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Sent by Email

Dear Jo

**Re: B/01960/10; Brunswick Park, Osidge Lane, London N14**

With regards to the above mentioned application site; TfL offers the following comments and recommendations:

1. The proposed development site is situated entirely within the borough's local highway network.
2. TfL recommends that cycle parking for the development site should be adhered to or exceeding the TfL Cycle Parking Standards. It is also recommended that shower facilities should be provided for each element of the proposed development.
3. TfL considers that the proposal to provide 52 parking spaces is acceptable in light of the site's nature and location.
4. It is requested that the developer to clarify the number of disabled parking spaces to be provided on site. TfL further requests that these spaces should be designated for disabled user and be designed to comply with the DDA 1995 Standards under the DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility'.
5. TfL accepts the proposed development would generally attract trips from the local area and it is unlikely that it would attract vehicular trips from further afield which would require access via the TLRN and SRN in the vicinity of the site.
6. The proposed submission of a finalised Travel Plan for the site is welcomed by TfL; it is recommended that this should be conditioned/ forms part of S106 planning obligation. All Travel Plan should be produced in accordance with relevant TfL and DfT guidance for Travel Planning.
7. TfL requests that a full bus stop accessibility audit to be conducted for bus stops within 500m of the site; the developer shall financially contribute toward any upgrade requirements identified in the audit to enable the bus stop(s) be upgraded to comply with current DDA standards.

**Subject to the above, the proposal as it stands would not result in an unacceptable impact to both the TLRN and SRN.**

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance on this matter.

**MAYOR OF LONDON**

Yours sincerely,

*Wong PakLim*

PakLim Wong

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# Hub plan snubbed

Petition opposes new community centre on parkland

by ALEX HAYES  
ahayes@london.newsquest.co.uk

RESIDENTS in Brunswick Park are concerned with plans for a new "community hub" to replace a health centre which burned down earlier this year.

More than 80 people signed a petition against the new centre planned to be built on green parkland away from the site of the Brunswick Park Health Centre which closed in January.

Barnet Council also wants to locate Osidge Lane Library and a nursery, as well as a special needs Acorn centre on the site, and has brought forward plans which would see metropolitan open land replaced by the existing health centre and library sites.

There will also be a new user and staff car park at the current entrance to the park, although there are no plans to widen a service road serving the primary school there.

Plans have now been submitted to Barnet Council for planning permission after councillors learned Government cash could be lost if building has not started by September.

However, many residents are unhappy with the designs, which would see dozens of houses made into an "island" between two major roads and a new car park.

Susyn Northwood, who has lived in her Osidge Lane home since she was born, said the proposals would



Not here: the proposal has angered resident Susyn Northwood. Picture by Peter Beal

encroach on the back of her home and cause a traffic problem on the narrow service road.

The 52-year-old said: "The health centre has been there for years, so why can't they rebuild it in that site? The library suits people round here, we don't need it replaced."

"We have a lovely large green space out the back which will be ruined if they build this. People use it to walk their dogs and play football, it's a real community asset."

"The new plans would move it right

behind our homes and cause hundreds more cars every day to come down Osidge Lane, which already has traffic problems."

Dave Bartlett, who has lived in the road for 22 years, said the plans would see more metropolitan open land taken away from the park than the council would be given back.

The 54-year-old service engineer said: "They've also changed the plans, it was originally a polyclinic now it's renamed a community hub. They could quite easily rebuild just the old

health centre without having to move it and add more."

Councillor Lisa Rutter, a Tory member for the Brunswick Park area, said she could not speak out on the plans as she is a substitute member of the planning committee.

She said: "I have been at the library and spoken to a few residents who have expressed their concerns."

"It's a good opportunity for the area, but again we're there to represent our constituents and listen to them."

"I've taken residents' concerns on board and I'm going to try to get a response and see if it can be sorted out."

Residents have until June 22 to make their representations to Barnet Council.

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**From:** Hammond, David (NE) [David.Hammond@naturalengland.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 09 June 2010 14:03  
**To:** Dowling, Jo  
**Subject:** Brunswick Park Osidge Lodge Ref: B/01960/10

Dear Ms Dowling,

Thank you for your Council's recent correspondence in respect of the above planning application seeking the views and comments of Natural England, your request has been passed to me as a member of the Future London Team for response. I have now had the opportunity to look through the details submitted and in order to expedite the Council's decision process I have taken the liberty of issuing our response in the form of this E Mail.

After careful consideration of the information provided it is our opinion that this proposal does not affect any priority interest areas for Natural England, therefore

we do not object to the proposal. However, if you are aware of any reason why Natural England should comment further on this application please let us know as

soon as possible.

