

CALL-IN

Decision of Cabinet to be called in:

Date of meeting	Monday 7 th November 2016
Minute number	Cabinet Minutes 55 and 61
Subject	Hoylake Golf Resort

Reason(s) for call-in:

The signatories to this Call-in are deeply concerned that, by agreeing to the confidential Framework Development Agreement ('FDA'), the Council is effectively committing to a 'done-deal', with no clear exit strategy should the proposal prove not to be viable or financially and environmentally sustainable.

We are also disappointed that this project has never been subject to full debate by Council, so that other issues such as the impact of traffic, wildlife, flora and fauna, and effects on Wirral's Green Belt can be fully explored; together with the alleged economic benefits to local people and to Wirral as a whole.

We believe signing the FDA renders any further consultation, prior to a formal planning application, as meaningless, contrary to the Council Leader's reassurance to local residents and all other interested parties that 'we will be continuing to consult and talk to people who live in Wirral, to make sure that we all move forward as partners in delivering these plans.'

Furthermore, to date £237,000 of Council Taxpayers' hard-earned cash has been spent. To commit an additional £595,969, with the potential for further escalating costs, at a time when vital council services and jobs are being reduced, suggests that the Cabinet's priorities are misplaced, while exposing the Council to further risk

We believe that a matter as important as this should be looked at in greater depth and detail in order to ensure adequate safeguards are in place to protect the Council Taxpayers of Wirral

Called in by:

Councillors:

Chris Blakeley Bruce Berry Eddie Boult David Burgess-Joyce David Elderton Gerry Ellis John Hale Paul Hayes Andrew Hodson Kathy Hodson Ian Lewis Tracey Pilgrim Cherry Povall Lesley Rennie Les Rowlands Adam Sykes Geoffrey Watt Steve Williams