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RIFATUL BARI	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**UNDECIDED**
LOUISE BLOOMFIELD	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	UNDECIDED	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**
CAMERON BRUMBY	**UNDECIDED**	NO	**NO**	NO	**YES**	YES	**NO**	NO	**YES**	NO	**UNDECIDED**
SAM CAMPBELL	**UNDECIDED**	UNDECIDED	**UNDECIDED**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
TREVOR CONNOR	**YES**	**YES**	**YES**	YES	**YES**	**YES**	**YES**	YES	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**YES**
JASON DALE	**UNDECIDED**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**
MIKE DUTTA	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**
LOUISE ELLIOTT	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	UNDECIDED	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	NO	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
BILL HARVEY	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	NO	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
TRENTON HOARE	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	YES	**YES**
EDWIN JOHNSTONE	**UNDECIDED**	NO	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
HARVEY LENNON	**UNDECIDED**	NO	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
BEN LOHBERGER	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**
RACHEL NEEDHAM	**YES**	YES	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**
RYAN POSSELT	**YES**	YES	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	NO	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
ZELINDA SHERLOCK	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**
ANGUS TEMPLETON	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**
DEBORAH JOYCE THURLEY	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	UNDECIDED	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**	NO	**YES**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
SUSAN WALLACE	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	YES	**YES**	UNDECIDED	**UNDECIDED**	YES	**UNDECIDED**
DAVID WAN	**UNDECIDED**	NO	**NO**	NO	**YES**	YES	**NO**	NO	**UNDECIDED**	NO	**NO**
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TIFFANY ASHDOWN COMMENTS	**I would honour community sentiment to the best of my ability within the bounds of the planning scheme. Community views are important to me, as I am there to represent the community.**	You can see all my donations here: https://chuffed.org/project/tiffany-ashdown-hcc I have also called on my fellow candidates to declare all their donations and believe reform should occur to require this.										
RIFATUL BARI COMMENTS		I have not and will not take donations from property developer and real estate lobby groups however I am running on a platform on building more houses thus cannot eliminate the possibility of having meetings and working constructively with them.			**I will have to look more in-depth into it before making a final decision**		**I will commit to it but not with the expense of not building more homes and I believe housing is a human right.**			I will have to look into it to make a final decision but I do not see why not.	**I would support a vote by South Hobart Citizens to make a decision about their lovely Suburb**	
LOUISE BLOOMFIELD COMMENTS	**Unless there was something illegal where I honestly had no choice my preference is to represent the people (ratepayers)**	To be fair even when I do get donations I make it 100% that it will have no bearing on my vote. I have refunded donations when attempts are made to push me in the past. Donations are great but my unfettered vote is more precious.	**I think this is very binary - and there could be a planning application that I have to follow planning law and refusal simply means they win on appeal - which adds cost to ratepayers with no change in outcome. Ideally though I have no interest in commercial buildings on public green space.**	This is very binary and I am not able to vote against a council recommendation if there is no basis that the refusal will hold. I can't see the traffic pressure and the 24 failures in the last DA getting sorted in a hurry so in my view the question is moot.	**It looks like a good project that is well supported by commercial and public alike. However I am concerned about traffic pressure in the South Hobart area. This is something I feel has not yet been addressed properly.**	How the dog vs soccer issue has escalated has made me very sad.	**As long as it doesn't make rates unaffordable.**					

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CAMERON BRUMBY COMMENTS	**It would need to be VERY clear, and if it still significantly benefitted a wider majority it should proceed. NIMBYism is not going to get us anywhere.**										**South Hobart already has a heritage precinct over Macquarie St & Cascade Rd under the planning scheme. So this is about extra controls, not starting from nothing. Battery Point's plan was written mainly to keep out commercial uses the new state provisions would otherwise allow.**	
SAM CAMPBELL COMMENTS	**Empowering local community via Citizen Assemblies and/ or Systemic Consensing means projects can more accurately reflect local residents input. My voting would be guided by this ground-up whole-community process.**	YES - unless they're a NFP, social-enterprise, co-op, etc. seeking to create public homes, free community spaces and amenities, parks, etc. for social benefit. All donations would be proactively-transparent.	**YES - unless otherwise guaranteed that an expanded green space, with medium-density mixed-use public homes, is integrated as part of said ecologically aligned building.**	YES - put it to a plebiscite or put it to rest! This of course excludes things that would improve the health of our mountain i.e. Measures to reduce individual cars usage.	**Let's make it easier (and healthier) for us to enjoy and access our mountain in ways that don't scar it or risk visitors!**	YES - except in the bizarre situation where I was having to defend myself from vexatious "lawfare" or personal threats.	**As an eco-socialist, this is a given. However the means of doing so I'd propose would no doubt be contentious.**	YES - however this is precisely a use case for my answer in Question 1. Convening a sortioned SoHo Assembly to deliberate and decide via Systemic Consensing how (or indeed if) it would work.	**Yes - I must admit I hadn't given it much thought which regrettably displays my internalised ableism. Improving accessibility, or empowering communities to, is an important equal-opportunity.**	YES - excluding emergency vehicles. It's a demonstrable fact that lower speeds infact improve traffic flow, reduce carbon emissions, and improve community safety for young and old alike.	**I would support creation of a SoHo Assembly who would advocate and even propose a framework for more local autonomy and power, on the provision that community directed creation of public homes via ecologically minded mixed-use medium-density be a part of it.**	

