



Dunblane Community Council

Alan Booth
Secretary

David Prescott
Chair

Dear Ms Beattie,

It is unfortunate that I have to write again about Park of Keir, but the Council's press release last week, stated that the legal agreement was signed by the developer last week.

We are particularly concerned that the Park of Keir Partnership's original mantra of a tennis facility which is "affordable and accessible" which was used to justify the project's supposed national importance, has become the meaningless term "community access".

We know from the meagre information we secured by appealing to the Information Commissioner that the Partnership is now proposing a much diminished tennis and sports facility, having been unable to secure sufficient private funding and now public funding for the original scope of the project, which is exactly as the objectors predicted

It is clear that this agreement has been signed on the basis of an understanding that a reduced facility is acceptable to Stirling Council planners. But this agreement is for an appeal (PPA-390-2042) based on the original planning application 14/00455/PPP, not a reduced facility. Such a facility will no longer meet the "national importance" criterion which was the Planning Minister's only real justification for overturning Stirling Council's refusal of the original application and also the Reporter's rejection of the developer's appeal. Can you categorically confirm that Stirling Council have not discussed or agreed any potential changes to the original Planning Application 14/00455/PPP in the course of securing this agreement?

The Park of Keir Partnership has so little confidence in their arguments that they refuse to allow Stirling Council to release the agreement and Stirling Council has zealously followed this requirement, showing little respect for the communities directly impacted by this

proposal. We are aware that the contents of these agreements is usually considered confidential, but the issue of “affordable and accessible” is right at the heart of this application, which requires this case to be treated as an exception.

It is contrary to the rules of natural justice that the community cannot see exactly what has been agreed on its behalf by Stirling Council and what is now being proposed.

In the interests of transparency, rather than this vital and unprecedented decision being discussed by Stirling Council’s Planning Panel in secret, we call on Stirling Council to make the terms of this agreement public in sufficient time for proper analysis and debate and in time to inform the Planning Panel members of the public view.

We also request that the Planning Panel discussion to be open to the public.

I look forward to your early confirmation that this will be the case.

David Prescott

Chair, Dunblane Community Council

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