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Date: Friday, 31 August, 2012, 11:28

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Letter from [redacted].pdf  
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Pl. can we discuss asap

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**From:** PATRICK KITTERICK [mailto:[patrick.kitterick@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.kitterick@leicester.gov.uk)]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2012 10:15  
**To:**  
**Cc:** TheMayor  
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Having done a term search on my e-mail this appears to be the only relevant correspondence. I have been sent agendas, addendums etc via e-mail but I imagine you have all that already,

Any other questions please let me know.

Thanks,

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Date: Friday, 14 September, 2012, 15:57

Dear Cllr Kitterick

I attach letter in response to the above which has been sent out today. I've not included all the attachment as they can be viewed via the link set out in the letter. Should you want copies of the report etc. pl. let me know.

Regards.



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**From**  
**Sent:** 11 July 2012 09:57  
**To:** Hanif Aqbany  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Permission 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fern Bank Leicester

Dear Cllr Aqbany

I apologise for the delay in responding on the above. The above application was reported to the P&DC cttee on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and it was resolved to approved the

scheme subject to the completion of an Unilateral Undertaking for public open space contribution of £6016. We are awaiting for the applicant to complete the agreement before we can issue the decision. the case officer has spoken to the applicant about this and I have arranged for to ring him today. Should you need any further information then please contact me.

Once again I apologise for the delay.

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**From:** Hanif Aqbany

**Sent:** 10 July 2012 22:58

**To:**

**Cc:** Mohammed Dawood

**Subject:** Planning Permission 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fern Bank Leicester

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Hope you are well. Both myself and Cllr Dawood have chased you couple of times regarding

the above property who have forwarded a petition opposing the application.

Though the property is in Charnwood ward but it is also on the dividing line between Spinney

and Charnwood ward hence it will have implications with residents on our patch.

Can you look into this VERY urgently.

Have a great day, keep well and kindest regards.

Cllr Hanif Aqibany

Elected Member - Spinney Hills Ward

Members Services

Town Hall

Town Hall Square

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LE1 9BG

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I do not have an email from Cllr Dawood. I note the reference to the objectors asking for the committee date & for the petitions to go to ward councillors. Was that in the representation we received? Can you prepare a draft reply to the councillors, please?

Cheers

Acting Head of Planning

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**From:** Hanif Aqbany  
**Sent:** 24 May 2012 20:54  
**To:**  
**Cc:** TheMayor; Mohammed Dawood  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Permission 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fern Bank Leicester

Hope you are well. I refer to our brief conversation about this matter which has forwarded to me by

Cllr Dawood. I have observed that Cllr Dawood has also forwarded this to the head of Planning seeking

more information, we now await to hear from him in due course.

Have a great day, keep well and kindest regards.

Cllr Hanif Aqbany

Elected Member - Spinney Hills Ward

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**From:** Mohammed Dawood

**Sent:** 21 May 2012 09:13

**To:**

**Cc:** TheMayor; Hanif Aqbany

**Subject:** Re: Planning Permission 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fern Bank Leicester

Dear

Thank you for your email raising your concerns about the planning application and the imperial hotel.

With regards to the planning application, I advised you that Cllr Aqbany would be the ward Cllr you would be consulting as I would have a direct conflict of interest. Due to the fact my immediate family live directly opposite Fern Bank.

I have copied in \_\_\_\_\_ to look into the request of notifying of the date for the application to be considered

I will also ask \_\_\_\_\_ to look and respond to the concerns you have raised about the Old Imperial pub and St Saviours Church.



If there is anything I can assist you with please do not hesitate in contacting me

Best of regards

Assistant Mayor Mohammed Dawood,  
Cllr for Spinney Hill,  
M:07800 907313 T: 0116 229 8855  
Councillor.Mohammed.Dawood@leicester.gov.uk

**From:** <mailto:> 1  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2012 09:01 PM  
**To:** Mohammed Dawood  
**Cc:** TheMayor  
**Subject:** Planning Permission 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fern Bank Leicester

Dear Cll Dawood,

I refer to the above planning application, reference number: 20120269

Following a letter to residents from dated 15th March '12 from the Planning Department (Direct Line: 0116 - ), local residents have submitted two petitions dated 31st March 2012.

We specifically requested the officer to forward copies of the petition to local councillors in Spinney Hills and Charnwood wards as the planning proposal impacts on residents living in both areas. We also asked to be informed of the date of the planning meeting in order that we could lobby councillors and Member of Parliament.