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TREVOR CONNOR COMMENTS	**If locals are dealing with the fallout, you listen. If a project's clearly upsetting a neighbourhood, you slow down and rethink it. Councils should look after people.**	If developer money starts steering decisions, I'm out. Taking their cash muddies planning and twists priorities. I'd rather stay clean, listen properly, and keep choices grounded in what locals actually live with.	**If a green space belongs to the public, it should stay public. Once it's gone, it's gone. Losing access — like South Hobart's recreation area — shows how fast communities can get shut out.**	If a green space belongs to the public, it should stay public. Once it's gone, it's gone. Losing access — like South Hobart's recreation area — shows how fast communities can get shut out	**If a visitor hub actually fixes access without dumping ugliness on the mountain, I'm open to it. But it has to be done properly — and never as a backdoor for the cable car.**	If Councillors can't sort things out like adults, ratepayers shouldn't foot the bill. Internal mediation should be the norm. All this finger-pointing feels like kindergarten and wastes everyone's time and money.	**If net-zero by 2030 is genuinely achievable, I'm for it. But it has to be real, not steered by business interests. One lone voice won't cut emissions — the whole council must pull together.**	If sport's not on, dogs should get the recreation area back. The idea that they somehow cause extra wear doesn't stack up — humans in studs churn up far more. Off-leash access just makes sense.		I'm not sure about a 40 km/h limit, but that stretch of South Hobart definitely needs proper maintenance. Fixing the road surface would improve safety far more than simply changing the speed signs.		Even though these decisions sit with the State Government, Council shouldn't be scared or pushed around. Reverting Davey and Macquarie to two-way makes sense — Hobart's outgrown 1960s traffic plans. On rapid bus versus light rail, Council should be far more vocal; choosing buses over rail is baffling when cities like Newcastle already run modern light rail. And on ferries, Council should work with other councils to push for a proper river-wide service — something that connects places like Austins Ferry through to Blackmans Bay. The river is an asset, and we're not using it.
JASON DALE COMMENTS	**I would lobby in favour of the community. The issue is from a planning approval sense, Councillors do not have a lot of autonomy.**	I would like to say yes, however, my campaign donations have been open to the public, allowing anyone to donate, and I haven't run background checks on donors, nor have I been in contact with them.		I would lobby in favour of the community. The issue is from a planning approval sense, Councillors do not have a lot of autonomy.	**I have concerns with costs, however, the project looks interesting and is worth exploring. Traffic in South Hobart will need to be considered as well.**		**Balanced with financial management.**					

