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To: Planning (SMDC)
Subject: Reference No -: SMD/2019/0516
Attachments: Reply From B.Cash.pdf; SMD20190516 Protest.docx

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Dear SMDC Planning,

I wish to make a formal complaint ***Against*** the "Proposed Extension to the Sports Changing Block In Blythe Bridge To Form a Meeting Room" Under your Application Number -: **SMD/2019/0516,**

I include a copy of a letter reived from Sir William Cash MP that I would ask you take into consideration and any further correspondence from "Government Offices" Forsbrook or SMDC may receive regarding the application Before making any Decision

My Views and relevant Points are as below -:

I wish to file a protest against the planning proposal by Forsbook Parish Council to Extend the Changing Rooms on Blythe Bridge Playing Fields to include a meeting room and office for "Council Use Only" on ***Application Number -: SMD/2019/0516***

I enclose a copy of letter received from Sir William Cash MP and would ask SMDC to defer any decision on the above application until the government have published their comments.

There will be a danger when something like 20 plus cars are leaving and drawing out onto "The Avenue" which has cars parked down both sides of the road, which in effect makes the road only 2 meters wide, just about wide enough for only one car and with no street lighting, A bend in the road and a disabled parking bay on the opposite side of the road to the entrance and exit to the playing fields, this could lead to very serious accidents.

The extra noise of people and cars leaving the venue at night will be totally unacceptable.

With cars using the hard standing area as a parking area, this will make it impossible for children to use the baseball net or the hard standing area for play, after all this area is part of the playing fields and Children Playing and Moving Cars do NOT mix!

An increase of over 45 Sq. Mt's almost a 50% increase in size means a lot less surface area for rain water drainage, the field in the area around the Changing Rooms at the moment gets really waterlogged and unfit to walk on even after light rain so it can only get worse if an sort of extension is allowed, something the government told us be aware of when increasing the paved area and building extensions around our homes

The very high cost of the project does not justify its means, there are existing venues in the village where meetings can be and are held, The Village Hall, The Library and the Methodist Church all at cheap rates.
Forsbrook Council already use the Village Hall for their meetings and should carry on doing so, as we all should as this will help protect to keep the venues open, it will be too late after they have closed to say we should have used them more, this in effect will all help to keep Blythe Bridge going as a Village and a Community, as we have already had Shops closed, Public House's Closed, Post Office closed, Library and Bus Service in need of help and Police House's sold off.
We must not forget the fact that this is "Pubic Money" that the council want to spend and to spend ***Well Over £50,000*** on a meeting room for council use ONLY is totally unacceptable, I would assume that the present cost for 1 years meetings (12 meetings) is somewhere around £500 -£600, the extra running costs of the changing rooms, lighting, heating, water will be more than this so you cannot say it's about saving money.
The money would be better spent on the Whole Community NOT just for a new Meeting or Office room for Council use only and help regenerate the village as the government keeps telling us to do.

I would ask SMDC Planning take all the above Points and the Governments Comments from Sir William Cash MP as soon as they are available, into consideration and to listen to the residents of Blythe Bridge and "Fully Reject" this planning application.

Thank You

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