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Councillor B. Napper.

Dear Councillor Napper,

Council – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the last Council Meeting so it was recommended I respond to the question you submitted in writing.

You asked about a Rotherham resident, who was taken to court by R.M.B.C. for breaking planning law and ordered to take the building down. You believe he was now being supported by R.M.B.C. to have the decision reversed with the help of the R.M.B.C. Legal Department and why this as the case.

From your question It is not possible to ascertain which case you may be referring to. However, if you wish to provide details of the case reference I will look to providing a full response.

I should point out that there are no planning laws that are broken if someone builds without permission. Building works carried out without permission may be a breach of planning control and this can be dealt with in a number of ways. Only as a last resort would formal court action be taken. In many cases the Council will work with people to regularise development, or change it to make it acceptable, as per the Council's Adopted Planning Enforcement Plan.

I trust this answers your question, but if I can help further in any way please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

***D. Lelliott***

Councillor Denise Lelliott,  
Cabinet Member for Jobs and  
the Local Economy.