

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Robin Page to be
included on the Agenda for the next meeting of South
Cambridgeshire District Council

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C. That this Council is concerned by the almost total lack of concern shown by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in the possible pollution at Hauxton. We believe that MAFF should be acting to safeguard the public from contaminated food and it should also be fighting for, and supporting, the small farmer - in this case the Elliots of Hauxton.

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Robin Page

Personal Address

Mr Ballantyne
SCDC
Hills Road
Cambridge

21st July 1995

Dear Mr Ballentyne

I have had time to do a considerable amount of research into the case of alleged pollution at Hauxton .

The whole situation worries me deeply because it seems clear to me that the Statutory Bodies responsible for checking and dealing with pollution incidents have not carried out their lawful and required duties. Because of this, I would like included on the Agenda of the next full Council Meeting the 'Notice of Motion' that is attached to this letter.

It seems imperative and urgent to me that the NRA carries out its duties and takes ground water samples on the Elliott's land as it proposes to do on the land of a neighbour of Mr Elliott, who could also have pollution problems. Failing this it seems quite clear to me that our Environmental Health Department should have taken water samples under the Public Health Act 1936.

I have taken expert advice on this matter and it does seem that much more should have been done to help the Elliotts. It really is a very depressing and distressing case.

I look forward to hearing confirmation from you that this 'Notice of Motion' will be on the Agenda, and also that pressure will be put on the NRA to take the water samples required on the Elliotts land.

In addition I enclose 3 alder twigs taken from the Elliotts land. I have shown these to a leading officer of the RSPB who was shocked, and believes that it signifies serious pollution of the air or water. I would be grateful if you would ask the

Environmental Health Department to analyse these twigs to ascertain the cause of the pollution and whether any noxious substances are contained in the leaves. As I understand it, the leaves may have broken down any polluting chemical sprays but may have retained heavy metals.

Yours sincerely

Robin Page (Signature)

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31/8/95

Dear Mr Crandall,

I enclose resolution
from myself and Rex Collinson
for the meeting 28th SEPTEMBER.

Would be obliged if you
you could have it put on the
agenda

Yours sincerely

Paul Rayment (Signature)



SUM

Resolution for south cambs; district council meeting to be held September 28.

Resolution in the names of councillors Paul Rayment and Rex Collinson.

RESOLUTION.

The South Cambridgeshire District Council requests that the Department for Education and Employment reconsiders its decision to move the Cambridge job centre.

The central site for the job centre was a proven success. It was well used by the public and local employers.

The Chesterton Road site is less accessible, less encouraging to job seekers or people wishing to change their job, particularly for people from the surrounding villages.

It must be to the benefit of the individual and the economy for people to have easy access to their local job centre.

As the new job centre site is to be closed in the autumn for re_furbishment (Henry Giles House) and given that there is considerable public opinion against the move; could the whole question be reconsidered?.

Rex Collinson (Signature)

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RESOLUTION C. D. C. - PGSTF TOM

I hope South Cambs District Council will support the Resolution that A.D.A.S. should not hold a National Tillage Demonstration in June 1996 on the land situated near Boxworth alongside the A 14.

Mr McGregor states that

If there is an accident on that road, then the only way the traffic can get to the site is through the villages of Conington, Knapwell, Boxworth, Swavesey and Fen Drayton. With the expectation of anything up to 1,000 cars and a site deliberately chosen bordering a trunk road, the possibility of accidents caused in part by people looking at the site activity when driving along the road, is decidedly within the bounds of reality. There are enough accidents on that particular stretch of road now, without encouraging any more.

Also the land in question is an area of long term Set-Aside as opposed to a yearly rotational section, so how can A.D.A.S. justify ploughing up the land when every other farmer in the country is barred from doing so? (The land is not owned by A.D.A.S. but by a local farmer who will derive an unfair benefit from the ploughing). Surely a far more suitable site could have been found in the area which would dispel the impression that there is not an overall policy which is rigidly followed by the majority, but can be ignored by a few.

Finally, June is a time when ground nesting birds are in full operation and are vulnerable especially on land where they have nested in previous years. The Conservation lobby is always telling farmers to help save skylarks etc. as they are rapidly diminishing in numbers.

J.B. McGregor

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To. Mrs K.J.Crandall LIB.
Legal & Housing Director.
South Cambs D.C.

28th December 1995.

From. Donald Allen.

Dear Mrs Crandall,

I regret having to correct impressions contained, firstly in the Chairman's letter of 13th November, I merely pointed out that Bar Hill was far more viable for a swimming pool than the peripheral Swavesey parish with a mere 1900 population. Swimming pools have given many Districts subsidy problems which I hope South Cambs will avoid.

