

Message from Parish Council Chairman to St Dominic Parishioners

17 July 2018

Further to my earlier message on the subject of the Tregonhay site, our letter of complaint regarding the way in which the planning decision was reached has been submitted to Cornwall Council.

Although the final response is still awaited, email communications from Cornwall Council make it clear that they will not revoke the planning decision issued, as their records show that due process was followed and that the Parish Council was at fault for not submitting their response before the decision was issued. Our records do not provide strong enough documentary evidence to challenge that conclusion. The only way that the Parish Council could take the matter further would be by way of Judicial Review, and Councillors have decided that this is not a viable option.

Although not open to Parish Councils, there is a possibility for members of the public to refer complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman. This route is only available once a complaint has been registered by that member of the public and they are not satisfied by the final response from Cornwall Council. A description of the process can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-complaints/.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I can only apologise for the fact that local democracy has not been well served by the way in which this planning application has been handled.

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