Emails subsequent to Town Hall Meeting 25th Nov (explanation in italics)

from: Michael Dawson

to: Principal Planning Officer 26 November 2013 15:29 date: subject: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov

Dear Peter

Please find attached a copy of the picture showing the ferry protruding out of the structure on River Drive, mentioned yesterday at our meeting.

Please send me a copy of the drawing you referred to yesterday.

regards Mick Dawson

Att. 000\_0001[1].JPG 658K - photo showing ferry is too long for the shed

From: Principal Planning Officer

To: Michael Dawson

Date: Tue. 26 Nov 2013 16:18:37 +0000

Subject: RE: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Hello Mr Dawson – thanks for the photo – in terms of the drawing that you want copying which one was it?

Best regards

Principal Planning Officer

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From: Michael Dawson To: Principal Planning Officer

Subject: RE: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2013 18:31:12 +0000

Hello again - the large one, A2 possibly, that you showed to the representatives from the TGA.

regards Mick Dawson

From: Michael Dawson [mailto:Michael Dawson]

Sent: 27 November 2013 10:52 To: Principal Planning Officer

Subject: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov

Sorry Peter, I meant to ask you to send me a copy of the minutes of Monday 25th meeting, could you forward them along with the requested drawing please.

regards Mick Dawson

From: Principal Planning Officer To: Michael Dawson

Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2013 13:04:52 +0000

Subject: RE: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Hello – I attach a copy of the plan and a copy of the grant of planning permission to which this drawing refers.

I was invited to attend this meeting so I did not take any minutes

Best regards

Peter

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from: Michael Dawson to: Cllr John Anglin

date: 28 November 2013 19:01 subject: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov

Dear Councillor

Thank you for arranging the meeting of Monday 25th, please could you send a copy of the minutes.

regards

Michael Dawson

From: Cllr John Anglin To: Michael Dawson

Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2013 18:37:40

Subject: RE: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov

Michael

I took no minutes as is customary at these informal meetings. For your record I am sure all would agree :

- 1. The Exec representatives of the Group accepted that the construction had been made legally as per drawings seen.
- 2. The Exec representatives accepted that Items 3 and 4 which had not been complied with by the building company previously had now been properly addressed.
- 3. Concern was expressed that the building as approved would be unfit for purpose ( eg not big enough to take in the Ferryboat ) but this was accompany problem until/ or if, additional construction was made.
- 4. Concern was expressed as to the fact that there had been rumours that the Company was preparing to apply for further Planning Permission for at least one more building of about the same size.

It was agreed that until Planning Permission was requested no other action or re-action could be made by the Council. Indeed, that if a request was made the final decision could end up being made by persons from outside the Borough.

Best Regards John From: Michael Dawson Michael Dawson

To: Cllr John Anglin, Principal Planning Officer

cc: TGA Committee

date: 16 December 2013 16:09 subject: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov

Cllr John Anglin,

Inappropriate Developments on the Riverside.

Thank you for the summary of the meeting of the 25th Nov. I agree that this is a reasonable record of the meeting. However, the TGA Committee members where made to understand by the current Chairman, Graeme Watson, that this would be a formal meeting 'standard meeting with structured protocols'. So far details of the meeting have been word of mouth only, as you say no records exist, which makes the dissemination of information to the wider membership difficult.

I would like to comment on your first point about drawings seen and have attached three images to help make this clear. First a sketch of the plans I think we were discussing at the meeting (image on the left) and second, a detail from the drawing, date stamped 5th Sept, provided by Principal Planning Officer. The photo of the structure completed in early September speaks for itself.

I have measured the structure concerned and it is a meter wider than the date stamped plan provided. Therefore the footings placed in 2001 must have been set a meter wider as well. An image was forwarded to Principal Planning Officer showing that the current structure is too short to accommodate the Nexus Ferry; not suitable for purpose?

I maintain that the existing construction has not been built to the plans as circulated by Principal Planning Officer. I am therefore requesting a copy of the plan presented at the November meeting as represented by my sketch. I am concerned that the planning department is about to allow a building that is not being constructed to an approved plan an occurrence of which I have personal experience.

This is an important issue to residents of the Riverside who need to be kept fully informed, particularly as it is understood that Mr Wilson or his representatives are currently in the pre-planning stage with the council regarding further works.

I believe therefore that any future meetings regarding this matter should be formal and recorded.

Yours sincerely Michael Dawson.

3 attachments —

A2plan.jpg 60K - misnamed A1 drawing of slipway cover with vertical columns

detail\_app\_plan.jpg 51K - detail showing sloping sides
SlipwayCover.jpg 97K - photograph of framework, end on

From: Principal Planning Officer

To: Michael Dawson

Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2013 16:47:07 +0000

Subject: RE: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Mr Dawson – when did you get access to measure the structure on site?

Regards

Principal Planning Officer

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from: Michael Dawson

to: Principal Planning Officer

cc: Cllr John Anglin,

**TGA Committee** 

date: 19 December 2013 21:29

subject: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov

Dear Peter.

I have sufficient skills in surveying to be able to measure the width of the structure without access to the site and can say with confidence that it is 13.20m wide give or take 0.05m. The towers are vertical and it would seem to me that it is reasonable to assume that the footings, laid in 2001, are the same width.

We still need to receive a copy of the date stamped approved drawing from 1996.

regards Michael Dawson

From: Principal Planning Officer

To: Michael Dawson

Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2013 09:17:46 +0000

Subject: RE: TGA - Town Hall Meeting 25 Nov [PROTECT\*]

Mr Dawson – once again - I have measured this on site and have copied the 1996 plans across to you twice already (attached again for your use) and I have explained during our meeting that the base and height of the structure are compliant...this is the end of the matter as far as I am concerned

Please do not email me again.

Regards Principal Planning Officer

Four hours later I receive a mail from the Chairman of the TGA asking that I do not use the TGA as a platform to communicate with the town hall.

At this point I decided there were no authorised plans that could support the statement that the structure had been made legally and that a drawing that possibly showed otherwise was not being made available. I also decide to dismiss the TGA as it is becoming apparent that the Chairman with the aid of some of the other Committee Members is not running to an agenda that is in accordance with the stated aims of the TGA and wishes of the local residents.