Secondly I suggest that if discussions had taken place as your letter of 21st Nov infers, concerning the £650,000 which I proposed should be credited to the G.P.balances, BUT on the understanding that Virement would transfer much to Parish projects, then S.O.'s have been ignored in that the Proposer of that item on 16th December 1994 has never been invited to participate.

How the Chairman can suggest that "the topic has been adequately discussed" I could ask "By Whom", I certainly have learned that by an abuse of S.O. 35 the Cttee Chairman has avoided the matter being debated, at all.

As Housing "Chief" you will know how our "nest-egg" for recreation purposes has been created and how quickly that could disappear by another national directive. Whilst we have put £2 million into County Council estates, the V.C's, we have done nothing for our small Parishes and the LMGF Pink Pages merely indicated where they were, but without addressing their needs.

Sections xv (a) & (b) of our Terms of Reference for Recreation & Leisure (which includes Dual Use) and when as in 1982 with a "massive" total funding of £20,719, you will appreciate how spending at our current rate can be misleading to new Members. In 1983/4 when we disbanded the Policy Cttee we agreed that if a truly "Policy" issue arose it would be dealt with by Council. We adopted this when nominating Members to the L.G. Review Steering Group, at Council. I believe that Council should exercise control now as the Motion below suggests.

yours sincerely

Donald Allen (Signature)

Motion to Council- 11th January 1996.

Bearing in mind that Council in 1983/4 disbanded the Policy Cttee when it was agreed that major policy issues would be determined by "Council".
and " " " " a national directive could rapidly reduce the balances which provides funding for Recreation & Leisure purpose (including Dual Use Grants)

I beg to Move:-

That Council determines the funding of such projects which individually exceeds £100,000 so that ALL Council Members can participate in Voting for projects which could require subsidy in later years, thus affecting future Council taxes.

Donald Allen (Signature)

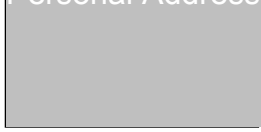
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KJC/YB/C.11 Mrs K.J. Crandall

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to Council
in January
11/1/96

23rd November 1995

Councillor Mrs J.M. Jones,
Personal Address



Dear Councillor Mrs. Jones

I enclose, for your information, copy letter dated 22nd November which I have received from Councillor Allen. The procedure in Standing Order No. 9 (copy attached) relates to giving notice of a question to a Committee Chairman when the question is to be raised at a Council meeting. There is no similar procedure for asking questions at Committee and it is not necessary to give notice as a question may be asked about anything on the agenda.

Although the specific matter Councillor Allen raises will not be on the Agenda, I have no doubt he will pose the question regarding the funding of recreation and leisure items and you may therefore wish to give some thought as to how you will deal with the matter.

Perhaps we can discuss this when you next call into the office.

Yours sincerely

Legal and Housing Director

To. Mrs K.J.Crandall LIB.
Legal & Housing Director.
South Cambs D.C.

22nd November 1995.

KJC

From. Donald Allen

Dear Mrs Crandall,

I appreciate that in order to demonstrate to Council the lack of recreation provision in approx 50% of our Parishes, which I did to slow down Cllr Mrs Jones in her swimming pool pussuits, and I have never heard her saying that she had a non pecuniary interest in the proposed Swavesey swimming pool, I produced a Map at Council highlighting those deficiencies which she failed to represent to the LMGT party, and which consequently was not addressed by them adequately. We HAVE NEVER Debated that Item.

My main concern with regard to your letter of 21st is that in Jan, Colin Barker, David Bard and myself asked for this item to be addressed by Virement which would have been possible ready for the 1995/6 Estimates in Feb. My concern this time is to ensure that there is adequate funding for Parishes in the 1996/7 Estimates and I therefore would appreciate you notifying the G.P. Cttee Chairman of the u.m. QUESTION.

"Bearing in mind that you have indicated amounts of funding required for the Arts, Dual Use and other Recreation & Leisure items, please explain to Cttee how you arrived at such figures."

The above gives adequate Notice of a Question under S.O.'s

Perhaps you will also take notice of a Motion to Council to prevent, in future, gagging as I have experienced, over the last 10 months.

The reason no other Councils have similar problems is because they operate under Party Political systems, but I am sure that in 1973 Members of our Steering Cttee were quite positive that, to avoid friction, Members would be able to put Motions to Cttee and Council AS THEY WISHED to obviate any nonsenses such as Chairmen "Gagging" Members; that usually ends in adverse comment in the Press and not favourable towards the Council.