Since submitting the petition, we have not heard anything in regard to the date of the planning meeting or whether a decision has been made without our knowledge.

On the planning section of the public website (Leicester City Council) it would appear that the planning decision was to be taken on 14th May '12.

Please can I request to know if you have been forwarded with relevant background papers and if a decision has been arrived at in regard to the above planning proposal?

Residents would be extremely concerned if a decision has been made without any knowledge of the date of the planning meeting.

We have expressed strong disapproval to the proposal and would like our councillors in

the two wards to stop the plans for a further building being converted into flats in the area. We are concerned with the lack of information in regard to other developments in the immediate vicinity. Residents would also like to know of any planning application being proposed in regard to the derelict St Saviours Church located on St Saviours Road.

We are also deeply concerned that the former Imperial pub on Mere Road (opposite the Spinney Hills Surgery) has been converted into flats and is now in use for this purpose. Local residents have not been contacted or consulted in regard to these developments. If there has been consultation, I would be grateful to hear from the Council about how this was conducted.

I await to hear a formal response from yourself

Yours sincerely,

Tel:

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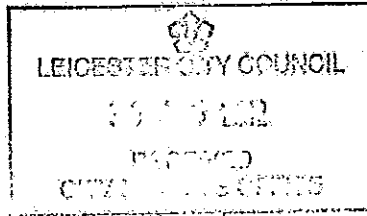
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Good afternoon  
I e mail you a copy of my letter which is in the post to you also, to allow you more time  
to consider things.  
Kind regards,

27<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Sir Peter Soulsby  
City Mayor's Office  
Leicester City Council  
Floor 7, B Block  
New Walk Centre  
Welford Place  
Leicester, LE1 6ZG



Dear Sir Peter Soulsby,

Re: Planning Application 98 St Saviours Road /1 Fernbank Leicester Reference Number: PMD/AS/20120269

I am writing in regard to a letter and petition that I forwarded to \_\_\_\_\_ at the Planning Department on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

In my letter (copy attached), I specifically requested to have information of the planning committee meeting that would consider the planning decision. Further request was made that all local councillors in Spinney Hills and Charnwood wards be informed of the petition.

Since submitting the petition, I have not heard anything from the City Council. I was not informed of the date of the Planning Committee meeting or any decisions taken and approved in regard to the above planning application. It would seem that residents have not received relevant information in order for them to attend the Planning Committee meeting or to lobby their councillors beforehand.

The planning application contained factual inaccuracies in regard to the potential parking problems that would be caused if planning was to be approved. The application stated that:

'The proposal would <sup>not</sup> drastically reduce street parking having only seven flats'.

This is factually incorrect as the seven residents will lead to more on street parking and exacerbate the existing parking problems for residents. Residents are extremely concerned that other concerns raised in our petition have also been dismissed by the Planning Committee.

I would like to know how a decision has been approved without local residents knowing anything about the planning committee meeting or having the opportunity to make representation at a face to face meeting with Ward Councillors.

Please can I request from the Senior Planning Officer all relevant information and papers that have been circulated in regard to the above planning application. This includes any communication with residents, councillors and report and decision taken by the planning committee.

I attach for your information petitions that have been submitted in regard to the above planning application.

May I thank you in advance for your support to look in to the matter.

Yours sincerely,

31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

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New Walk Centre  
Welford Place  
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RE: PLANNING APPLICATION 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD / 1 FERNBANK LEICESTER  
REFERENCE: PMD/AS/20120269

I am writing to you on behalf of local residents to oppose the planning application submitted in regard to the above property.

Please find attached a petition that local residents have signed to stop the proposed development.

Residents have requested that you bring this matter to the attention of all ward Councillors in Charnwood and Spinney Hill wards, as the impact of the proposed development would affect residents in both adjoining wards.

I would be grateful if you would keep me informed of developments, particularly the date of planning meeting where this proposal will be discussed and any decision that will be taken subsequently.

