

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland



Newsletter - 31st March 2017

Judicial Review

I must start this newsletter by thanking all the people who have donated to our legal fee fund so far.

Your response has been fantastic and, may I say a little humbling, we are very close to our target to ensure that if the Court decides (in April), that Cotham do have a case to argue, then we are in a position to afford legal representation for the full Judicial Review.

Obviously, if there are not sufficient funds in place at that time (in April) I will not be able to proceed to the final stage.

We still need to raise £8,000.00 to reach the full target of £50,000 plus VAT (i.e. £60K in total) and I urge anyone who can make a donation or is considering making a second donation to do that now so that we can proceed to the next stage when required to do so.

The donation details remain the same: either directly to: Sue Mayer at 68a Coombe Lane, Bristol, BS9 2AY, please make cheques payable to 'Save Stoke Lodge Parkland', or by electronic transfer to our bank account: **Lloyds Bank Plc**, sort code: **30-99-38**, A/c no: **35688368**.

In the unlikely event that the Court determines that there is no case to argue and refuses the Judicial Review then any unused funds will be returned on a pro rata basis (providing contact details have been provided).

Letter to Nick Gibb MP

For those residents who have written to Nick Gibb MP and have received a holding response, this presents an opportunity to make Cotham aware that we will hold them to task to demonstrate that their spend on legal fees meet the conditions set out in the holding response:

“that academy trusts must ensure that they comply with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook and conform with the rules of HM Treasury when taking decisions over the use of funds. They are required to commission an annual external audit of the use of funds and publish their accounts in line with these requirements.”

Please write (in your own words) to Ms Jo Butler, Head Teacher, at Cotham Academy, Cotham Lawn Road, Cotham, Bristol, BS9 6DT. Or e-mail your letter to info@cotham.bristol.sch.uk marked for the attention of Ms Jo Butler, Head Teacher.

Once again a big thank you thank you to all those who have donated and to those who are about to donate. Without your continued support we will not be able to continue our fight to secure Town or Village Green status for Stoke Lodge Parkland.

Kind Regards
David Mayer
Chairman - Save Stoke Lodge Parkland