

Dear Resident

Disbelief!

Following the delight we all felt when Christchurch councillors approved planning consent for our mixed use proposal at Bailey Drive, you may have heard by now that the Head of Planning at CBC has announced he is to refer all three supermarket sites back to *another* special Planning Committee for reconsideration!

This includes our mixed use scheme at Bailey Drive which was granted planning consent on 14 June!

The Local Authority maintain they have "***legitimate concern that the[Planning]Committee Members failed to give proper consideration to the sequential test as now set out in the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework), and also failed properly to consider the materiality of the financial package offered by Bailey, specifically in the light of Regulation 122 of the CIL Regulations 2010***".

After 5 hours of debate over the sequential test and the benefits the Bailey Drive site will provide for the town, this is simply ridiculous and we assure you we will insist the letter of the law will be respected.

We do not consider the decision to scrap the planning consent to be legal and will therefore be responding very firmly.

Your elected Councillors did an excellent job of representing the huge groundswell of support shown by local residents for the Bailey Drive application. They did this by both supporting the application and granting planning consent at the special planning meeting. However, it now it appears that the legality and legitimacy of the democratic process that took place at the meeting and the planning consent that was granted, are being called into question and are not being recognised by the Planning Department.

As we all know, our application for a mixed use development at Bailey Drive is supported by *virtually every local resident* in West Christchurch, as everyone recognises how important this development is for the Borough, and in particular for residents of the western wards.

We want to let you all know that we are fully committed to delivering each and every aspect of our proposed development at Bailey Drive along with every aspect of quality and benefit to the town. We will ensure that democracy prevails and the development goes forward bringing millions of pounds back to Christchurch along with hundreds of brand new jobs.

I will keep you informed of future developments as your voice will once again be essential to ensuring the Bailey Drive development becomes a reality.

Best wishes

Simon

Ps. I do apologise for the impersonal style of a group email to everyone but there are just so many people whom we need to keep informed.

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