

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 5th March 2019

CORRESPONDENCE

	FROM	SUBJECT
18.1	Chris Kemp	Botha Close recovery truck

Hi,

Since November when this matter was raised, there seems to be little progress resulting from either Bovis or Parish Council intervention.

Indeed, things are worse particularly at weekends in terms of the number of cars that are typically more than 15 years old with high mileage, leaking oil and fluids on the road etc, wrecks with windows, bumpers, lights etc missing or broken that are parked on Botha Close and on the Junction with Bisley Crescent.

Last week (Feb 16th) there were 2 cars on the driveway of 3 Botha Close, the breakdown truck with a car on the back, his own BMW on Botha Close, and an old Ford Focus parked diagonally half on the pavement on the corner of Botha Close and Bisley Crescent. That is a total of 6 vehicles, 4 of which disappeared in the following week to be replaced by some more old cars. This weekend there are 7 vehicles at the house; His own BMW, visitors Toyota parked on Botha Close - I would not complain about those as it is reasonable to park ones own car and visitors cars outside ones house. However, there are 2 very old Vauxhall Astras, one looks like its from a scrap yard, a Peugeot hatchback with a tow bar attached to its front left hanging on the street on Botha Close and on Bisley Crescent. On his drive is the breakdown truck with an old red BMW on the back.

These are not cars that they use/need for people living there but scrap/old cars that are part of some kind of business whatever that may be, being run from a residential address. Occasionally there appear to be other individuals that come to the address to look at and discuss details of the cars, perhaps to buy/sell them.

The breakdown truck has no telephone number or web address branding on it so it is not possible to identify this "business". If there is a business like this being run from this residential address whose details seem to be kept in the background, it poses questions about things such as the correct level of Council Tax paid to South Cambridgeshire District Council, Tax/VAT to HMRC/Inland Revenue, Insurance status of vehicles parked on the public highway, DVLA Road Tax. Road tax is only valid for the vehicle owner listed on the V5 log book and if the vehicle passes to someone else they need to re-tax it or SORN the vehicle in which case it is not allowed to be parked on the public highway. Also motor traders must use a red lettered DVLA issue trade plate when they put a vehicle they are not the registered keeper of on the public highway and none of the cars that are parked on the road ever display a red DVLA trade plate.

There is a lack of respect for the part of Cambourne his neighbours live in apart from bending and breaking of rules.

This has been going on for months and recently has got worse. The various clauses and covenants that are in the contracts of sale/purchase to the owners of all the properties in Upper Cambourne that prohibit these kind of activities are not worth the paper they were written on if nothing is done to enforce them, whether that is Bovis or the Parish Council.

Kind Regards

Chris