To the Residents of The Crescent

Thank you to those who attended the meeting on Wednesday night at short notice. For those who were unable to attend, we discussed how we, as a community, can continue to fight against the planning application on The Crescent. Now that the applicant has lodged an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, we must once again highlight our objections, this time to case officer Rose Holland, who is in charge of the process. All response must be submitted by 4th of September 2015.

Your views will be taken into consideration during the appeal process. The more letters of objection that are submitted, the greater the chances that the decision by RMBC to reject this application will be upheld. If you submitted a letter of objection during the original planning consultation, you could use that as a basis for a new letter.

Objections don't necessarily have to be formal letters. We've all seen the influence children can have on those in charge of making the decisions. If any children wish to submit their own response (e.g. drawings, on A4 paper) that would be greatly appreciated!

According to the Appeal Guidance, all letters/representations must include:

- Your Name and Address
- Reference Number: APP/P4415/W/15/3129846
- Address of Appeal site: The Crescent, Thurcroft, S66 9LR
- State you are against the appeal

If you wish to post your letter, please note the following.

- If you are handwriting a letter it must be on A4 paper, in very clear, black ink.
- Printed letters should use Arial or Verdana font in 11 point or larger on A4 paper.
- All pages must be numbered and 3 copies included. Will Dashwood (#27) and Julie Garrow (#28) are happy to photocopy your letters.

The address to send correspondence to is:

- The Planning Inspectorate
  Temple Quay House
  2 The Square
  Bristol
  BS1 6PN

You can also submit your response online. You will find the link to the submission form on our website thurcroft.org but we are happy to submit letters on your behalf if you prefer. Please leave a copy of your letter with Will Dashwood (#27) or Julie Garrow (#28).

Also, if you would like Julie to help you type a letter in your own words, please ring 07872968943. She will be available for the next 2 weeks so feel free to call or put a note through the door and she will get back to you.
Suggestions for Content

The following are suggestions for items to raise in your letter but please do use your own words.

- Show your support for RMBC Planning Board's decision to reject the planning application.
- The proposed remaining green space is not suitable for how the Green is currently used.
  - Not big enough for team sports/games/activities/etc.
  - Location is not as safe; too close to entrance/exit to The Crescent.
  - Most children won't be able to play near their parents'/guardians' property. This could lead to either a loss of safeguarding or a loss of independence.
- Many children from outside The Crescent come and play as it is a safe environment.
- To reach alternative green spaces suitable for play, children must cross busy roads.
- How is the Green used recreationally and socially by both adults and children?
- Can you give examples of any wildlife observed on the Green? How is that important to you?
- Will you be affected by the loss of the “visual amenity”? The words “visual amenity” are key.
- What do you enjoy about living around the Green? Do you have fond memories or interesting stories involving the green?
- Make it clear that there are absolutely no conditions that the applicant could agree to (e.g. free bus passes for residents) that would make the development acceptable to you.

Your letter must not contain libellous, racist or abusive comments, otherwise they will not be read by the Inspector. Also if you have any new photos showing the green being used, bring them to Will or Julie we can scan/copy and submit them.

Comments that won’t carry any weight and so are not required:

- lack of school, doctor, dentist and other facilities
- road/traffic
- design of houses
- overlooking / shadowing / lack of privacy
- drainage issues
- devaluation of property values

If you need any clarification, assistance, or a copy of the applicant's Appeal Statement, please contact Will Dashwood (#27 – will@dashwood.me.uk) or Julie Garrow (#28) and we will be happy to do what we can.

You will find more information and discussion on the Facebook group “Save the Green!” and our website thurcroft.org.