You have 2 hours 10 minutes left: written statements close at 12 noon today.

CHRIST'S LANE ACTION GROUP · CHRIST'S COLLEGE LIBRARY 26/02109/FUL

Cambridge residents have been backdated and blocked by the City Council: write by 12 noon today to reject or defer the Christ's College Library application

Dear friend,

We last emailed you on Thursday 1 October. Days before the vote, this is what the Council has done.

> *Roger Hepher, Executive Director of hgh Consulting, has written to the Council on our behalf: it is "most surprising that a local planning authority of the standing of Cambridge City Council should be prepared to entertain such an abuse of proper planning process", and approving it would mean "walking inevitably into another - and entirely foreseeable and avoidable – legal challenge".*

The Council has already admitted to the High Court that its Planning Committee was "materially misled" over this library. On Wednesday it asks the same committee to approve the same building, with more misleading statements.

Backdated

We have been backdated. The officers' report tells councillors that "all representations are uploaded against dates that reflect when they were uploaded". That is not true: 113 of our 158 documents on the public register carry earlier dates, against 1 of the College's 108.

Just one example: our letter to the conservation officer setting out errors was kept off the register until 1 October, after the officers' report had come out, then shown backdated to 25 September, the day we sent it.

Blocked

We have been blocked. Every email we send councillors is blocked and detained in a Council mailbox set up for us alone. Councillors are never told, and never hear from us directly: they are blocked from hearing from their own constituents. Our letter to the committee reached them 55 hours late, by the time it was the weekend. The Council's email to the judge trying to vacate our hearing reached us only after the judge had ruled.

The residents who beat this Council in the High Court are being backdated and blocked, days before the vote. Please write before 12 noon today to democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk:

"I object to application 26/02109/FUL and ask the Planning Committee to refuse it or, at the least, defer item 6 until after the High Court hearing on 20 October."

Then fill the Guildhall on Wednesday 7 October (10am start, item 6), and forward this to everyone you know in Cambridge. Read **"Backdated. Blocked.", our one-page fact sheet**, and **Roger Hepher's objection in full**, as submitted to the Council on 4 October.

Open our one-page fact sheet: Backdated. Blocked.

With thanks,

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