

Statement from Bob Goodman to Cabinet Meeting 10th November 2021 (virtual)

I would like to start by commending this Administration for considering building, as they put it, Council Houses but by using their failed Development Company to deliver them, with their senior staff receiving huge salaries has put the whole project into disrepute.

However, I will leave that for another day.

To provide the Council House Programme Cabinet Report and refusing to name the sites is pure Cowardice... WHAT are you hiding?

Many think one of the sites is TUFU FIELD - yes that's the one the New Leader in his maiden speech led residents to believe was not going to be developed. But then there was another U Turn and now Officers are known to be still looking to develop this special Ecological site.

Perhaps You, Cllr Guy, can now say it will never be Developed?

I wonder how many of you have heard the phrase " Putting biodiversity on a path to recovering is a defining Challenge of the decade". We, as a country and indeed a 'Planet', have failed to address the issue of Biodiversity loss and if You, Cllr Guy, allow the Loss-of Tufa Field you will knowingly have contributed to that loss...SHAMEFUL.

There have been similar concerns on the Development on the Western Slopes in Bristol- Please Cllr Guy don't be like Mayor Rees and for once put the Environment first.

This Council, as they should, apparently support the Climate Emergency. How concerning, yet again, that they say one thing and yet do exactly the opposite when it really makes a difference.

I can see you may look surprised at that statement when you see the important part of the Design and Access Statement on the Riverside Development in Keynsham which reads "The Development will be in accordance with the BANES

Core Strategy to contribute to achieve the Councils target to renewable electricity and heat generation.”

This was to be achieved by providing a substantial amount of P. V.'s on the roof of the Development and it's no surprise this has not been provided. What a Monumental Failure this is. I wonder if this is anything to do with the Councils Development Company, it seems there is one rule for them, and another for everyone else - Shameful.

I ask that the Council release all the papers so we can see why this important renewable Energy has been ignored. So much for the empty words of the Deputy Leader on Climate Emergency and COP 26.

WHAT is it Greta Turnberg says... oh yes it's BLAH BLAH BLAH. IF YOU CANNOT DELIVER A SIMPLE PROJECT THERE IS NO HOPE FOR US.

I want to finish by expressing my concern on how the contract for the Entry Hill Golf course has been Awarded.

Even though, as far as I can see, no Planning Permission has been given for the Mountain Bike Park but, Pedal Progression, seem to have spent money on the Cafe and I wonder what will happen if Planning is refused, or have they been given the go-ahead?

I have followed the consultation without commenting-so far-having already seen my involvement as a Trustee of Avon Wildlife Trust curtailed by the action of various Cabinet Members just because I was prepared to stand-up for the Environment against what this Council was actually doing-so much for 'Free Speech'.

It is becoming increasingly clear to many that this Consultation is flawed with Pedal Progression allowed to take huge sums of public money at the whim of officers and Cabinet Members.

I, for one, is not convinced that the Mountain Bike Centre is the right solution for this site, and I fear more damage will be done to the Ecology of the area by this blinkered solution .

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