

To whom it concerns,

I wish to make the following observation in respect of the above application by the Church of Scientology. While I have no objection to the regularising of the position at the site to enable access to Council maintenance vehicles, I am opposed in principle to this private registered company providing play equipment in a Council park in circumstances in which there is considerable international controversy around this body, which has neither charitable nor religious status, and which is legally defined in some jurisdictions as a cult and widely regarded elsewhere to be highly problematic in terms of its methods and aims. To afford such an organisation the opportunity to provide play equipment would amount to a tacit acceptance of and legitimisation of that organisation by a local authority which would be undesirable and as such, SDCC should adopt a neutral position and should not, on any view, invite or indeed permit the provision of community infrastructure by this company in a public park.

Regards