

Belgrave Leicester Residents Group

Subject : Re: Belper Street Development

Date : 12 December 2017 19:06

From : Belper Street Leicester <belgraveleicesterresidents@gmail.com>
To : Grant Butterworth - Planning Director <grant.butterworth@leicester.gov.uk>; Cllr Ted Cassidy <ted.cassidy@leicester.gov.uk>
Cc : Cllr Piara Singh Clair <piara.singhclair@leicester.gov.uk>; Jon Evans <jon.evans@leicester.gov.uk>; Andrew L Smith <andrewl.smith@leicester.gov.uk>; Ian Robertson <ian.robertson@leicester.gov.uk>; Claire Spokes <claire.spokes@leicester.gov.uk>; Cllr Manjula Sood <Manjula.Sood@leicester.gov.uk>; Cllr John Thomas <john.thomas@leicester.gov.uk>; "VAZ, Keith" <keith.vaz.mp@parliament.uk>

Please note the corrections to our email below in **BLUE**

Mukesh

On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 6:48 PM, Belper Street Leicester <belgraveleicesterresidents@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Keith,

Thank you for bcc copy of your communications with LCC. It has been helpful as we only had two email notes to the change but no details or background.

Dear Cllr Cassidy and Mr. Butterworth,

BLRG feels very disappointed and is greatly aggrieved in the manner the residents are being treated by LCC. As lay people and non-professionals, BLRG is doing it's best to meet the planning process to make sure we are able to have our objections and impact properly dealt with. Could you please explain the following.

1. Cancellation of the meeting - From BLRG's reading of the amended report, little has changed other than the reduction in hours. In what way was this significant for suspending the meeting tomorrow? Were there any other issues that we have missed? Please note BLRG representatives and members will be attending the meeting tomorrow and **EXPECT** to be heard by the planning meeting.

2. Legal Advice - What areas/issues did you feel you needed legal advice on now but was not deemed necessary before today? Can we have details **OF MEETINGS**, written and oral **COMMUNICATIONS** on this?

3. Objections - As per the Email from Ms. Alka Brahmhatt today, please accept this as a formal objection. We have already supplied you full details before and once we have your responses to the questions here and also addressed to you last week we will review and respond accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Mukesh Naker
BLRG Communications Officer

Belgrave Leicester Residents Group

On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 3:09 PM, VAZ, Keith <keith.vaz.mp@parliament.uk> wrote:
Dear Grant

Sorry but this is totally shambolic. Normally you and your team are so brilliant.

I shall be present with the Ward Councillors at the meeting as arranged and I will exercise the speaking rights that I have been promised. The last planning meeting I attended was I think 10 years ago.

I would be grateful if you could let me have a list and copies of all correspondence between your department and the applicant. If this is not provided I will put in an FOI. The applicant has had ample time to make all the amendments and has failed to do so. The Report written by Officers was excellent. Please forward a copy of the legal advice you received.

Many hours of my time and the time of the residents have gone into this issue because you have asked for our views. This cannot be pulled at the last minute in this way. The public is entitled to a full and complete explanation not a hand out.

I suggest you and the Chair of Planning give us a proper explanation at the meeting. That is the correct thing to do. The residents will suspect something is being done behind closed doors. It is essential that there is full transparency.

I look forward to seeing you on tomorrow. I am happy to speak beforehand if you would like to do so.

Thank you as always for your prompt responses.

With best wishes

Keith Vaz

RT Hon Keith Vaz MP
Member of Parliament for Leicester East

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From: Grant Butterworth <grant.butterworth@leicester.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:14 am

Subject: RE: Belper Street Development

To: VAZ, Keith <keith.vaz.mp@parliament.uk>

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Hello Mr Vaz-

at 1116 yesterday morning the applicants changed the hours of use proposed and the nature of the prayer room use.

On legal advice the council decided that views of all parties be sought on the amended proposal by means of a re-consultation which we will be publicising formally shortly. This means a decision on the application will now not be made until a planning Cttee in the New year. A press release will be issued today and notifications to all those who have corresponded with the council will also be issued.

Last night as soon as the decision was made to withdraw the item from the agenda Democratic Services staff were requested to notify all those who had registered to speak including yourself as soon as possible. Members of the Cttee were also informed. I am sorry if this message has reached another party before you but can assure you this was not intentional.

I am also sorry for any inconvenience but am afraid the deferral is really beyond the councils control.

We will seek to publicise the deferral as best we can and any assistance your office may be able to offer to people contacting you would be appreciated.

Grant Butterworth
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Sent from my Windows 10 phone

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From: [VAZ, Keith](#)

Sent: 11 December 2017 22:45

To: [Grant Butterworth](#)

Cc: [Cllr Piara Singh Clair](#)

Subject: Belper Street Development

Dear Grant

I have just received a telephone call from a Leicester resident that the Belper Street Application has been withdrawn by the Council as an Agenda item on Wednesday at 5.30pm.

I had reorganised my Diary to be in Leicester for the meeting. 300 residents had also been informed and were planning to attend this meeting.

Could you please let me know why someone who is not even a local resident has been given this information whereas local residents and myself have not been informed of these developments.

Who will now inform local residents of this change of plan ? At present I shall still be there on Wednesday and expect to speak on behalf of residents about this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Keith Vaz

RT Hon Keith Vaz MP

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