

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PANEL**  
**THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Anslow, C.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Bernard, J.D.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Freeman, Miss M.A.	

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

Councillor Mrs. D. Grice was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received

**3. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

The Complainant's Representative declared an interest as he was a Member of Cannock Chase Council.

**4. Exclusion of the Public**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).



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**5. Complaint**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Corporate Director (Item 5.1 – 5.63 of the Official Minutes of the Council) and the Not for Publication Letter from the Complainant to the Panel (Item 6.1 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Complainant and Complainant's Representative were in attendance to present the Complainant's case.

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves and then outlined the procedure for the Hearing.

The Officer representing the Council presented the Council's case by taking the Panel through the report. The Complainant, Complainant's Representative and Members of the Panel were then put questions to the Officer and witnesses present.

The Complainant and Complainant's Representatives then presented their case to the Panel. The Officer representing the Council and Members of the Panel then put questions to the Complainant and Complainant's Representative.

The Officer representing the Council and the Complainant and Complainant's Representative were then given the opportunity to sum up their respective cases. No summation was provided by the Officer.

The Panel then deliberated in private, calling on only the Council's Legal Advisor and Senior Committee Officer for advice. During private deliberation, all parties were recalled so the Panel could seek clarification on a number of matters.

Following deliberation, all parties then returned to the meeting and the Chairman announced the decision of the Panel as follows:-

**RESOLVED:**

- (A) The Panel has a great deal of sympathy with Mr Hyden, given the problems he has had to endure as a result of the developer's poor working practices and lack of consideration.
- (B) The Panel wants to stop problems like this happening again.

(C) As a result the Panel would like to recommend:-

- (i) Building Control and Planning Officers to look at their procedures to see if they can build in any further checks to detect non-compliance with planning conditions and, in cases where there is non-compliance, to impose time limits for compliance
- (ii) In the event of future planning applications from the developers in this case, that such applications are looked at very closely and that the development site is kept under close scrutiny during development.

The meeting closed at 12:40pm

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CHAIRMAN