

<u>Land South of Kingfield Road and East of Westfield Avenue, Woking, Surrey,</u>
<u>GU22 9PF.</u>

Appeal by Goldev Woking Ltd - LPA Ref: PLAN/2019/1176

PINS Reference: APP/A3655/W/20/3265969

South Woking Action Group:

Proof of Evidence of Andrew Caulfield – April 2021

- I am Andrew Caulfield. I have lived in Woking for 30 years, having moved out of central
 London as a junior City lawyer with my then partner to start a family. I have lived primarily in
 the Mount Hermon area over this period, and moved to Wych Hill Lane in January 2018.
- I first became concerned about the proposed development of the Appeal site in early summer 2019 when my widowed Mum, who lives in the bungalow at the entrance to the David Lloyd health club next to the football ground on Westfield Avenue, mentioned to me rumours of plans to build a huge number of flats around the ground. Wayne Gold then wrote to her offering to meet to discuss buying her property.
- a. At my Mum's request, I attended a Woking FC meeting in early July 2019 where the proposed new ground was discussed in huge detail, and the scale of the surrounding development was somewhat glossed over. I therefore followed up by attending the exhibition held by Goldev at the Club outlining the intended scheme later in July 2019 where I met and discussed matters with Rosemary Johnson, Woking FC Chair, and Wayne Gold. We subsequently attended a large public meeting held by the Hoe Valley Neighbourhood Forum in August 2019 for concerned residents. I was struck by the strength of feeling of the whole demographic in attendance against these proposals, the common theme being it was just too much for the area "too bulky" as our local MP, Jonathan Lord, has repeatedly pointed out. South Woking Action Group ("SWAG") was set up that day, as an action group focused solely on the Goldev proposed development. At a follow up meeting I was elected on to the SWAG Committee (as Chair) and we began our efforts to work on residents behalves with Club, Council and developer to find a better solution.
- 4. In my professional life I am a headhunter in the London legal market (having given up being a practising lawyer some time ago). As I run my own business, I have had the flexibility to commit to SWAG although inevitably it has taken up far more time than any of us ever envisaged at the outset but despite the strain we have kept going to ensure residents' views

were properly heard. In this case I am presenting evidence as a local resident on behalf of SWAG. I address the positions of each of the following:

- a) Residents
- b) Woking BC
- c) Woking FC
- d) The Developer
- Residents The way this whole matter has been handled is extremely disappointing to residents. I touch on various aspects of this under each of the respective headings below. Generally, there was no proper consultation, where residents' concerns could be properly considered and dealt with about a range of matters such as size, bulk, mass, height of towers and overall development, density and size of proposed accommodation, loss of light and privacy, the overbearing nature of the tower blocks, poor design and impact on the local street scene and being wholly out of keeping with the character of the surrounding area. Rather than in any way enhancing the existing neighbourhood, this project of town-centre style multi-tower blocks containing high density flats would stick out like a sore thumb and radically change the nature of the existing character of low-level, out of town suburban familyorientated housing. There seems to be a complete failure to take any account of the likely new thousand-plus new residents' cars - if not considerably more judging by the experience at Willow Reach, the relatively new development opposite. The already problematic match-day parking around the area would be hugely exacerbated by a greatly increased ground size and use, with planned larger crowds for football and other events. The constant theme of existing regular traffic gridlock which we already experience around the area from the Wych Hill roundabout past the football ground and all junctions through to Old Woking was also glossed over. Instead, the joint applicants hired an experienced political PR outfit who brought their Westminster political campaigning methodology of promoting a very simple (though not

necessarily fully factual) positive message asking people to support Woking FC. There was little or no mention of the huge, proposed mass over-development (dubbed #TenTowers) around the stadium to fund the project e.g. see card at Appendix 2. Leaders of SWAG were also demonised and deliberately targeted online through social media with some extremely offensive personal abuse over a period of many months – led by the applicants' PR advisors who actively briefed the football club's fans against SWAG. Nevertheless, with the huge support of our community we stayed focused on exposing the truth at every stage, seeking consistently to work with Club, Council and Developer to find an outcome suitable to all parties, but that regrettably was not how other parties sought to respond. Residents were very relieved when the matter reached the Woking BC LPA planning committee in June 2020, and the endless list of planning breaches was identified on a cross-party basis by many councillors. [We can only speculate that the planning officer was subjected to a lot of pressure from previous WBC leadership to make his recommendation, which appeared verbatim to reflect many of Savills spurious submissions on behalf of the applicants]. Indeed many football fans also accepted that the sheer size and scale of the surrounding development breached so many national and local planning regulations that it should have been rejected – pointing out this was never really shown to them fully to elicit their support during the 'campaign' (e.g. from comments made in person and on their cardsboard.co.uk fans forum and on other social media) - the PR focus was solely on the club and its new stadium.