I would be delighted to highlight how, despite three Members requests which Cllr Bullman can confirm because he was present at the G.P. Cttee Working Party, the Chairman avoided transferring money from Dual Use because of her Swavesey V.C. Item, rejected a request to debate the issue. My letter to you of 10th July refers, and then finally trying to slip the Swavesey Item through Cttee on 26th OCT, BEFORE we had time to debate whether we wished to transfer that money to help rectifying the lack of our support to our Parishes.

Donald Allen (Signature)

is, our policy, but Labour will undoubtedly revert to that and our nest egg will vanish.

I see no harm in getting information as to the paramount need of Parishes. I have kept my word to Mr Ballantyne that I would not go to them direct, but I see considerable advantage in the G.P. Cttee having some idea of the potential liability because I think that the "Hoped For" amounts required by the Parishes is going to be considerably in excess of the amount the G.P. Cttee Chairman has put into the figures.

Yours sincerely

Donald Allen (Signature)

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Bearing in mind the provisional figures inserted in the Financial Strategy by the Cttee Chairman and which sadly fails to reflect the cost of trying even to a small extent to meet the deficiency clearly identified in most of our Parishes

"I beg to Move:-

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That these figures should receive careful examination on 30th November so that Members have time to analyse them, to consider to what extent funding may be made available by the District Council to help those Parishes provide youngsters with football, cricket, and tennis, and with better provision for the elderly e.g bowls because the District's ability to fund such projects may well be limited.

That the District should ascertain from Parishes the needs, i.e the most essential in the opinion of the Parishes, so that a programme of funding by areas can be produced to enable the sports officer to get on with the work involved in pursuing individual projects to a successful outcome, because funding and time may well be limited with a General Election only months away."

Donald Allen (Signature)

Copy for Mrs May

15th November 1995.

To. Mrs K.J.Crandall
Legal & Housing Director
South Cambs D.C.

21st November 1995.

From. Donald Allen

Dear Mrs Crandall,

You will see from the amended letter I sent to 9 District Cllrs who represent 38 Parishes that when I learned from Mr Smith that there was objection to my including his name in my letter I altered that to "The G.P.Cttee".

My concern with the then Cllrs David Bard, Colin Barker and myself at the Sawston V.C. Working Party in January that it was not our intention to leave ^{just} the amount of £112,300 in Recreation & Leisure and this request which Cllr Bullman will confirm was put off by the Cttee Chairman in her pursuit of securing the funding for Swavesey Village Colleg's swimming pool, We, those seeking Virement wanted more to be transferred to provide amenities, the extent of which we did not then know, in many Parishes across our District, and this request came after the pools item on 26th Oct.

Your letter to Parish Councils of 16th, suggests that "The Consultant's report implied other additional needs" when as I understood the Council asked Parishes to send details of deficiencies, but the Consultants were not asked to examine them and suggest a programme affecting them. Those details were in the Pink Pages, an addendum but not part of their remit, Dr Torkildsen indicated this during his visit.

I extracted the detail of those deficiencies and assembled them in a 5 page presentation showing Band "D" tax per Parish, the cash amount that would produce which, to me, is adequate evidence that even if they increased those precepts to our highest Band "D" tax of over £30 the cash equivalent would fail to provide even part of the amount required to remedy deficiencies.

As Impington has discovered, swimming pools need about £½ million per pool, they still have a debt outstanding, whilst a pool at Bar Hill might, with the size of that Village with 4500 population, with pupils bussed in from there to Swavesey at 9 am and back at 4pm, the base of use at Swavesey only 1900 has to question the financial viability of a pool there. Villages like Dry Drayton and Longstanton so close to Bar Hill would be supportive also. The enthusiasm from Bar Hill to have a swimming pool was their support for the Slate Hall development which would have put 20,000 more vehicles on the A.14. Sites could be available at Bar Hill if Council so wished.

Whilst from a Council's point of view to leave any consideration of a policy to the Sports Officer, unless we are going to hand him the Council's cheque book, Members have to involve themselves into creating a policy for funding and to ascertain well in advance of that appointment some costings per area, so that the Officer can have a plan to work too and that largely depends on our Finance Director.

Obviously from the Financial strategy and the removal of the negative tax, Parishes which can reduce their precepts to counter that increase will take steps to do that. Dr Bard wanted us to keep the negative tax to help Sawston's £39.69 tax. But when we offer Waterbeach a fraction of the cost of their pavilion, Over and others we offer amounts in parts. Even West Wickham has been offered £35,000 but I understand that they need nearer £100,000 to replace their timber hall, yet their Member Cllr Agnew apparently supports Cllr Mrs Smith in Linton's pool, the cost of which must affect the ability to finance the smaller Villages in that area as the attached 5 page paper discloses.

