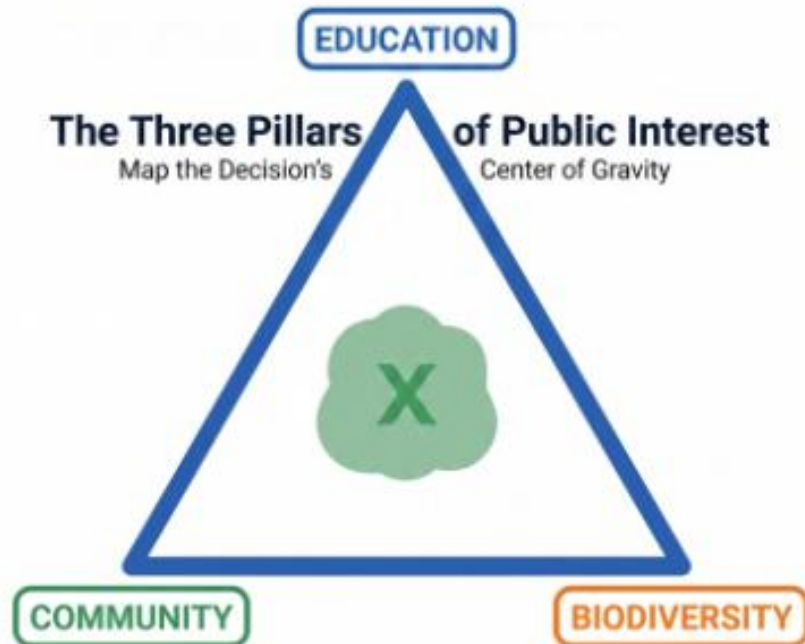


The Story using a Public Assurance Framework

The Sensemaking Triad: A New Standard for Public Decisions

Shift public decision-making from "following a checklist" to "understanding the system balance" through a visual dashboard.

