Statement by Mr. A. B. Hooper to B&NES Council Recreation Ground Charity sub-Committee meeting at Bath Guildhall on Thursday, 16th December 2010

My statement is as brief and clear as your legal responsibilities and obligations are enshrined in law to stop the defiant and potentially fraudulent mis-use and abuse of the Recreation Ground Charity's **Public Open Space** for Council and Charity Commission favoured millionaires' business ambitions and private gain. Your duties are clear from every aspect of the Charity's constitution, the Council's contractual obligations and the law in many respects.

It is therefore seen as utterly irresponsible for you to be even thinking of squandering yet further public funds or Charity resources to perpetuate the Trustees or the Commission's blatant disregard for the law and contempt of beneficiaries' complaints so far by engaging in any further biased consultation exercise and propaganda for the inappropriate benefits of the Council's favoured Plc as previously seen.

I urge you, therefore, to desist from any such further waste of resources on yet more dubious and unnecessary consultation exercises to circumvent your legal and moral obligations and to have the decency to resign now so that after guidance has been received from on-going discussions and forthcoming investigations which you have already made it necessary for beneficiaries to seek from the Serious Fraud Office, Customs and Revenue and the Crown Prosecution Service, etc., other more reliable Trustees can be brought in to remedy the unlawful mis-use and abuse you have got our otherwise honourable and important Charity into.

Please have the decency to go now as we have previously requested in order to avoid yet more waste being incurred and more detriment to the Charity and damage to the community which is caused by your deplorable conduct that shames the Council and deprives inner City children of the charitable amenity as **Public Open Space** the Rec is legally intended to provide and for which no further dubious **consultation** expense is either necessary or justified.

A B HOOPER/16.12.10