

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT  
TO CAMPSEA ASHE, MELTON, PETTISTREE, RENDLESHAM;  
UFFORD, AND WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCILS  
MARCH 2013

PLUS DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S NOTES  
(FOR MELTON; PETTISTREE AND UFFORD)

ST AUDRY'S HOUSE

I cannot now remember when this problem first arose, but I think it was about four years ago. A house in Melton Park was converted for use for holiday lets. The periods of rental were quite short, sometimes only over a weekend. Large groups of people came, often to celebrate. Noise and other forms of disturbance disrupted the peace of neighbours. SCDC after much pondering, concluded that there had been a change of use and embarked upon enforcement action. The owner appealed to the Planning Inspector, who however upheld SCDC's action.

The owner then appealed to the High Court (Judge Francis Pattison), who however upheld the Inspector's ruling. The owner then further appealed to the Court of Appeal (The Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice....., Lord Justice Sullivan) who again rejected the appeal. The owner then sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

On 4 Feb 06, Lord Walker, Lord Sumption, and Lord Carnwath ordered that permission to appeal before their court be refused because the application did not raise an arguable point of law of general public interest that ought to be considered by the Supreme Court. Their Lordships considered that the Court of Appeal were right to recognise that the case was one of fact and degree upon which the Inspector had made no error of law.

The owner now has a six month period of grace in which to terminate the current arrangements

The ruling will, I hope, be of use in the future when similar cases are considered.

B 1078 AND ITS USE BY EDF LONG DISTANCE SUPPLIERS

A resident wrote to me and put forward the view that it was very important that all measures should be taken to ensure haulage contractors supplying EDF from the West of the country (along the

A14) do not short cut their journey by leaving the A14 at junction 51 and using the B1078 via Coddendam, Ashboking, Charsfield and Wickham Market. This route, he wrote, already saw a disproportionate amount of heavy goods traffic with its resultant damage to highways and property and disturbance to small rural communities. The resident had suggested to EDF that they should ensure that any contracts for the supply of goods via road transport for the building of the new power station should have a clause requiring HGV and other associated delivery transport to use the A14 and A12 only and specifically exclude the use of the B1078.

I was asked for my support, which I certainly gave, and after an immense amount of to-ing and fro-ing, the Assistant Director (Highways and Transport) wrote to me ...”to give clarity I am happy to confirm that we WILL make representations to EDF that use of the B1078 be proscribed in the contracts between EDF and their long distance suppliers.

### COUNCIL TAX

Both SCC and SCDC will freeze council tax at the current rate for the next financial year.

### TRAVELLERS

A Direction to Leave Notice has been served on the owner of the converted double-decker bus that has been parked on the old Main Road Pettistree and that has been used as a residence for several weeks.

*Michael Bond*