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Sent: 25 September 2008 10:17  
To: Lisa Hughes  
Subject: FW: Urgent - Planning Control Meeting - 25th Sept

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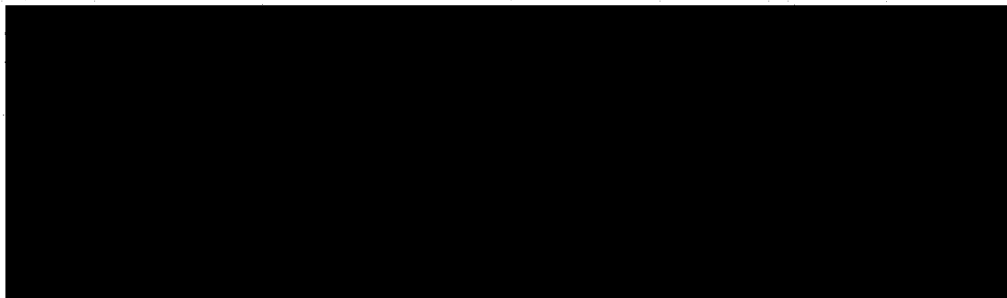
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Sent: 24 September 2008 22:31  
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Tracy,

For info for tomorrow.

Stephen.

--- On Tue, 9/23/08, Kieran Thorpe <kieran.thorpe@sky.com> wrote:



> Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 8:44 PM Kieran Thorpe

> [redacted]

> 23rd September 2008

> Dear Committee members,

> I am emailing you prior to the planning control committee meeting to  
> be held on Thursday September 25th, regarding the issue of the Church  
> Lane Coach/Car Park application made by Gascoyne Cecil Estates.

> I am a resident of Church Lane, and this is a plea on behalf of all  
> residents for you to reject the application before you.

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> We ask this further to our previous concerns raised in the many  
> resident objections to the application, which you have already I hope  
> read through.

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> We feel that our concerns have been brushed aside by the report of the  
> chief planning and environmental officer, and also by Mr Peter Clegg,  
> who met with us briefly on the 16th September 2008, to discuss our  
> concerns.

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> Indeed it was at this meeting that Mr Clegg advised that I contact  
> you, to make the following residents concerns made clear.

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> 1) There is no regard given to the quality of life of  
> residents at the Broadway, directly opposite the proposed entrance.  
> Noise pollution, air pollution, and also light pollution from a  
> coaches full beams, will make for an intolerable life, for those  
> residents. Concessions such as double glazing, tree cover, air  
> conditioning, have been asked for, and turned down flat, by Gascoyne  
> Cecil Estates

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> 2) Parking restrictions, in what is already a hugely  
> 'over-parked' area, have not been addressed. As it is currently, I am  
> sure you will have seen on your 'site visit' (and I hope you  
> appreciated that it was on a Sunday, not a working day), residents and  
> guests, park all the way down the road of the proposed entrance, and  
> it is clear to me, someone who used to direct HGVs in and out of small  
> sites, that there will be chaos when coaches and large goods vehicles  
> (that Mr Clegg advised would be using the  
> entrance) are attempting to turn in and out of.

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> 3) There is a clear danger of disruption to traffic  
> passing Church Lane slip road. The road towards Welham Green is an  
> extremely busy route frequently used by the emergency services  
> responding to serious issues, not to mention heavy general traffic.  
> One can only wonder with horror, what might happen should a police car  
> or ambulance require to speed to the scene of an accident at the same  
> time as HGVs are trying to exit (or indeed find) this proposed  
> entrance. Upon entering the church lane slip road from the roundabout,  
> it is common to find the following vehicle mere centimetres away from  
> your rear bumper. Factor in that it will be coaches, not to mention  
> HGVs attempting this manoeuvre, and I hope you will share in my  
> concern.

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> 4) Old Hatfield is a current topic, indeed Lord  
> Salisbury's plans to rejuvenate the area are fresh in the minds of  
> local residents. To this end, I would ask the committee to consider  
> the current state of dilapidation of the surrounding areas, most  
> notably fencing, paving and foliage, and ask you to consider whether a  
> coach entrance would enhance, or in our view increase the level of  
> decay in the neighbourhood in which affected residents live in.

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> In summary, we feel it grossly unfair to impose this planning

> application on the peaceful, quiet residents of Church Lane and The  
> Broadway, and that the excuse of "there's no-where else to go" is  
> merely a smokescreen for this option being the cheapest. We hope to  
> impart on you, elected officials employed to serve the community, that  
> this proposal is wholly to the detriment to those who live and take  
> pride in, their local area. Please do not allow our views to be  
> dismissed in the wake of the wishes of a large estate that can easily  
> afford alternative solutions to the problems they face.

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> Yours sincerely,  
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> Kieran Thorpe  
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