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Councillor Ian Jones
Elected Member

Via email: cllrjan.jones@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Councillor Jones

Question at Council – Wednesday 1st March 2023

Further to your question at Council on the 1st March 2023, I undertook to investigate your reference to the planning permission requiring fencing and wire to be in place. I have spoken with the relevant colleagues who have confirmed no such planning requirement exists. I have attached the permission for your reference.

After the public Inquiry in 1992 the restoration proposals of Phase 1 were submitted to the Council. These were accepted and as the Council has consistently stated, were treated as a minor amendment to the planning permission as it essentially approved the finished levels different to what had been approved in 1958. As part of the restoration proposals, it states:

Site Office, Security and Management

A site office will be provided in order to keep and maintain records of site operations. Prior to the importation of materials the site perimeter will have installed a two metre high chain link fence surmounted by three strands of barbed wire. The entrance will be fitted with lockable steel gates which will be locked outside the hours of operation. An identification board will be positioned to the North of the access gates. The site will be managed by an authorised supervisor who will be in attendance for the duration of the works and will be responsible for all site activities.

There is no planning condition that requires any of this to be provided and its purpose was to keep the site secure during the restoration works. It is assumed that together with the site cabin, it was erected for the duration of the operation and subsequently removed once the restoration works were completed.

I hope the above information is helpful, and if you have any further relevant information or questions then please do let me know.

Yours sincerely



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