

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF DISTINGTON BIG LOCAL**

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**1. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

The Board has listened carefully to local opinion on the planning application that was submitted in March 2021, and therefore asked the planning authority to pause the planning process whilst the Board took legal advice from this firm and considered the best way forward. The Board has now withdrawn the planning application.

**2. THE POSITION OF CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Following consultation with Local Trust, the current Board members now understand that they are required to remain in place until 16 July 2021 to fulfil the contractual agreement with Local Trust and meet their other legal obligations. The Board are working to a timetable and, as part of that process, the Board is currently taking legal advice on a range of different issues.

**3. NEW MEMBERS**

Several individuals have expressed an interest in becoming members of Distington Big Local. This is welcomed by the current Board. The Board are keen to encourage more individuals to step forward, and will contact those who have already expressed an interest shortly as part of a planned programme of transition.

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