

APPENDIX 3

Barham Park Lounge lease interviews, 21st August 2015.

Note from Panel.

We were delighted to see a range of positive proposals and thank all applicants for their time and commitment to the local community.

Friends of Barham. The Panel unanimously agreed that this was the strongest interview performance. They also noted that the bid performed less well in the pre-interview scoring phase. The Panel liked all the uses proposed, but they would have preferred for there to be more provision for activities for young people. The Panel have heard repeated concerns about ASB in the park and wider community and would ideally like this to be addressed by the winning bid.

Markaz Us Sunnah. The Panel strongly supported the ethos of this application, however based on the interview they felt that the organisation was not yet ready to take on this asset. The Panel were particularly surprised that a group with a strong commitment to deradicalisation did not have links to the Prevent programme.

Pivot Point. The Panel felt that this application was a strong fit with the needs of the local community, particularly as the interview performance placed considerable emphasis on activities for young people. The Panel also noted that it scored very well in the pre-interview phase. However the Panel had concerns about the apparently modest size of the childcare offer and the use of the building outside term time.

Science of Spirituality. The Panel noted that this application scored the highest in the pre-interview phase. The interview performance was also strong, but the Panel were concerned that although this group was well-organised and had an excellent ethos, their proposal did not contain as many linkages with the local community or as much use of the building as the Trust would like.