

**Question to the Leader of the Council**

**By Councillor John Coyne**

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The Leader will recall his answer to a question on cold weather shelter for street homeless. He may also recall that he was provided with a draft by officers with the final paragraph as follows

*A prior planning application for using a community centre in Aigburth was withdrawn on the advice of the Planning Department as the location, which is positioned in a narrow residential cul-de-sac, was considered inappropriate as it was considered that the proposed use would adversely affect the residential amenity of the occupants of nearby existing residential properties.*

Why did he change that paragraph to the following one?

*A prior planning application for using a community centre in St Michaels ward was withdrawn on the advice of the Planning Department following opposition from local ward Councillors.*

Was the whole exercise in setting and answering the question merely an attempt to smear the Green Party councillors?

**Answer**

Executive Members at a Leader's Briefing meeting in October last year, were informed of objections to the Lark Lane application for a homeless hostel. The answer was given following information provided. I am not aware of the paragraph highlighted.

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