



PROM 'GIVEAWAY PLAN' SPOTTED BY CAMPAIGNER BUT DEVELOPER'S LAND PLANS REMAIN THREAT TO PROM.

The appearance of a previously unannounced plan to give away public land on Otterspool prom to Langtree McLean Ltd was luckily spotted by a sharp eyed Save the Festival Gardens campaigner. The extra land was needed, according to the developers, for apartment blocks which will overshadow the prom.

With only days to spare (and fearing for what is the only wooded landscape on the prom) a last minute campaign saw hundreds of people writing letters of protest to the press and the City Council.

With objections on such a large scale and just before the local elections, the Executive Board (meeting on the 27th April) turned down the developers demand to transfer the public land along the prom for development.

The decision was a welcome surprise for campaigners who attended the Town Hall meeting.

But it is possible that the Council will decide, at some future date, to reverse their decision and give the strip of land to the developer after all.

Lucy Page, campaign chairwoman, said "Council insiders have warned us that this is only a temporary victory for the campaign. They say that the 'land grab' will simply be resumed at a later date - and that 'there is simply no stopping Langtree McLean'."

Well done to everyone who helped organise the last-minute campaign and to everybody who sent off a letter. It shows that campaigning can achieve real results but that we must keep up the pressure!

EYESORE FOR OTTERSPOOL

There is still a fighting chance to save the Garden Festival site from this disgraceful development and to save the unique character of the prom!

Planning permission has not yet been granted and we must do all we can to oppose it.

The developers have also asked to build a "temporary access road" running for half a mile along the prom - starting near the Britannia Arms. Seeing the phases of apartments and town houses are

expected to take 15 years to build this temporary road would be there for a rather long time.

We fear that the grass and trees would be lost and the noise and dust from construction site traffic would turn this - the most tranquil part of the prom - into a 'NoGo' area.



Come to the Demonstrations

Sun 20th May, 2-5pm

Protest on the Prom
(near Britannia Inn carpark.)

Mon 21st May, 12:30pm

Day of the Planning Hearings

Councillors visit the site 9:30am
Demo outside Town Hall

Watch out for updates of time of demo.

GOOD NEWS

A baby Tawny Owl has fledged in Priory Wood. This is a sign of what an important habitat the wood is; we are determined to protect it from the tree loss Langtree McLean have planned. The festival Garden Site itself is full of baby birds, including skylarks, lets make sure they have a home to grow up in.



Contact: If you want to help save the Garden Festival Site contact us by e-mail savethefestivalgardens@googlemail.com or by post, to Lucy Page, Save the Garden Festival Site Campaign, c/o Lark Lane Community Centre, Old Police Station, Lark Lane. L17

The more people who join the campaign the more chance we have of saving the Garden Festival Site.