

Summary of issues and proposals made in Prescot Town Council response to KMBC

Prescot Town Council agreed a response to KMBC on 27th February which has now been submitted. This set out in detail a number key issues and concerns, with specific constructive proposals to address them. In summary these were:-

Issue	Town Council Proposals
<p>Consultation: There has been no consultation on the selection of the sites for surrender despite this being expressly recommended by the Independent Review Panel.</p>	<p>Follow the advice of the Independent Review Board and engage the public in meaningful consultation on site selection as they would legitimately expect on such a major issue affecting their communities and lives.</p>
<p>Site Selection: The site selection process has been constrained, producing a perverse outcome of proposing the sale of some of the parks and green spaces most valued by communities and users - the worst-case example being KGV Prescot</p>	<p>Revisit the site selection process to ensure selection only of sites with low levels of community value</p> <p>Treat parks with highest community value and protected status (including Fields in Trust) as you have treated Green Flag parks, excluding them from selection</p>
<p>Fields in Trust: A major determining factor was not taken into account in the decision-making process – Fields in Trust protection</p>	<p>Treat parks with highest community value and protected status (including Fields in Trust) as you have treated Green Flag parks, excluding them from selection</p>
<p>Alternative funding: The Council has not yet explored alternative funding opportunities, which for Prescot is a more viable option than disposing of one of only two parks</p>	<p>Use capital receipts beyond parks in scope in the review and other available funds over the 15-year period to at least part fund the endowment.</p>
<p>Transfer to Town Council: The Town council has not been provided with the option to continue to maintain its parks through the precept as at present</p>	<p>Engage with the Town Council about assuming all maintenance responsibilities for Prescot parks in line with the current lease agreement</p>