

Response to the WHSAP Inspection 3rd April 2019

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Matter 1: Legal Compliance, Duty to cooperate, Sustainability Appraisal and consultation

1.3 Has consultation on the Plan been carried out in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the minimum consultation requirements in the Regulations?

While the recent decision by WC Spatial Cabinet to remove the proposed school from the WHSAP for the Elm Grove H2.1 development is welcomed, there remain several issues concerned with the QEII field and its relationship to Elm Grove. The so called 'opportunity' to appropriate land dedicated for leisure use (under perpetual charitable status) was not consistent with the council's Statement of Community Involvement, since it took relatively late, and without information in the public domain on its affects on residents. Some 85% of respondents to the petition were not aware of the proposal to appropriate the Queen Elizabeth II field. Several notifications to the council about its own data showing a reduction in the need for primary school places pointing to a lack of need for the appropriation of the field and the proposed school finally resulted in a reversal of intent.

The recent action to review the councils own data and press for a reversal of its intentions in respect of the proposed school does not provide confidence in the councils allocation process.