6. At Appendix 1 are examples of many photos taken by local residents from around September 2019 to February 2020 showing issues with existing traffic congestion in our area; extremely dangerous parking by football fans on match days; along with various graphics showing the true scale of the proposed #TenTowers and an aerial shot over Woking park showing the green, low rise nature of the neighbourhood. There was drone footage circulating in summer 2019 showing the true height of the proposed #TenTowers dwarfing the surrounding

dwellings in all directions, but we have yet to locate this (perhaps it was posted on the planning portal). At Appendix 2, the 'dot map' shows red dot objections to the proposals from an analysis of the WBC Planning portal comments in early 2020 (the vast majority of which are within the surrounding GU22 post code). The Yellow dot comments in support are far more widely dispersed. It is also worth adding that the current site includes other community sporting facilities, including a recently expensively refurbished David Lloyd club (which members do not want to move – see two petitions to the Council to this effect in 2020 and 2021); a well-used snooker club and the very popular and highly regarded Woking Gymnastics club that my kids and so many others have used over the years. It is not clear where post-pandemic plans for the required relocation of each of these essential community facilties sit now – e.g. we understand that Ten Acre Farm (another expensive acquisition by previous leadership as part of this overall project) is not suitable as many more £millions is required to clear the site to make it suitable for the Gymnastics Club to relocate, which is on hold given reduced Council finances due to Covid. Any redevelopment requires prior relocation of these 3 sports clubs.

7. Woking BC From summer 2019, we made contact as widely as possible with the Council.

Initially with our local councillors (primarily in the Hoe Valley & Heathlands wards, being the two in which the most directly affected residents live) followed by efforts to connect with Council officers and the then Council Leader. Although we did have one direct meeting with him and the Chief Executive in November 2019, he totally failed to listen to our concerns — and told us that listening to residents was not a Councillor's role! We also had indirect dealings through our residents' petition and ever increasing numbers of questions to the Executive. It was clear to us already in late 2019 that things had progressed a long way behind the scenes before anything became public, so that there was no real interest by WBC leadership in taking on board residents' views. Indeed, the Chief Executive proudly told us at

our face to face meeting that he represented the 'corporate' side of the Council, and once the matter formally went to planning his Deputy, Douglas Spinks would be in charge of the LPA side of things. The implication being that the Chief Executive/ Council under his leadership did not have regard to planning matters. This has since been demonstrated by the huge number of planning regulation and policy failures identified by the planning committee in refusing permission in June 2020. Further, our Freedom of Information requests were largely blocked and deflected for a number of months, until the planning application was published just before Christmas 2019 when all the underlying Council documentation (some of which we had been told did not exist) was also finally published on the Council website. We then had literally hundreds of major documents to plough through, many of which confirmed our worst fears. The Council's own cross-party Overview & Scrutiny Committee shared our concerns and began an investigation. Its report of summer 2020 led to a senior LGA lawyer being appointed to write an Independent report in December 2020, which was damning and highly critical of so many aspects of the way the Council had acted on this project. These included no evidence of any project management, due diligence, few or no minutes of crucial meetings and no audit trail. Nothing whatsoever to justify such a huge expenditure of public monies, and the offer of a £250m loan to the appellant. In addition the LGA Lawyer's report highlighted major conflicts of interest and a long list of unacceptable actions in public office by the then leadership/senior officers: https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/woking-borough-council-keptfootball-19606969

8. The new Council leadership, backed by full Council, accepted all findings and promised to implement these, including a proper dialogue with residents on all matters (something the now retired previous leadership actively avoided). We note that Woking Council is on track to deliver its current housing obligations without this site by 2027, and has many better sites in the town centre for higher-density tower blocks for flats — and of course now unused office and potentially retail space post-Covid for conversions. There are also further out of town

areas for larger, family-type housing which is in huge need in Woking (such as those developed at Kingsmoor Park and Sheerwater). As the planning inspector in the almost finalised site allocation inquiry found, this site (UA44) is neither town centre (so the planning inspector decision in the recent Poole Road appeal applies) nor a suitable out of town area suitable for a major development, and is now recommended by WBC for 93 dwellings only. Residents welcome this as a vindication for all we have said for at least the past 2 years (and is fully consistent with previous plans the Club had to develop its ground under previous ownership).