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MIKE DUTTA COMMENTS	**I represent the voice and interests of the people that is my role.**	I do not receive financial donations from anyone it is against what I believe. Have, in fact, returned donations given to me by donors	**I will protect the existing green spaces for accessibility and benefit for our community**	Council land is public land, community interests should take precedence over development								Advocate for Battery Point Walkway. Scrutinise the Macquarie Point Stadium development, its impact on our city.
LOUISE ELLIOTT COMMENTS	**Applications have to be assessed based on compliance with Planning Scheme.**		**Cannot make a promise this broad. A space used as public green space today could be perfect for housing with lost green space replaced.**	Each request needs to be assessed on merits.	**Needs to be considered based on viability. I support low emissions, affordable, safe and environmentally responsible ways of community enjoying our mountain.**	Definitely. I have attempted this multiple times but others refuse to participate.	**I cannot in good conscience commit to anything that would sabotage our economy and make life harder for lower socio-economic groups. I do not support merely shifting our environmental impacts to other countries.**	I support a new location for off lead dogs and improving existing options.			**Prefer tangible action over documents. These can documents are very expensive.**	Hobart rates and fees are too high. I stand for ensuring ratepayers get great value for their hard-earned rates, eliminating waste, and focus on core business like roads, footpaths, parks, playgrounds, facilities and critical infrastructure.
BILL HARVEY COMMENTS	**Development application are assessed against the planning scheme and community input. Planning authority are required to maintain an open mind. But it would be difficult to support a major project without social license and community support.**	I would never accept funding or donations from property developers or real estate lobby groups. It would be unethical and highly inappropriate to do so. .	**Green spaces should not be commercialized. There would need to be a high level of public good and social license to consider any such a proposal.**	I have a demonstrated history of voting against use of council land and planning amendments, that would advantage a cable car.	**Halls Saddle is an excellent proposition that will hopefully have its day.**	As Lord Mayor, my priority is to improve governance and behavior during council and public debate and have committed to lifting the tone of council to a maturity where we can disagree respectfully and avoid codes of conduct commencing.	**Reducing council emissions to net zero is attainable without buying carbon credits. Achieved through the development of a commercial biochar facility to turn greenwaste into sequestered carbon. Successful model exists in other states. Reduced emission combined with producing carbon credits through biochar production could get us close to the net zero target.**	A majority of elected members voted in favour of banning dogs on the SH sports ground. The decision should stand and will be reviewed in five years through the dog management process.	**The Hobart rivulet has become a tourist attraction for platypus spotting. This is causing additional pressure and needs to be monitored and additional signage should be considered as a matter of urgency. It should be budgeted for the next financial year.**	Yes, i would like to see this occur as it would provide additional safety for pedestrians, bike riders and drivers.	**I think this is an important element in protecting local amenity, natural and cultural values of SoHo. It would be a guiding document providing certainty, and protection from anyone considering initiatives in the area.**	
TRENTON HOARE COMMENTS								Hoare: I need to consult further with both parties involved				

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EDWIN JOHNSTONE COMMENTS	**When acting as a planning authority, councillors must assess proposals against the planning scheme and relevant legal requirements. Residents' concerns must be carefully considered, but opposition alone cannot determine the outcome.**	I welcome support from all groups, provided it comes without conditions or expectations of favourable treatment. When acting as a planning authority, councillors must make decisions within the planning scheme and recuse themselves where they have a conflict of interest.	**Yes. It is important to protect our existing public green spaces from commercial development. They provide places for people to relax, exercise and connect, and should be preserved for future generations.**		**Yes. I support the Halls Saddle Visitor Hub as one of the solutions to improving access to kunanyi / Mount Wellington, alongside sensitive redevelopment of the Springs site.**	Political disagreements should be handled through respectful discussion and internal mediation. Formal Code of Conduct complaints should be reserved for serious conduct concerns, not used to pursue political differences at ratepayers' expense.		Yes. I support restoring off-lead access when sport is not being played, until a suitable alternative can be explored.				
HARVEY LENNON COMMENTS	**I undertake to consider both the evidence and ratepayer views in making an informed decision.**	I undertake not to be conflicted. Our City needs to maintain the best of what we have but consider sensible and sustainable development.	**Absolutely. Our green spaces are very important to the city. I would love to see more but we are constrained.**	On the basis of the previous proposal as elements were clearly unacceptable. If a future proposal addressed concerns and delivered safe, sustainable transport to the summit then I would give it due consideration.	**I need more detail on this. It may be a workable option but I want to see more on the transport solutions and funding model.**	Many people have raised this with me. We need a more unified Council which puts the People of Hobart before personal politics.	**I accept the global evidence and believe we need to act locally. I need more information on the actual options available, costings and any available subsidies.**	The recreation ground provided a safe community space for dog walking. It is now under-utilised and there must ba reasonable compromise to share this space.	**The Linear Park is spectacular asset for our City. I enjoy walking and running there, seeing the wildlife including a platypus from time to time. Minimalist signage could add to its utility.**	That stretch has become much busier and in the interests of safe mobility for all, I would support that change.	**This is a reasonable aspiration which could reasonably be pursued in the next term of Council.**	
BEN LOHBERGER COMMENTS			I've refused all donations, gifts, and free tickets during this term and will continue to do so if re-elected.	I will never support the cable car, or the privatisation of public land required to support it.	**I've worked hard to get the Halls Saddle visitor hub back on track, and I'm hopeful it can also provide a mountain bushfire refuge.**	I've had no code of conduct complaints from colleagues during this term, and I've made none myself.	**Councils and elected members need to show leadership on this critical issue for Hobart.**	I've worked hard to maintain shared use of this community facility, and I will try to restore it if re-elected.				

