



Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

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Article 1 MAR 2019 “Plans for 1,500 homes in south Bristol stopped in their tracks”

A row over plans affecting a prominent park in south Bristol has ended in a victory for residents.

A planning committee rejected the council’s own plans for 1,500 homes in Hengrove and Whitchurch Park yesterday because they did not comply with a soon-to-be-adopted neighbourhood plan.

The development plan for the neighbourhood, drawn up by residents themselves, will be formally adopted by Bristol City Council after 85 per cent of residents voted for it in a local referendum two weeks ago. The neighbourhood plan calls for higher density housing to keep more of the park than the council plan, and for enough facilities and employment opportunities to meet community needs.

Resident Phil Smith said city planners had shown “complete disdain” for the neighbourhood plan by proposing one that was “significantly and obviously different”. “It is difficult to appreciate the mindset of a city planning department that can promote a planning proposal that does not follow the lead of a referendum-approved plan,” Mr Smith told the planning committee. “This is in breach of the Localism Act of 2011.”

The committee rejected the outline plans submitted by the council by eight votes to three.
