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Matter 1 Legal and Procedural Matters

In regard to 1.2 and 1.3 which deals with community involvement and open and transparent process. We feel KMBC have failed in its aim to have proper and meaningful consultation, with minimum information being giving out with no notice of the importance the outcome of the plan will have on the residents' future.

From the outset we have questioned the time of year consultations have taken place and venues it has been conducted in.

As chair of a number of voluntary groups within Kirkby I offered to stage a meeting where I could guarantee a large attendance of residents, my offer was declined.

I question if the number of residents who have given names and addresses is sufficient for the council to say it is acting on behalf of the majority of its people.

I also question those council employees conducting the consultation having limited knowledge on matters such as the town centre plans, proposed waste disposal and urban greenspace.

We also feel the plan does not take into account the injustice felt by local residents with the downsizing of sports facilities in Kirkby to create a new and higher profile in Huyton. With the lack of open green spaces for sporting activities at a minimum in large parts of our town due to over development

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