

STATEMENT C4 – David Redgewell

Hengrove way cinema and Bingo hall

We would like to strongly object to the loss of these community facilities.

Whilst we welcome the regeneration of south Bristol and new homes on the old Airport in Hengrove and Whitchurch and would welcome more homes in Whitchurch Banes and North Somerset at Yardley.

With all these new community's once again south Bristol is losing out working class communities need leveling up. There is now no cinema south of the River. With the west of England mayoral transport authority having no extra money for new bus routes to Avonmead cinema for young people to go to the cinema 96 bus has no evening service.

The complex was built as a south Bristol regeneration project the cinema, hotel and restaurants. The nearest cinema will now be Bristol centre and the new cinema complex in Cabot circus, Longwell green or Clevedon and Bath, or a metro bus trip to Cribbs causeway, or on the A4 bus to Bath city centre

So young working-class people and their families have a cinema complex removed for more housing. South Bristol needs a balance community with employment and jobs and leisure and Tourism jobs. I note the view of the city economy Development staff who wish to see land for Economy development and jobs, as does the metro mayor Dan Norris wish to jobs for young people and the leisure jobs.

This leisure complex business model of cinema complex, restaurant and Bolling alley appears to work across south west England. In longwell green , Cribbs causeway Cabot circus, Bath, Cheltenham Plymouth ,Weston super mare, Trowbridge, Taunton and Stroud.

Many cinema complex have reopen after covid 19 and change hands the restaurant and the hotel have reopened.

What evidence is there of a marketing strategy or campaign to sell this cinema complex. Or was pressure put on the owner by the city council housing department to build more homes in Hengrove.

This site is owned by top London based property company.

As we have said we welcome mayor Rees to Build as many new affordable homes in Bristol especially council houses we are short of homes across south west England

But the young people of whitchurch Hengrove Hartcliffe withywood and Bishopsworth need leisure facilities In 2021

Does the city council not understand that many young people do have bus fares to travel across the city to visit leisure complexes and cinema in cribbs causeway by metro bus or on the bus to Bath .

South Bristol matters

We have worked with the Avon and Somerset police and First bus when we had damage to buses Must young people in the area say they have very few facilities in area apart from Hengrove pool or sport facilities in whitchurch or Pool and sport centre in keynsham.

There is a very limited bus service to longwell green via keynsham

The area of Hengrove whitchurch Knowle and Filwood need leisure facilities.

I am also concerned about the lack of meaningful public consultation on these plans during a covid 19 outbreak when many people were involved in stopping from getting sick not on a cinema complex all of which were closed by the government regulations.

and have now reopened some still next year.

We ask the city council to draw up a planning brief for this area including working with the metro mayor Dan Norris on improvements in public transport links to Hengrove especially completing the metro bus to Hartcliffe Withywood Highridge Bishopsworth and the city centre.

For the planning committee to visit the site and ask for clear evidence from this London based developer of market campaign to sell the leisure complex

and cinema for the council Director of Regeneration and Employment approach leisure complex operators to under the

Market opportunities for the cinema

With Destinations Bristol as was the case of Stroud district council

and stick to the local plan on a balance community for south Bristol of housing leisure complex employment land and opportunities.

Not every piece of land in this beautiful city should be allocated to housing.

I also note on this location on the Bristol ring road and Metro bus route and fast buses to Bath.

And future mass transit system of light rail.

This site will be mainly middle class homes with a few affordable.

With more outbound commuting by car via the Bristol Ring road to Aztec West Emerson Green or Cribbs Causeway, Brislington, Keynsham and Bath for work as there is very little local employment.

We ask that the planning committee refuse this planning application ask the developer to come back with a new plan that keeps the cinema complex and also look at incorporating some flats within the plan

And provide funds for cycle and walkway

Impoverishment and bus stop facilities including metro bus.

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South West Public Transport Network.

And Railfuture Severnside.