Although Natural England do not object to the proposal, we note that there is no apparent reference to PPS 9 within the Ecological Report or supporting information,

and therefore I would like to remind your Council of the following;

Biodiversity

Paragraph 14 of PPS9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation states that "*Development proposals provide many opportunities for building-in beneficial biodiversity*

*or geological features as part of good design. When considering proposals, local planning authorities should maximise such opportunities in and around developments,*

*using planning obligations where appropriate."*

In respect of the potential for bats, and the recommendation for further surveys as per paragraphs 3.3.2 and 4.3.1 of the Scott Wilson Report Natural England would encourage and welcome these surveys, and it is advised to, undertake them as soon as possible and prior to any formal planning permission. Mitigation and Enhancement measures proposed under paragraphs 5.1.1 and 5.3.1 are acceptable to Natural England.

I trust that this is sufficient for your purposes, but should you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspects of this application please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Yours Sincerely

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Future London Team  
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**From:** Waters, Matthew  
**Sent:** 09 June 2010 11:01  
**To:** Dowling, Jo  
**Cc:** Oldale, Julie; Sarah Ballantyne-Way  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** photo.jpg; ATT6296589.txt

Hi Jo,

I was at the Brunswick Park site the other day and came across the poster in the attached photograph tied to a lamppost.

I'm not sure if there is anything we can do (or if it would be worth doing anything) but thought you should be informed.

Matt

**Matt Waters**  
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From: Matt Waters [mailto:matt.waters@me.com]

Sent: 09 June 2010 10:48

To: Waters, Matthew

Subject:



Dear Brunswick Park User

Are you aware that Barnet  
NHS and Council are  
proposing building a new  
health, library with children's  
centre /nursery / assessment  
centre/pharmacy/cafe here at the  
this park which is in a  
conservation area?

If you are concerned about  
losing our beautiful park land  
please email your complaint to  
majorprojects@barnet.gov.uk

majorprojects@barnet.gov.uk

**Dowling, Jo**

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**From:** Gaine, Martin [martin.gaine@environment-agency.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 04 June 2010 14:31  
**To:** Sarah Ballantyne-Way  
**Cc:** Dowling, Jo  
**Subject:** RE: BRUNSWICK PARK \_ 2

Hi Sarah and Jo

The documents have now arrived in hard copy by post, so we should be able to reply fairly soon.

Regards

Martin

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**From:** Sarah Ballantyne-Way [mailto:SBWay@savills.com]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2010 12:53  
**To:** Gaine, Martin  
**Cc:** 'Dowling, Jo'  
**Subject:** RE: BRUNSWICK PARK \_ 2

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Hi Martin,

I've spoken to LBB - the document has not been uploaded properly by the external company that LBB employ to undertake this. Document no. 21 on the website shows part of one of the appendices - I've notified LBB re this and they are sorting it out. In the meantime, all the docs are on the Elevate Partnerships website I sent through earlier.

I've copied Jo in for her information.

Thanks

Sarah

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**From:** Gaine, Martin [mailto:martin.gaine@environment-agency.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2010 11:41 AM  
**To:** Sarah Ballantyne-Way  
**Subject:** BRUNSWICK PARK \_ 2

Dear Ms Ballantyne-Way

Please find attached our response to your recent FRA enquiry.

We have also now received a formal consultation from Barnet for this development, though your FRA does not seem to form part of the documents available for review on their website. Did you submit it as part of the application? I will chase up Jo Dowling separately in case the FRA is available but wasn't uploaded.

Sincerely

Martin Gaine

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**From:** Gaine, Martin [martin.gaine@environment-agency.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2010 11:49  
**To:** Dowling, Jo  
**Subject:** Brunswick Park - B/01960/10

Hi Jo

Thanks for consulting us on the above.

We have provided comments to Savills on a pre-app FRA for this development, but the FRA doesn't seem to be on your website for this app. Has it been submitted?

I have sent the contamination reports to our Groundwater and Contaminated Land Team to have a look at, and should have a formal response to you by 16/6.

Regards

Martin

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**From:** customer services  
**Sent:** 02 June 2010 12:38  
**To:** Dowling, Jo  
**Subject:** Ref 90083220

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Reference: 90083220

Dear Jo,

Please see email below comments from Thames Water. I have closed this case off CRM.

