

From: [Alan & Ali Doyle](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 11:41 AM
To: [Graham, Michael](#) ; [Roberto Tambini](#)
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Subject: Re: Clearing of Land...

Dear Mr Graham

Thanks for your prompt reply.

in view of your decision, I hope we have no future complaints from the Council that "conspiracy theories" are being peddled.

We all look forward to reading the reports of the Enforcement Officer and the Bio-Diversity Officer.

Regards

Alan Doyle

From: [Graham, Michael](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 11:15 AM
To: '[Alan & Ali Doyle](#)'
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Subject: RE: Clearing of Land...

Dear Mr Doyle

Thank you for your note to Mr Tambini, who is not in the office today. I am answering on his behalf. I am sorry, but the Council cannot agree to having accompanied enforcement site visits. This would be inappropriate. As an independent regulatory function, our enforcement officers could not be seen to be influenced by resident groups. It would raise procedural and legal issues with any subsequent enforcement and the Council could be criticised by the Court or the Ombudsman if this was allowed to happen. It would call into question our independence and whether the decision making process was subject to undue influence.

I understand where you are coming from, in terms of everyone being on the same page, but unfortunately, it is not a possibility in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Michael Graham
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From: Alan & Ali Doyle [mailto:ironhorse1@btconnect.com]
Sent: 18 February 2015 10:23

To: Tambini, Roberto

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Subject: Re: Clearing of Land...

Roberto

In the spirit of the "New Transparency" agreed at the public meeting, I would like to be part of that site visit.

I will make sure I am available at whatever time is agreed between the Spelthorne officers and Kempton Park.

Regards

Alan

From: [Tambini, Roberto](#)

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:50 PM

To: [Alan & Ali Doyle](#)

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Subject: Re: Clearing of Land...

Alan,

Thanks for these additional observations which I shall pass to our Biodiversity officer so he can bear them in mind when visiting the site.

Regards

Roberto

On 17 Feb 2015, at 18:45, Alan & Ali Doyle <ironhorse1@btconnect.com> wrote:

Thank you, Roberto

It strikes me that they have

- a. cleared a very large area of land in order to get at trees which are a very long distance away, and;
- b. if there was any Japanese Knotweed in that cleared area, then evidence of its presence will now be totally obliterated, and they will have to drench the entire area with herbicide in order to counter any Knotweed roots which now remain – invisible – below the ground.

Alan

From: [Tambini, Roberto](#)

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:28 PM

To: 'phil.white@thejockeyclub.co.uk'
Cc: 'Alan & Ali Doyle' ; Tina White (whitefamily@sunbury89.wanadoo.co.uk) ; [Watts, Robert \(Councillor\)](#) ; [Brooks, John](#) ; [Muirhead, Sandy](#) ; [Graham, Michael](#) ; 'kwasi.kwarteng.mp@parliament.uk' (kwasi.kwarteng.mp@parliament.uk) ; [Richards, Dawn](#)
Subject: Clearing of Land...

Phil,

I have been copied into email exchanges between several concerned residents, and also your reply this evening regarding your 'ruderal vegetation clearing'.

Whilst it could be seen as normal site management of vegetation, I am aware of great local sensitivity so would ask if my Secretary Dawn Richards could liaise with your office tomorrow to arrange a convenient opportunity later this week for one of my Enforcement officers, and our Biodiversity officer to have an accompanied look, with you, at the site in question?

Regards

Roberto

From: [Tambini, Roberto](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:13 PM
To: 'Alan & Ali Doyle'
Subject: Bulldozers/land clearing

Thanks Alan – I am dropping a line to Phil White and will copy you and other colleagues into that.

Regards

Roberto

From: Alan & Ali Doyle [<mailto:ironhorse1@btconnect.com>]
Sent: 17 February 2015 17:16
To: Tambini, Roberto; whitefamily@sunbury89.wanadoo.co.uk
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Subject: Re: David McNulty/KKG website article

FYI

Surely they would require some sort of permission to make what is undoubtedly a substantive change to Green Belt land?

Alan

From: [White, Phil](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Alan & Ali Doyle ; [Nick Kilby](#)
Subject: RE: Bulldozers at KP

Alan,

Thanks for your email.

I can confirm that as part of the on-going feasibility studies a contractor has been carrying out clearance of ruderal vegetation (nettles, hemlock etc). The principle objective is to enable access to trees for a comprehensive tree survey and to identify any areas of Japanese Knotweed. These works reflect our on-going management of this area and have not included works within the Kempton Park Reservoirs SSSI located to the north east of the site.

A recent ecological survey of the area undertaken prior to the commencement of clearance works identified an area containing Japanese Knotweed, this area was not included in recent works thereby avoiding risk of spread within the park or to a wider area. The law states that it is an offence to cause Japanese knotweed to spread and therefore we are taking all necessary steps to eradicate the knotweed on site and will be employing a licence contractor to eradicate any knotweed identified. The clearance of the previous year's dead stems during the winter is standard practice in order to facilitate access for herbicide application during the spring/ summer.

The clearance works are now complete and have been carried out in the winter months, on the advice of our consultant ecologists in order to avoid impacts on nesting birds. We are regretful of any concern that this may have caused you and local residents but we believe this is the most appropriate approach, with the onset of spring the visual appearance of these works will diminish significantly.

Kind regards

Phil