

Cllr Guy, members of the Council, thank you for giving me 3 minutes of your time today.

Situated in a Conservation Area, Bath High Common, often referred to as The Approach Golf course, is a PARK.

SAVE OUR PARK

But what is a park?

The statutory definition of a Park is free and unrestricted use for all members of the public

As stated in the County of Avon Act 1982. Bath High Common is to be held in perpetuity by the Bath Council as parks or places of public resort and recreation."

Leasing the High Common to a commercial golf operator will mean that the public will no longer have free and unrestricted use of the High Common;

It would make it impossible to enjoy a family picnic, practise yoga, kick a ball, walk the dog, or simply sit and enjoy the view.

For 60 years a Toxic "cocktail" of Chemicals have been used on The High Common.

Individual chemicals on their own have been irritants to humans and dogs, they have poisoned daisies, bees, butterflies. We know this.

We also know because you told us that Benzoic Glyphosate, is a hazard to drinking water as raised by the World Health Organisation.

These chemicals take 4 to 5 years for the chemicals to completely disappear.

BATH PEOPLE have turned a blind eye to Chemical Inputs for 60 years, to be fair we were ignorant until Cllr Sarah Warren asked Cllr Crossley what sort of chemicals had been used.

Not anymore!

Now we know airborne particles of chemicals can make their way into our homes, settling on our windows, our doors, our rooftops, our pavements, our clothes. Making their way into our homes on the soles of our shoes.

Now we have an idea of the price we have paid for 60 years of chemical usage.

How can we, BATH PEOPLE, on the one hand endorse a campaign to save butterflies and bees across the city, and on the other hand kill them on the High Common?

How can we, BATH PEOPLE, endorse a clean up the river campaign, and on the other hand use chemicals which potentially poison our drinking water?

The High Common, cannot be allowed to become a bio-diversity desert, not any longer.

Not only have BATH PEOPLE been restricted to footpaths and the peripheries of Bath High Common.

We have endured a toxic cocktail of chemicals.

Add to that the dismal fact that

Financial records kept since 2010, show that pitch and putt, according to Cllr Paul Crossley, showed a profit in only one year - 2011. The rest of the time it ran at a loss!

Not surprising as golf has been diminishing in popularity for years, it has matched the decline of golf figures across the world.

Councillors I ask you in today's climate, of desperately hard times'

Do you really want to subsidise golf?

But we are not opposed to golf:

The western section of the Approach Golf Course alongside the kiosk is the perfect introductory area for golf provided it is chemical free

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It should be an environment that encourages health, physical and mental well being and inclusivity for all BATH PEOPLE