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Subject: URGENT we need your support on Chepstow

Hello Simon,

Last Friday, 10 July, Telford began making preparations to build on the Chepstow site by building an access road and putting portakabins on it. Our residents became alarmed, as the Planning Department report had not been published then, so our councillors had not seen their report when this happened, let alone made a decision, which is due on Monday 20 July. On Monday, when a local reporter asked Mark Parker, the Regional MD responsible for the site about the preparatory work at Chepstow, he denied that anything had been done, which has inflamed the situation further. During this interview, he repeated Telford's claim that their planning application is being supported by English Heritage. I attach a copy of the article for your information.

Having read that the Wanstead Grove Conservation Area is the newest one in England and that it is a case study for English Heritage, already being put on the English Heritage At Risk Register, they are asking us why they cannot see any support from English Heritage.

You may know that our two conservation officers have issued a detailed damning report against the scheme, demonstrating how it fails to meet the shortcomings which the Government Inspector stated in his judgement of the first application. I attach a copy of the conservation officers' report for your information.

In view of this, we are writing to ask that you send us a strongly worded e mail supporting our opposition to Telford's planning application, along the lines of:

Further to my letter of 11 June, in which I advised that the planning application with regard to Telford be determined in accordance with special conservation advice, I have now had the opportunity to read the the report written by the Conservation and Design Team, which was written on 19 June.

Having considered the content of this report, I am writing to express English Heritage's total support of its findings, which read: The proposal as a whole and Block B in particular, fails to resolve design issues identified by the Inspector as "fundamental to the acceptability of the development." The proposal would fail to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area and would fail to preserve the setting of Grade II listed Aplegarth and adjoining Locally Listed Arts and Crafts cottages on Nutter Lane."

In view of the meeting to be held next Monday, we urgently need this e mail as soon as possible, as Planning Development has ignored the recommendation to reject made by their own conservation officers, design team, planning policy and Conservation Advisory Panel, not to mention over 90 letters of objection from local residents in their recommendation to accept Telford's scheme.

regards,

Helen Zammett
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