

**BRFC/UWE Stadium
Planning Application Ref: PT12/0888/F**

Summary of Public Comments Received by 31 May 2012

This planning application has generated an extremely high level of public interest: a total of 1187 individual public comments have been counted by 31 May 2012. However, due to the very large number of comments displayed on the Council's website, it has been difficult to analyse the outcome of the response statistically.

A number of comments have been made regarding the integrity of the responses and whether those commenting are South Gloucestershire residents and/or Bristol Rovers fans.

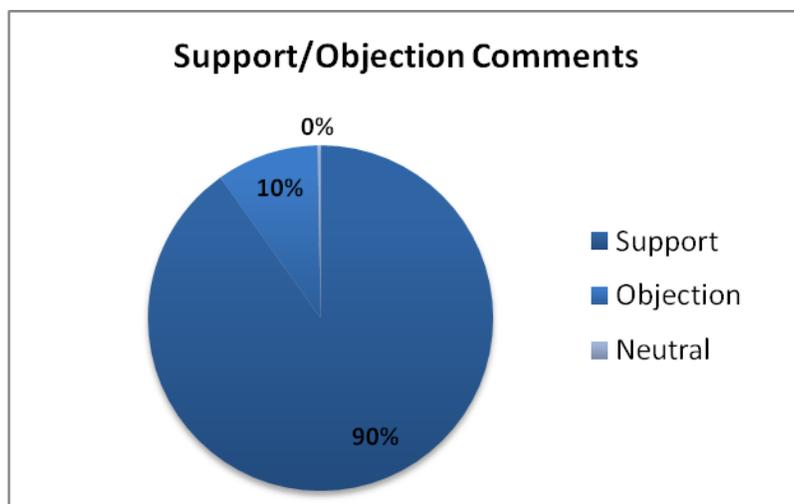
The applicant believes that all comments are relevant, and in relation to this particular application, it is possible to reside outside of the South Gloucestershire administrative boundary and be in far closer proximity to the application site than many South Gloucestershire residents.

Notwithstanding this, it is clear that an analysis of the comments would be beneficial to all parties in understanding the general public response to the application.

Below is a summary of the comments received from individual members of the public and residents (as opposed to statutory consultees or businesses and organisations). It should be noted that the analysis is based only on the information provided in the comments and where a person has made more than one comment, that person has only been counted once.

Support/Objection

In summary, the application has received overwhelming support overall. **Of the total 1187 comments received, 1070 (90%) are in support, and 114 are objections.** 3 people submitted neutral comments.



Resident of South Gloucestershire?

The below table demonstrates the proportion of supporters and objectors that reside within, or outside of, the South Gloucestershire boundary. 487 of the total comments submitted were from South Gloucestershire residents.

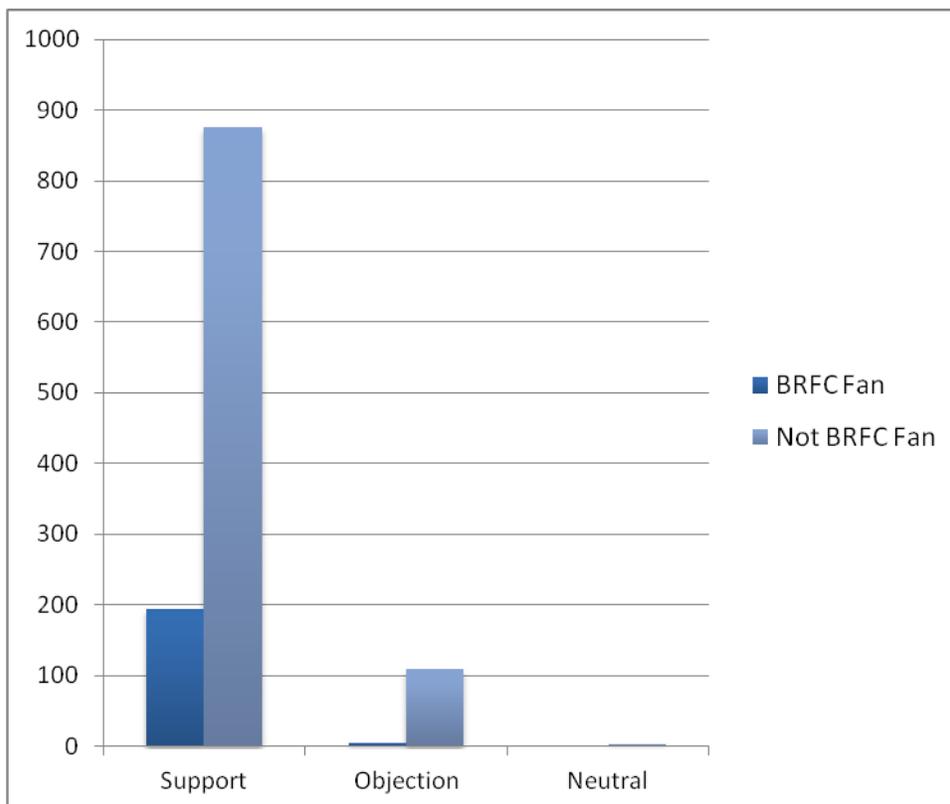
South Gloucestershire Resident	Support	Objection	Neutral	Total
Yes	410	76	1	487
No	660	38	2	700

