



Application Reference	21/02228/FUL
Address	Land Known As The Lench Meadow Warwick Road Stratford-upon-Avon
Proposal	Change of use of land to form an increased area of public open space and works to include: extension to Fisherman's car park and associated access improvements, extension to skateboard park, pedestrian/cycle paths, ponds, earthworks, riverbank regrading, shelters and other structures, platforms, boardwalks and planting.
Nature of Submission	Object to the application for the following planning reasons
Comments	<p>The following is submitted on behalf of the Stratford Society which, after consulting its members, commented on the original proposals for the Riverside Corridor of which the current application is a part. The Society appreciates that some of the concerns expressed by its members and others at the consultation stage have been taken into account in this reworking of the original scheme.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the Society objects to the current application on the grounds that it is premature. There is certain information, not yet in the public domain, which is a pre-requisite for any decision about the future of the site. Until the 1970's, at least part of the Lenches Meadow was used as a waste disposal site, including possibly for the deposit of military waste and materials containing asbestos. As official records show, this whole area is contaminated land, either directly through dumping of waste or because of seepage through ground water. It is imperative that a full ground investigation survey, including a toxicology report, is carried out to gauge the extent of the problem, and of the potential risks which might arise through re-engineering the land. This would have the effect of breaking the containment cap, and could expose members of the public and wildlife to dangerous pollution. Such a survey would be in line with the Council's own Contaminated Land website which says that "The Council continues to recommend full site investigations as appropriate at planning application stage for new development." The current application should therefore be withdrawn until this information is available and action taken as necessary to remedy the situation.</p>
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