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RACHEL NEEDHAM COMMENTS	**I intend to do different and better, starting with providing a voice for resident's opinions, thoughts and feelings to be heard. I am not a lobbyist for the business sector; I am a community member.**	Absolutely. I am self-funding my campaign. I have no vested interests, other than to work hard for a better Hobart.	**I would like to see an increase in green spaces in Hobart. A renewal of parks and playgrounds and infostructure that benefits community. Core council remit is providing places and spaces for residents to thrive.**	I am supportive of kunanyi/ Mt Wellington remaining as a public asset to be accessed by all in the safest and most economical way. The cable car is potentially another infrastructure project that will divide Hobart in to yes/no. I will ask the questions and interrogate the risks and benefits deeply and work closely with the community and neighbouring councils to ensure their voices are heard and represented.		In any other workplace the first stage of conflict resolution is a direct conversation to resolve the matter. The conduct of the current council is unacceptable. I have worked in Government roles and understand how to engage, discuss and negotiate outcomes respectfully. I want to restore the dignity of the privilege of leadership to HCC.	**I am supportive of all council and operational spending decisions including an environmental impact assessment.**					
RYAN POSSELT COMMENTS	**Our primary role is to represent the community. Hence, community perspectives are paramount in our decision making**	I believe this represents too much of a conflict of interest. My campaign has been supported by small donations from community.	**Green spaces are critical for building a liveable city. Hobart has ample under developed land (such as car yards and surface car parks) to develop without reducing green space.**	Be careful of any candidate who ticks yes or no on this question - it may preclude them from having a vote. We must be shown to enter the planning authority with an open mind. I do NOT support the previous MWCCC proposal	**Yes - strongly. Halls Saddle is the perfect transport solution for Kunanyi. It will disperse visitors to our mountain rather than concentrate them like a cablecar. It may also serve as a shelter in extreme fire.**	I am a leader who can bring people together. However, part of leadership is illustrating to councillors when they have crossed a line. Unfortunately, some on council refuse to change their behaviour and mediation is ineffectual.	**I serve on council with an eye to the future of our little people - our children and grandchildren.** **Climate change is the number 1 challenge facing the generations that come after us.**	Unfortunately, the level of hostility has been unfounded. Instead, I have asked we investigate buying Males Sand for a new, centrally located green space in the village precinct.	**I'm not sure it needs a 'significant' increase. I'm interested in an older persons dementia garden and over 65 exercise facility at the Hamlet end of the rivulet for more community benefit.**	Yes. Evidence shows that reducing speed from 50km/h to 40km/h decreases pedestrian fatalities by 50% and it costs drivers mere seconds in their day.	**This is a complicated issue that can't be answered honestly with a binary yes/no. In general, I'm supportive of protecting the places that make hobart special.**	

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ZELINDA SHERLOCK COMMENTS	**The important section in this question is 'a clear majority.' This can be achieved in various ways - such as, but not limited to - organised community forums/sessions, public meetings, etc. Face-to-face connection is vital to a healthy democracy and an appreciation of 'a clear majority.' An elector poll is also useful.**			A strong commitment to this is important from candidates; especially considering the review has been released that may see a new Managing Authority have potential access to land on the directive of the Minister, under new legislation that consolidates ownership and reduces consent.	**I tabled a successful motion, along with a fellow Councillor, that the site should be considered for the provision of value adding uses and/ or infrastructure, such as a transport and/ or visitor hub (etc), as part of the State Government's review of Kunanyi/ Mt Wellington.**	During my 8 years on Council, I lodged 1 Code of Conduct complaint, successfully. I had attempted internal mediation, to no avail. This Councillor was found to have breached 5 clauses of the Code of Conduct. I submitted that his non-physical violence, tone, gestures and intimidation amounted to bullying and harassment. The Panel and TASCAT agreed with my evidence and submissions. Under these and other circumstances, I cannot honestly say that internal mediation will work - even though I did take that path initially.		During the last discussion in the Chamber, on this issue, I supported an amendment to share the oval during certain time-frames. However, the amendment was lost.				
ANGUS TEMPLETON COMMENTS	**My inclination is yes, of course, within the scope of what powers council has. If a major project is provably adversely affecting local residents then it wouldn't pass planning permissions anyway.**	See the Greens policy on this: https://greens.org.au/about/donations-policy		Again, bearing in mind that council can only act within the scope of what our power is - but I haven't seen a cable car proposal which comes anywhere close to being approvable.				I've engaged with the community a little on this, but not with the football players. At the moment I am inclined to have this as a shared space, but I do need to see what the effects would be on all the users.				

