

STATEMENT B6 – Cllr James Arrowsmith

I am objecting to the change of conditions for two key reasons that I will outline in my objection. Firstly, the additional condition gives Goram Homes greater license to undermine the committee's sentiments and concerns over the current plans. Secondly, the wording is vague, inaccessible, and as such, runs against the principles that Bristol City Council claims to hold.

The committee may have approved the application in September; however, committee members were still critical and imposed a condition on the application. Although I do not believe that the original condition was going to be effective it did illustrate some of the concerns and sentiments of the committee. I hope the committee will stand by their words and remind Goram Homes that this is an imperfect application that requires scrutiny throughout the build and beyond.

The wording of this additional condition is not clear to councillors and residents, and is unacceptable. In Bristol City Council's Equality and Inclusion Policy and Strategy 2018-2023 on page 27 it is stated:

"We will develop and implement an accessible communications policy that sets good practice accessibility standards for the design and content of all council communications – corporate and service specific"

Vague, non-specific language does not meet the standards set out by the council and should be reworded so councillors can vote with confidence on the information they've received, but also residents are kept properly informed on the changes in their area.

I hope the committee will take these concerns into consideration and reject the changes to the application.