

I am a local resident asking cabinet to reject this bid and open it up under different rules once we are free of Covid restrictions.

Paul Crossley has stated the current procurement process operated under OJ EU regulations which I believe are not now applicable. A new procurement process could allow the public access to more detail.

We have been denied information about the bid, the bidder or the length of the Contract other than a statement by Paul Crossley that future use would be golf or golf related.

We have been denied consultation. on the basis that there would not be a change of use at Approach hence no need to consult. No professional Golf operator has bid for this contract so we have to assume that his term golf or golf related has little meaning.

High Common occupies a beautiful green space, a green lung in the west of Bath where these groups have enjoyed their sport and leisure in harmony for over 60 years.

The 2016 B&NES Green Space Strategy recognised the Value of parks and other spaces to the lives of residents and importantly offered a context against which future investment and spending decisions should be made. That 2016 principle is relevant here. today.

As this exercise was prompted by the need to stem losses I assume that

the bidder sees a way of making a profit and as golf is not seen as profitable right now we can be pretty sure that the game of Golf will not be central to this operation. but that throwing a metal frisbee will be. Is this really Golf related

Are Games, described as family fun, appropriate at this site and does this measure up to Paul Crossley's promise? They appeal to a different demographic and leave little room for the genuine golf community.

If it was your intention to change the use of the Approach course, why didn't you say so and consult to find out what People want from their green space instead of creating such dismay and anger amongst the community.

So, Reject the bid: consult to get some facts, listen to local people and research the future of golf post pandemic. Keep low level maintenance until an equitable solution is reached.

Do not be the administration that votes to remove B&NES last public Golf course, at a time when outdoor leisure activity for ALL ages is critical to wellbeing.

I am reminded of a quote from Edmund Burke,  
'Representatives are not merely delegates of people but rather trustees of the public good well surely this issue is indeed about the public good  
Thank you.

Lyn Jacobs. February 2021