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For information and playback to our committee members not present last night. I regret to inform you that the St. John's application was nodded through last night by our local councillors and it was clear to those that attended, that the outcome was predetermined in a meeting before they all entered the chamber.

My thanks to George and John Billingsley for giving up their time to join me last night and to share in our dismay of what we saw unfold!

As a Society you all know that I advocate at every opportunity that we do not do "party politics" and always try to remain "neutral informative" in all that we do.

Following last night's events it is hard to understand and condone what we witnessed from all our local representatives.

The application was passed and approved in all aspects by the planning committee, without any positive recommendations or suggestions from any of our local ward councillors that the area south of the ha-ha might have been offered "open green space" protection.

It was disappointing that the St John's planning application was so heavily promoted and in such an "over the top manner" by the local councillor who chose to speak in favour of the application. No Bramcote Ward Councillor spoke eloquently against the application. It was voted through almost without objection by 8 votes to 2, although it must be noted that there is a referral to the Secretary of State anyway.

It is very hard to accept that our newly elected Bramcote Ward councillors did not feel inclined to support those positive recommendations made by the Conservation Society that could have protected the area south of the ha-ha. The objections and heartfelt opinions voiced admirably by local resident John Marriott were not taken on board and were dismissed with derision and contempt.

I feel that with this decision following on so swiftly (after the Coventry Lane site being taken out of our Greenbelt) that it does not give one any confidence that these councillors will in fact "defend our greenbelt in the future" and they have not shown any desire to "protect and enhance" our Conservation Area.

We could say you win some and lose some.

We can accept the political direction is to approve housing at the moment, especially on brownfield or non-greenbelt which we would all support, but from the actions and comments expressed by our local councillors last night I fear that our Greenbelt and Conservation Area is not in safe hands as one was lead to believe when asking for our votes.

Keep smiling if you can.

Kind Regards

Rob.