Residents would urge Officers and local Councillors to oppose the proposed development. Please find attached a petition that residents have signed that we would like you to bring to the attention of the Planning Committee to show the extent of opposition to the proposed plan.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

**Petition to Leicester City Council to Stop the Proposed Planning Application to Change the Use from Offices (Class A2) to Seven Self Contained Flats (7 x 10Bed) (Class CR) at 98 St Saviours Road/ 1 Fernbank Leicester (Planning Application No: 20120269)**

**Petition Summary and Background:**  
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 The area around the proposed site has serious social issues and this development will further exacerbate those problems. The property is immediately adjacent to the derelict St Saviours Church. The damage and vandalism caused to the interior and exterior of the church have widely been reported in the Leicester Mercury.  
 More recently, residents of the Grove Road area have raised concerns around the growing problem of young people congregating and the supply of drugs in the locality.  
 The proposed development is very close to Grove Road and this will only exacerbate the existing problems in the area.  
 Local residents are already experiencing serious parking difficulties on St Saviours Road as there are yellow lines and parking restrictions. Residents from adjoining street already use St Saviours Road to park vehicles that compound problems.

**Action Petitioned For:**  
 We, the undersigned, object to the proposal to change the use from offices to seven self contained flats at 98 St Saviours Road / 1 Fernbank for the following reasons:  
 The development will exacerbate the social problems in the area particularly in relation to the existing problems of the supply of drugs, gang culture and vandalism.  
 The development is too close to existing properties.  
 It will add to the already growing problems of parking experienced by local residents.  
 Flats will lead to a constant churning of residents which will have a negative impact on a stable local community.  
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 The private amenity space of those residents in the vicinity would be invaded.

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2	Mohammed Patel		131 St Saviours Road	mo_91p@hotmail.com
3	Sherbanu Patel		131 St Saviours Road	

	Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment & Email Address
4	Abeda Patel		131 St Saviours Road	
5	A. SATINA ISSAK		125ST SAVIOURS RD	
6	ZUBEDA ISSAK		125ST SAVIOUR RD	
7	Asif Khureshi		41 St Saviours Rd.	
8	GULAM KHAN		39 St Saviours Rd.	
9	J. Croft		37 St Saviours Rd	
10	J. Turner		33 ST SAVIOURS	
11	L. Rowe-Turner		" "	
12	Y. Y. BADAT		100, ST SAVIOURS RD	
13	S. Y. BADAT		100, ST SAVIOURS RD	
14	Binn Khureshi		114 St Saviours Rd.	
15	H. P. Sorani		114 St Saviours Rd.	
16	M. P. Sorani		114 St Saviours Rd.	
17	A. R. BERA		5 Fern Bank	
18	H. BERA		5 Fern Bank.	
19	H. Meslem		4 Fern Bank	
20	I. MESLEM		4 Fern Bank	

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81	Mohammed FARIZ <sup>Mulla</sup>		116, ST SAVIOURS RD	We are not pleased
82	YUSUF MULLA		116, St Savious Rd.	Flats = Trouble makers / Y-Mulla@hotmail.com
83	Umar Mulla		116 St Savious Rd	I'm not that pleased
84	KUNTON MULLA.		116, St, SAVIOUS RD.	Troublesome.
85	Muhammad Sidar		118, St Savious Rd	Not convenient.
86	NAZUK JALAN		112, St Savious Rd	Troublesome
87	SAMEEM NAJWA		112, St, SAVIOUS RD	Trouble same.
88	K. S. TOMANI		170 St Savious Rd	NOT HAPPY.
89	M. S. PATEL		124. St. Savious Rd	lot of trouble
90	A. M. RALI		124. St Savious Rd	Unable to park Cars will be -
91	Amir Patel		124. St Savious Rd	I am not happy
92	Sajwan Patel		124 St Savious Rd	
93	SUHEL PATEL		122, St SAVIOUS RD	
94	Siraj Yusuf		122, St SAVIOUS RD	
95	Hajira Yusuf		110. St. Savious Rd.	
96	Gulam Hussein Sulebi		104 St Savious Rd.	NOT convenient.
97	Ashubini Mirza		104 St Savious Rd	not happy



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38	HAUSLOD	102 ST. SAVIOURS RD CES SHW	
834	MOOSA	102 ST. SAVIOURS ROAD CES SHW	
840	MEHFURA HAUSLOD		
741	KUWUD	1. ES 3 & E.	
842	MUHAMMAD RAHMAN	2 FERN BANK	
843	ALIFAH LATIFAH	2 FERN BANK	
1844	YUSUF SEOAT	106, ST. SAVIOURS RD.	
145	Amina SEOAT	106, ST. SAVIOURS RD	
126	A Pabel	129 St. Savours Rd	
147	Aiyub Zamakda	127 St. Savours Road	
148	Mariyah Zamakda	127 St. Savours Rd.	
149	Haroon Zamakda	127 St. Savours Road	
1850	Z Zamakda	127 St. Savours Road	
171	S Zamakda	127 St. SAVOURS RD	
18	David Adler	3 Fern Bank heiceses <del>DEER</del>	
183	YASIN GABANA	17, GEORGETOWN	
204	S. KHARUBA	121, ST. SAVOURS RD	