If we have referred the enquiry incorrectly, please advise us immediately to enable us to promptly redirect the enquiry

**When responding to the customer's enquiry, please ensure your response is sent to first.contact@barnet.gov.uk to enable the case to be closed rather than my personal email account.**

Thank you for your assistance,

Kind regards,

Abigail

Original Text

**From:** BCTAdmin@thameswater.co.uk  
**To:** planning.enquiry@barnet.gov.uk  
**CC:**  
**Sent:** 01.06.10 16:12:14  
**Subject:** 3rd Party Planning Application - B/01960/10

London Borough of Barnet Our DTS Ref: 24673  
7th Floor, Barnet House Your Ref: B/01960/10  
1255 High Road  
London  
N20 0EJ

1 June 2010

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: BRUNSWICK PARK, OSIDGE LANE, LONDON, N14

Waste Comments

There are public sewers crossing the site. In order to protect public sewers and to ensure that Thames Water can gain access to those sewers for future repair and maintenance, approval must be sought

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from Thames Water where the erection of a building or an extension to a building or underpinning work would be over the line of, or would come within 3 metres of, a public sewer. Thames Water will usually refuse such approval in respect of the construction of new buildings, but approval may be granted in some cases for extensions to existing buildings. The applicant is advised to contact Thames Water Developer Services on 0845 850 2777 to discuss the options available at this site.

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#### Water Comments

With regard to water supply, this comes within the area covered by the Veolia Water Company. For your information the address to write to is - Veolia Water Company The Hub, Tamblin Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9EZ - Tel - 0845 782 3333.

Yours faithfully  
Development Planning Department

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**Ms Jo Dowling**

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- 7 JUN 2010

Dear Jo Dowling

**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Greater London Authority Act 1999 & 2007; Town & Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008.**  
**BRUNSWICK PARK, OSIDGE LANE, LONDON N14**  
**Local Planning Authority Reference: B/01960/10**

Thank you for consulting the Mayor of London in respect of the above application of potential strategic importance, which your Council validated on 25 May 2010.

Under Article 4(2) of the above Order the Mayor has six weeks from the date of receipt to provide a statement setting out whether he considers the application complies with his London Plan and his reasons for taking that view.

I hereby give notice that your letter was received on 28 May 2010 and therefore the six-week period will terminate on 8 July 2010.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the agent for information.

Yours sincerely,



**Planning Decisions**

Greater London Authority

cc Sarah Ballantyne-Way, Savills, Lansdowne House, 57 Berkeley Square W1J 6ER

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**Dowling, Jo**

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**From:** Cowie, Martin  
**Sent:** 02 June 2010 00:12  
**To:** Dowling, Jo; Waters, Matthew  
**Subject:** Fw: Brunswick Park planning application

FYI

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**From:** Cowie, Martin  
**To:** 'tambourides@hotmail.com'  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 02 00:11:02 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Brunswick Park planning application  
Dear Councillor,

Further to my previous email I can inform you that I have spoken to the two local residents you mentioned and I will be meeting with them and one or two others very shortly to discuss the application and their concerns.

I will of course report back to you and your fellow ward Councillors after my meeting or meetings with the residents.

Kindest regards

Martin

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**From:** Andreas Tambourides  
**To:** Cowie, Martin  
**Sent:** Sun May 30 12:58:47 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Brunswick Park planning application  
Thanks Martin

All the best  
Andreas



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**Subject:** Brunswick Park planning application  
**Date:** Sun, 30 May 2010 12:44:18 +0100  
**From:** Martin.Cowie@barnet.gov.uk  
**To:** Cllr.Tambourides@Barnet.gov.uk

Dear Councillor,

Just to confirm that a copy of the planning application documents were deposited at the library on Friday. I will be contacting the two residents you mentioned on Friday first thing on Tuesday and I will meet with them as soon as possible to run through the application in detail.

I will keep you informed and thanks again for your interest and guidance.

Kind regards

Martin

Martin Cowie

Head of Planning and Development Management

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**From:** Cowie, Martin  
**Sent:** 01 June 2010 23:00  
**To:** Waters, Matthew  
**Cc:** Dowling, Jo; Oldale, Julie  
**Subject:** RE: Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

Thanks Matthew. Yes this is a very reasonable response and I've just added a sentence in your first highlighted section and altered the second highlighted section..

Kind regards

Martin

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**From:** Waters, Matthew  
**Sent:** 01 June 2010 19:54  
**To:** Cowie, Martin  
**Cc:** Dowling, Jo; Oldale, Julie  
**Subject:** RE: Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

Martin,

Does this look accurate? In Particular, could you look at the areas that I have highlighted please?

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Dear [REDACTED] s40(2) - FOIA

Thank you for your email in relation to the proposed development at Brunswick Park.