9. Woking FC As well as emails and chats at presentations, we formally met with Woking FC Chair & Finance/ Stadium Director and fully understood their position, as they did ours. The Club was in a difficult position as they needed funding to secure its future, and to deal with dilapidated parts of their current ground (particularly the very old stands and areas along Westfield Avenue – behind which previous housing had been cleared some years ago in the hope of development along that side of the ground). When presented with this new development idea by Wayne Gold, fully supported by the then leadership of Woking Council (the Club's landlord), they felt they had no option but to accept it and frankly had no other options at that stage. However, when they saw the scale of the proposed development, they understood that as a community club, alienating their immediate neighbours who naturally objected to the size and scale of the surrounding development was not a course they wanted to pursue. Unfortunately as their landlords and the developer had entered legal agreements for the project they had no option. We understood this, and for some months in late 2019 continued to talk actively to the Club seeking alternatives, as we sought information from the Council and pursued efforts to engage with the developers (without success). Regrettably, as matters progressed and the joint applicants' PR advisors took control from late 2019 and throughout early 2020, some of the Club's fans attended social media sessions on how to

attack SWAG, and they were fed lines of attack and personal abuse to spread online. This naturally led to a souring of relations with the Club, exacerbated by studying the huge flow of documents suddenly released pre-Christmas 2019 by the Council as part of the planning application being published. As SWAG became aware of more information, it became increasingly apparent that the entire premise of this huge project – to secure the Club's future and help it to become a sustainable entity going forward – was materially flawed in many respects, both financially and in terms of ownership, control and future location. Indeed the then Council Leader and Chief Executive had let slip when we met them in late 2019 that securing the Club's future was not in fact their aim in backing this project – despite the huge PR campaign to this effect seeking to raise fans support! Fans became unhappy at the proposed relocation of the Club for some years to an unnamed ground some miles away (speculation suggesting this may have been Farnborough or even Reading) during demolition and construction of the new ground; and that contractually the developer who openly admitted to having no interest in football would become majority owner of the Club. As more fans turned against the development for these reasons, the PR spin-doctors played an extreme card - claiming the Club could not survive without the new development. We did not believe this, and indeed subsequent events have proved it not to be true. The Club Chair confirmed in the press article at Appendix 2. We are aware that a new external investor now wishes to acquire the majority shareholding in the Club, and has already joined the Board. The underlying contractual obligations entered into as a part of this original planning application prevent any further steps until this issue is resolved, and those original plans appear now to be completely against Club and fans wishes. Further, the Club have fought very hard to have their name removed as a joint party to this appeal; although they obviously were a joint applicant to the original planning application. Advice seems to vary as to whether this affects Goldev's ability to continue as a sole appellant. The Club and SWAG have continued to communicate with each other since the LPA refusal last June, and as part of our Appeal

- preparation, the Club chair indicated that she would be happy to give factual answers to specific questions relating to the original joint application (as the Club always endeavoured to provide relevant information to SWAG as part of their community involvement). Our latest email exchange is at Appendix 2 confirming a number of points.
- 10. As mentioned above, the 'dot map' at Appendix 2 shows in yellow dots those submitting comments in support of the project in Woking. Ultimately I believe it was claimed last June that there were many thousands in support, but there seemed to be doubt as to the validity of many (at least two appeared in my name in support!) - the Council told us they did not have the resource to verify submissions to the planning portal – a huge number of duplications appeared, and fans had been asked simply to complete a postcard confirming support for the Club (at Appendix 2) which somehow were extrapolated into support for the entire planning application. Some fans were never persuaded see e.g. Alan Barnes statement of 2nd April submitted to this inquiry. The pie chart figures shown in Appendix 2 reflect a random sample of 1602 comments in support from the planning portal analysed by residents in early 2020. You will again note (as in the 'dot map') the lack of support both within the immediate vicinity of the ground and surrounding area. Indeed non-Woking resident fans were by far the greatest element, which confirmed our suspicion that those living nowhere near the massive over-development at the heart of our community were perfectly happy for a new ground at any cost to our community: we as residents were not, and the impartial planning committee fortunately agreed (ignoring the clear political instructions of the then Council leadership).
- 11. The Developer After the initial contact I had with Wayne Gold in July 2019, all our subsequent efforts to meet and discuss residents' numerous concerns were met by complete silence from him. Although SWAG met with his then partners, Dukelease and CT Group leading the PR at Woking FC in January 2020, as the full planning application had been submitted and published, it seemed merely to be a tick box exercise on their part so they could claim to have met SWAG

