

Good evening Dine and Cabinet members

I am the Chair of the Entry Hill Community Association, I am speaking on behalf of the Entry Hill residents.

Our neighbourhood has had much to discuss over the last year with the future of the golf course site right at the top of the list.

For the past 12 months Entry Hill Golf Course has provided some of the key elements of what the local and wider community had requested for an inclusive, open community space.

It has been a shame that in the midst of Covid where golf was one of the few sports allowed, our site was closed to golf, however, people of all ages have appreciated the benefits of having this wonderful green lung and safe place to exercise on the door step of local residents.

Whether your passion is golf, wildlife preservation or nature spotting the Entry Hill

site has provided it. Families, dog walkers, solo walkers and budding young artists - all co-existing and enjoying our Conservation area.

We would hope that the OJEU process has taken into consideration, in both its deliberations and scoring, the views of the local residents at the Odd Down drop in event and the Lemon Gazelle online consultation, which both showed clear, strong support for what the Bath and wider community residents hoped for in a local facility - a community park and cafe with walking and running trails. And the golf ladies local petition with 1000 signatures did show support for golf to remain at the site.

We have been appreciative to those bidders who took up the opportunity to talk to us and better understand the Entry Hill community. We will continue to work where ever possible to make sure that our key local amenity is a positive contribution to building a genuine 'liveable' neighbourhood.

We now hope that Entry Hill will receive a viable amenity appropriate for all ages and abilities.

Whoever the preferred bidder is they do need to understand that we are a community who cherishes our green oasis on the site and so we request that Cabinet, and the process, ensure that we can engage with the preferred bidder at the first opportunity, as it is the local neighbourhood and our wider community who will be the most affected by the Cabinet's decision tonight.

Thank you.

