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Fight to Save Turn Moss Could Go To Judicial Review.

Over a thousand objections have been lodged in response to controversial plans by Trafford Borough Council and Gary Neville's Salford City FC to build on Green Belt land at Turn Moss in Stretford.

The "Friends of Turn Moss" claim the planning application goes against the law and have today submitted an official legal challenge. This will give them the right to go to Judicial Review should the plans be approved.

They claim that the Council failed to properly consult local people on the plans before submitting the application; and that the plans breach legal and policy requirements for Green Belt Land.

Chair of the Friends group, Simon Howarth, said, "Trafford Council is both applicant and deciding planning authority in this case, but it does not appear to be acting impartially."

Co-Chair, Dr. Nigel Woodcock stated, "The number of objections received by the Planning Committee is unparalleled, and we're expecting another huge protest outside the Town Hall when the committee meets in April. With the community so galvanised confidence is high for a positive outcome. We are developing far better plans for Turn Moss than the shambles offered up so far."

The deadline for objections is 28 March and the Trafford Council Planning Committee will announce their decision on 12 April 2018.

I hope you can use this; do get in touch if you have any more questions. Please reply to this email or follow us on twitter, we are usually quick to respond to @ or DM: <https://twitter.com/SaveTurnMoss>

Thanks on behalf of "Friends Of Turn Moss".

FURTHER INFORMATION.

Trafford Council want to build a professional training facility for Gary Neville's Salford City FC and fence off a large area of greenbelt Turn Moss.

Much of Turn Moss is Grade 3 flood plain, significant drainage work will be required before building commences and the remedial work could run into millions of pounds. Trafford Council will be covering all costs and Salford City FC would lease the facility from the Council.

The Solicitors engaged by Friends of Turn Moss are Birketts LLP. A Top 100 law firm based in East Anglia who specialise in common land and village greens disputes.

“Friends Of Turn Moss” was constituted as a foundation on 12 March 2018 and is awaiting charitable status. The main aims of the group:

1. (Conservation of the Environment) to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment
2. (Community Amateur Sports Clubs) the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular but not exclusively by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and Gaelic football
3. (Recreational) to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Stretford and Chorlton