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Subject: RE: Complaint
Date: 8 January 2018 at 10:26
To: Chairman and Clerk of Sundon Parish Council michael.stonnell@btinternet.com
Cc: Customer Relations Customer.Relations@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



Good morning Mr Stonnell,

The response was generated on behalf of the Council and officers are expected to provide information in that way. The question was addressed outside of the complaints process. In her letter, Ms Dickinson explained your appeal route in relation to your complaint and I have copied the Customer Relations team should you wish to contact them to discuss the matter. You are also able to seek advice from the Ombudsman, contact details are in the letter.

Regards,

Sally Wileman
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From: Michael Stonnell [mailto:michael.stonnell@btinternet.com]
Sent: 05 January 2018 07:54
To: Sally Wileman
Subject: Re: Complaint

Sally

Sally

Thank you for obtaining this opinion from the unnamed planning officers you said you would consult on the technicalities of my summary of my complaint. Clearly unnamed officers do not have the authority to respond to my complaint on behalf of the Council.

So would you please ask Richard Carr the Council's Chief Executive, the person to whom I complained in the first place, to respond in writing to my complaint and comment on the accuracy of my summary of the outcome of my complaint?

Mike

On 4 Jan 2018, at 16:01, Sally Wileman <Sally.Wileman@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr Stonnell,

I have sought advice on the technicalities and can confirm the Council's response to your question to Ms Dickinson is as follows:

We cannot accept this statement as an accurate summary. At the heart of your complaint was that the Executive report contained false information by making the statement:

'Once adopted the Local Plan will form part of the statutory Development Plan and will be used to determine planning applications. Until this happens the existing adopted plans will continue to set the planning framework.'

Your complaint was that 'The second sentence of this paragraph contains the false information because in a planning appeal decision made on the 21st August 2017 (See attachment APP/P0240/W/16/3166033) the planning inspector hearing the appeal concludes the Council's existing adopted plans are out of date and cannot be used to determine planning applications and planning appeals.'

We have set out in the formal response why we don't accept this as, firstly, the Inspector never made that statement in those terms and we have not seen any evidence from you that demonstrates the Inspector did and, secondly, that we have explained why the statement made in the Executive report is acceptable as far as we are concerned and is not false or misleading

The quashing of the Inspector's decision does not have a direct bearing on our starting position with regards the advice we gave to the Executive but in any event the decision was quashed and is, therefore, now immaterial.

Regards,

Sally Wileman

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From: Sally Wileman

Sent: 02 January 2018 10:37

To: Chairman and Clerk of Sundon Parish Council

Cc: Jill Dickinson

Subject: RE: Complaint

Good morning Mr Stonnell,

I am back in the officer now and am happy to pick up your query about the statement below. Please give me a few days to do so as I may need to check the technical details with more than one Planning colleague.

Regards,

Sally Wileman

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From: Michael Stonnell [<mailto:michael.stonnell@btinternet.com>]

Sent: 21 December 2017 11:06

To: Jill Dickinson

Cc: Sally Wileman

Subject: Re: Complaint

Jill

Thank you for your work on my complaint.

To bring this matter to an end can the Council confirm the following is an accurate summary of the outcome of my complaint?

Comments I made on 30th October 2017 about false information being given to the Council's Executive on the 10th October 2017 and about Jason Longhurst providing me with false information on 31st October 2017, were justifiable at the time I made them, as at that time Mrs Justice Lang had not considered the matter of a claim for a Planning Statutory Review set out in CO/4402/2017 Central Bedfordshire Council versus Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and Gladman Developments Limited. Statements made to the Executive by Connie Frost Bryant and by Jason Longhurst to me therefore had no formal evidence base at the time they were made but in the end, on the 10th of November 2017 when Mrs Justice Lang made her decision, have turned out to be true.

Mike

On 20 Dec 2017, at 14:57, Jill Dickinson <Jill.Dickinson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mike

Please find attached the Order as requested. To confirm it was signed by the Judge on the 10th November 2017 not the 11th.

Regards

Jill

Jill Dickinson

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From: Michael Stonnell [<mailto:michael.stonnell@btinternet.com>]

Sent: 19 December 2017 08:03

To: Jill Dickinson

Cc: Sally Wileman

Subject: Complaint

Jill

Please ignore my recent email on this subject as I sent you an early draft by mistake.

Thank you for your work on the complaint I made to Richard Carr about the content of an email sent to me by Jason Longhurst.

In your letter you ask if your understanding of my meaning is correct. It is not correct as the information given to the Executive did not include information about the Secretary of State consenting to an Order quashing the decision of the Planning Inspector. This information was provide exclusively to me by Jason Longhurst and not the Executive.

You claim the Order quashing the decision of the Planning Inspector was issued on the 11th November. As the email evidence dated 14th November from Christelle Landu at the Administrative Court Office I have provided you did not include information about the the formal quashing of the Planning Inspector's decision your claim appears to lack any formal evidence base as you have not provided me a copy of the the order quashing Planning Inspector's decision.

For the sake of completeness and before I pursue this matter further please can you provide me a copy of this order? If for any reason you can not provide me with a copy of the order please explain why you can not.

Mike

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