

Hannah Gosling

From: Valley Gardens Forum
Sent: 23 July 2019 06:34
To: Anthony Middleton
Cc: Johnathan Sharrack; Cali Gasson; Tim Wates; Hannah Gosling; Mike La Rooy;
Subject: Re: Valley Gardens ADR - an update

Dear Tony

A quick note following my email of 17 July. The Council confirmed to us last week that it will not afford the public an opportunity to state that they would prefer another option when it consults on the detailed design of its preferred option. BHCC have to date never consulted the public on any option other than its preferred option. We bring this to your attention as this statement runs contrary to the LEP's condition about public consultation.

This simple point is at the heart of the ongoing discussion between the parties and I trust you will find it helpful.

Best

Daniel

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On Wed, Jul 17, 2019 at 8:43 AM Anthony Middleton <anthony.middleton@valleygardensforum.org.uk> wrote:
Many thanks Daniel

Kind regards

Tony

Sent from my iPhone

On 17 Jul 2019, at 08:24, Valley Gardens Forum <info@valleygardensforum.org.uk> wrote:

Dear Tony

A brief note as promised to keep you informed about progress with mediation between BHCC and the Valley Gardens Forum. Please also refer to Cllr Lee Wares' letter - attached, requesting an audit regarding matters around VG3, which has been submitted for consideration by BHCC's Audit & Standards Committee next week.

At the conclusion of our meeting on the 2nd of July, a list of ten action points was agreed between the parties witnessed by our respective legal advisers. At this point we were given an assurance by BHCC that they should be in a position to complete those tasks and address issues raised one way or the other within two weeks. As of today, the Forum has carried out everything requested of it, but BHCC has not responded at all - save for the joint statement in which we "*committed to engaging constructively with each other*". The subsequent unwillingness of BHCC to address even the simplest tasks set at the meeting is puzzling - as without such a response, it can not be claimed that BHCC has made an attempt to satisfy LEP conditions set out in your letter to Executive Officer Nick Hibberd 1st February 2019. His failure to disclose this letter to the special ETS Committee meeting of the 7th of February, convened specifically to consider VG3, is referenced in Cllr Wares' correspondence.

I trust this information will be useful to you - and remain hopeful that continued dialogue between the Forum and the Council will make it possible to follow up with better news soon.

Best

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