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IS THE COUNCIL DELIBERATELY DELAYING THE DECISION ON CONSERVATION STATUS FOR THE COUNTIES AND GROVE PARK ESTATES?

Our residents are becoming increasingly frustrated by the inexplicable delay in making a decision over the granting of conservation status in areas of the two Estates. Concern is turning to anger as the community is now beginning to feel that the planning process is being deliberately manipulated to allow the decision on Telford's planning application for Chepstow to be made before the site can receive the protection afforded by conservation status.

Having paid consultants to undertake the work to assess our area's eligibility for conservation status and received their conclusion that conservation status ought to be granted in November 2008, the process is being stalled. Rumours are circulating that the Council is determined to avoid having another public inquiry, at all costs.

Our councillors have pledged themselves to help protect our local environment but if the decision on conservation is delayed until after the Regulatory Committee has decided on Telford's planning application, then these will be empty promises.