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DEBORAH JOYCE THURLEY COMMENTS	**I am one who votes for the majority benefit but didn't tick the yes box in case there is the odd exception where the majority call has been contrived**	I totally disapprove of a Councillor being beholden to any groups!	**Again depends on context & circumstance . My general view is to protect green spaces because of its value to the amenity of a community.**	In relation to this issue if revisited I will absorb all the evidence and make a decision accordingly		Most definitely. During my time at Clarence City Council my collegiality my defusing of conflict help contribute to a very productive effective Council	**I'm confident that Hobart will continue to do so**	Sports grounds particularly in South Hobart are overrun with activity. There needs to be on & off lead areas for dogs adequately provided for in South Hobart.			**Battery Point is as indicated specifically recognised . If the Planning Scheme which is too complicated anyway this question I would address when in Council when I would be better informed**	
SUSAN WALLACE COMMENTS	**I say this with the caveat that we need more housing so don't expect me to block housing if it's reasonable.**	It's just not appropriate.	**We need to maintain and look after our green spaces. Ideally, we would have more of them, even if they are just pocket parks in neighbourhoods.**	I think the cable car is a dumb idea	**I think Halls Saddle great start. I would also like to see some work done on some of the tracks on the mountain to make them more accessible for people living with disability.**	I am a professionally trained mediator. People's voices need to be heard and they need a chance to tell the story and how they've been affected. However, sometimes mediation fails. Code of Conduct Complaints should be a last resort.	**I take global warming very seriously and everybody, including council need to pay their part.**	It is clear that the dog walkers have not been given a reasonable alternative. Council can't just throw up its hands and walk away. I commit to working hard to find an accessible alternative off-leash space. And I think access to the oval should be restored until that space is developed.		I'd like to see this in several of our suburbs. I live in North Hobart and all those little side streets should definitely be 40 km an hour or lower.	**I would like to better understand what the community wants before committing to a specific area plan. Let's talk.**	I have lived in South Hobart and love the place and understand that it is quite unique, tucked in under & embraced by the mountain. I'm very interested to hear about issues that build community, support cultural activities and put roofs over people's heads

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DAVID WAN COMMENTS	**There are projects that may have wide reaching implications that go beyond the local residents of the immediate area. A more comprehensive view is needed.**	Developers and Real Estate are a big part of the economy of our city. However any donations will need to be 'unconditional'.	**There may well be cases of poorly designed green space or better use cases.**	Each proposal need to be judged based on their merit, I am not against the principle of a cable car.	**I support a practical visitor hub and park-and-ride at Halls Saddle in principle, provided it demonstrably improves mountain access and represents value for money. My support for construction would depend on a credible business case, an effective shuttle service, appropriate external funding and acceptable ongoing costs to ratepayers.**	As councillors and colleagues, everyone should strive for professional conduct in the chamber. We must also demonstrate resilience and focus on council business over personal conflict.	**This is a misplaced priority for an organisation such as Council. These are discussions and policies much more suited to State and Federal levels of government.**	I support allowing dogs on leads when the ground is not being used for sport or maintenance, rather than restoring off-lead access. Keeping dogs close makes it easier for owners to notice and clean up after them, while protecting players and the playing surface. Owners must remain responsible for removing all dog waste.	**Only if the investment can demonstrate positive outcomes and are within an acceptable and limited budget.**		**No. I do not support adding another layer of area-wide planning restrictions in South Hobart. Heritage protection should be selective, clearly justified and proportionate. Residents should have greater flexibility to improve their homes, and we need to make it easier to deliver more housing and support local businesses. Any additional restrictions should demonstrate a clear benefit that outweighs their costs.**	I support removing the Collins Street bike lanes and restoring parking and vehicle access. I also want detailed planning before major stadium construction gets underway, covering traffic diversions, parking, construction vehicle routes and access for residents and businesses. Council should work closely with the State Government and provide clear, timely information so people can plan around disruptions.
MARTI ZUCCO COMMENTS	**I consider each DA on its merits based on the planning scheme and law.**		**I will protect Public green space I will also support the development and improvements of existing sporting factifies across the municipality for community use and benefit. Is that considered commercial development or upgrades?**	There is no current DA and like every DA I consider all applications on their merits and must be Subject to meeting planning regulations.	**This is currently before council as a concept and I consider its Not the right spot for a hub and the costs to ratepayers is a serious concern.**	While Rob Valentine was Lord mayor a Lords protocol was developed and implemented this word very well until 8 years ago when the current Lord mayor refused to sign it and agree to it. I will reintroduces this as this will provide the mechanism to ensure all members of Council are treated equally without bias.		I am a dog owner and I Do not support Sports fields for dog recreation. I support a dedicated dog exercise area	**Subject to appropriate reports and consultation with locals and the wider community**	Subject to appropriate reports and consultation with locals and the wider community		

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