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SHEPWAY VIEW

Members of the town council's planning committee, including Cllr. Alan Priest and Cllr. Andy Barrett, along with the council's planning officer, Andy Barrett, and the council's executive director of operations, Alan Priest, were at the meeting.

The council gave a presentation outlining the council's position and reasons for submitting the planning application for the Green, including the fact that the current proposals would result in a 25% increase in traffic, which would be required by highways and other agencies.

But Cllr. Alan Priest said he was concerned this had not included any potential for a road.

"That's a concern," he said. "We're not sure of what you're proposing for traffic. It should work the other way. Give us the full story."

A council spokesman said after the meeting's decision: "Hythe Town Council asked us, in July 2015, to consider building a leisure centre on The Green. We received a number of options and we are now looking to see the best location."



How we reported the Hythe Green debate two weeks ago

legality of the covenant that covers development of the Green. I need more information, but one thing I do know is that for over 150 years, generations of Hythe residents have believed that the Green has been a site, given to the community, to enhance their lifestyle, whether in poverty or riches, and for the town council to usurp this belief is disgusting.

The council seems to have a section that care more for themselves than for the people who elected them. They use the "silent majority" as a hammer to subdue the other members of council and the electorate as though they know each one of their thoughts and views, even though we know they couldn't care less what we think.

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Some councillors couldn't care less

As interested parties living near Hythe Green, we attended the town council meeting over the leisure centre plans.

The debate was a farce. The concerns of councillors regarding the time frame of events and the fact that they were being corralled into supporting a proposal that was supported by nothing other than innuendo was simply passed over.

The decision that was arrived at was unfair, unconstitutional and downright shaming on a council that is meant to represent the views and interests of their electorate.

I have been a resident of Hythe for 26 years and I want to see a leisure facility built, but time should not be the consideration.

I also admit that I'm not sure of the