I am sorry that you did not receive an invite to the event last week. Following the feedback received at the meeting on 15 March, changes were made to the plans. The event held at Osidge Library on Monday 24 May was an exhibition intended to provide the opportunity to view the updated plans prior to the submission of the planning application. These plans are available both in Osidge Library and online. They will continue to be available throughout the planning consultation period.

Though I regret that the event was not advertised at the entrance to the park, the event was advertised. Around 100 invites were hand delivered to properties within close proximity of the proposed development and the event was also advertised in Osidge Library. We were expecting a greater proportion of the invited residents to attend.

I have attached a PDF version of the display boards that were on show at the event and will be happy to respond to any further questions you may have.

As the event last week was an exhibition and not a formal meeting, there are no minutes to circulate.

In relation to the questions in your original email to Martin Cowie. I have spoken to Martin who regrets that these are questions that he would not be in position to answer on behalf of the scheme and that it is in fact his duty to consider these areas as part of determining whether planning consent should be granted or not. He added however that he would be only too willing to discuss and/or meet with you to run through your concerns in more detail as part of the current statutory consultation process. His direct contact number is 0208 359 4514 or 0781 551 2673.

I can however confirm that:

- You raised concern that the phasing of the scheme may result in the existing buildings remaining and the Metropolitan Open Land not being re-provided. I can assure you that the re-provision of the Metropolitan Open Land is indeed part of this phase of work as detailed in the attached PDF. This is also part of the planning application.

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- You raised concern over the provision of parking spaces. Again, the attached PDF shows the proposed car parking facilities which has been amended following the meeting on 15 March and is believed to be ample provision and an improvement to the existing facility. The planning department will however consider the proposed parking provision carefully in its determination of the application.
  - The proposed nursery is actually for the relocation of the existing Hampden Way Nursery & Children's Centre where there is high demand for spaces. The proximity of the proposed development in relation to the existing nurseries has been thought through, demand for places is monitored and it is felt that there will still be demand at the new location. It is not the intention to provide a facility for which there is no demand for.

I hope that this is helpful. However, I will be happy to help if you do have any further questions.

Kind Regards

**Matt Waters**

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**Major Projects Team,**

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**From:** Cowie, Martin

**Sent:** 01 June 2010 14:00

**To:** Waters, Matthew; Oldale, Julie; 'Sarah Ballantyne-Way'; Palmer, Chris; Cooper, Craig; Dowling, Jo

**Subject:** RE: Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

Matthew, thanks but I cannot answer the points raised as they concern the rationale behind project. This is for you/NHS Barnet and your team to explain.

I can comment on the Forum but nothing else at this stage.

I will however as I am doing so with other key local residents contact s40(2) to run through the application.

FOIA

Martin

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**From:** Waters, Matthew

**Sent:** 01 June 2010 13:47

**To:** Cowie, Martin; Oldale, Julie; Sarah Ballantyne-Way; Palmer, Chris; Cooper, Craig; Dowling, Jo

**Subject:** RE: Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

Please see draft response below. I would appreciate any comments please. Martin Could you add some information relating to the delay in responding to s40(2) original email and the answers to her 3 concerns please?

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It is intended to get a response out today.

Many thanks

Matt

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07/06/2010

Dear s40(2) - FOIA

Thank you for your email in relation to the proposed development at Brunswick Park.

I am sorry that you did not receive an invite to the event last week. Following the feedback received at the meeting on 15 March, changes were made to the plans. The event held at Osidge Library on Monday 24 May was an exhibition intended to provide the opportunity to view the updated plans prior to the submission of the planning application. These plans are available both in Osidge Library and on line. They will continue to be available throughout the planning consultation period.

Though I regret that the event was not advertised at the entrance to the park, the event was advertised. Around 100 invites were hand delivered to properties within close proximity of the proposed development and the event was also advertised in Osidge Library. We were expecting a greater proportion of the invited residents to attend.

I have attached a PDF version of the display boards that were on show at the event and will be happy to respond to any further questions you may have.

As the event last week was an exhibition and not a formal meeting, there are no minutes to circulate.

In relation to your request for a response to your original email to Martin Cowie. I[MW1] have spoken to Martin who has provided the following answers.

[insert response here]

Regards


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 please consider the environment - do you really need to print this email?

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**From:** Cowie, Martin

**Sent:** 01 June 2010 09:14

**To:** Waters, Matthew

**Cc:** Oldale, Julie

**Subject:** Re: Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

No but I'm checking this end.

Have any of you got that response sent out to s40(2) that Courtney pulled together sometime ago?

Martin

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**From:** Waters, Matthew

**To:** Cowie, Martin

**Cc:** Oldale, Julie

**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 09:08:52 2010

**Subject:** Re: Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

Martin,

Do you know if the original email was responded to?