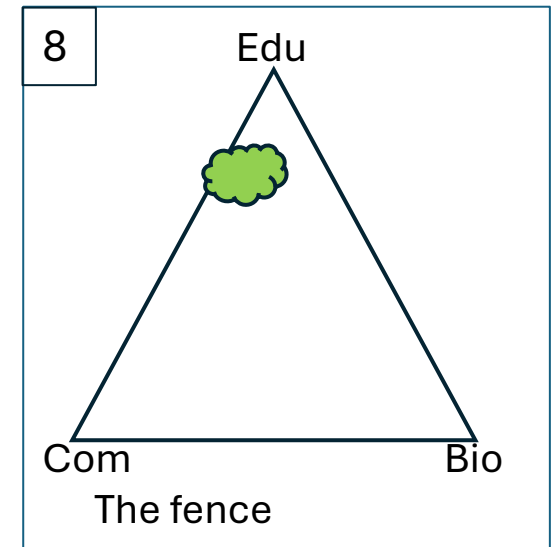
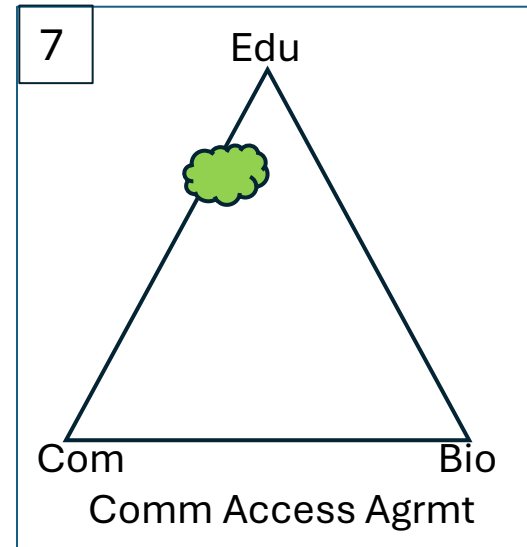
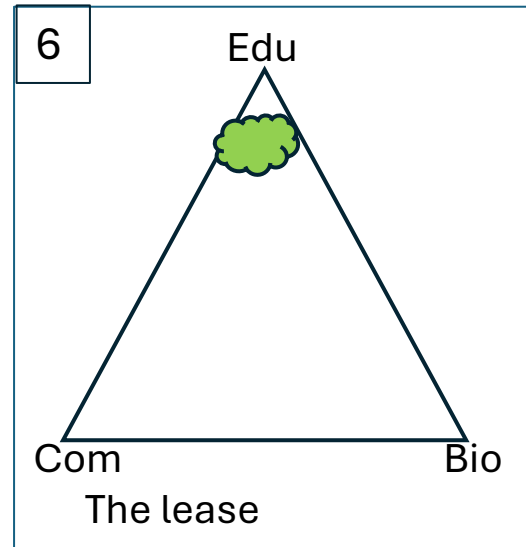
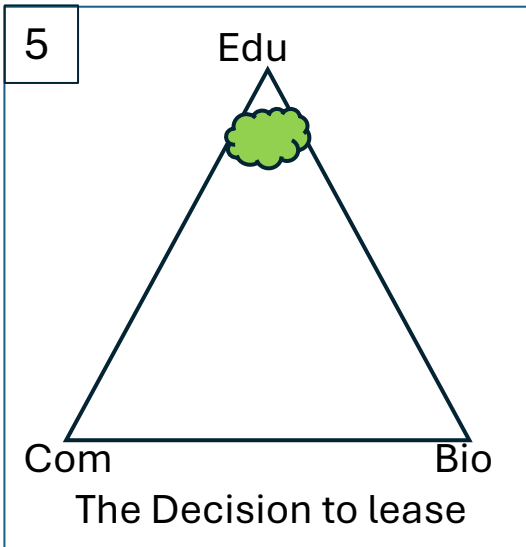
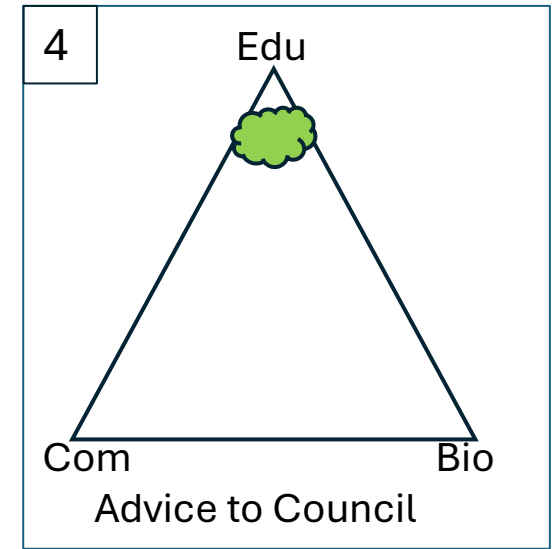
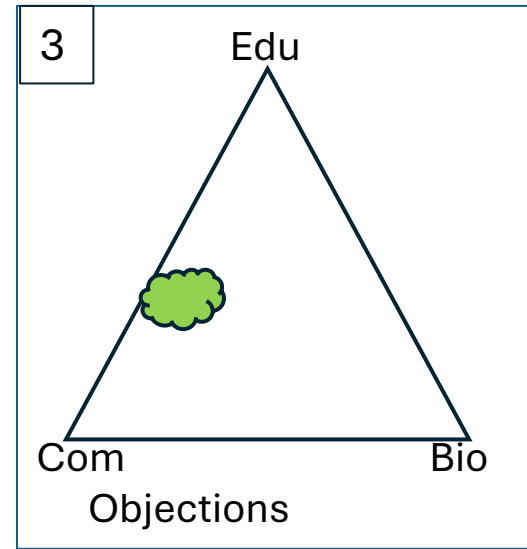
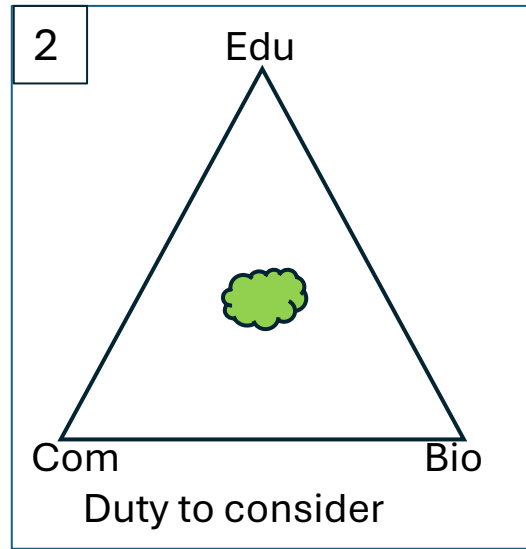
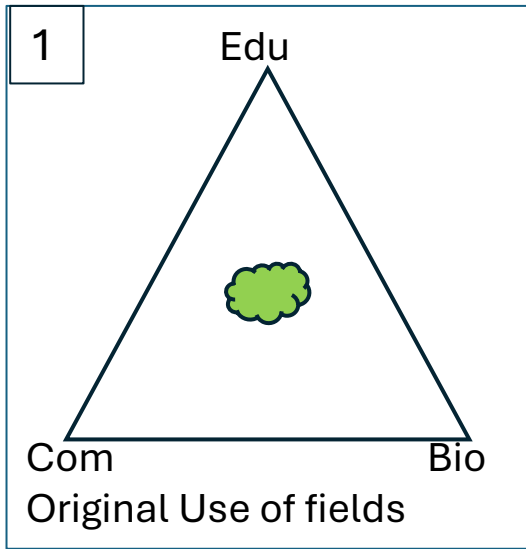


An example of how we might use the proposed Public Assurance Framework to make sense of the Werrington Fields Story.

Triads should be completed for each stage of the process so that we can better understand the evidence that is made available, to improve public decision making.

Optionally, AI can then be used to review each stage to make sure that the triads are not biased or missing key evidence.

The story in 8 Triads



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1. All three had unrestricted access to the fields
2. Duty to consider all three incl new LNRS
3. Most objections preferred a compromise. Low on Biodiversity
4. Advice constrained by “lease not a fence”
5. Decision led by litigation not by ‘duty to consider’
6. Very weak on Biodiversity
7. Sports access with little or no walking, informal recreation or Biodiversity responsibilities
8. Biodiversity unfriendly fence with locked gates

Insights

1. Shared open use for 40 years
2. Council has legal duties to consider but can choose to ignore
3. Objectors do not represent Biodiversity, so who does?
4. Council need to know all evidence to make decision
5. Decision balance of duties needs to be made visible
6. Lease had legal responsibilities eg LNRS that were 'forgotten'
7. Access options were never considered. Equality issues.
8. Fence options not considered. Avoided planning permission

Questions

1. Why was 40 years of access suddenly ignored?
2. How can statutory duties 'to consider' be 'forgotten' ?
3. Why has Biodiversity such low importance to objectors?
4. Why does summary of objections play such important part?
5. Why has Biodiversity no representation beyond statutory duties?
6. Why is lease so rigid, unflexible and unadaptable?
7. Why was Community Access not negotiated and Council published values on Equality eg elderly and infirm, completely ignored?
8. Why was it so important that a 2.4m fence, already purchased, needed to be cut down to 2m to not need planning permission?

Solutions

- Make the balance at each stage visible using something like this public assurance framework.
- If everyone can understand the system balance using a dashboard like warning light it can guide better decision making and stress the importance of statutory duties.