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Subject: Castle Sheet Metals Planning 3/2021/0132

FAO Laura Eastwood

Dear Laura

I spoke to one of your colleagues in your absence regarding the land at the rear of my home [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I wanted you to see the photographs that illustrates the problem and she suggested that I send via email.

The company to the rear of my property, Castle Sheet Metals, have raised the land on their side of my fence by circa 2 meters . This is a major concern and is NOT INCLUDED in the planning application (my previous email), although I was told by a colleague of yours it should and now have taken advise and it must be included. (Photograph 3 is taken from Trapp Lane and illustrates the raising of the land , which is clearly shown by the line on the new fencing. The retaining fence of my garden is shown to the left hand side).

For weeks lorry loads of rubble arrived on site (I am unaware of the origin of these deliveries) and eventually the rubble was padded down and left for a while. The pile is situated some 3 meters from my fence and tethered to the origin ground level to the bottom of my fence . (Photographs 1&2 illustrated the old to the new ground level).

At the end of August 2020, work started to erect the industrial fence , at this point I contacted one of the owners of Castle, who's immediate response was " he didn't need any planning permission for the work carried out thus far) . At this point I contacted RVBC Planning and was told I would get a return call, after two weeks , I telephoned again and eventually some days later spoke to Andy Glover, who openly admitted he had no resource to look into the matter and after numerous conversations informed me a new starter should be available NOVEMBER. At the end of August last year a huge vehicle arrived early morning, lighting up my entire home, delivering the containers (photograph 2).

Eventually after more calls/ emails your Jason Middleton arrived at my home to view the situation.

The first issue I have is the change of aesthetics, instead of tress we now have a ugly industrial site on our doorstep. (Photographs 4 and 5 show the view from my living room today). As you can see , Castle have made a poor attempt at camouflaging the industrial yard with pallets and some shrubs, but ironically , the success of the attempt will steel even more light from my home. Incidentally another container is sited to the left hand side of their main build and visible from Whins Lane.

Secondly, I bought this property some time ago because of its quiet, rural location, we have no mains gas or sewage on this row yet we now have an unsightly industrial yard. However these containers are rented out to numerous third parties and the noise is getting greater and happening at more unsociable hours as time goes on.

Perhaps more worrying are the safety risks created by the raised land . There is no retaining support for the new landline. Overtime , if the land drops or slips the gardens and homes along here and in

particular mine and my immediate neighbours on Whins Lane could be damaged it could even result in putting lives at risk should the containers fall into our properties.

It appears that Castle are proceeding with whatever alterations to the land they choose despite the consequences to the residents of Whins Lane . Is this legal or should all of their activity been included in the planning application before not after your request.

In conclusion, had RVBC acted earlier then the activities of this company could have been stifled. The repeated telephone and emails to get something done as caused me an enormous amount of stress. I have lived in the Ribble Valley all my life and paid the required taxes ... I expected more support. These actions have without doubt reduced the valuation and saleability of my home but more importantly as resulted in the TOTAL LOSS OF MY PRIVACY.

Regards

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