



Love Braunton has obtained a copy of White Cross' pre application enquiry dated 8 May 2024 and we are publicising the document as we believe that there is a legitimate community interest in what the applicant is proposing.

Government guidance suggests that local people should be involved in this process, but it is not something that North Devon Council do.

North Devon Council encourage applicants to seek advice ahead of submitting a formal planning application. Details of their service can be found at the link below:

<https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/pre-application-advice/pre-application-information>

At this point White Cross are only enquiring as to the acceptability of their proposal to North Devon Planning team. We do not know what North Devon's Planning team response is or will be. Therefore it is not known at this point as to whether there will be a formal planning application submitted along these lines in respect of a park and ride.

If the applicant does proceed with a formal submission to North Devon Council in relation to proposed use of an agricultural field as a Park and Ride facility at B3231, Saunton Road areas of concern would include:

- Residential amenity of neighbouring properties
- More loss of hedgerows for creation of access and visibility splays
- Another construction site in close proximity to a significant bat roost
- Drainage issues and additional water pollutant threat for marshes
- Unevidenced claims of supporting the tourist economy
- Unrealistic scenario for how the park and ride facility will be managed

If and when a formal application is made, Love Braunton will respond to North Devon Council Planning team. In the meantime we would encourage members of the public to make the Planning team aware of their views on the potential for such a scheme.

We would suggest that views could be submitted to planning@northdevon.gov.uk quoting White Cross Pre Application request Park and Ride