We do not know whether the Chancellor will give us an RSG, he may to pre-empt Labour intentions, force us to spend in Council house construction which was, and I hope is, our policy, but Labour will undoubtedly revert to that and our nest egg will vanish.

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Yours sincerely

Donald Allen (Signature)

To. Cllr.....
Ward No.....
South Cambs D.C.

November 1995.

From. Donald Allen. Parish Recreation facilities.

Dear Cllr.....

I make no apology for writing personally in connection with the above. For some two years now I have been concerned about the inability of the G.P. Cttee with a mere £112,000 to do much to help Parishes provide their youngsters with football and cricket pitches, or tennis courts or bowls for the elderly.

The problem was created in the seventies when the policy was to let the Parishes provide themselves with the facilities they wanted and by so doing kept the District Rate low. Recently the Parishes were invited to identify recreation deficiencies and I have indicated below the details concerning your Ward.

Obviously larger Parishes have been able to do much by raising their Precepts, some Parishes to nearly £40, but however many times some of our Parishes raised their Precepts to that figure it would make little impact on the total cost of the facility to our smaller Parishes, but perhaps on a much smaller area basis, say two adjacent Parishes could share, we could possibly provide one facility on a stated preference by a Parish, much could be done with goodwill.

At Council on 9th November I listened with interest to the support I was receiving from Members because it seemed to me that it had taken a long time for some to recognise that whilst we were putting massive sums into large Parishes where children were bussed in at 9 am and back at 4pm leaving those "Privileged" ones with the facilities after 4pm, at weekends, holidays etc, many other Parishes especially the smaller ones had no facilities and no hopes of getting any unless we re-examined them in the light of the Council's current assets which, as I stated at Council on 9th November, could disappear overnight.

Obviously the initial problem is in discovering the extent costwise to the District of providing such a facility, it might even involve some small additional precepting by the Parish, much has to be done by negotiation and I will be happy to assist in discussion, because as a Member of the G.P. Cttee I can submit Motions to Council through the Cttee.

The first step is for you to talk, as soon as possible with Parish Chairman who might be able to give some idea as to what "He/She feels would be most appreciated by the Parish, giving if possible some details e.g Would land purchase be involved, if not cost of equipment. It should be borne in mind that the District Council "for the time being" would determine whether future assistance would be given for maintenance, but most Parishes could afford to cut the grass of a Recreation Ground.

You have my phone number in the diary, I am sure also that the G.P. Cttee would be pleased to take note of your views on this matter. My hope is that with our assets NOW, we can help some Parishes have a better future.

yours sincerely

Ward Deficiencies identified.
Parish.....
Mrs Crandall,

These 9 letters had enclosed slips showing the details of Parish deficiencies sent to us, the Band "D" Tax and it's cash equivalent. They were prepared for 15th.

Any delay may well cause the same nonsense as last year namely that by Feb the "fiddling amount" included in the Financial strategy will be well short of what is required, which as for the last two years requires expedition in case our funding is changed by a national directive to recommence Council house construction.

D. Allen (Signature)

21/11/95

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Please acknowledge
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PC ACK

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Personal Address

6 February 1996

Mrs KJ Crandall, Legal and Housing Director,
South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Dear Mrs Crandall

DISABILITY MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL.

Please would you arrange to table the following motion for the next Council meeting.

// "This Council believes that disabled residents should be enabled to live and work in its area with minimum disadvantage from their disability.

Towards this end

- (1) The Council will appoint, initially, a part-time Disability Policy Officer whose responsibility shall be:
 - (a) to seek out and ascertain the needs of disabled people
 - (b) to promote their needs across all areas of the Council's responsibilities
 - (c) to co-ordinate the Council's response to those needs and to legislative requirements
 - (d) to budget for expenditure to meet identified priorities.
- (2) The Council will make suitable budgetary provision.

The Chief Officers' Management ^{Team} Committee will be requested to advise on placing of the post, job description, remuneration and spending budget.

It is suggested that, initially, the Management Committee recommendations be submitted via the General Purposes Committee to the Finance, Resources and Staffing Committee.

It is suggested that, through carefully researched advertising, an attempt is made to attract applications from suitably qualified disabled persons for this post." //

I am not sure if I have correctly titled the Chief Officers' Management Committee and would be grateful to be advised so that it could be correctly designated in the wording of the motion.

I would also welcome advice as to whether or not the motion would benefit from having its clauses numbered and also whether or not any or all of the last three paragraphs are necessary or superfluous in that such a procedure would automatically apply.

