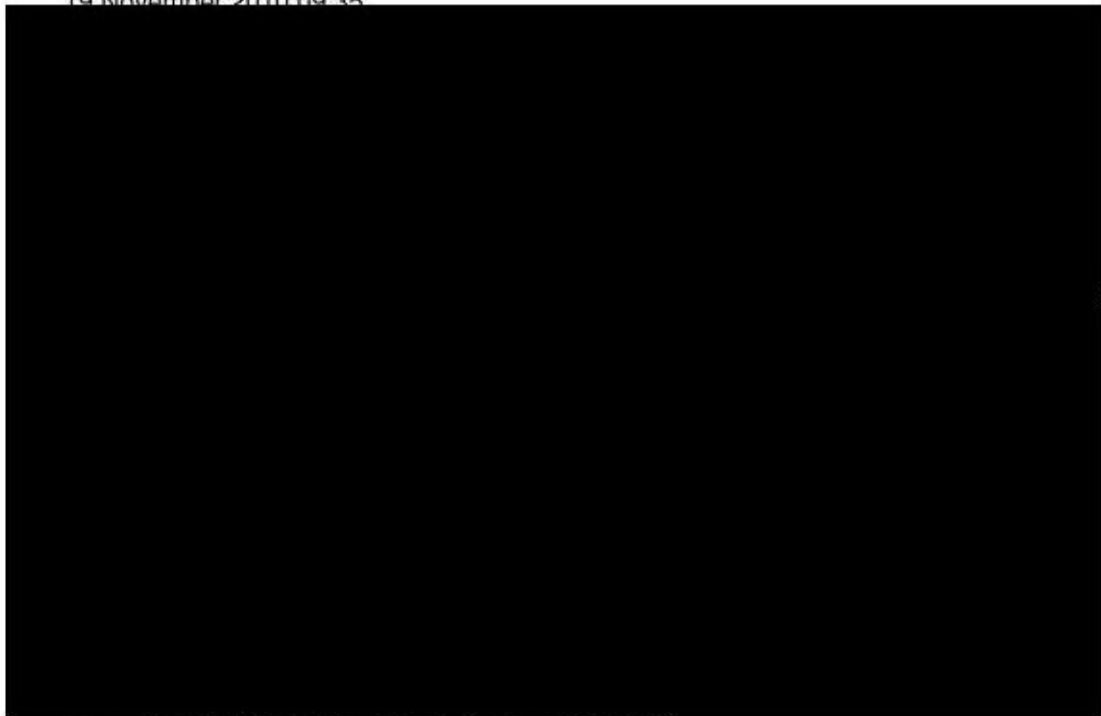


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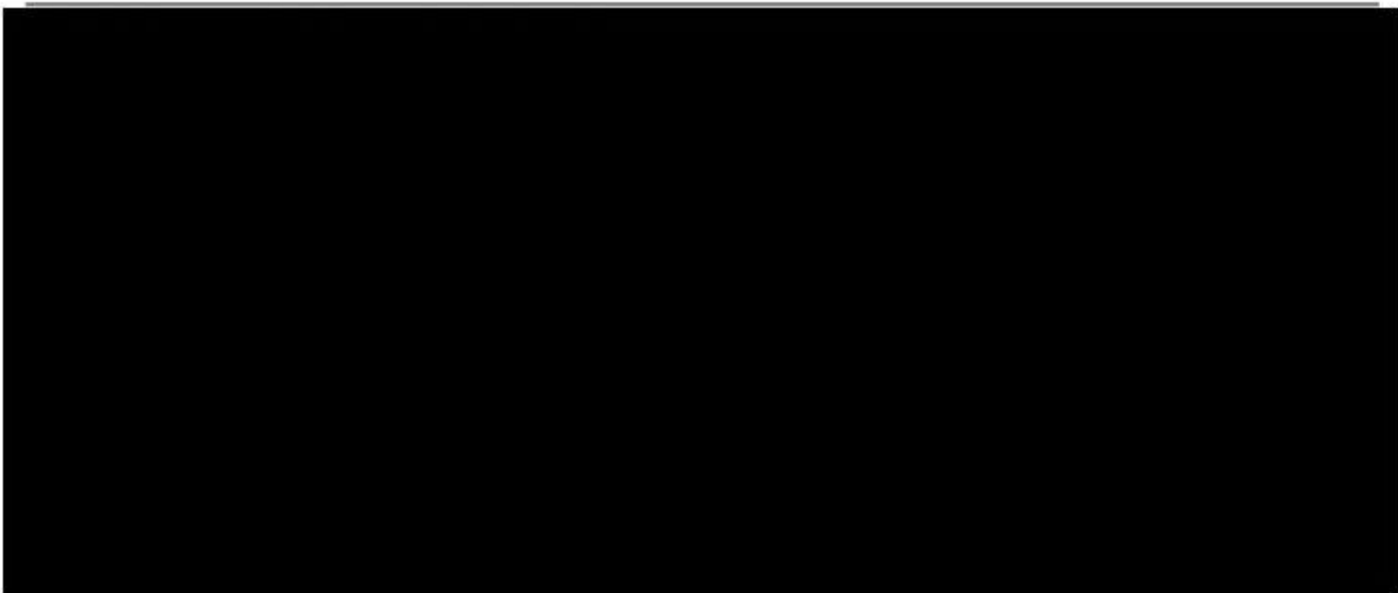
Dear Mr Webster


I can advise that the decision as to where and when the meeting takes place is not something I am able to comment on. I have copied this e-mail to David Taylor, Senior Democratic Services Officer, as he may be able to comment upon this matter further.

With regard to developer contributions sought, it is to be noted that there has been no agreement reached with the developer on the financial sums to which you refer. Any contributions that are agreed (if the application is permitted) must be necessary and relevant to the development and comply with all relevant Circular advice.

Regards

Sarah James





I write this e-mail in response to the message received on 12 November 2010 regarding the Planning Committee due to be held at 1400 on Wednesday 24 November 2010 at the Guildhall in Bath. One of the reasons I have written this e-mail is because I have just returned from Cornwall where I saw parts of the county ravaged by floods in areas where the 'experts' said 'it would never happen'.

The timing and location of the Planning Committee once again indicates the total lack of concern for the strong feelings of the local people. I note that much of the justification for this proposal is that it is 'in accordance with the requirements of the Local Plan' - it is clear that nothing in the plan is in accordance with the requirement of the local community.