(far too late and paying no attention to our issues on residents' behalves). I did briefly encounter Wayne Gold again in April 2020, at the height of the initial Covid lockdown, when my Mum and her neighbours were concerned to see a drone flying over their properties and the Woking FC ground. Although I tried to engage Wayne in discussion, he quickly drove away when I and another resident asked him what he was doing. The Club were furious, and Chair Rosemary Johnson openly condemned his actions (his supporters within then WBC leadership less so). That incident appeared to reflect a schism widening between Club and developers as the proposed big shiny new ground the Club had been promised was scaled back and issues arose about sustainability, retail units and suitability a speculative medical centre in the stadium (no detail for which was ever provided to the planning committee). It seems that people began to realise that beneath the PR spin, the truth SWAG had gradually exposed was that so much of this huge project had not been properly planned or thought through and much of it would not work in reality. Another classic example of this (in addition to the shiny big ground and highly speculative medical centre) PR-driven rather than proper verifiable planning consultation approach relates to affordable housing. In the BNP Paribas financial viability report submitted as part of the planning application in late 2019, it was clearly stated that only 18% affordable could be offered, and even at that level the project would reduce the projected profit-level for the developer to a low single-figure amount (rather than the traditional 20%). We challenged the developer on that, when SWAG met Dukelease in January 2020 and were told that could not be correct, but heard nothing more until shortly before the matter was due to come to the planning committee in June 2020. Out of the blue, the developers PR announced that affordable had suddenly and miraculously increased to around 45%. Again, we challenged this, asked for updated financial viability to verify it and suspected it may simply be a positive PR headline as with so many other aspects of these plans. Members of the planning committee also took the view that many unverified promises,

- aspects of the project and plans without updated viability were a feature of much of what the developer claimed in refusing the application.
- 12. We heard nothing further after the LPA planning decision in June 2020 until suddenly out of the blue in mid-October 2020 Wayne Gold emailed us asking to meet. We did so and at Appendix 2 is his email to the local newspaper with our agreed statement on 16th October. He made very clear his preference was a new smaller development, rather than this original one, and we spent the next few months working with him remotely as his plans evolved and are now a new planning application on the WBC planning portal. We made clear that for any new plan to work, the developer, Club and Council would need to work together (as they clearly did for the original application) in order to achieve a sensible outcome for all parties, including residents. Unfortunately due to this appeal, and evident ongoing tensions between Club and developer (and perhaps with the Council too, or at least a nervousness from the new senior officers and leadership given the clear failures identified in both the internal O&S and external independent report by their predecessors), this has not materialised and the outline plans only submitted by another Goldev company for the smaller scheme do not attract residents' support. The football club are also objecting to this new proposal as it includes no plans for a new stadium / new stand for the club, and indeed because of its residents parking and access proposals actually hems the club in, hampering any future plans the club may have for stadium improvements. As the whole rationale of SWAG is to work with all parties to find the best solution for each of us - Club, Council, residents and developers - we still hope that this may be achievable at some stage going forward.
- 13. <u>Conclusion</u> This appeal should respectfully not be allowed for all the valid planning regulation breaches identified by the LPA in making its original decision to refuse; also frankly no one any longer appears to want the original development local residents still oppose for all the previously stated reasons; within the Council it was of course almost unanimously refused by

