

PRESS RELEASE

OQ SAYS NO TO ECO TOWN

Anthony Crean QC has advised Weston Front (campaigning against the Weston Otmoor proposed Eco Town) that it is highly unlikely that planning permission will be granted for an Eco Town at Weston Otmoor.

In an devastating analysis of the law Mr Crean QC explains the hurdles which the promoters of the Eco Town must cross in order to obtain planning permission and then points out there is insufficient time before the next election for these steps to be undertaken. The Conservative Party have made it clear they will abandon the idea altogether.

Mr Crean also explains that there is nothing inevitable about the choice of Weston Otmoor for an Eco Town. The opinion points out that the law requires a comparison of alternative sites in order to select the best option.

The massive legal problems for the promoters of the Eco Town are made much worse by the Court action in the form of Judicial Review proceedings taken by the BARD Group which threatens to stall the process of bringing forward Eco Towns. Mr Crean QC has advised Weston Front that they should join in those court proceedings and this advice is being followed. The Judicial Review proceedings maintain that the decision to short list potential Eco Town sites is unlawful and should be quashed.

The full legal opinion is available at www.westonfront.com

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