Yours sincerely

G. Joan Smith (Mrs) (Signature)

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Cllr. Mrs G. Joan Smith

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Motion to stand in the name of
Councillor. Mrs. Deborah Roberts (Signature)
at Full Council on 29th February, 1996.

/ That this Council expressed its
greatest concern that householders
in South Cambridgeshire will have
to bear the brunt of added
costs due to Cambridgeshire
County Councils unwillingness or
ability to keep to government
spending limits. //

signed:

Councillor

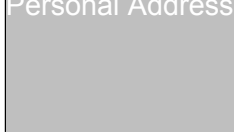
Mrs. D. P. Roberts (Signature)

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for HM
cttee agenda.

KJC/PF Mrs K.J. Crandall

18 January 1996

Councillor Mrs P Grounds
Personal Address



Dear Councillor Mrs Grounds

Thank you for your letter of 16 January enclosing your motion for the next Housing Management Committee meeting. I have already discussed with Councillor E Monks and Councillor Mrs Sutherland the introduction of a points system before we install the new computer system later this year. They have indicated their support for this proposal.

I have also discussed with them the likelihood that Housing Management Committee will have a further reduced workload and may become a Sub-Committee of Housing Committee when a points system is introduced.

We are studying various points systems used by other Councils at the present time. I agree also that we must be aware of best practice and put the various options before Members. Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

K J Crandall
Legal and Housing Director

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Tel: Personal Telephone

Personal Address

16 January 1996

Mrs K. J. Crandall,
~~Legal and Housing Director,~~
South Cambridgeshire District Council,
Hills Road,
CAMBRIDGE CB2 1PB

Dear Mrs Crandall,

I would like to request that the following motion be laid before the next meeting of the Housing Management Committee, Wednesday 21 February 1996:

"Staff be asked to study best practice and produce draft points scheme for allocation of social housing for consideration by the next Housing Management Committee".

I am copying, as a matter of courtesy, this letter to Councillor Monks for information.

P. M. Grounds (Signature)

Pauline Grounds (Mrs)

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To. Mrs K.J.Crandall LLB
Legal & Housing Director
South Cambs D.C.

26th

March 1996.

Motion to Council-11th April 1996.

Bearing in mind that the Cambridge Northern Fringe Working Party has been in existence since August 1990, that the Cambridge Northern Bypass was constructed to take traffic on the strategic route from Birmingham and the Midlands to the East Coast Ports
and " " " That the northern areas of Cambridge have expanded concurrently with the Parishes north of the city creating a conflict of uses on that route, part of the same route now, the A.14, which a Public Inquiry recorded should take no more traffic
and " " " That the Highways Agency has Directed a Refusal to this Application and the Applicants Messrs Sainsbury's has sought Appeal on the grounds of Non-determination

I beg to Move

That South Cambs D.C. formally resolve to Refuse this Application.

Donald Allen (Signature)

Signed

Light rail scheme heads for sidings

A £30 MILLION light rail scheme to relieve traffic chaos in Oxford is set to become the latest to be strangled at birth because government grants for such projects are "virtually unobtainable".

BD has established that in the 22 years since it was introduced, only one scheme — the £110 million Manchester Metrolink — has been given a capital grant under section 56 of the 1968 Transport Act. The scheme was nearly 20 years old when it was approved last year.

Transport consultants claim rules governing private-sector contributions, value for money and revenue expenditure give rail promoters little chance of success.

BD revealed last week that at least two other rail schemes — Sheffield Supertram and the extension of the Docklands Light Railway to Lewisham, south of the Thames — are also foundering because of Treasury requirements and a shortage of funds.

A report by architects and planners Barton Willmore on the viability of a light rail scheme in Oxford identified a possible 10km route, circling the southern edge of the city, passing north through the city station and on to Kidlington and Islip.

Oxfordshire County Council, which commissioned the report, is enthusiastic about light rail, but a city council report obtained by BD says the scheme is "unlikely to be viable".

According to one consultant who has studied transport requirements in Oxford, the main stumbling block is the Department of Transport's insistence that "the non-user or external benefits exceed in value the whole of the public sector grant contribution".

This will be mainly in terms of congestion relief, but the consultant said it is "hard to quantify in money terms. How do you assess, say, man hours lost?"

Promoters also have to show that contributions from developers and businesses which would benefit from the line "have been fully explored".

But in Oxford there is only one possible big development site, the Rover car factory in Cowley, which is expected to close in the next few years. There are several smaller development sites along the earmarked route — Littlemore Science Park, South End Yard, North End Yard and Lucy's/Trap Ground — but these will not yield the millions the DTp is now looking for in the wake of the deal it struck last year over the £1 billion extension to the Jubilee Line in London's Docklands.

