

Thank You Chairman

I have been following this application closely throughout the consultation period and when the consultation was complete I contacted the Planning officer to discuss the application and what his recommendations were likely to be ? after looking at all the comments from Statutory Consultees he said he would be Recommending Approval.

At this time I decided to call the application in to committee so that all the evidence for and the objections against could be heard and debated and a decision made by this committee.

I have not read or heard any objection to the cricket field and the scheme itself. This I believe would be an excellent project and an great asset to the community.

But it all boils down to just one issue is the access to the application site acceptable or not ?

The applicant I believe has done everything possible to make this acceptable, pull ins along the track putting directions in the cricket fixture book and improving the site lines at the London Road bends, and new signage but with the increase of traffic a long London Road it would not be satisfactory in my view.

I am sorry I do have reservations regarding both ends of the approach road to the site at the London Road by the clump and the A360, the A360 end is much closer to the field and people who know this I believe would use this way as it is closer than going up the London Road, but you have read the Highway Officer's position he is happy. I wish I had the same confidence on the road issue as the Highway officer has.