



Save Heaton Park

Our campaign to save a beautiful open part of
Heaton Park, becoming a private, pay to use
"Goals Soccer Centre"

Design by
Gausson Design

Planning Application 090370/FO/2009/N1 proposed sports development at Heaton Park

After taking legal advice we will not be asking for a Judicial Review regarding Manchester City Council's decision to approve Goals Soccer Centres plans to build a five-a-side centre in Heaton Park.

However we have been informed by Government Office North West that we have the right to make a formal complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman. We must firstly write to Sir Howard Bernstein Chief Executive at Manchester City Council with our complaints about the conduct of the Planning & Highways Committee held on the 11th February 2010. If we are unhappy with his findings we will then be able to appeal to the Local Government Ombudsman. If we feel there are grounds for an appeal we will contact you again soon with further details about appealing to the Local Government Ombudsman.

Please write or email **Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive, P.O. Box 532,
Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA**
H.BERNSTEIN@MANCHESTER.GOV.UK

When you write please mention the Planning Application 090370/FO/2009/N1 proposed sports development at Heaton Park. Don't hesitate to mention that if you are not happy with their reply that you will be considering appealing to the Local Government Ombudsman.

As well as writing your own complaint other areas of concern you may wish to consider are:

1. Refusal to hold a site visit, particular when they had agreed to visit Chorlton Meadows a similar but much smaller planning application. There was no consideration given to the large number of objections raised by the public and heritage bodies.
2. Omission of Garden History Society letter. The Garden History Society are a major consultee who objected to the plans. Their letter should have been in the report for the Planning & Highways Committee so their views could be properly considered. Instead it was brought to the attention of the committee by an objector.
3. We consider Councillor Lyons had a conflict of interest sitting on the Heaton Park Trust who supported Goals planning application as well as being a member of the Planning & Highways Committee hearing the planning application.
4. Absence of Councillor Joyce Keller who missed 15 minutes of the meeting only to come back and vote to approve the planning application.

The more people who complain the more pressure on Manchester City Council.