07/06/2010

Matt  
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On 1 Jun 2010, at 08:55, "Cowie, Martin" <Martin.Cowie@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

FYI and response.

Thanks

Martin

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**From:** Holland, Lesley  
**To:** Cowie, Martin  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 08:49:46 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

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**From:** s40(2) - FOIA  
**Sent:** 01 June 2010 01:30  
**To:** Major Projects  
**Subject:** Brunswick Park Proposed Development.

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you regarding the proposed new health centre, Library and other facilities in Brunswick Park.

I attended the meeting about this proposal held in Brunswick Park School on 15th March and I have recently heard that a subsequent meeting was held a couple of weeks ago in the Library. Unfortunately I did not attend this meeting because I had no knowledge of it happening until after the date. I have spoken to other users of Brunswick Park and everyone I have spoken to said if they had known about the meeting they would have attended. I would like to know why public notices were not posted on both entrances to the park to inform regular users of the park and other concerned parties about such an important, forthcoming meeting? I would have thought it is the Council's duty to post notices about major projects such as this. Only notifying residents who live in close proximity to the park of the meeting is not good enough. I have heard that a councillor at the meeting remarked that they were disappointed with the poor attendance. I hope the councillor now knows why the attendance was so poor - because the meeting was not publicised enough.

I would like to receive minutes of this recent meeting and any other correspondence regarding this proposal.

Following the meeting of the 15th March and having received the minutes of that meeting, I wrote an email addressed to Mr Martin Cowie (see copy below). I received an automated acknowledgement of receipt of my email but I have not had a reply to the points I raised. I would appreciate a reply at the earliest convenience and also an answer as to why public notices weren't posted to inform users of the park about the meetings? I would also like your assurance that notices regarding further meetings will be posted on the entrances to the park to give everyone a fair opportunity to attend the meeting and air their views on this proposed development.

Yours faithfully

s40(2) - FOIA

07/06/2010

F.A.O. Martin Cowie

Head of Development Management  
London Borough of Barnet

Re: Minutes of the Brunswick Planning and Development Forum 15th March 2010  
Dear Mr Cowie

My thanks go to a member of your team for sending the minutes of the above meeting to me. I attended the meeting and as it was viewed as an '...opportunity for the Council to listen to resident's views which can then be fed back into the project as it moves forward' and '...want to engage with residents at this stage to get the benefit of their experience', I can see some matters arising which I would like to outline below.

In the third paragraph:

1)

Robert Sprunt stated that 'the proposal would result in a land swap'. We were told that this is the only way that building on MOL is permitted. My concern is that the demolition of the existing health centre and library, and therefore the 'swap' to open land is not included in the first phase of this proposal, and if my understanding is correct, phase two does not yet have funding nor a current time scale for funding/development to start. Is it likely therefore, that the old, unused buildings may remain standing and the area not developed into open space for some considerable time or maybe never if, for whatever reason, phase two does not go ahead? Why can't the demolition of the old buildings and the mandatory 'swap' to MOL be included in phase one? Is there a time scale in which the 'swap' has to take place?

2)

'The proposal would create a new entrance to the country park and help the park come back into the community .....'. This brings me to my second point. I raised the subject of parking facilities for users of the 'country park' reference to this is on the penultimate page of the minutes. The reply to my question was '....the car park would be for users of the facilities and at the weekend/out of hours for users of the park.' The minute taker did not record my reply to this statement in the minutes. As with all country parks daylight parking facilities for 7 days a week are necessary to accommodate all members of the community wishing to use the country park, and not just users of the new health centre. I would ask you, please, to bear this in mind when allocating parking spaces and not to get too focused on the new health centre to the detriment of the local community as a whole. It would not require many spaces to provide this facility. In fact there would be no need to specifically allocate car parking spaces to the country park users, permitting some spaces for general use would be adequate as the park is never busy during the week. I visit the country park on a twice daily basis and have done so for over 22 years. Please do not take away this facility and create a parking problem for me many other regular users of the country park. I cannot imagine a planning committee anywhere in the country allowing a development of a new country park to go ahead without provision of full parking facilities for its users. Conversely, this must surely apply to the removal of parking facilities for an existing country park.

3)

A question was asked by a Governor of Brunswick Park School: 'Why are you proposing to duplicate provision by creating a second nursery adjacent to the school?' For your information, I am aware of an established day nursery in the Scout hut. That would make three nurseries within 100 or so metres of each other.

I do hope you will give great consideration my concerns, and wish you luck with the new proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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Maybe include a reason for s40(2) not yet receiving a response here?  
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