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GARY MANCHEE
16 September 2015 16:47

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Dear Mr Hughes,

Thanks you for your letter dated 14th September 2015.

I understand from colleagues and the press (in attendance at the meeting) that you concluded that Dr David Andrews had no case to answer with respect to his code of conduct in regard to the approval of the applications for a housing development and sports hall at Chauncy school?

A matter outstanding was the potential connection between David Andrews association and Riversmead Housing Association.

Recently we have discovered that David Andrews and a Jackie Trundall (Riversmead Housing Association) are well known to one another and serve on the same committee, this being the CVSBEH Management Board, Broxbourne (I direct you to the attachment to this mail).

We also understand that Riversmead Housing Association in fact do fund community projects which is very noble of them considering the lack of concern they show for local people next to whom they build their developments (I refer you to a previous article in the Mercury newspaper).

I do not think that you and your sub-committee colleagues appreciate what a disservice to the local community you are in danger of providing, neither do you seem to understand what damage to public confidence your decision-making will have nor do you sense what a poor reputation you have for fairness and impartiality. Self-policing must be the most stringent and impartial of of and we feel that the sub-committee has fallen far too short of this mark.

We suggest that this latest piece of evidence along with all the other information we have provided to you should be enough to warrant the initiation of another hearing of the DMC, where these applications can be heard by an impartial chair. In this way, all concerned will be allowed to engage in a fair and transparent review of these applications, which so far has not occurred.

I (we) await your response.

Regards,

Dr Gary Manchee (on behalf of local residents)

Hughes Jeff

From:

GARY MANCHEE [REDACTED]

Sent:

18 September 2015 08:45

Dear Mr Hughes,

I must say that I remain completely baffled by the over-whelming support for David Andrews by your "committee", but maybe I shouldn't be given the yardstick by which I measure transparency and non-bias.

With regard to your remaining activity in this matter, I understand that another example of a link between David Andrews and Riversmead Housing Association occurred when he turned up (as a county councillor on local town business?) at Hoe Lane Ware, to support and speak on behalf of Riversmead for the provision of garages for a furniture re-cycle scheme (at a public consultation). I have all transcripts of this occurrence.

Why was he in attendance when clearly this was a local matter?

This can be substantiated by local residents and further supports the conclusion that David Andrews has a conflict of interests wrt Riversmead Housing Association. This should have been declared and this alone invalidates his chairing of the DMC at the meeting in question when Riversmead put the application forward.

It is clear that David Andrews and Riversmead Housing Association do indeed have an "association" going back a long way.

Also at your standards sub-committee meeting (where you vindicated David Andrews from 7/8 complaints from a number of local people), one of the councillors (an Angela Alder) is the vice/chair of the CVSBEH (a committee on which David Andrews serves I believe?).

Can you confirm that please? And if true, then in conclusion, do you not consider this in itself a conflict of interest and the presence of that person therefore fitting and proper?

Regards'

Dr Gary Manchee (On behalf of local residents)

Riversmead unveils plans to launch furniture recycle scheme
(27th June 2011)

Plans to use the basement garages at Hoe Lane, Ware, to accommodate a furniture recycle scheme are being unveiled by Riversmead Housing Association next week. Proposed plans will go on show at a public consultation on Wednesday 6th July 2011.

The aim of the furniture recycle scheme is to provide good quality and affordable second hand furniture and white goods to local people. Residents across East Herts will also be able to donate any unwanted furniture to the recycle scheme.

The proposed location of the furniture recycle scheme will be on the site of underused basement garages that are owned by Riversmead and have not been rented for two years. The garage area is also subject to acts of anti-social behaviour.

Local Hoe Lane residents and the wider community are invited to meet representatives from Riversmead and the Council for Voluntary Service for Broxbourne and East Herts (CVSBEH) to discuss the proposal and view the plans at the consultation, which is being held at garages 19-39, Hoe Lane, Ware, between 3.30pm – 7.30pm.

Jackie Trundell, Riversmead's Neighbourhood Services Manager, said: "Regenerating underused garage sites like this one brings significant benefits to the local community. Recycling unwanted furniture through this scheme will enable people to buy good quality, second hand furniture and household items at very reasonable prices.

"We would like to encourage local residents to attend the consultation and give their views on the proposal – our staff are happy to answer any questions."

Ian Richardson, Chief Executive, CVSBEH commented: "The CVS is committed to working in partnership with other agencies and local residents to find solutions to community need. Centrally located and affordable accommodation is essential to the development of a sustainable furniture re-use project that will benefit others through reducing fly tipping and providing an alternative source of affordable furniture locally.

Hughes Jeff

From: GARY MANCHEE
Sent: 05 October 2015 13:04
To: Hughes Jeff
Subject: David Andrews

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Dear Mr Hughes,

It has been brought to my attention that David Andrews has previously acted outside his remit as a district councillor and on behalf of Riversmead Housing Association when Riversmead were trying to change the use of garages in Hoe Lane. I have witnesses who clearly saw and heard David Andrews speak on their behalf (RHA) and basically told local residents that "it was a done deal"! Now where have we heard that before?

I think it's time to "call time" on this councillor and his obvious close links with this housing development company? Clearly we consider that he is not fit to participate in anything that Riversmead are we would offer.

The local press obviously realise this and other councillors have also spoken publicly on this matter (I refer you to the recent Mercury Newspaper). EHDC is in danger of losing any reputation it has for serving the best interests of the public and for being anything other than a self-serving dictat.

I welcome your response.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Gary Manchee (on behalf of local residents)