

Ms T. Crouch MP,
Parliamentary Under Secretary for Sport and Civil Society,
House of Commons,
Westminster,
London SW1A 0AA

12th September 2018

Dear Ms Crouch,

West Byfleet Recreation Ground

I am writing to you to seek your support in saving our recreation ground from having a significant portion sold from it to build a pub.

Woking Borough Council (the "Council") have decided upon this course of action to sell to fund the building of a new pavilion. Local residents are strongly opposed to this and would rather refurbish our existing pavilion and keep our irreplaceable land for sports and recreation. The Conservative led Council will not listen to local residents and their Leader states they have signed an agreement with a pub operator. This was with no prior consultation with residents.

Further the Recreation Ground is owned by a charity of which the Council are the Trustee.

Our recreation ground is well used and we have many new homes being built in West Byfleet, increasing the need for it to be kept as it is.

These new homes give rise to a substantial Community Infrastructure Levy which will fund improvements to the recreation ground without the need to sell any of it yet the Council will not change their position.

I should be grateful for any help or support you can give our community to prevent the pub being built on part of our much loved recreation ground.

Our excellent MP Jonathan Lord has had little success in persuading the Council to stop. I am hoping that in your official capacity you will have greater influence and be more persuasive.

The Leader of the Council is David Bittleston and I will copy this letter to him.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,



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