

Appendix 1

Formal complaint and email

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By Email

13/04/23

Dear Claire,

We, the undersigned, wish to make a formal complaint regarding what we consider to be the unacceptable content of the email from Cllr Nicholas Housden to Cllr Martin Baxendale and Nick Gardiner-Clark dated 20th March 2023 (copy attached).

We request that you investigate the email's content as a breach of the council's member/officer protocol.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine LeCointe
Head of Development Management
Directorate of Place

Nick Gardiner-Clark
Senior Planning Officer
Directorate of Place

Cllr Martin Baxendale
Chair of Development Control Committee

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Chief Executive: Kathy O'Leary

Gardiner, Nick

From: _CLLR_Housden, Nicholas
Sent: 20 March 2023 16:52
To: _CLLR_Baxendale, Martin; Gardiner, Nick
Subject: Re: Request to call in a planning application - S.23/0293/PIP

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Hi Martin / Nick,

I think this is outrageous and it effectively mitigates any support members can give to developments within the areas they know best. This action from SDC only shows how broken the planning department is.

It is a disgrace and I will be taking this to the press immediately after discussing with the applicant, highlighting yet again that SDC's planning department is simply not fit for purpose, to turn down a development that supports the most vulnerable in society without it even being allowed to be debated at DCC is nothing short of shambolic.

Kind regards,

Nick Housden

District Councillor

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From: _CLLR_Baxendale, Martin <cllr.martin.baxendale@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 March 2023 14:05
To: _WEB_DCC.referrals <DCC.referrals@stroud.gov.uk>; _CLLR_Housden, Nicholas <Cllr.Nicholas.Housden@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Request to call in a planning application - S.23/0293/PIP

Dear Cllr Housden,

I discussed your request to call in planning application S.23/0293/PIP to DCC with the Head of Development Management, but there was only one public consultation response on the file, which is not enough to meet the call-in requirement in the SDC constitution that an application may only go to DCC if it has given rise to substantial public interest.

The public consultation period had officially ended but I waited until the last minute before an officer decision was to be made, to see if any further public interest was expressed on the file, but it wasn't.

The application will therefore be determined by the officer panel by tomorrow's date, and I understand that it will be refused.

Kind regards,

Martin Baxendale (Chair of DCC)

From: SDC Email <website.email@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 March 2023 15:35
To: _WEB_DCC.referrals <DCC.referrals@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: Request to call in a planning application

Name: Cllr Nicholas Housden

Email address: cllr.nicholas.housden@stroud.gov.uk

You are: Local Ward Member

Application reference number: S.23/0293/PIP

Application address:

Reliance Works,
Downton Road,
Bridgend,
Stonehouse,
Gloucestershire,
GL10 2AT

Application case officer: Nick Gardiner-Clark

Planning reasons for call in request:

Planning reasons for call in request:

No Highways Objection

Support from local Town Council

Well established need with Local Plan

No issue - Environmental Health

No flood risk issue

Naturespace no objection

NPPF 120C,

Local Plan Policies CP1 and CP3

Policy EI1