

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
 District of South Cambridgeshire

Planning Meeting 19th September 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

	FROM	SUBJECT
7.1	Cambourne Residents	Correspondence regarding reserved matters application for the bund adjacent to their properties (West Cambourne).

7.1 22/04877/REM Reserved Matters for Noise Attenuation Bunds

Please see below Correspondence in relation to the above application.

Barry & Suzy

Sorry I had not realised my email had bounced back.

The statement below was agreed by the Councillors.

Thank you for your email regarding the bund.

The Council did consider the bund as part of a reserved matters application 22/04877/REM for the sound attenuation bunds. The council considered the item at the Planning Committee PLN/M346 meeting on the 6th December 2022 and supported the application extract from the minutes below.

22/04877/REM

Site Address: Land To The West Of Cambourne Excluding Swansley Wood Farm Ermine Street Caxton

Proposal: Application for the approval of reserved Matters (appearance, layout and scale) for Noise Attenuation Bunds following outline planning permission S/2903/14/OL (Development of up to 2350 residential units including affordable housing retail use classes A1-A5 (up to 1.04 ha)

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/04877/REM>

The Council looked at the application at its merit and made the decision on the information it had available.

Councillors look at the supporting documents, some look to see which adjoining properties were notified which includes your property and would assume that you would have commented on the application at that time.

Kind regards

John

Dear Chair of Cambourne Town Council

We thank you for your reply and can confirm that we are now in receipt of a reply from your clerk.

This correspondence, as well as previous, centres on the construction of a noise attenuation bund at the rear of our property. Your colleagues in your absence, on 6th December 2022, approved, as part of reserved matters, the appearance, layout and scale of the bund following outline planning permission. A timeline would indicate that when this decision was made they were possibly not in receipt of full and detailed drawings, especially with regard to the proposed bridleway and footpath as these were only submitted to SCDC planning on 31st May 2023.

We have had sight of the public record of the meeting and can find no evidence that the application was debated and more importantly that the site was visited by any council member to support their decision to approve. The reserved matters remain open within the planning portal 'awaiting a decision' and there is an opportunity for you as an elected body representing us as local residents to reconsider and post objections to the developers' proposals. We would agree that the construction of noise reducing structures is an advantage to any development however a paramount consideration before any construction is the impact it has on the privacy, drainage and landscaping of any third party. We feel that the councils' decision to support this application did not fully consider these at the time.

As the reserved matters remains open we invite a councillor or councillors to visit our property and view the impact that the current unlawfully erected bund has on our property, and if they are

of the same opinion as ourselves there is an opportunity for you and the council to raise objections via the planning portal.

We will respect any further comments or decisions that generate from that visit.

Yours sincerely
Barry & Suzy

Thank you for the response, I can confirm we did not receive the reply originally either.

For the record, both of our households did indeed comment in great detail listing our various objections on the link you provided.

I am dismayed that the agreement was made without (as far as I currently know) any attempt at mitigation to allay even some of these concerns.

Could the councillors please accept our invitation to view the bund from our properties for themselves?

Since the construction began it very much feels like we are considered to be an irrelevance, that can safely be ignored by the Cambourne West developers.

We are only two properties it is true, but this bund has already had a detrimental effect on our lives and will, we fear, continue to do so unless mitigating measures are carried out.

Yours sincerely,

Adam and Cherry Sheik

Extract from the minutes dated the 6th December 2022

It was

RESOLVED to support the application subject to the request the bund bridle path is open for public access as soon as possible.