URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF KGV PRESCOT (BROWNS FIELD) & CARR LANE WOODS

YOUR LOCAL PARK & COMMUNITY NEED YOUR HELP!

- DO YOU KNOW THAT KNOWSLEY COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO SELL KGV PRESCOT (BROWNS FIELD) FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT?
- DO YOU KNOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION NOW TO HELP STOP THIS?

What's going on?

- Knowsley Council has agreed a plan to sell 17 parks in the Borough. It wants to raise £40m for a fund that will be invested to pay to maintain the rest of the parks.
- The Council ranked all of the 161 parks in Knowsley taking a range of issues into account including usage and value to users and local communities and attractiveness to developers.
- Browns Field and the play park were ranked 89th and 90th (where 1 was the least valuable).
- But because the Council couldn't make their original plan add up, they just selected Browns Field and the play park for sale because it will bring a high value if sold.
- The way the Council has selected the parks is all wrong no consultation, no transparency, no good explanations.
- So our precious local park's value to developers has been judged as more important than its value to its users and to us as a local community.
- Prescot has only two parks and this would mean we lose one of them forever that's terrible for all of us and for future generations.
- There's lots of new extra housing being built in the area already but this plan takes our green, breathing space away. We'll be left with a concrete jungle and what about doctors, schools, traffic?
- Prescot Town Council has responded to KMBC saying it does not agree with the plan, and has proposed an alternative approach. No response yet.
- Time is tight. Knowsley Council will consider a business plan in June, and make a final decision on this in November.

So what can you do to help?

- Contact Andy Moorhead the Leader of Knowsley Council <u>andy.moorhead@knowsley.gov.uk</u>
- Make a formal complaint to the Council <u>https://secured.knowsley.gov.uk/haveyoursayform</u>
- Contact your MP George Howarth <u>george.howarth.mp@parliament.uk</u>
- Join our Friends Group, we meet at the Park every Saturday morning, getting stuck in, improving our park, showing how much we value it.
- Follow this link to download a proforma letter of complaint <u>http://www.prescot-</u> <u>tc.gov.uk/save-browns-field/</u>
- SIGN OUR PETITION AGAINST THIS TERRIBLE DECISION AND HELP US FIGHT IT TO PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS PARK