and the character of the area lies in the hands of the councillors and of the councillors alone. We will respect your decision and remain willing to continue our discussions with you whatever decision you come to.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul Nathanail'.

Paul Nathanail

for and on behalf of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum

cc: Members of Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum