

Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee

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on behalf of

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INTRODUCTION

My name is Adrian Dunning. I am a life member of Worsley Civic Trust and Amenity Society (WCT). I have served as its Honorary Secretary and then as its Chairman for eleven years. I stood down from that role in 2006.

Worsley Civic Trust and Amenity Society is a registered charity and is one of the seven hundred such Civic Trusts in England that are part of the Civic Trust network. I have represented Worsley Civic Trust on a number of local and regional bodies. I have represented Worsley Civic Trust, as its elected member, on the Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee (WBCC) since 2000.

I am the current elected Chairman of Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee, a post which I have been re-elected to for the past five years.

WORSLEY AND BOOTHSTOWN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee is one of eight Community Committees across the Salford City Council area.

Each Community Committee is formed of either two or three political wards. Each Community Committee meets at least bi-monthly. It has on its board the local Ward Councillors and representatives of any locally constituted group who wished to take part. It also has an Area Co-ordinator who is either a Council Director, Deputy Director or Assistant Director on its board along with other officers. Its meetings are held in public and members of the general public are invited to attend as the meetings are publicised through Council publications and in public buildings. Each Community Committee area has a Neighbourhood Team whose role, besides their corporate responsibility, is to act as the Committee's Secretariat.

Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee area consists of two political wards, Worsley Ward and Boothstown an Ellenbrook Ward. The six Councillors, three from each ward, and one elected representative of each local community group who participate, form the voting caucus of the Committee. The Neighbourhood Management Team, the Area Co-ordinator, officer representatives from both the Council and its Salford Strategic Partnership (the Local Strategic Partnership) partners, such as Police and PCT, also attend. The Council provide the minutes and agenda service through its Committee Services Team.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SALFORD FOREST PARK PROPOSAL

Our Community Committee have considered the issue of the planning applications for the Salford Forest Park over the years since the original application in 2001. Since the application was submitted in 2004 it has received information on its progress.

Recognized as an issue that would have a dramatic effect on everyone's life in the area, it was the Committee's wish to have a very clear understanding of the proposal.

Members of the Committee have been able to read the copies of the proposal that have been placed in both Worsley Village Library and Boothstown Community Centre Library, and so are well informed of the proposals.

On two occasions Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee (WBCC) have invited presentations from the Council's Planning Team. These took place at full meetings of the Community Committee on 24th November 2004 and 17th October 2007.

The full minutes of the meetings that considered the Salford Forest Park proposal are reproduced in the appendix.

MOTIONS PASSED BY WORSLEY AND BOOTHSTOWN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

This note is to draw attention to the motions and decisions of policy made by the Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee at its meetings on 24th November 2004 and 28th November 2007.

24th November 2004

"That the Committee expresses severe reservations about the scheme and would want City Council officers to most diligently validate Peel Consultants' assessment about the suitability of the scheme in a large area of greenbelt, and therefore the Committee opposes the application".

and

28th November 2007

'Having given due consideration to the information contained within the revised planning application for Salford Forest Park and following a presentation by planning officers to Community Committee members on the 17th October, 2007, that members do not agree sufficient or major amendments have been made to satisfy their earlier objections to the original planning application namely:

- (a) That the proposals for dealing with traffic will not prevent major disruption and pollution in the immediate and surrounding areas.
- (b) That it has not been demonstrated that this development is compatible with the national planning policy on greenbelt.

This meeting therefore reaffirms its previous decision contained within the motion approved on 24th November, 2004, and 27th June, 2007, that the Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee formally object to this planning application and will do all within its power to support local groups who oppose this application."

There follows an outline of the Appendix.

OUTLINE OF APPENDIX

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WBCC MEETING HELD ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2004

The meeting held on the 24th November 2004 considered a number of unrelated items. The subject of Minute 36 was the issue of the Forest Park Planning Application. The full minute, without emphasis, is reproduced.

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WBCC MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2007

The meeting held on the 27th June 2007 also considered unrelated items. The subject of Minute 14 was the issue of the Salford Forest Park Planning Application. The full minute, without emphasis, is reproduced.

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WBCC MEETING HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER 2007

The meeting held on the 17th October 2007 also considered an unrelated item. The subject of Minute 48 was the issue of the Salford Forest Park Planning Application. The full minute, without emphasis, is reproduced.

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WBCC MEETING HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2007

The meeting held on the 28th November 2007 also considered unrelated items. The subject of Minute 54 was the issue of the Salford Forest Park Planning Application. The full minute, without emphasis, is reproduced.

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