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2	Mohmed Patel		84 Frederick Road	
3	Latima Patel		84 Frederick Road	

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5	YASIN GAFFAR	77, FREDRICK (2nd)
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7	HASINA CHOTHA	56 BEAUMONT RD
8	SUNAYA NAZIR	4 WOOD HILL
9	SALMA NAZIR	4 WOOD HILL
10	FARAH SIDDIQI	8 WOOD HILL
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12	HASLA SIDDIQI	6 WOODHILL
13	Muhammad Haseeb Sidqi	6 WOODHILL
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15	A. PATEL	12 WOODHILL
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Please ask for:  
Direct line: 0116  
Our ref: 2012/Aug/IMP/PC  
Date: 30 August 2012



Dear

**Re: Planning Application 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fernbank, Leicester Ref No  
PMD/AS/20120269**

Thank you for your letter to the City Mayor dated 27 August 2012 which was received today.

Under the rules that govern how councils determine planning applications when they have an elected mayor, the City Mayor cannot take any decisions in these matters. These are the responsibility of the Council's Planning and Development Control Committee or officers acting under delegated powers.

I have therefore forwarded your letter to Councillor Patrick Kitterick, the Chair of the Planning and Development Control Committee.

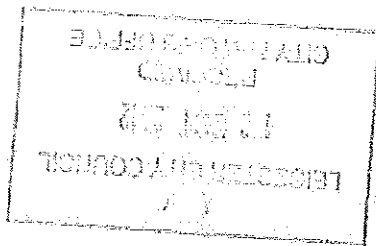
Yours sincerely,

City Mayor's Office

cc Councillor Patrick Kitterick, Chair of Planning and Development Control  
Committee

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR**  
Peter Soulsby

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6<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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Circulation copies: Sir Peter Soulsby, Jon Ashworth MP, Cllr Patrick Kitterick, Cllr Mohammad Dawood, Cll Hanif Aqbany, Keith Vaz MP

Dear

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD / 1 FERNBANK LEICESTER  
REFERENCE: PMD/AS/20120269

I am writing in response to your long awaited letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Whilst I am grateful to have received a reply after my representation to the City Mayor, I am nevertheless extremely concerned that local residents have been denied basic opportunity to make representation to their Ward Councillors through a face to face meeting. In this regard, Leicester City Council has blatantly failed in its duty and obligations to provide basic information to residents that would have allowed them to exercise their basic political rights to representation to elected members.

In my letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 (copy attached) I specifically requested the petition be brought to the attention of ward Councillors in Spinney Hills and Charnwood Wards. Can you please confirm if you provided this information to the Ward Councillors and when? Please forward to me actual copies of letters and e-mail communication that you or officers from the Planning Department have had with councillors in relation to the above planning application. My request is being made under the Freedom of Information Act and I am requesting to see copies of all communication.

In my letter I also requested to be kept informed of developments and particularly the date of the planning meeting at which a decision was to be made. Leicester City Council failed to provide the basic information to residents on this matter. We have serious cause for concern as we have not been able to lobby our Councillors appropriately and have been denied the opportunity to attend the Planning Committee meeting.

In a letter I have received from \_\_\_\_\_ dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (copy attached), she writes on page 2 paragraph 1 that:

'In May 2012 we did not have public speaking at committee meetings so we did not notify people making representations of the committee date.'

This explanation is again unsatisfactory as residents requested the date so that they could lobby their Councillors and exercise their democratic right to attend a public meeting (not necessarily to speak). This is fundamentally a weak explanation from an Officer from Leicester City Council.

After representation to the City Mayor, I have also received in September 2012 minutes of the Planning and Development Control Committee dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

The minutes clearly state that 'Councillor Osman has written in support of the proposal'.

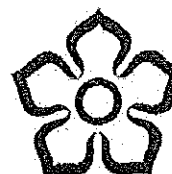
Residents are extremely aggrieved that a local Councillor seemingly has ignored the petition of 73 signatories and chosen to support a property developer who it seems is not a local resident. Why was a property developer given the opportunity to make representation to the ward councillor when 73 residents were not even provided with a date of the Planning Committee meeting?

