

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Petition

Petition submitted by Stephanie Dodge in support of a bin on the Bathwick Estate.

Question from Ian Barclay to Leader of the Council

In the April 2009 Press Release titled "Council moves to resolve Recreation Ground Impasse", the leader of the Council said "The Group Leaders of the Council have agreed in principle to transfer Firs Field to the (Recreation Ground) Trust with appropriate covenants that would give similar protection to the land as those that would be applicable for a Village Green"

In answer to a question at the Recreation Ground Trust meeting on 29 September 2011 concerning the Firs Field Land Swap, the Chair of the Board replied that The Firs Field option was never progressed.

Given this answer, what is the current position of the Council Group Leaders on the proposed transfer of Firs Field to the Recreation Ground Trust and on the covenants that would be applicable to a Village Green?

Response from Councillor Paul Crossley

It is important to distinguish between the role of the Council and the Recreation Ground Trust Board. In 2009 the Leader of the Council indicated that group leaders – on behalf of the Council - had agreed in principle to offer Firs Field to the Trust. The Trust Board considered this option but decided at this point not to progress with any land swap involving Firs Field. Negotiations on other options are progressing well and it is anticipated that these will be concluded fairly soon.

Once these negotiations have been completed, it would appropriate for the Council to consider the future of Firs Field in consultation with residents