Another problem is the Treasury's refusal to fund schemes "likely to require continuing subsidy": Few rail schemes are profitable, and even the Docklands Light Railway in London has made losses of more than £2 million in each of the last two financial years.

Now Oxford city planners say the best they can afford is to open the Cowley branch line — now confined to freight — as a shuttle service to North Oxford, through the city centre. But even this scheme would require "developer funding", entailing a "phased provision of the service".

Harwood told BD: "Traffic in Oxford is growing at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. We can't go on looking to car-based transportation as the major way to get people in and out."

London roads veto

TRANSPORT secretary Cecil Parkinson has scrapped the £2 billion major road building plans for inner London proposed as part of the London Assessment Studies.

Roads which have been shelved are:

- a 6.5km tunnel from Chiswick to Wandsworth;
- the Western Environmental Improvement Route, to bypass Earl's Court;
- rebuilding of the South Circular, with the abandonment of major improvements at Stanstead Road and Brownhill Road, and tunnels under Clapham Common and Park Road.

- improvements to the M23/A23 junction in the south west, a bypass scheme at Hooley and road widening and junction improvements between Coulsdon and Thornton Heath;
- minor improvements along the South Circular and the A3 West Hill; and
- improvements at Archway Roundabout and Highbury Corner.

Parkinson will discuss with local authorities plans to improve the Inner Ring Road from King's Cross to Aldgate, and possible widening of the A23 in Norbury and Streatham.

Major rethink

CHAPMANTAYLOR are re-drawing their designs for the massive "Galleries" retail scheme at Birmingham's Bull Ring because they contradict urban design guidelines for the area drawn up by Francis Tibbalds.

According to Birmingham councillor and planning committee chairman Frank McLoughlin, the floor area will be reduced from 112,000sq m, as proposed last July, to less than 100,000sq m.

Other changes include scrapping a central glazed dome, moving parking off the roof of the development, re-establishing the area's original street pattern and an apparent reduction in the height of the scheme.

McLoughlin said the revised plans, presented to a private councillors' meeting by Chapman Taylor and developer LET earlier this month, were still

sketchy but appeared to indicate a radical rethink.

"The council asked LET come back with a new concept idea which would be more keeping with Francis Tibbalds' ideas," he said.

"The new scheme is now omnipresent, with more huf

By Richard Keow

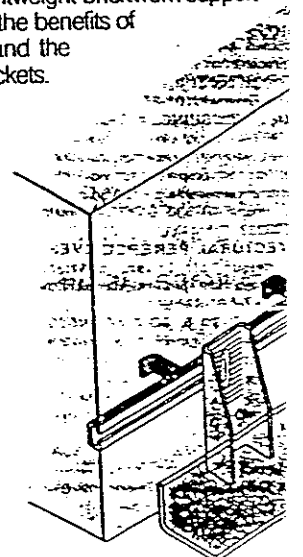
scale and proportions through reduced massing and elevation and a street pattern is beginning to re-emerge."

Tibbalds, commissioned the council for the planning strategy last November (BD November 24), visited Chapman Taylor's offices in February to confirm that "the new ideas" are in line with his thinking.

According to a report by Birmingham's director of development, Graham Shaylor and Tibbalds then outline



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Mr Donald Allen (Cllr)
South Cambridgeshire District Council

Personal Address


O/r: NSE/8/060

30th November, 1992


Dear Mr. Allen,

Bob Breakwell has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 16th of November regarding the former St. Ives branch and to reply on his behalf.

As you are no doubt aware, freight traffic has now ceased and our freight business does not see any future possibility of the route being used again. You are certainly correct in your belief that it would be far more expensive to maintain the route for passenger traffic and modern barriers would certainly be required at all points where roads cross the railway.

You are possibly aware that Cambridgeshire County Council undertook a study some time ago that indicated that the cost of operating the route as a passenger railway would exceed revenue by a very significant margin and that the route would have very marginal impact on relieving congestion on the A604. Our freight business is holding discussions with the County Council regarding purchase of the route and I understand that the County Council are reviewing their previous study as part of their interest in acquiring the route but I do not detect any willingness to invest the huge sums that would be necessary to restore the conventional rail passenger service, or to subsidise its future operation.

Yours sincerely

J. M. Crow (Signature)


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Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes.
7.30 Coronation Street Liz is being watched.
8.00 World in Action A report on the future of Britain's fire service.
8.30 Kavanagh QC Kavanagh fights for compensation for a boy crippled in an industrial accident.