Residents would also like to know why the issues identified in the petition have been ignored particularly in regard to the drugs problem and the serious parking problems faced by residents. Currently, local young people under 16 years of age have had restriction orders placed to prevent them from congregating in the area. This is as a result of the drugs related issues in the area. The committee was not fully briefed by officers and as a consequence concerns of residents were simply dismissed.

On behalf of local residents I await to hear from you in regard to our concerns and request for information.

Yours sincerely,

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Telephone: (0116) 252 7273  
Fax no: (0116) 252 7273  
Email: [planning@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:planning@leicester.gov.uk)  
Our ref: PL/AS/20120269  
Date: 14 September 2012



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Dear

**PLANNING APPLICATION: 20120269**

**Applicant: MR S GAFFAR**  
**Location: 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD/ 1 FERN BANK**  
**Proposal: CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICES (CLASS B1) TO SEVEN  
SELF CONTAINED FLATS (3 X 2 BED/4 X 1 BED) (CLASS  
C3) (S106 AGREEMENT-UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING)**

Your letter dated to 27 August 2012 to City Mayor Soulsby has been passed to me to respond as explained in letter of 30 August. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Your letter including the petitions dated 31<sup>st</sup> March was received and the concerns expressed were summarised together with other representations in the officer's report that was considered by Members of the Planning and Development Control Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012. The report explains why no off-street parking for the proposal was acceptable. Committee reports are available for public inspection five working days before the meeting at the Council Office's and on the Council's website. I enclose a copy of the report, supplementary report and minutes of the meeting for your information. You can also view these documents on the Council's website at:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=399&MId=4256&Ver=4>

Members resolved to approve the application subject to the applicant entering into a unilateral agreement to secure a contribution towards open space provisions. Our normal practice is to notify everyone who made representations of the outcome once a decision notice has been issued. In this instance, the decision has not been issued because we are still awaiting the applicant to complete the agreement. Should the agreement not be completed then the application could be refused.

I accept it is not a satisfactory situation when residents who had made representations have not been made aware of the decision. I have arranged for letters to be sent out immediately and for this part of the planning process to be reviewed to avoid this situation occurring again.

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In May 2012 we did not have public speaking at committee meetings so we did not notify people making representations of the committee date. However, we now notify objectors because public speaking was introduced in June 2012, which allows objectors and agent/applicant to present their case to Members of the committee subject to criteria that can be view at the following link:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/planning/planningapplications/applicationsinformation/commentsonplanningapplications/public-speaking/>

Ward Members have always been allowed to present their own or their constituent concerns\comments at the meeting. In this instance, Councillor Osman, the ward councillor, had made written representation to state that he supported the application.

Head of Service and I have exchanged emails with Councillor Aqbany regarding your petition, how it was dealt with and the resolution on the application to approve subject to the legal agreement.

I hope this addresses your concerns. However, should you need to discuss the matter further then please do not hesitate to contact me on the above direct line.

Yours sincerely

Team Leader  
Planning Development Management Team

cc Cllrs. Patrick Kitterick, Hanif Aqbany,  
Keith Vaz MP and

., Abdul Osman, Rt. Hon.

31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Leicester City Council  
Planning  
New Walk Centre  
Welford Place  
Leicester  
LE1 6ZG

Dear

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD / 1 FERNBANK LEICESTER  
REFERENCE: PMD/AS/20120269

I am writing to you on behalf of local residents to oppose the planning application submitted in regard to the above property.

Please find attached a petition that local residents have signed to stop the proposed development.

Residents have requested that you bring this matter to the attention of all ward Councillors in Charnwood and Spinney Hill wards, as the impact of the proposed development would affect residents in both adjoining wards.

I would be grateful if you would keep me informed of developments, particularly the date of planning meeting where this proposal will be discussed and any decision that will be taken subsequently.

Residents would urge Officers and local Councillors to oppose the proposed development. Please find attached a petition that residents have signed that we would like you to bring to the attention of the Planning Committee to show the extent of opposition to the proposed plan.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

**To:** @leicester.gov.uk]  
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**Subject:** RE: 98 st saviours rd - 20120269

I will check on Monday to see if it has started.

**From:**  
**Sent:** 11 September 2012 14:43  
**To:**  
**Subject:** 98 st saviours rd - 20120269

Planning permission was granted subject to section 106 being signed. No monies have been received. I understand that work is being undertaken, Can you have a look please and let me know. I'm not going out this week.

Thanks

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tel: (0116)

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Not sure if I let you know what was happening with this but the development has started and the owner said that they had sent in a cheque for the contribution the week before they started. Not sure if that has been received yet.

