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Dear Councillor Woolcock,

In a Planning Committee meeting dated 10 September 2020 you stated that the information you received in the post recently was too late for consideration in the meeting. I believe that the chair said at an earlier point in the meeting that the deadline was 2.00pm on Friday and this information arrived too late. The information I believe you are referring to is a specific report supplied to each planning committee member that indicates that the Neath-Port Talbot Council in 2010 breached the 1990 Environmental Protection Act.

This forwarded email with the subject line.

"NPTC planning department have contravened the Environmental Protection Act 1990"

is self explanatory and provides evidence to you that this is in fact not the case. Your committee chair and vice-chair are copied to this email which is dated 15 May 2020 as well as several other high ranking council officials and our local councillors. At this point in time both Steve Ball and Ceri Morris of the planning department are also aware that your Council have hidden the contamination at the Heol y Glyn site.

That the planning committee chair and vice chair or the planning department have not shared this relevant information with you or the other committee members throws doubt as to the legitimacy of the meeting dated 10 September 2010.

You stated in your representation:

"I was quite concerned actually with the tone and unfortunate language used therein. I think it bordered on defamatory"

You are representing Neath-Port Talbot Council in public when you made this statement so as the recipient of this derogatory comment I would politely request that you quantify this statement with a provided analysis of the claims that you make.

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regards - Dai "*your 5 minutes is up*" Richards - www.dai-richards.wales

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Dear Council Leader,

I now have enough evidence from the chain our correspondence with your council planning department and the actual planning department records to confirm my inference that the NPTC planning department have contravened the Environmental Protection Act 1990. What is clear from this chain of communication is that members of your council are aware of this and have attempted a cover up of misconduct/malpractice and possible corruption. This is your last opportunity to address this situation internally; our next step is to provide the information we have to the police.

HISTORY

We wrote to you previously as the council leader because your council is failing in its purpose to serve us as a group of residents of this area. We requested relevant information to help us understand the planning history of the Enzo site.

You in turn ignored our request for this information and passed our request on to your Head of Planning and Public Protection, Ceri Morris who has treated an information request as a complaint. (despite our refusal to complain). It is clear that he has done so in order to refuse to provide this information and avoid me entering the complaints process in the correct manner.

The Head of Planning and Public Protection has provided us with a copy of his report (authored by Steve Ball) and we can see from his report however that although it is an extensive communication, your council's protocols of providing personal opinions, avoiding relevant questions and refusing further communication are still in evidence which confirm the complete lack of integrity of Mr Morris who has signed the communication.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

Your council are still refusing to provide any evidence of having followed the correct procedures following the identification of contaminated land in 2008. We reference the information release allegedly written by Ceri Morris:

1. It refers to but does not deal with the evidence we provided you of the deliberate avoidance of the 2008 contaminated land identification question we asked the planning officer Steve Ball.
2. It refers to but does not answer any of the questions we asked you in our email of 28/4/2020.

COUNCIL OF DEATH

The report by Ceri Morris of the planning department provides evidence of a disregard for human life by referencing the carcinogens Arsenic and Benzo[a]pyrene as "low level contamination" I refer to an extract from his email which states:

"I note that the Geo-Technical and Geo-Environmental Report to which you refer, which supported planning application P2008/1462, did find low levels of contamination"

We would assume that being a planning officer as opposed to a toxicologist, Ceri Morris who has signed the letter is not an expert on the carcinogenic properties of Arsenic and Benzo[a]pyrene and their effects on the human body. A scientific paper on the US National Library of Medicine by Zahir Ur Rehman et al states that:

"There is no evidence that Arsenic is essential for human health and its exposure has been linked to severe health complications such as hyperkeratosis, gangrene, hypertension, peripheral vascular disease, melnosia, keratosis, bladder and internal cancers and also its carcinogenic consequences on skin and lungs."

Arsenic causes cancer both internally and externally, what is clear to us is that the complexities of the human body and its interaction with the chemical elements including carcinogens such as Arsenic and Benzo[a]pyrene should be left to the experts in the field of toxicology not the personal opinions of the Neath-Port Talbot Council Planning Department.

It should also be noted that from 2010 onwards and including the present day application the contaminated land identified in the 2008 application has not been referenced by the NPTC planning department in any way. Remediation of the contaminated land cannot be found in any of the conditions and there is

no evidence of remediation having taken place before 2010. In 2010, the planning department allowed the Cuddy group to submit a new geo-technical survey without any chemical testing. The contaminated land including the carcinogens Arsenic and Benzo[a]pyrene has clearly been hidden by the planning department for the last 11 years and it would have remained hidden if we hadn't provided evidence of its existence.

What is clear from the information available is that your council has hidden the contaminated land information thereby leaving these grade one carcinogens to be moved around at leisure by the Cuddy Group. Some of this land was moved to less than 20 meters away from my house and I had to personally confront the driver of an earth moving machine to prevent it being moved closer.

What is also clear from the planning history is that the planning department have approved further tipping on the site and considering that classified grade 1 carcinogens had already been tipped there; this provides further evidence of a complete disregard for the lives of the local residents.

To confirm the information we have just provided you with:

1. The geo-technical report conducted in 2008 containing the information about classified grade 1 carcinogens being present at the site was never referenced again. The planning department failed to report the contaminated land which they were bound to do according to your Contaminated Land Strategy and the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
2. In 2010, the planning department changed one of the conditions to allow the Cuddy Group a delay in providing a new geo-technical report which was eventually completed by a different company without the chemical testing. This delay in a new survey allowed the Cuddy Group to continue to tip industrial waste and poison. Allowing a new report without chemical testing is clear evidence of the deliberate attempt by your planning department to cover up the existence of contaminated land thereby endangering the lives of local residents.

You should also be aware that I have additional incriminating information not provided in this communication.

The above actions and the current cover up actions by the members of the planning department of your council would indicate that they are guilty of at least the criminal offence 'Misconduct in Public Office'. I would suggest that you appoint someone outside of your organisation to investigate the activities of this department who seem to place themselves above the law. The planning department of your council have for at least the last 11 years deliberately endangered the lives of the 300-400 residents of this area. If you fail to act on this information you are also guilty of the criminal offence

'Misconduct in Public Office'.

You have until May 26th to act upon this information to our satisfaction, if I am not satisfied with your response or receive no communication from you by then I will pass on the relevant information I have to the police.

regards

Dai Richards



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