

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 July 2023 17:59
To: PLServices <plservices@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question re dev application 23/00450/FUL

Dear Richard, all

We note the amended plan/additional info received for the application referenced above (Burrough Green).

On review of the documents it is unclear what the updates to the site plan and landscaping actually are. Please can this be clarified - do the proposed changes only relate to tree planting/removal, or have other things been changed?

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 August 2023 13:10
To: Catherine Looper <Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Cc: Burrough Green Parish Council (SMTP) <clerk@burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 19/00708/DISB

Dear Catherine

It appears that the original wild flower area that was detailed for the new houses has now become a swale pond right next to [REDACTED] at some point (see attached). We were not informed of this major change to the site plan. The new swale pond area is right next to the children's play area for the sanctuary houses and thus will put any children playing near it at danger of drowning. The sanctuary houses discharge their water in to a wavin crate system that is underground and grassed over. This would be a much better solution for the discharge of the new houses surface water. Please can you review this major change to the site plan and let me know the results.

Best regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 9:24 AM
To: [REDACTED] Richard Fitzjohn
<Richard.Fitzjohn@eastcambs.gov.uk>; Catherine Looper
<Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Cc: PLServices <plservices@eastcambs.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: CORRESPONDENCE FOR PLANNING APPLICATION
23/00450/FUL
Importance: High

Dear Mr Fitzjohn and Ms Looper

Unfortunately, it has got to a stage that you are now causing substantial delay and embarrassment to us.

I called yesterday and left a message for someone to contact me with regard to the East Cambridge planning departments complaints procedure.

We have been diligent every step of the way with your department. Whenever information has been requested, we have provided it.

[REDACTED] has copied us into all correspondence with you and there does not appear to have been a timely a courteous response back to him after all his chasing. Your requests for multiple extensions of time have been granted until now.

We are in regular contact with the Parish Council who we are aware have not had an issue with the revisions and are actually being quite supportive.

We are trying to do some good in the built environment by producing Beyond Net Zero Carbon homes which the council could have been showing off as a showcase development.

As requested in my telephone call with the switch board yesterday, can you please forward me your complaints procedure unless you can provide a definitive response to our minor revision planning application.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 3:51 PM
To: Catherine Looper <Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; Richard Fitzjohn <Richard.Fitzjohn@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Cc: PLServices <plservices@eastcambs.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: CORRESPONDENCE FOR PLANNING APPLICATION
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Dear Catherine

Following our discussion, I am happy to hold at this stage.

Please update me on Monday following your meeting.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:56 AM
To: 'Catherine Looper' <Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: CORRESPONDENCE FOR PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00450/FUL

Hi Catherine

I am on site for the next two days.

Can you please let me know what the response was regarding the meeting yesterday?

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 4:58 PM
To: Catherine Looper <Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: CORRESPONDENCE FOR PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00450/FUL

Dear Catherine

Note I haven't copied anyone else in.

Further to our conversation on Friday, have you anymore news following your meeting today?

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 9:03 AM
To: Richard Fitzjohn <Richard.Fitzjohn@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 23/00450/FUL

Dear Mr Fitzjohn,

Attached is an email I sent you a week ago regarding the housing development in Burrough Green.

I'm not entirely surprised that you haven't replied but a polite acknowledgement would be appreciated.

What is the current status of the planning application please?

Yours sincerely,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 24 Sept 2023 17:35
Subject: 23/00450/FUL
To: Richard.Fitzjohn@eastcambs.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Fitzjohn,

I am resident at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I have had no reason to raise any concerns thus far; my understanding was that planning was granted for single storey dwellings.

As the weeks have gone by, it has become clear that the developers have had no intention of building single storey houses and have instead constructed a huge house that is at least 1.5 storeys high.

I'm a lay person, I don't understand planning matters, but really? How can this happen? How do these people ride rough shod over communities and just do what they want?

In addition, a massive pile of mud has appeared at the end of the site [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes, they are that high! Do you know what is going to happen to this newly formed hill?

I understand that our Parish Council and our District Council have raised concerns but it would be great to have some transparency from your department as to what the future holds. It seems to me, that if you've got enough money and ambition you can build what you like with no comeback.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Catherine Looper <Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr Alan Sharp <Alan.Sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Burrough Green

Dear Ms Looper,

I have sent the attached emails to Mr Fitzjohn who I believe works in your department (I found his contact details on a letter sent to the developers in July). I haven't had any reply. Maybe he was the wrong person to contact? Who knows?

Today, the developers are hosting a lovely event (complete with a posh marquee) in the village pub selling their dream 1.5 storey homes - and I can't find any planning permission granted for these houses anywhere! Have I missed it?

What are the next steps in this process? Who has oversight and the final say? Are the developers really allowed to build houses that are much bigger than they applied for?

So many questions, I know, but they do need answering by somebody.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:00 AM
To: Catherine Looper <Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: CORRESPONDENCE FOR PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00450/FUL

Dear Catherine

I note that I haven't had a response to my last email.

Can you please let me know or contact me to discuss the results of your meeting.

Though we have slowed works on site, neighbours are aware of the planning issue and were quite vocal about it yesterday.

We want to get this resolved and believe we have done everything in good faith.

Regards

[Redacted signature]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 9:17 AM
To: Catherine Looper <Catherine.Looper@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Cc: Richard Fitzjohn <Richard.Fitzjohn@eastcambs.gov.uk>; [Redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: CORRESPONDENCE FOR PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00450/FUL
Importance: High

Dear Catherine

It has been another 2 weeks since we heard from you.

[Redacted] our planning consultant, since getting back from annual leave has also been trying to speak with you.

We have sought legal advice and the certificate of lawfulness should not be holding up the new planning permission.

We also believe that the explanation you gave previously is wrong. All of the information that was pre commencement was issued to the council well before we made our physical start on site.

The only information then submitted in October was the proof that we had made a start with evidenced dated photographs.

Our biggest issue throughout this whole process since March 2022 has been the time delay in anyone at the council getting back to us in a timely manner.

If we do not get a response within the next 24 hours that I request the councils full complaints procedure as we aren't receiving any viable updates or information on what exactly is causing the hold up with the certificate of lawfulness and our planning permission.

This is now getting extremely embarrassing for us with both our investors, senior debt funders and the neighbours in Burrough Green

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:19:36 PM
To: Cllr Alan Sharp <Alan.Sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 23/00450/FUL

Copy of my response FYI.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 26 Oct 2023 19:18
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 23/00450/FUL
To: Richard Fitzjohn <Richard.Fitzjohn@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Fitzjohn,

Thank you very much for your response.

This really is quite incredible.

From what I understand, the developers have already managed to construct a 1.5 storey house in the wrong place on the plot with windows that overlook a property in Church Lane; have nearly completed a second house which will overlook the first house; are about to begin 3 further houses, one of which is too close to homes in Sheriffs Court and they have no valid ecological assessment.

Wow.

All this with no planning permission and no date for a planning committee to meet?

Do the developers seriously think that if they just carry on, East Cambs will merely shrug and turn a blind eye?

Is this normal for development in East Cambs?

Surely, for the benefit of everyone this issue needs sorting out quickly.

I will just mention, there is a regular stream of lorries and trucks delivering materials to the site. Due to the very small access road, the developers put cones on the highway to stop current residents parking so they can get their cranes and lorries in. Elderly residents cannot park outside of their bungalows. The lorries often clip the kerbs and this is damaging them. But hey, I'm sure that's fine too!!

Mr Fitzjohn, I do appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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