

**Dai Richards**

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**From:** "Ceri Morris" <c.morris1@npt.gov.uk>  
**To:** <dai@rugbyrelics.com>  
**Sent:** 15 October 2020 03:39 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Department, Committee, Councillors Morgan & Knoyle response required and information request

Dear Mr. Richards,

The Council acknowledges receipt of your email of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Council is content that the information that was placed before the Planning Committee in September 2020 was accurate and took into account all comments and representations made during the planning application process.

We dispute any suggestions that fabricated information was placed before the Planning Committee.

To respond to your concerns though, the documentation you refer to was forwarded to officers of the Planning section when received by Members. This information was however provided out of time for it to be formally reported to Members at the Planning Committee. However, officers concluded and advised Members that the information in your prepared document reflected the extensive submissions made previously and had thus been considered by officers in producing the final report.

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It is also noted that you did of course attend the (remote) Planning Committee meeting in September 2020 where you were able to make your representations direct to Members. The Planning Application was subsequently approved with recommendations to address concerns identified.

The Council have previously advised you, in the event that you feel there has been any wrongdoing by any party then you are entitled to refer the same on to the appropriate investigatory bodies.

The following address will help you in your set course of action:

The Public Services Ombudsman  
1 Old Field Rd  
Pencoed  
Bridgend  
CF35 5LJ

Alternatively, you may wish to seek legal advice in respect of any options open to you.

Please note that should you persist with these unfounded allegations against officers of the Council they are able to seek civil redress in relation to the potential damage to good character and reputation.

I would finally add that the Council acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 request and, while noting that such matters are covered by the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, a response will be provided to you in due course.

With regards.

**Mr Ceri Morris**  
**Head of Planning and Public Protection / Pennaeth Cynllunio a Gwarchody Cyhoedd**  
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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Dai Richards](#)

**To:** [contactus@npt.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@npt.gov.uk)

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 2:33 PM

**Subject:** Planning Department, Committee, Councillors Morgan & Knoyle response required and information request

**Our ref:** 20201013A-EM-RICD-NPTC-tree-info-vid

Dear NPTC

Firstly, please could you respond with a receipt of this email.

Please could you then forward this email to the Head of the Planning Department and the chairperson of the Planning Committee and to County Councillors Knoyle and Morgan of the Glynneath ward

Lastly, this email is time sensitive and a reply is needed by the end of Thursday (15/10/2020) so if either of these are unavailable before then please forward down the chain of command to the relevant person in charge.

I hope you are keeping well and I thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

Dear Planning Department & Committee

On Friday (16/10/2020) we release a video that provides evidence of Steve Ball lying to the planning committee at the meeting dated 8/9/2020. We follow this with an analysis and suggestion that he is fabricating information to allow permission for approximately 50 to 100 trees with TPOs to be destroyed.

The purpose of this email is two fold:

1. We request a response from NPTC and offer the opportunity to provide counter documentary evidence that supports Steve Ball's claim that:

1. The EG-RAC Council of Death report was received by email.

2 That Steve Ball confirmed that the information contained in the EG-RAC Council of Death report was received too late for inclusion in the meeting but it had all been received previously anyway. This is a chronological contradiction, that is the information had been received too late and that it had already been received. If this information is not contradictory then perhaps you can explain how this is not the case. To help you prove your case you should back it up by uploading all the residents objections to your malfunctioning website to include the correspondence between myself, the Council Leader, Ceri Morris, Craig Griffiths and Nicola Pearce which could all be considered as part of the planning process. The subject I refer to of course is the allegation that your council has breached the 1990 Environmental Protection Act.

3. That it is allowable to destroy the trees because there is an information gap and because the plans are not contained on a fresh piece of paper. Our video will focus on the fact that Steve Ball lied to the planning committee at least twice and then that the majority of the information contained in his representation about the trees being removed is most likely fabricated based upon these previous lies to the committee.

I trust that this email finds you well and look forward to receiving you response before Friday.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE AND LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLORS (not time sensitive, may be supplied separately to the above response)

Request 1 - We request all information available of the dates, times and purpose of meetings between members of Neath Port Talbot Council Planning department and officials of the Enzo group at the Heol y Glyn site and other locations within the County Borough between the dates of 1/1/2020 and 8/9/2020. We also request copies of any documentation that was exchanged between the two parties at the time and any notes made by planning officials and any post meeting comments.

Request 2 - We request all information available of the dates, times and purpose of the meetings between members of Neath Port Talbot Council County Councillor's Simon Knoyle and Del Morgan and members of the planning committee and also of meetings with the Enzo Homes officials at the Heol-y-Glyn site. We also request copies of any documentation that was exchanged between the two parties at the time and any notes made by the county councillors or planning officials and any post meeting comments.

END OF FOI REQUEST

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