

Statement by MR A.B.HOOPER to Members of the Recreation Ground Trust Board at the meeting being held at the Guildhall, Bath, on Wednesday, 14th April 2010, at 1 p.m.

These meetings, as can clearly be seen from the repeatedly negative agendas, continue year after year to be little more than a waste of everyone's time and an irresponsible dissipation of the Charity's resources to no useful purpose, or to bring any end to your deplorable conduct and continuing breaches of trust.

After years of Council disregard for residents' complaints over your defiant breaches of trust on a breathtaking scale the Charity and the citizens of Bath are now more deprived of the safe and clean public Open Space which was so clearly intended for their benefit than they have ever been and nothing is still being done by you to rid the Rec of the unlawful HGV and other business traffic and non-charitable favoured parking which puts the lives of both adults and children at serious risk of injury or death on a daily basis.

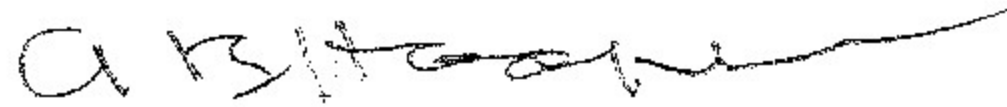
Any pretence that the Council has the right to falsely regulate this favoured business traffic over a private access road, and facilitate its parking on the Public Open Space and historic footpaths on the residential Northern side of the Rec, is not only invalid in law, it is seen as morally corrupt and irresponsibly putting elderly people and children's lives especially at risk in a way that no other Council but B&NES would try to enforce for the benefit of inappropriate and favoured business associates, nor would such a deplorable Council cause resident beneficiaries the harassment of having to now pursue this mis-use and abuse of our City Centre Rec through ministerial channels and the courts as soon as the General Election is over which, unless it is stopped immediately, is now beneficiaries' only way of getting justice.

Any false pretence that Bath Rugby Plc will have any right to continue this mis-use and abuse of Bath citizens' Recreation Ground Charity's land for another 60 years would be laughable if it was not such a serious claim by such a deplorable Council and a failed Charity Commission at great waste of both Charity and public expense.

The only value for beneficiaries' participation in these sham meetings therefore remains to oppose your despicable conduct, your defiant breaches of trust and to put on record our opposition to everything you stand for in perpetuating the mis-use and abuse of the Charity's purpose and property.

This record will stand in the minutes of these irresponsible meetings and record our total objection to the way you behave in inflicting blight on our City and refusing our call for far greater financial transparency and the immediate stopping of all these forms of mis-use and abuse of the Rec for favoured private gain, especially the illegal traffic and favoured parking on the "Open Space" North of the South car parks, which has no legal right to be operating there.

This must be stopped now and before someone, maybe a child or incapacitated person, is killed for what will then be clearly seen as corporate manslaughter resulting directly from your defiant actions and where no insurers will take responsibility for indemnity in respect of such unlawful conduct but where compensation will have to fall upon you personally as de-facto Trustees knowingly refusing to stop this unlawful traffic and parking or provide any proper duty of care on this seriously mis-managed charitable Public Open Space contrary to its proper use and in persistent defiance of the law.



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