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Subject: Re: O&S Committee audio file and transcript

Dear Alan

Thanks very much for this - and I am grateful to you for pointing out the error in the committee's minutes. In terms of next steps as agreed last night we will be rectifying the minutes to reflect an accurate record of the action point agreed on Kempton Park and I have asked the officers as a matter of urgency to ensure that a statement by the Chief Executive is prepared and published.

Thank you once again for taking the time to come to the meeting last night and for highlighting the inaccuracy. It shouldn't have happened and I apologise for this error.

best wishes

Philippa

On 10 September 2014 12:25, Keep Kempton Green <keepkemptongreen@hotmail.co.uk> wrote:

Dear Councillors Broom and Friday

We fully appreciate that members of the public cannot, in the ordinary course of events, speak at meetings of the O&S Committee. However, we went along last evening in order to hear whether there would be any mention of the "clear and unambiguous statements" from the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council which had been agreed as an Action Point at the previous O&S Committee meeting on 8 July.

1. As promised, following our brief discussion, please find attached the written transcript of the audio file from the O&S Committee meeting on 8 July 2014. This includes only those parts relevant to the issue of Kempton Park. The audio file itself is too large to send by email. If you would like to listen to it, I will endeavour to get it to you by some other method. I am happy to personally vouch for the accuracy of the transcript.

As we discussed briefly yesterday:

2. There is no mention at all in the Minutes of the 8 July meeting of these 10 minutes of discussion about Kempton Park, despite their being controversial, and at times, quite heated.

3. There is no mention at all in the Minutes of the Action Point - agreed upon at the end of the Kempton Park discussions - to ask for "clear and unambiguous statements" from the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council as to what they knew about the prospective

planning application for Kempton Park, to which Mr John Knevett and Mr Simon Potts referred to in some detail.

4. Last evening Mr Collier kindly found and showed us the written statement by the Head of Planning, which we had seen before. But that statement was from the Head of Planning, not the Chief Executive nor the Leader of the Council. It also answered a question different from - and much narrower than - the one suggested by Councillor Evans at the 8 July O&S meeting. As the Head of Planning put it in his statement:

“At the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 8 July the Committee asked for a position statement on Kempton Park and, in particular, whether Redrow Homes had made any contact with the Planning Section in advance of reaching an agreement with the Jockey Club.”

The transcript, however, does not mention anything about any meetings between Redrow and the Planning Department. All the discussions centered around Mr Knevett’s surprise that, as he put it:

“nobody round this chamber has a clue what Kempton Park is about.”

As Councillor Evans put it:

“I do think we need to get to the bottom of it.”

And later:

“I want to have a statement from, certainly from the Chief Executive of this Council, and probably from the Leader of this Council, that they are unaware of this, or they are aware, one or the other ...”

i.e. a much more general question than just whether Redrow had met The Planning Department, and more than the standard statement, which has been repeated many times, that “no planning application has been submitted”.

I hope this helps. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind regards

Alan Doyle
for Keep Kempton Green