

Objection from Owner

From: Robert Appleton
Sent: 10 November 2018 14:29
To: Clare Dawson-Dulieu <Clare.Dawson@ipswich.gov.uk>
Subject: CDD/TB/IP0019.31

Hi Claire

Thanks for your letter as of 9th November,

We would strongly object to our site being classified as an AREA OF COMMUNITY VALUE,

The site has no public access or right of way and has been abandoned, untouched for over 25 years. The site itself is unsafe and unsuitable for the public to go walking on. With numerous areas of fly tipping from the neighbors using the site as a convenient dump.

Even if it were to be open to the public, there is no suitable public parking areas surrounding the site is purely residential parking and private road (Mitre Way) also owed by us.

We believe the residents group are taking this approach with the view of reducing the value of the property and making it undesirable for others to purchase reducing competition as they are currently looking to purchase it from us. If the council were to support this tactic, we would be looking for you (the council) to equally reimburse us for our losses via legal action. I, as an Ipswich tax payer would see this as a massively inappropriate use of public funds for a small piece on private land benefiting no more than 20 households that back onto the site and I'm sure other tax payers in Ipswich would agree wasting public funds and potentially blocking 32 new homes being built.

Equally many of the residents in the group don't back onto our site and therefore offers no value to their health or well-being, some as far as Australia getting involved in the challenge.

The only value that can be associated to the site is the trees, and as per the tree survey attached the majority are end of life and multiple are collapsing annually. So the associated value of the Tree Coverage is not something that can be maintained in the medium-long term. Equally, if we were to accept this as a woodland the forestry commission has confirmed they were happy for us to cut down the majority of the border trees to allow regrowth at the centre of the site. Something beyond the control of the council.

Residents will have you believe this site is full of wildlife, however they continue to ignore the environmental survey carried out which found no relevant species on site and the site itself was undesirable due to no foraging plants and high canopy.

If the council decide to continue with this action, we will hand over future communications to our solicitors (Gotelee Solicitors) to manage the compensation for our losses.

We also have a Planning Application Appeal available upto 4th January for our single dwelling home

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Regards,

Robert Appleton