



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

041/24 Exclusion of members of the public and press

In accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 the press and public were excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted: next steps in this matter.

Mrs Stevens wished to consult a barrister on the options open to the Parish Council. She was of the opinion that GBC had acted illegally in not declaring pre-determination of the Blackwell Farm application, knowing that they had already openly planned to sell the ransom strip between their land and university land.

She had arranged a free of charge consultation for later in the week but wished him to hear more detailed evidence, so that he could compile a report for the Parish Council. The hoped for goal would be to remove Blackwell Farm from the Local Plan and for GBC to refund the money the Parish Council had spent on legal advice when challenging the Local Plan without some facts being dishonestly withheld.

A barrister could advise on an appeal against a judicial review. A judicial review would cost in the region of £35,000.

Members **agreed** the sum of £5,000 for barristers advice. Proposed by Cllr Mallet, Seconded by Cllr Palca, all in favour.

Next steps: a Zoom meeting is to be held with the University solar farm planning team on the 29th April. Final objections to be received by the Borough Council by the 9th May, Mrs Stevens will write a further letter of objection between those two dates.