

Declaration of Non-pecuniary interest – Cllr Nikki Barton

10 September 2020

Haslemere Town Council Planning Committee Meeting

Mr. Chairman, I wish to make a declaration of non-pecuniary interest with respect to item on Scotland Park.

I have taken advise and make this declaration following careful thought and pursuant to, first, the purpose of such declarations to maintain public trust in the committee's proper functioning as envisaged by the Council's Code of Conduct and, secondly, my commitment to openness and transparency which has formed the basis for my manifesto when elected as an Independent Town Councillor and County Councillor. I have informed Daniel Bainbridge, the Borough Solicitor and Town Clerk of my intentions and have fully read the Local Government guidance.

I repeat for the benefit of this declaration, matters contained in my register of member's interests published on the Council's website, namely that I hold property and live on Scotland Lane within the proximity of the relevant site, that I am a member of the Haslemere Society, that I am a member of the Haslemere Vision working group, that I am a member of the Neighbourhood Plan working group of the council, which Plan is referenced in the applicant's Planning Statement, that I am a member of Haslemere South Residents Association and that I am a member of the National Trust, which is referenced in the applicant's Planning Statement as owning land in the proximity of the site.

In my deliberation as to whether or not my objectivity or independence could be impaired as a result of these declared interests, I have considered the facts, that over the course of the past two years, I had to reflect on whether or not I have had to declare any interest whenever there has been a discussion or vote with respect to either the Neighbourhood Plan or the applicant's promotion of their site in the context of LPP2. The nature of each discussion has been different and the nature of my interests and their relevance has changed over time. Therefore, my deliberations in respect of this meeting's agenda are specific to this point in time and to this meeting.

As stated, I can confirm that I shall come to this item ready to listen with an open mind to all the representations made as well as to the views of my fellow councillors, before forming a view, for the purposes of this meeting's function (namely as a consultee rather than a planning authority), with respect to the application under consideration.

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I am declaring a non-pecuniary interest in that I live adjacent to the Red Court site, and I am a member of the Haslemere South Residents Association. I am also a member of the National Trust. My declaration does not prohibit me from taking part in this discussion and vote, and fulfilling my duties as a Councillor and representing my constituents. This vote -- either way -- does not determine whether or not this proposed application is approved -- but rather, its function is to reflect the wishes of Haslemere citizens so this can be recommended accurately to Waverley and be taken into account when they make their decision on this application -- a decision as I as a parish councillor, have no say in. I am looking forward with an open mind to learning more about this application and hearing all the facts put before Council tonight and being discussed by my Fellow Councillors so that I can make an informed consideration before coming to a decision.