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Objection to David Lloyd spa gardens

David Lloyd is directly bordering Badock's Wood, and therefore anything it builds will deeply impact the wood and its wildlife.

Their report claims that "the risk of any protected species being affected by this development was very low"; however this seems very dubious, as they haven't fully assessed what impact they are likely to have. Badock's Wood is home to protected badgers, bats, and amber-listed tawny owls; all three of which will be negatively impacted by the proposed spa garden, even more so than the rest of the animals as they are nocturnal.

Before we even consider the impact that the spa garden alone will have, it's important to note that David Lloyd has also recently built floodlit padel courts and a sports bar. The cumulative impact of this will indubitably have a negative impact on Badock's Wood.

There are several ways in which this new infrastructure will negatively impact wildlife. Firstly, noise pollution. While a structure of this nature will obviously create noise, no new assessment has been done to even assess to what extent the wildlife will be affected. Secondly, climate change. Outdoor heating will unquestionably create pollution, and this new structure seems to clash with Bristol's energy goals.

Thirdly, artificial grass will have polluting runoff, both from the chemicals used to clean the grass and micro plastics from the artificial grass itself. It is also not even allowed, as the Local Plan Policy clearly states that "developments should not include artificial grass within their landscape schemes or as part of the provision of private or communal open space".

The BNG survey David Lloyd put out is also scientifically inaccurate, since it does not take into account the effect of creating nine new parkings spaces, which are now wildlife habitat. The Tree Report also fails to mention that trees will be removed to create said parking spaces.

I would also like to complain that this proposal went to the Planning Inspectorate instead of the Local Planning Authority. These spa gardens were originally part of a bigger project involving the aforesaid padel courts. However when that project was put up for committee, David Lloyd pulled back the gardens, and the two were therefore not considered together.