

Appendix D

Transcript of the Planning Committee Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2007

The transcription attached relates to the comments made by Councillor Tidmarsh at the Planning Committee Meeting in relation to Planning Application B/2007/0498.

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Representatives for the Applicant and the Objector made oral statements.  
Mr. Naveed was the Applicant and owner of Cross Roads Garage. His representative was Mr. Skidmore.  
Mr. Narang was the Objector and the owner of Country Forge. His representative was Mr. Vick,

I just wonder how the developer can interpret so freely, the planning approval that was given to him and I am not favouring approval for this. I am favouring the retention of the building as it is. Despite the fact it's in the centre of the Green Belt, but with a very, very substantial penalty and compensation to the other injured parties

*Mr. Tidmarsh*

Someone speaking but can't make out what is being said

Don't think you can do that, you've got to keep it in planning terms

Someone speaking but can't make out what is being said

Yes, yes

Can you put your mike on so the public can hear ?

I was quite impressed when I saw the front of this building, it's got the makings of a prestigious building

Someone speaking but can't make out what is being said

Maybe, but I'm just talking about the building. The, I cannot for the life of me understand how, as Councillor Tidmarsh said, it got to the stage that it got, without someone flagging up the problems or the diversions which are taking place. It's beyond the wit of man to let something go to that extent without someone saying there's a problem. Now what happened ? There's a lot of money, obviously, been thrown at this property and now, because of someone's fault it's all going to have to come down, possibly.

I'd like to go back to some years ago when it was the original Cross Ways Garage, which was to say the least, was an eyesore, and this property I think has enhanced the area and the fact that it's just **bulking** up on the one elevation I don't think is justification for knocking it down

Councillor Tidmarsh, do you want to comment ?

...The opportunity to speak again. Perhaps there are no facilities to enable some punishment to be levied on the developer. Could it be possible for the Head of Planning to act as a negotiator and, if it was possible for some agreed compensation acceptable to the Council and to the other injured party, if we could defer the decision, that seems to me probably the most sensible solution. Thank you

*Mr. Tidmarsh*  
*Chairman*

I'm afraid you can't do that Councillor Tidmarsh, it's, they've contravened the Planning Approval that was originally given. Councillor Scurrrell you...

Mr Chairman I...

Even if it was possible to compensate the guy who lives next door, what about me as a citizen, this is my Green Belt, how am I, how shall I be compensated

for over development in the Green Belt, which clearly this is ? It goes way beyond the Planning permission and the brief granted three years ago. The question of compensation as far as I'm concerned doesn't arise

It doesn't, it's not it's not a Planning consideration

Thank you ????

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Yes, ...so Councillor Lewis and Councillor Peters...

I refrain

You refrain

Councillor Lewis

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Thank you, any other comments ?

Right so the recommendation is that permission be refused and appropriate action so secure the removal of the unauthorised structure, and the Authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Environmental Services to select the appropriate course of action. All those in favour of that recommendation please show... ..thank you

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...the builder, that's up to the Developer whether he ought to chance his arm, but

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That's up to him but the recommendation, the Officers recommendation is carried. Thank you