

CALL-IN NOTICE

To be completed by Members of the Public, as per the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 46.5.

To: The Director of Legal and Governance Services

1. Notice of Call-In of Executive Decision

In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 46.5, we, the 150 signatories to this call-in notice (see numbered continuation sheets overleaf), being members of the public registered on the electoral roll of the London Borough of Harrow, hereby give notice that we wish to call-in the Executive decision detailed in section 2 below.

2. Details of Executive Decision

The details of the Executive decision are as follows:-

Decision: Whitchurch Pavillion and Playing Fields

Made by: Cabinet
(Cabinet/relevant Portfolio Holder)

Published on: 18th November 2011
(Date)

3. Grounds for Call-In

(Please specify below the grounds for the call-in, in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 46.5. Please note that, in the event that this call-in is referred to the Call-in Sub-Committee, the considerations of the Sub-Committee will focus on the grounds stated, and the Sub-Committee will seek evidence to support them. Please therefore also set out below details of the evidence to support the grounds for call-in, continuing on a separate sheet if necessary).

Inadequate consultation with stakeholders took place prior to the decision being taken to select a preferred bidder. The Abchurch Residents Association and assorted local residents can confirm that they were not consulted in any form before the decision was made to select Whitchurch Consortium as the preferred bidder, nor indeed before any of the decisions made at the 17th November meeting of Cabinet were taken.

In addition, the report which went to said Cabinet meeting stated that 'Ward Councillors have been consulted' on these proposals. In fact, none of the ward councillors in Belmont, Canons or Stanmore Park ward had been consulted. The Corporate Director for Place Shaping has publicly declared that this statement in the report is incorrect and that it should have said 'ward councillors have been notified/advised that a report is in preparation'. Again, this lack of consultation occurred before the decision was made to select a preferred bidder.

A further reason is that, with the report and tendering processes relating to this decision beginning in November 2008 and January 2009 respectively, there is an absence of adequate evidence on which to base this decision. To rely on reports nearly two years old would be poor practice in the best of times, never mind after a recession and severe economic downturn. In addition, it also appears that no further efforts were made since this tendering process to find additional bidders who may have provided more attractive options. This is again poor practice, and provides Cabinet with weaker evidence on which to base the decision than it might otherwise have had.'

Once completed, please forward this form to Alison Atherton, Legal & Governance Services, Harrow Council, Room 127, Civic Centre, HA1 2UH or send it by fax to 020 8424 1557 WITHIN 5 CLEAR WORKING DAYS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE DECISION.