A marginal majority (62%) of the supporters of the application reside outside of the administrative boundary of South Gloucestershire.

Of the 487 South Gloucestershire residents that submitted comments, again, an overwhelming majority (84%) are in support of the stadium application. 410 submitted supporting comments and 76 (16%) submitted objections.

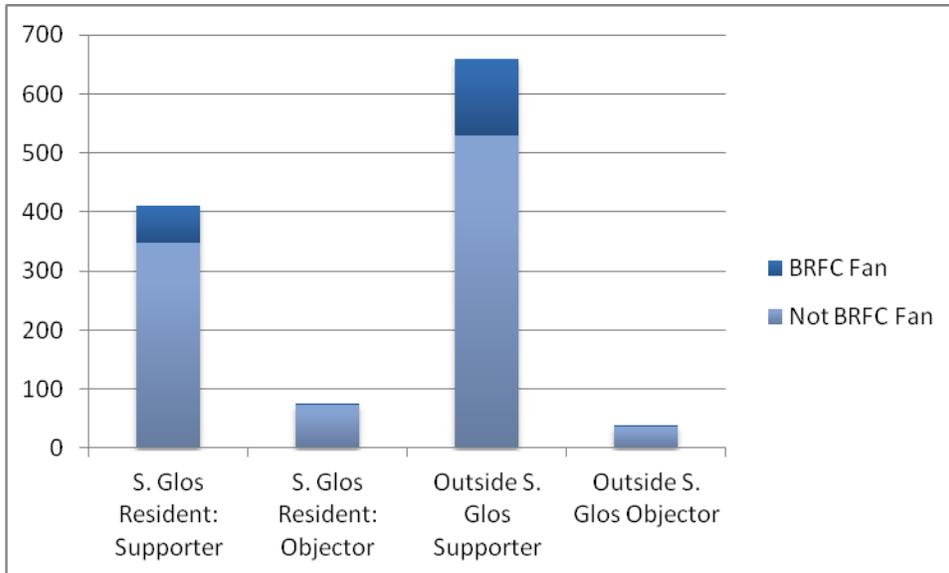
Bristol Rovers Fans

4 of the objectors and 194 of the supporters stated that they were Bristol Rovers fans. Therefore, the majority of the comments (876 in support and 194 objections) were not from Bristol Rovers fans.



It has previously been commented that the results may be skewed by the number of BRFC fans and residents outside of South Gloucestershire that have commented on the application.

The below graph demonstrates that if you were to only consider the opinions of South Gloucestershire residents, who have not stated that they are a BRFC fan, there would still be overwhelming support for the stadium.



Summary and Conclusions

The above analysis demonstrates that the general response to the application is one of overwhelming support. Although a large number of people have commented that reside outside of the administrative boundary for South Gloucestershire, if these were discounted the response would still be in support of the application. The same can be said for Bristol Rovers fans.