8 of the 9 planning committee (the 9th abstaining) and the leadership and senior officers who pushed it through have now retired, with the new leadership seemingly better understanding the huge issues and problems with the original scheme (glossed over by their predecessors); the Council's ongoing housing needs are being properly allocated to other sites to meet obligations; the Club and its fans appear to have realised that all that glisters is not gold, and there were huge concerns with many aspects of the ill-conceived plans, with better solutions emerging; and indeed the developers don't want it any longer – Dukelease (the Leslie brothers) were fully involved jointly with Wayne Gold as equal partners in the appellant at all material times, but have now resigned their positions and left the business with no further interest in this project and appeal; finally, Mr Gold himself has over recent months (since October 2020) regularly told us that his clear preference is a new, smaller scheme; that he is only pursuing this appeal as a negotiating stance to help achieve that, and that he will/ would readily drop this appeal provided a smaller scheme could be agreed (e.g. from Woking News & Mail February 27, 2021):

"He [Wayne Gold] repeated earlier commitments to drop the appeal if the smaller scheme is considered to be viable" https://www.wokingnewsandmail.co.uk/?p=29911

Andrew Caulfield - April 2021

APPENDIX 1:



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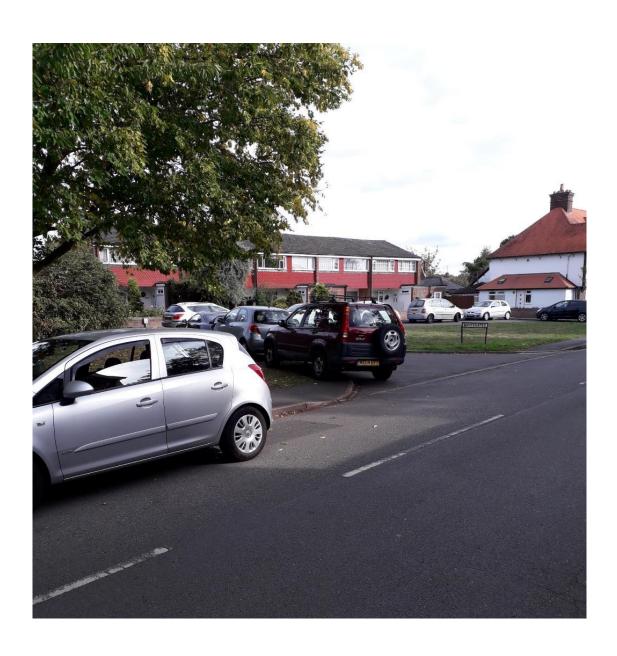




