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30/06/25.

TREVOL BUSINESS PARK

- ① letter of complaint to Cornwall Council
- ② response from Cornwall Council.

TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS



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7th April 2025

FAO Cornwall Council Complaints
Via Cornwall Council Online Reporting Form

To whom it may concern,

RE: PA20/02211 granted conditional planning approval in August 2021 and EN24/00424 – Land at Fiscard Way, Trevol Business Park, Torpoint, PL11 2TB

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As a consequence of failing to suitably resolve the planning matters on this site, the town council is concerned that Cornwall Council has avoided its duties, leading to a failure in the system and is unsatisfied at the lack of resolve from Cornwall Council.

The town council wants Cornwall Council to review its handling of all of the issues on this site in order for local businesses to flourish and enable residents' to be able to live undisturbed and protected in their properties.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C F Southworth". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Camilla Southworth (Mrs)
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Mr S. J. Corbidge MBE – on behalf of local residents' steve.corbidge@outlook.com

Cc: Planning - Feedback <planning.feedback@cornwall.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Feedback Enquiry - Reallocated - Complaint - CAS-18911-B8N1M7

Information Classification: CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mrs Southworth,

Thank you for contacting us on the 7th April. I am sorry that you were unhappy with the service you received and thank you for letting us know.

I have reviewed your complaint by liaising with Group Leader (Enforcement & Minerals and Waste).

For ease I have added our comments to your original complaint:

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En24/00424 relates to the land occupied by Specialist Blasting Services Limited, the enforcement case officer has undertaken considerable investigations into this matter and his findings are set out as follows:

With regard to the marine shot-blasting case, the company, 'Specialist Blasting Services Ltd' is in the process of a voluntary winding up. As such, a Liquidator has been appointed to wind up the affairs, sell off assets to pay creditors etc. I now have a copy of the Notice of progress report in voluntary winding up (LIQ03) which estimates a conclusion to the winding up by June 2025. Given that it is clear that the current company director has no ability to address the planning situation at their site, I propose monitor, under a 'Long Term Review' with a note in my diary to re-assess the matter in July 2025. Hopefully the land will have been sold by then and the new owners will be alert to the planning issues through the local land charges, register of enforcement notices, during the conveyancing process.

The case officer continues to monitor this matter and make periodic checks of the Land Registry to establish if a new proprietor in place. You will appreciate that due to this complication the Council does not currently have a responsible party in place to correspond with and any action taken would at this stage would have no chance of any success. However, rest assured we will continue to monitor the situation.

With regards to the scrapyard (case reference: En24/01033) the current occupiers are lessees only and the land was sold with them as sitting tenants. At present we are waiting for confirmation of the landowner as per the above.

With regards to the builder's yard and caravans (case reference: En24/01032) this matter is ongoing and a recent Land Registry Search confirm proprietorship and now we have that information we are seeking to progress this case.

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As you can see from the above this is a complicated matter with the landownership issues including the insolvency of the previous landownership which has delayed the progression of these matters unavoidably, however, as set above the Council are seeking to progress these cases as the ownership issues are resolved hopefully over the coming months.

I hope that you feel I have dealt with your complaint fairly. However, if you are not satisfied with our response, you may be able to ask for a step 2 review. This review will only be considered if any new or additional evidence can be provided.

To enable a review, you must contact us in writing within 1 calendar month of receiving this email.

Please provide any additional evidence relating to your complaint and why you disagree with our findings of this review to: planning.feedback@cornwall.gov.uk always quoting the reference number CAS-18911-B8N1M7.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond.

Yours sincerely,

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