

Who am I? Why I'm Here!

- My Name is Hugh McClung
- Craigs Community Council in Stirling
- To highlight the lack of consultation
- To promote good awareness
- To facilitate communication between the parties concerned

The proposal?

- To build a new Homeless Hostel for single persons and young families
- To site the new facility to the North and East of an existing residential area in Stirling
- To accommodate additional extensions of Hostels in line with Govt. Housing Acts.

The Problem?

- At the rear of 32 O/o and rented accommodation
- Existing Homeless Unit to South of the same residential area
- Existing complex and new proposal in midst of an industrial estate

Community Council View 1.

- All residents consulted as per statutory notice including Craigs CC.
- No adverse detail which would deter from local plan
- Planning Authority recommending approval
- Vacant ground site

Community Council View 2

- Lack of consultation with resident
Community involved
- Community Council sympathised
with residents viewpoint
- Removal of stigma of nimby-ism,
unacceptable clientele etc.,

Result?

- Deputation from residents to CC meeting
- Meetings arranged by Cc for resident spokespersons, Planners and Councillors for the area
- Amicable agreements reached once discussions held.
- Unit on hold

This Means that:

- The Planning Authority need to consult better and sooner
- Relate to any sensitive issues (locale, clientele, construction, noise etc.)
- Ask for ideas from the affected community that would relate to safety, proper integration safeguards etc

Moral of the Story?

- More/earlier consultation
- Follow up discussion with outline proposals based on suggestions from Communities
- Ensure that planning outcomes are discussed – transport links/educational facilities etc
- Forward Thinking can save a lot of trouble