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Leisure /Council Village Development

Dear Mr Brown,

Following the recent public consultation entitled 'Vision into Reality' I wish to bring to your attention various issues which are of concern to us.

As you are very aware, the trust area of the car park referred to in the various options is not a public car park, therefore we would request an explanation from the 'Trustees' of the 'Cannock Recreation and Pleasure Ground Charity' as to the benefit to the Charity's beneficiaries with regard to the development in respect of:

- Use of car parking spaces for the Council Offices and associated facilities, which are not compatible with the charity's aims.
- Loss of car parking facilities for park users, a site for the fair and other summer holiday activities such as bicycle training, which take place on that area of land when required.
- Loss of land which could be used for additional recreational facilities should any area of the trust car park be surplus to requirements.
- Damage to the park's ambiance, increase in traffic, danger to pedestrians, and pollution (fumes and light)

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- Why is the Feasty Lane entrance and associated 'right of way' to the trust land not illustrated on the diagrams?
- Why isn't the proposed Health Centre development mentioned, and the 90 car parking spaces required deducted from the total car parking spaces available?

We believe that the council's proposal to re-locate the Civic Centre on the site creates a '**Conflict of Interest**' in respect of parking, screening and the fact that a part of the development (section of the existing leisure centre building) will be on charity land. The '**Trustees**' and '**Council Officers**' should be aware of their responsibilities and obligations.

We understand that a small section of the leisure centre constructed on the trust land was 'built in error' if this is the case it is disappointing that the council have not taken the opportunity to return the land for its original purposes.

In view of the inevitable increase of traffic congestion the proposed development will bring to the site, Friends of Cannock Park Association will be asking that the Feasty Lane entrance and right of way be re-established and the trust boundaries fenced on the car park, in order to allow separate access to all the parkland, which was always the case in the past.

This is our initial response to the proposals, and we would like to arrange a meeting with you to discuss the points we have raised, also we would ask you to call a meeting of the council as 'Trustees' to discuss the above issues as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

M. Freeman

Miss M. Freeman
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