Compliance and Enforcement Team

Planning, Transportation and Economic Development

@leicester.gov.uk

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**From:** Cllr Abdul Osman  
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**Subject:** RE: 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD/1 FERN BANK - PLANNING APPLICATION  
20120269

Dear

I have had no correspondence regarding the application, only a phone call from requesting his support towards the plans they submitted to the planning department.

Many Thanks

Cllr Osman

Charnwood Ward

**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 October 2012 09:50  
**To:** Cllr Paul Newcombe; Cllr Abdul Osman  
**Subject:** 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD/1 FERN BANK - PLANNING APPLICATION  
20120269  
**Importance:** High

Dear Councillors

I have a FOIA request for the above planning application. Can you please forward me all correspondence you have regarding the application. I need the correspondence by 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

regards

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Letter to .pdf  
98 St Saviours Road 1 Fern Bank Emails.docx

As requested, please find attached all the correspondence and emails I have been able to trace within the City Mayor's Office about this matter.

Regards

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Tel 0116

e-mail: [TheMayor@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:TheMayor@leicester.gov.uk)

From:



**Sent:** 24 October 2012 09:24

**To:**

**Subject:** FW: 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD/1 FERN BANK - PLANNING APPLICATION  
20120269

**Importance:** High

Dear

Have you had a chance to look at my email regarding the above. My deadline is tomorrow.

Regards

**From:**

**Sent:** 17 October 2012 16:43

**To:**

**Subject:** 98 ST SAVIOURS ROAD/1 FERN BANK - PLANNING APPLICATION  
20120269

Dear

I have a FOIA request for the above planning application. I note you have had some involvement with this site. Can you please forward me all correspondence you have regarding the application, so I can amalgamate all the letters, emails etc and send them off. I need the correspondence by 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

regards

Planner - Development Management Team  
Planning & Economic Development  
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tel: (0116)

To: Cllr Hanif Aqbany[Hanif.Aqbany@leicester.gov.uk]  
Cc: @leicester.gov.uk]; @leicester.gov.uk]  
From:  
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Subject: RE: Planning Permission 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fern Bank Leicester

Dear Cllr Aqbany

I apologise for the delay in responding on the above. The above application was reported to the P&DC cttee on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and it was resolved to approved the scheme subject to the completion of an Unilateral Undertaking for public open space contribution of £6016. We are awaiting for the applicant to complete the agreement before we can issue the decision. .... the case officer has spoken to the applicant about this and I have arranged for ..... to ring him today. Should you need any further information then please contact me.

Once again I apologise for the delay.

Team Leader, Development Management Team

Planning, Transportation and Economic Development

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From: Hanif Aqbany  
Sent: 10 July 2012 22:58

**To:**  
**Cc:** ; Mohammed Dawood  
**Subject:** Planning Permission 98 St Saviours Road/1 Fern Bank Leicester

Hello

Hope you are well. Both myself and Cllr Dawood have chased you couple of times regarding

the above property who have forwarded a petition opposing the application.

Though the property is in Charnwood ward but it is also on the dividing line between Spinney

and Charnwood ward hence it will have implications with residents on our patch.

Can you look into this VERY urgently.

Have a great day, keep well and kindest regards.

Cllr Hanif Aqbany

Elected Member - Spinney Hills Ward

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To: i@leicester.gov.uk  
From:  
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Subject: Unilateral Undertaking (98 St Saviours Road / 1 Fern Bank)

Dear

I'm very pleased to hear that the application was passed by the planning committee and would like to thank you for the promptness in dealing with my submission.

I know we have previously touched on the matter of paying the Section 106 Notice, and I have no objection that a payment should be due. However, I firmly believe that the amount proposed (£6,016) is excessive in relation to the development and the area. I fully understand that you have calculated the figure from a set formula, however, I am also aware from speaking to Section 106 experts and those who have previously applied for planning application through the City Council, that there is room for negotiations. I obviously don't see the point of appointing a specialist to negotiate on my behalf as this will only delay the development process.

My understanding is that the following application had the s106 reduced after discussions:

2101899- was the planner.

20111780 – this was eventually withdrawn, but prior to being withdrawn, the applicant had negotiated a discount from approx £5,000 to £2,500.

Furthermore, as we are bringing a disused building back in to a use which is much needed in the area, you can appreciate how the costs can escalate.

I hope we can come to an amicable solution as soon as possible

Kind Regards