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Mr Roberts

New Administration and new Planning and Planning Policy Committee but same old same o vis a vis disingenuous and misleading reports and decisions by you and your Officers under delegated powers.

I will be appealing against the attached decision made under delegated powers and will be requesting that the appeal is heard by way of an Inquiry and based on the Briefing Panel Report to your members, the attached delegated decision report and the report to your members on 26 May seeking to rewrite the approved minutes of two previous meetings of the Committee (most notably item b) and the currently undetermined Landings application, I will be seeking my costs. Therefore can I suggest that you arrange for a lawfully convened Special Planning Committee to properly review your decision in respect of F/1/21 PL and confirm whether or not they wish to defend any appeal or alternatively invite a resubmission. In this regard it may also serve you well if you reviewed your current approach to decision making by determining applications made on the basis of their planning merits rather than on the basis of who is making them as you do now.

Can I also suggest that you withdraw the disingenuous and frankly dishonest report to your members at the unlawfully convened 26 May Planning Committee meeting (the minutes of the two previous Development Control committees are a matter of public record and clearly did not arise as a result of a clerical error as now claimed and cannot be rewritten by a new Committee meeting some 2 months later) and arrange for the new Planning Policy Committee currently arranged for 1st June to reconsider the Ford masterplan as this is and always has been a policy matter that falls outside of the remit of the Planning Committee in any case.

I also suggest that the new Planning Committee (at the first available lawfully convened meeting) revisits the issue of the Officers scheme of delegation because the wide ranging powers currently given to you and Mr Crowther are clearly inappropriate as you have both proven to be incapable of exercising those powers sensibly or with any degree of judgement, openness, honesty or transparency and the resulting decisions and approach you adopt are bringing ADC (regardless of the Political party supposedly in charge) into wide spread disrepute with the Community you are supposed to serve.

In this regard can I also suggest that given the new administration's declared intent to 'revisit' the Local Plan the new Planning Policy Committee gives consideration to do so properly by amending the LDS adopted by the previous administration and reviews its approach to the Local Plan Review before proceeding with the seriously flawed review process inappropriately recommended by you and agreed by the previous administration and/or considering the hopelessly flawed batch of Officer reports as now proposed.

Based on past experience I have no expectation that you will do any of the above or indeed respond to this e mail in any meaningful way and no hope that Members will either (particularly with regard to the Local Plan and policy issues) given that the Chairman of the new Planning Policy Committee is the same Councillor Bower who championed the currently flawed and failed Local Plan and continues to do so despite the self-evident mess it has created but ever the optimist I thought I would give it a go and give you and your members fair warning. These issues are not going to go away by changing the administration but the new administration now has a clear opportunity to start putting matters right in the interests of the Community they serve and I suggest they take that opportunity.

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