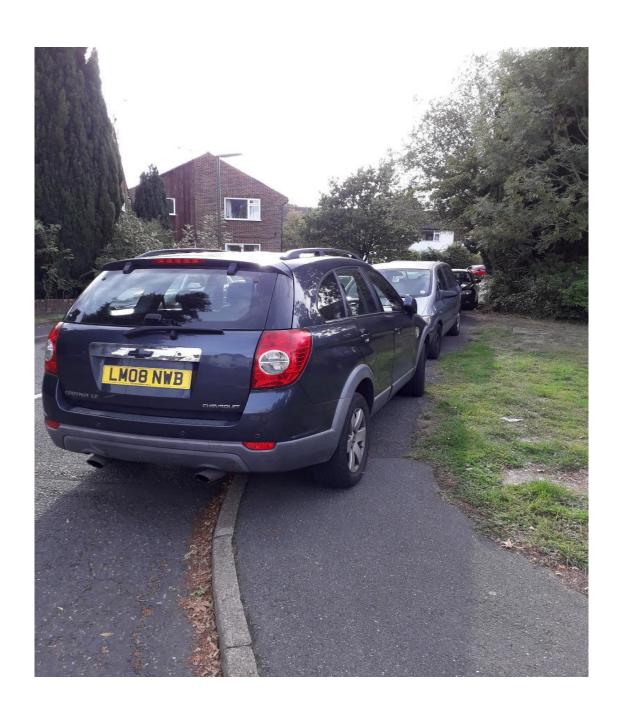


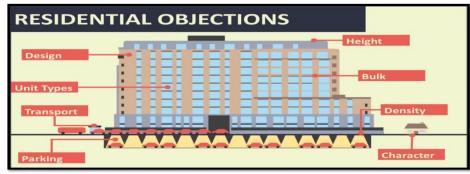














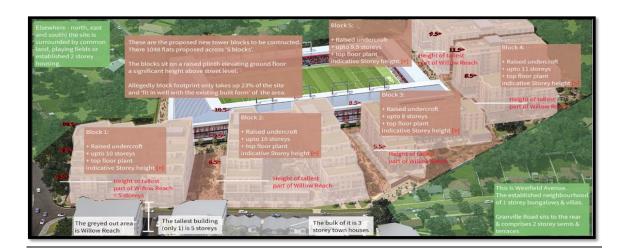
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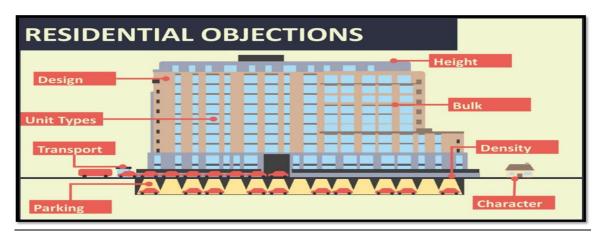
















APPENDIX 2

From: Andy Caulfield Sent: 09 April 2021 13:36 To: rosemary Johnson Subject: Goldev Appeal

Hi Rosemary,

As you know, SWAG are a Rule 6 party at next month's Goldev appeal, and we are busy preparing our case. I wondered if you could answer these questions please?

- 1. Why does the football club not support the Appeal, when you supported the original application?
- 2. Has the club signed an agreed Development Agreement with Goldev, that agrees the specification of any new stadium?
- 3. Have you or the club been approached by the (latest) Barrister acting for Goldev?
- 4. The original intent of this development was to put the football club first do you feel that Goldev had the same priority?

Thanks, Andy

From: rosemary Johnson Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 7:21:44 PM To: Andy Caulfield

Subject: Re: Goldev Appeal

- 1. The football club board have been clear that whilst they were co-signatory to the application which our landlord supported, we could not be co-signatory to the appeal as our landlord's planning committee had not supported the application.
- 2. The club has no signed development agreement with the developer
- 3. Reading from the bottom up I contacted the barrister, you have his response and mine back to him
- 4. **From:** rosemary Johnson **Sent:** 30 March 2021 20:28 **To:** Kevin Leigh **Subject:** Re: Goldev planning appeals re Woking

Dear Mr Leigh, Thank you for clarifying your position not to speak on behalf of the board of the club at the appeal as you have taken no direction from the board nor had any discussions with the club. Best Wishes, Rosemary Johnson - Chairman Woking Football Club

From: Kevin Leigh Sent: 30 March 2021 17:34 To: rosemary Johnson Cc: Wayne Gold

Subject: Goldev planning appeals re Woking

I am not instructed by you nor do I act for you. Therefore I will not be making any statements on your behalf as you are not my client. KL

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From: rosemary Johnson **Date:** Tuesday, 30 March 2021 at 10:13 am **To:** Kevin Leigh **Subject:** Goldev planning appeals

Dear Mr Leigh,

I have been told that you are representing Mr Wayne Gold in the matter of the planning appeals against Woking Borough Council.

As co-applicant to the original planning applications I am somewhat surprised that you have not contacted the football club in any way over this matter.

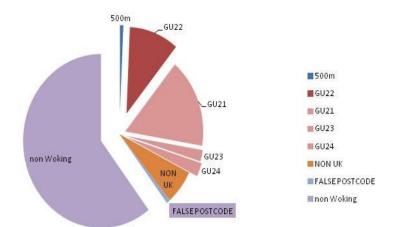
I am sure that you are aware that the original council intent to work with Mr. Gold on these schemes was for the benefit of the club and to develop a brand new sustainable football stadium fit for EFL.

It appears that somewhere along the line this intent may have been lost and I am concerned that you may say things on behalf of the club that is not approved of by my board. I would expect you to get approval of any statements that you intend to make on behalf of the football club and if you do not do this then I will inform the appeal inspector that you have no legal agreement to make statements on behalf of the club. Your faithfully, Rosemary Johnson - Chairman Woking Football Club

5. Mr. Gold clearly stated at the first meeting at the club that he had no interest in football. Once the stadium had been designed and approved by the club - he "red-lined numerous items" within the stadium that were 95% re-instated by the borough council. During the first lockdown - without any permission from the club he flew a drone over the club regardless of the fact that a few weeks earlier I had made it plain that this action would be inappropriate within the lockdown and he knew that he required permission to do this.