10.00 News & weather 10.30 Anglia news and weather
 10.40 Cover Story 11.10 The Brits Uncut 12.40 Bushell on the Box 1.10 Football Extra 1.55 Customs Classified 2.40 Jones and Jury 3.05 Film: On the Third Day Arrived the Crow (1973) 4.30 The Time... The Place 5.00 An Invitation to Remember 5.30 News

1.55 Bell on a Deer 2.15 Film: The eve of St Mark (1944) 4.00 Jimmy's 4.30 Countdown 5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms

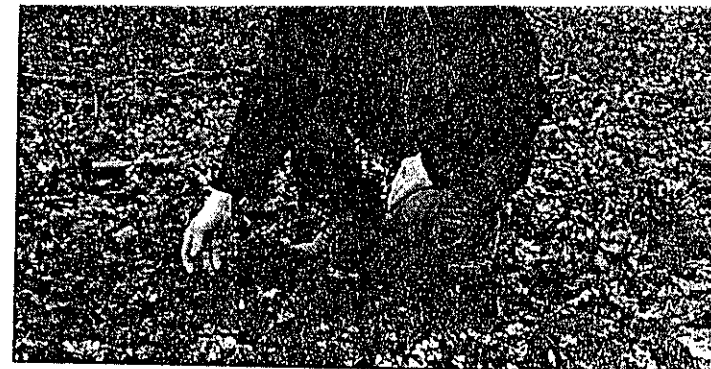


6.00 The Cosby Show
6.30 Hollyoaks
7.00 Channel 4 news
7.55 The Slot
8.00 Go Fishing River Fisheries.
8.30 The Greatest Under consideration this week are ice skaters Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean.
9.00 Cutting Edge: Special Force Documentary about Special Constables with Derbyshire police.

10.00 Film: Raising Arizona (1987) 11.45 The Sandman
 12.00 The Late Late Show 1.05 Dottie 2.35 Film: The Unholy Garden (1931) 3.55 Close

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"I have noticed the decline of certain types of flora over the last seven years and once caught a man who had dug up 36 primrose plants," he said.
 "Security is a problem because the wood relies on volunteer wardens, but I am prepared to involve the police to stop the offenders."
 Mr Coulthurst is particularly keen to get across his warning before Good Friday, the traditional day to pick flowers from the woods.
 He said: "This is the best example in Cambridgeshire of this sort of wood. I came away in disbelief last Easter at the amount of damage that had been done."
 "It should be a case of 'Look, but don't touch'.
 ■ If you would like to help at the wood, contact Mr Coulthurst on (01480) 219309.



Destroyed . . . Simon Coulthurst in an area of the woods stripped bare of flowers.
 Picture: Roger Adams. 2348968.

The CPRE's rural officer, Gregor Hume said: "The Government proposed to weaken protection given to green land in response to projections of future household formation.
 "These indicate a need for housing from 4.4 million new households by 2016.
 "Yet the Government has no accurate figures for how much agricultural land is affected by this proposal which areas of countryside would be most at risk."
 Mr Hutcheon said: "The picture painted by these figures is bleak."

Shops site inquiry looms

■ **IMPINGTON:** Sainsbury's has thrown down the gauntlet in the fight to develop a big retail complex at Arbury Park.

The supermarket giant has appealed against South Cambridgeshire District Council's failure to deal with the application, which could lead to a full-scale public inquiry early next year.

Sainsbury's application is for a 41,800 sq metre (500,000 sq ft) centre, with a major supermarket, two department stores and five or six large shops.

They would be built on the Arbury Camp site, which lies just south of the A14 trunk road, and is bounded by Histon Road and King's Hedges Road.

The proposal received a setback in January when the Department of Transport stepped in and directed South Cambridgeshire to refuse planning permission on traffic grounds.

The council says it wants to hear the report of the

Sainsbury plea for decision

Northern Fringe Working Party, which is considering long-term development of all the land up to the A14, before making a decision.

Among the projects it will be considering is a rival retail site in the area of Chesterton Sidings.

Managing director of J Sainsbury Developments, Barry Henderson, said: "Taken together with the time spent in preparing the planning application, we have now had approximately three years of negotiations with the authorities about Arbury Park."
 "We have become increasingly concerned about

the timescale, and the latest news from the N suggests a decision could be a very long way off.
 "We need to protect our position against continuing delays."

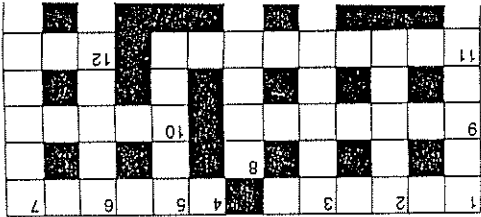
The public inquiry seems destined to become a major battleground for the future of Cambridge retail sites, with Arbury Park ranged against not only the Chesterton site but also against plans for a city centre development, including the Robert site.

