

1 THE BRADBURY'S
LAUNTON ROAD
STRATTON AUDLEY
BICESTER
24TH MAY 2023

CDC
30 MAY 2023
POST ROOM

THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER
CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL
BODICOTE HOUSE
BANBURY

APPLICATION 23/01085/F

BICESTER HERITAGE/MOTION

DEAR SIR,

FURTHER TO MY LETTER DATED 18TH MAY 2023 IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT MUCH, IF NOT ALL, OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION IS RETROSPECTIVE. IF I UNDERSTAND THAT CORRECTLY THAT MEANS THEY ARE SEEKING TO CORRECT ACTIONS THEY ALREADY UNDERTAKE FOR WHICH THEY DO NOT HAVE PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

IF THAT ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT THEN IT MUST FOLLOW THAT BM HAVE BEEN OPERATING OUTSIDE THE LAW. THEREFORE BEFORE ALLOWING BM TO CONTINUE THESE OPERATIONS SURELY CHERWELL HAS A DUTY TO DEMAND THE ACTIONS CEASE FORTHWITH AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST BM FOR THE BREACHES FOR WHICH THEY COULD OR SHOULD BE FINED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO FLOUT PLANNING LAWS ARE REGULARLY CHALLENGED AND/OR PROSECUTED. IF CHERWELL DO NOT TAKE SUCH ACTION HOW CAN THEY BELIEVE THAT HAVING GOT AWAY WITH IT ONCE BM WILL NOT IN THE FUTURE DO "JUST AS THEY WANT" AND IGNORE THE PLANNING LAWS AND THEN AGAIN SEEK FUTURE RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING.

THERE IS ALSO THE QUESTION AS TO JUST WHAT CONTROLS AND CHECKS HAS CHERWELL BEEN UNDERTAKING BY APPARENTLY ALLOWING THESE BREACHES TO GO ON

GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURELY CHERWELL PLANNING MUST DELAY ANY DECISION UNTIL THE ABOVE APPARENT BREACHES ARE RESOLVED BECAUSE BY NOT DOING SO THEY LEAVE THEMSELVES OPEN TO THE ACCUSATION THAT THEY ARE ALLOWING THE RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION TO GO THROUGH TO COVER UP THEIR OWN FAILINGS OF ENSURING EXISTING PLANNING LAWS ARE OBSERVED.

IT CAN ONLY BE BY STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING EXISTING CURRENT PLANNING PERMISSIONS WILL BM/BH GET THE MESSAGE THAT NO DOUBT HOW IMPORTANT THEY MAY THINK THEY ARE CHERWELL ARE MORE IMPORTANT AND WILL NOT BE TREATED WITH DISDAIN. AS I SAID ABOVE CHERWELL SHOULD POSTPONE ANY DECISION ON THIS APPLICATION UNTIL BH/BM PROVE THEY WILL ADHERE TO THE RULES.

ON A SEPARATE ISSUE I HAVE HEARD, BUT HAVE NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE, THAT BM DO NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED PERMISSIONS IN PLACE FOR THEIR PROPOSED MUSIC EVENT. NO DOUBT CHERWELL BE CHECKING THAT

YOURS FAITHFULLY