Whilst it is obvious that Council Committee members and representatives of the developer will be paid to be in attendance, there is little opportunity for members of the community most affected by this proposal to be present. Whilst many of the residents surrounding this site are elderly and unable to travel into Bath on a busy pre-Christmas trip, others are working and unable to attend. I feel that, with the sheer volume of objections to this proposal, BANES should show their commitment to local people and bring the meeting to a local venue so that local people can hear the proceedings and comment accordingly. I am positive that if the Council really values the views of the local community they would organise the meeting in Midsomer Norton at an acceptable time e.g. evening, and bring the opportunity of involvement to the people most affected by any decisions taken.

It is interesting reading the comments made by the local authorities such as Highways, Environment (Green Spaces) and the Education Services on the Public Access site on the BANES website. I would encourage any of the objectors to read their statements as it is worth noting that if the development proceeds, those three organisations will seek a combined payment, from the Developer, of £912,158.00. Whilst I was under the impression that there would only be one beneficiary of this development it appears that BANES would also benefit to the tune of almost £1M. It would be very interesting to know whether the community surrounding the site would benefit from this windfall or would it be absorbed into the BANES budget?

I seek your urgent response to this request for a Planning Committee change of location and time, and I would encourage any of those copied into this e-mail to make a similar request if they feel so inclined.

S Biggs

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