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Dear Ms Magnuson

I am writing to express my surprise and, frankly, shock at the large tranche of documents that have suddenly appeared on Cherwell's planning portal in respect to this application. The fact that these documents have not been available from as soon as possible after they were written seems to run completely against to Cherwell's own Officers Code of Conduct, which says: *In the interests of open government, the law requires that certain types of information must be available to Elected Members, auditors, government departments, service users and the public.*

Some of these documents clearly fall into that category because they are significant: they go to the rights and wrongs of this planning application and the way Cherwell has dealt with it. Without seeing them, how could anyone get a comprehensive picture of what has gone on and comment with full knowledge?

One document, for instance, is an analysis of what went on in the June 2021 planning committee and whether the right procedural decisions were made by the officers and the chair.

Another document, written after the planning committee meeting, is even more revealing: in it, Cherwell's former senior manager of development planning, Alex Chrusciak, admits that were the council to now go ahead and decide not to grant planning permission after all, then Cherwell might be forced to take enforcement action. He was admitting, in terms, that no planning permission had legally been granted and it was quite open for Cherwell to change its mind.

Hornton Parish Council and the hundreds of people who suffered from the noise and disruption caused by this track think that's exactly what Cherwell should do now and it's gratifying to see Mr Chrusciak accepted that this is one perfectly practicable outcome.

Regards

Roger Corke