

To Full Council

Opposition Business Motion

Use of Section 106 Contributions

A section 106 agreement is an agreement between a developer and the Council about measures that the developer must take to reduce their impact on the community.

A section 106 agreement is designed to make a development possible that would otherwise not be possible, by obtaining concessions and contributions from the developer. It forms a section of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990.

They can be used to support the provision of services and infrastructure, such as highways, recreational facilities, education, health and affordable housing.

It was surprising to find in a recent planning applications, submitted by the Council, at a recent meeting of the Development & Control Committee that section 106 contributions were being used to commission pieces of art at the junction of Lynton Road and Thorpe Esplanade, Junction of Thorpe Hall Avenue and Burgess Road and land at Southchurch Park East in Lifstan Way.

In times of constraint and when there are various infrastructure improvements urgently required, we believe that these art commissions are inappropriate. Therefore,

This Council resolves that it should:

1. Never seek to use Development & Control as a means of implementing Council policy.
2. As the applicant of the above planning applications, withdraw these planning applications
3. Consult with members of this Council to reprovise spending on these art commissions to vital infrastructure projects.

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