The city council's director of planning, Ian Studdert, said: "Sainsbury's decision to appeal is extremely unhelpful to the whole process of deciding the long-term future of the area."

"It is wrong for one developer to seek to bulldoze authorities in this way."

"The development of the northern fringe is a very, very difficult strategic issue which needs to be tackled with the involvement of all concerned."

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28 March 1996

Cllr D Allen
Personal Address

Dear Councillor Allen

MOTION TO COUNCIL - 11 APRIL 1996

Thank you for your letter of 26 March enclosing your motion to Council regarding the application by Sainsbury's to develop in the northern fringe, together with enclosures.

I have passed a copy to Mrs May and will ensure that it will be included on the Agenda.

Yours sincerely

K J Crandall
Legal and Housing Director

29/3.

Susan: Cllr. Rayment rang to ask if he could have a preview copy of the Agenda as the Sainsbury's application affects Impington

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To. Mrs K.J.Crandall.L1B.
Legal & Housing Director.
South Cambs D.C.

26 ✓
March 1996

Motion to Council-11th April 1996.

From. Donald Allen.

Dear Mrs Crandall,

The attached Motion follows the decision that Council and not the Planning Cttee are to determine the Application by Sainsbury's to develop their fringe shopping scheme at the Arbury Camp Farm Site.

Some indication of my reasons, I believe, are necessary, when proposing that the Application be refused, and they go back to the 1972 Northern & Western Bypasses Inquiry where the Inspector recorded in paras 399 to 402 that I believed that with the expansion of the Arbury and Kings Hedges estates, plus expansion at Parishes north of the bypass that there would be a conflict of uses impeding the free flow of traffic on that strategic route from the Midlands to the East Coast Ports.

At the Structure Plan Inquiry the Panel, as indicated on p.ix of the Regional Controller (Planning) letter of 21st March 1989 stated "No more traffic on the A.604". Regrettably the Dept of Transport who had the funds to dual the original route to Eaton Socon decided to engage in false economy and put both routes from Girton to the A.1 - M.1 link road, with the disastrous results now on that A.14,

However it was the County Council who was prepared to accept the Slate Hall proposal before that A.1-M.1 link was open, some of us realised what a disaster that would have proved with 20,000 more vehicles on the A.14 and so it will prove if Sainsbury's are allowed to develop off the A.14 at Impington.

In August 1990 SCDC joined in a Northern Fringe Working Party, the City wanted houses on the Histon Rd and have got them. There will be no Fairy with a wand creating a rail link to St Ives, the letter copy attached from BR Network Southeast dated 30th Nov 1992 with the further extract from Building Design indicating the kind of Govt Grant likely on recreating rail links, together with the refusal SCDC had when proposing to relocate our Offices at Impington. At the public meeting the County said that the Impington Interchange couldn't take the additional traffic. Can it, the traffic Sainsbury's would generate, ???

Again, No Fairy is going to wave a wand and move the Sewage Works and we would be well advised not to support a Parkway Railway station, because like the 6000 Settlement proposed at Chittering in the "Proposed Policies" document of August 1996 we could find that many more commuters, anxious to get out of the flight paths, would commute from Stansted to our Northern Parishes and they "Are choc a bloc" now. Certainly no one is going to catch a train from Parkway to Cambridge station to catch a bus back to the City centre.

With regard to the use of the St Ives rail base, in a letter ref 504536/1/002 Pt 14 and dated 15th April 1993 Mr Keith Miller of the Dept of Transport at Bedford wrote "The underbridge, as it stands, which takes the old St Ives line under the Northern Bypass seems unlikely to accommodate even a single carriageway road built to their standards. He added that the bridge construction does not lend itself to widening which would be difficult and consequently expensive". Does this suggest that our County Council now turning off lights and closing libraries has the resources to do much there.

On 16th Jan 1991 I submitted to Mr J.R. Sheppard our Local Plans Inspector a paper with the self explanatory title "The Cambridge Northern Fringe" or "Trying to get a quart into a Pint Pot" (Inquiry Refs 0191-4 and 0704-6). After only six months I felt that the Working Party was wasting its time and our money in trying to pull rabbits out of a hat for the City's benefit.

The enclosed copy of the C.ELN dated 25th March "Shops site inquiry looms" shows that the City still wishes to flog this dead horse. Enough is Enough. Council should REFUSE this Application NOW, and on 11th April.

Yours sincerely

Donald Allen (Signature)