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### Appendix Three

**From:** Cllr S Bashforth

**To:** Mark Prestwich

**Cc:** Cllr A Chadderton; Cllr M Bashforth; Cllr H Roberts; Cllr C Phythian

**Subject:** Shaw Road End Park

*Further to our discussions with regards to the changing of the designation of a portion of the Trust land (which you refer to as the 'Pink Land' in your recent report) on and around the above mentioned Park.*

*In addition to the loss of parking provision, I do have two concerns;*

*Firstly, with regards to the Trust issues, I need to be sure that an open consultation has been carried out. I know letters have been put on site but on reflection, I've been persuaded (and therefore agree) that this is not adequate or transparent enough. I understand the pressures you are under but this is public land left in trust and is a very sensitive issue. A full open consultation is a must and would also serve to inform residents and remove any misinformation or ambiguity about what is being proposed.*

*Secondly, with regards to a second access to the site, I could only support an access point from here if it was a one way entrance i.e. only entering via Broadway as a left turn. This is a very busy four lane junction facing the entrance to the petrol station and just past the traffic light controlled crossing. I appreciate that the Trust land is currently accessed by users of the car park from both directions of traffic, but this current use is fairly light compared with a potential higher intensity residential use for example. Construction traffic during any redevelopment of the former school site could cause safety problems if this situation is not carefully considered and reviewed. I would also suggest that the Council or any future developer would also need to demonstrate that all other options for a permanent second access into the site have been completely explored before a decision is made on any proposed second access point.*

*Finally, just for clarity, whilst I have read and reviewed the comments made on social media, my comments and position is not exclusively influenced by these posts. I have also had similarly reasonable concerns put to me by members of the Royton Local History Society, a local Scout group, a local church and various members of the public and users of the school including a senior member of the adjacent primary school.*

*I do not oppose reasonable development, but I am not prepared to give anything up lightly. I take the opinion of my constituents very seriously and it appears from a significant number of people who I have met and spoken with, that they believe something which they consider valuable to them, is being taken away.*

*I understand that not everyone may agree with me and the opinion of my constituents which I accept although, I stand by these comments which I feel are valid and would ask that you pass my concerns onto the Charity Trustees.*

*As always, happy to chat and meet with you if required.*

**Steve B**