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FW: Petition: The Wee Choo-Choo

From: Fergus McCallum [REDACTED]**Sent:** 13 October 2021 19:46**To:** Christina Flynn [REDACTED]**Cc:** Lynn Macdougall [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Petition: The Wee Choo-Choo

We are a local family from Pitlochry.

PKC Property Sub-Committee on 14/06/21 considered a CLASS 3 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AT RIE-ACHAN ROAD, CAR PARK, PITLOCHRY.

The options were to lease not lease or advertise the opportunity.

The decision was to not lease.

The planning committee granted planning consent subject to providing 12 replacement spaces

The opportunity was a Thai Restaurant in 2 converted 1980s carriages.

Three individuals presented objections.

The committee had not held verbal deputations for over a decade.

One objector was denied her right to object at the planning meeting by PKC and PKC informed her she "was free to request a deputation as per the Council's Standing Orders."

The second objector was given data by your CEO that they used in their objection.

Your information officer found this to be a breach of GDPR

The officials present had identified 12 replacement spaces but did not tell the councillors.

The councillors had concerns about parking and the impact on parking.

They only heard objections linked to parking and those 12 spaces would be lost.

The petitions **purpose** is to indicate that over 500 PKC residents and over 1157 people in total are aware of the project and that it won't impact parking and they want the matter presented to the committee again so they can be aware of these facts.

https://www.change.org/p/councillor-murray-lyle-leader-of-perth-kinross-council-support-the-establishment-of-the-thai-wee-choo-choo-train-restaurant-in-pitlochry-87f97b2a-e5ca-4916-a5e7-709e295a3ddf?cs_tk=At_exWnKDdsgSQUeY2EAAXicyyvNyQEABF8BvMhyf1ZULF0K4ltQpgQB0vM%3D&utm_campaign=8c13d780c4c3432f8250af0d463f098f&utm_content=initial_v0_2_0&utm_medium=email&utm_source=recruit_sign_digest&utm_term=cs

The **outcome sought** is the committee rehear the matter with the facts that no parking loss can be achieved and that both supporters and objectors are heard.

From: Christina Flynn <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 at 13:34
To: Fergus [REDACTED]
Cc: Lynn Macdougall [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Petition: The Wee Choo-Choo

Dear Mr McCallum,

Councillor Lyle has forwarded your petition to me to take forward. Before I speak to senior officers in the Council and Councillor Lyle can I ask you to clearly state in no more than 250 words the purpose of your petition and details of the result you wish to achieve.

Kind regards
Christina

From: Fergus McCallum [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 October 2021 14:16
To: Councillor Murray Lyle [REDACTED]
Cc: Councillor John Duff <[REDACTED]> Mia McCallum [REDACTED]
Subject: The Wee Choo-Choo

Dear Convenor Lyle

You said you would get back to us after meeting us on the 8th of September to indicate if you could find a way forward but that has not happened yet.

I realise we are just three people however 1081 people have signed a petition in support of our project.

It is actually more as it is still online but we wanted to print it this morning and send it to you.

I accept not everyone of them is from Highland Perthshire some are tourists who want to visit the attraction and bring economic benefit to our town.

We have 478 signatures from resident within Perth and Kinross.

We have 625 that are from Scotland.

We have 774 that are from the UK.

We have 307 from all over the world including Europe, Australasia, USA , Canada and Asia.

This shows the enormous local support and the huge number of tourists who want this attraction.

We have tried to be as fair as possible and acknowledge that spaces would be lost but they would be replaced.

I realise you might not find our wording to be perfect but we did write to you on the 28 August 2021 to ask for feedback and offered to adapt it but you did not write back.

I know you said you were not supportive of disposing of car parking spaces but you did support disposing of Thimble Road and you would not be losing parking spaces we are replacing them the net loss is zero.

It is possible you might argue we did not offer the opportunity to oppose the project and that is because it is a petition not a survey.

Nothing impedes individuals opposing the project issuing a counter petition.

You said you would not bring the matter back to the committee unless new evidence emerged.

1 Your officials identified that this project is net zero in terms of space loss, you might argue this is not relevant to the general principle of leasing. I would argue it is because it demonstrates that if advertised at least one project could be space neutral. That is a new fact not heard by the committee.

2 I have prepared a transport audit this has not been seen by the committee.

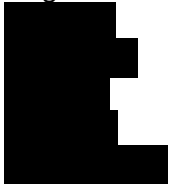
3 I sent in an economic impact assessment that has not been seen by the committee.

4 A petition has been received by you showing considerable support for the project.

Please will you list this to be heard at the next property sub-committee meeting.

Sincerely

Fergus McCallum

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Fergus McCallum