I hope that this answers the questions and whilst I have no problem that this information can be used for the appeal, I would request that it is kept off any social media outlets. The item at 4 does need to be considered within the confidentiality warning that the barrister's

reply carries, my reading of that warning is that I as the recipient am able to share that reply - however you are likely to know whether my interpretation of that is correct and I would ask that if I have interpreted that wrong you please dpo not dump myself or the club in it. Rosemary



Grand Total	1602	
Woking (GU21- GU24)	368	23%
non Woking	1044	65%
FALSE POSTCODE	13	1%
NON UK	112	7%
GU24	44	3%
GU23	37	2%
GU21	287	18%
GU22	178	11%
500m of WFC	12	1%



the long term future isn't in doubt, they are experiencing a cash-flow issue.

Bradbury, who only arrived in the summer, said: "I would like to put on record that I am disappointed that things didn't time we anticipate that the come to fruition but the clarity critical cash flow will have the club have shown me over

cover the shortfall created by the "perfect storm" of events, in order to keep the current playing squad together until the Christmas period, by which receded."



By David Richardson WOKING chair Rosemary Johnson has dismissed

claims the club will "definitely go under" if the redevelopment of their Laithwaite Community Stadium falls through.

Initial plans to secure the 1,000 flats.

However, the plans, drawn stadium. up by GolDev Ltd, are currently delayed - having aimed to be submitted in

developer to reassess the the cost of running a club I can't answer that because no response," said Johnson. should and the affordable plans in light of concerns becomes greater. made by local residents of the South Woking Action we're having to upgrade the plans are due to be put Group, which could further and do, and clearly if the in fairly shortly. There's no hold back the application.

portfolio holder for Culture on things that will only be no issues at all of the ground and Leisure, said the club in place for, say 18 months. being shut." would "definitely go under" Surrey side's future centred should the development not ful works. 10,000-capacity stadium plus expected over health and and at the moment, what just weeks before they were couple of weeks before we're around a site containing a happen with a "massive bill" safety issues at the current we're being told, is if plandue to be submitted, quest hoping to bring the plans

Motion

August or early September - moved to clarify those com- actually means for the devel-"significant changes" have ery delay is costing the club been made the them since. money and every penny you And, at a council meeting have to put into the ground on Thursday, a motion was can't be put into the team. passed for it to be put to the The club will continue but visory Group would tolerate,

development goes ahead we presumption those plans

There, Cllr Colin Kemp, won't have to spend money They're not cheap and cheer-

ning is going in that's ok.

"I don't think any of us asked. really understand what that Johnson, however, has motion the council approved able to submit it.

that's not been put to them. "There's lots of things As far as we're concerned councillors should not be councillors have a valid

would go through but there's

approved by council mem-plication goes in. "We know the schedules bers back in July but now, tions were starting to be

Knowledge

"Ward councillors have and it is now understood that ments, telling The NLP. "Ev- opment. In terms of plans not come down to the club, on the planning committee they're not very far off being have not had a meeting with have to consider it on planthe club and when a meet- ning grounds. "However, if that creates a ing was offered to the local delay, how long the Safety Ad- Liberal Democrat group in ning grounds and give the about April 2018, there was community benefits, they

"This is the thing that again."

frustrates me, ever talking without full knowledge about what will be reg-GolDev's proposals were istered when a planning ap-

"To bring it up literally a in when there's been 18 months, it really doesn't feel very fair on us. We've tried to be as open as possible.

"Once plans are in, people

"If plans do not fit planpre-judging an application reason for asking plans to that has not been registered. go away and be looked at

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From: Wayne Gold Sent: 16 October 2020 06:14 To: Stuart Flitton

Subject: RE: Woking News & Mail

Stuart morning.

Yesterday morning, Katie Neiman and Andy Caulfield of SWAG and I met and below is our agreed statement:

"As previously notified, Andy Caulfield and Katie Bowes from SWAG today met with Wayne Gold of Goldev Woking Ltd. The informal meeting took place following Woking Borough Council Planning Committee's rejection of Goldev's planning submission relating to the Kingfield site, and Goldev's notice of intention to appeal. Wayne started by apologising for the previous lack of positive engagement with the local community, and that now he has new partners that will change for the better. He said that while he is still intending to appeal, he is keen to engage with the local community to explore whether an alternative proposal would be more acceptable. The discussion was amicable, and both parties agreed to continue the dialogue going forward. "

Issued on behalf of SWAG and Goldev Woking - 15 October 2020. We are all happy for this statement to be issued in your paper. Thanks, Wayne



I support the Woking Community Stadium



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