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**** Supplementary Dispatch**

To all Members of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

Dear Sir or Madam

Planning and Regulatory Committee – Wednesday, 21 July 2021

I refer to the agenda for the above Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting and attach the following item, marked 'to follow':

1. Public speaking at planning committees (Standing Order 17 & 17A) (Agenda Item 1) (Pages 3 - 6)

To receive submissions from any person who wishes to address the Committee. The Chairman will select the order of the matters to be received.

Please ensure that any submissions meet the required time limits and can be read out in five minutes for public participation on non-planning matters (up to a maximum of 30 minutes) and three minutes for applicant/supporter statements and three minutes for objector statements on a planning application (up to a maximum of 30 minutes).

Given the extremely limited space in the council chamber due to ongoing social distancing requirements, those wishing to speak on an application are strongly encouraged to submit a written statement which will be read out on their behalf by an officer at the meeting. Members of the public are advised that 400 words at normal speaking speed equate to a three minute statement. **** If you are attending in person to speak on an application, you MUST register this intent 48 hours before the meeting with the committee clerk named above.**

If there is more than one person submitting a statement objecting to an application, the Chairman will invite those persons to agree on a combined statement. In default of agreement the Chairman may select statement to be read out/person to be heard.

Requests and full statements must be submitted in writing to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, or to the officer mentioned at the top of this agenda letter, by noon two days before the meeting and the request must detail the subject matter of the address.

Yours faithfully

Assistant Director Governance and Monitoring Officer

Planning & Regulatory Committee 21 July 2021

Requests to address the Committee received in accordance with the Standing Orders

Public Participation under Standing Order No. 17 (up to a maximum of five minutes per speaker - this section should not exceed thirty minutes):

Name	Subject

Public Speaking on applications for planning permission under Standing Order 17A (up to a maximum of three minutes per speaker - this section should not exceed thirty minutes):

Agenda Item No.	Application	Statement (s)
06	Planning Application No. 21/P/0803/FUL Construction of a Scout Headquarters and associated works. Land to the west of Wild Country Lane, Long Ashton	<p>Against the proposal: None</p> <p>For the proposal: Dominic Anderson, Chairman of Long Ashton Scout Group HQ Committee (WRITTEN REPRESENTATION TO BE READ OUT BY SUE BUCK)</p>
07	Planning Application No. 20/P/0861/FUL Erection of 14no. dwellings, provision of access, public open space, drainage, landscaping and ancillary works. Land to east of Youngwood Lane, Nailsea	<p>Against the proposal: Dr David Martin</p> <p>For the proposal: Jonathan Amos for the applicant Clifton Homes</p> <p>BOTH SPEAKERS HAVE ADVISED THEY WILL BE PRESENT TO SPEAK IN PERSON</p>

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Planning Application No. 21/P/0803/FUL Construction of a Scout Headquarters and associated works. Land to the west of Wild Country Lane, Long Ashton

My name is Dominic Anderson, Chairman of Long Ashton Scout Group HQ Committee. I'm addressing you this evening on behalf of everybody involved in the Group – our active Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their families; the team of volunteers that make it happen; over 100 children and their parents and guardians hoping for the chance to join us.

We would love to have been with you in person, but we understand and welcome the Council's desire to limit the risk of spreading Coronavirus.

The main thing I would like to convey is that after several years of searching, this proposal offers the best and most realistic chance for a future for Scouting in Long Ashton. We're ready to work with officers to make it happen.

I've been involved in the Scouts here for 10 years. The resurgence in interest and over the last 7 years shows no sign of shrinking. The steady stream of young families into the village is constant – particularly at the western end where the proposed site is, close to relatively high-density housing.

Our proposal is about meeting the needs of young people; giving kids wonderful opportunities as alternatives to staring at screens or hanging out on streets. There's huge demand for the experiences Scouting offers and the unique way in which it prepares young people for their adult lives: leadership, team working and upholding virtues, such as respect and equality.

We recognise the proposal has shortcomings and would like to work with the council's officers to find solutions to mitigate them – establishing safe access for pedestrians, cyclists and cars and mitigating any ecological impact (the results from our recent bat survey indicate little impact).

About 7 years ago we had to move out of the existing HQ. Since then, we have operated part-time out of the village primary schools offering sessions restricted by space and facilities, with no storage. We've worked patiently and thoroughly trying to find sites within the village. Sadly, there are none.

We need eight meetings per week. There are no existing facilities of a suitable size within the village that has that kind of spare capacity available to us, including the Guides with whom we have a good relationship.

Hope is now on the horizon. Following many years of hard work, we have a great opportunity for a new HQ. On behalf of Long Ashton All Saints Scouts, I would therefore like to ask you to look favourably at this planning application for a new Scouts HQ. It is so desperately needed by the village of Long Ashton.



Dominic Anderson

Chairman of the Long Ashton Scouts HQ Committee

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