

P26/V0595/LB - The White Horse 189 Ock Street Abingdon OX14 5DW - works being completed prior to permission decision

Dear Nathalie,

I chair Abingdon Town Council's Planning Committee and left a message on your phone this afternoon to advise that Greene King's contractors were completing the works in advance of the application for planning permission being decided.

The main point of contention is that they appear to have installed the sign that Theo Cook has stated he cannot support. Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council have objected to the application as we are fully in agreement with the Heritage Officer's comments.

The Town Council was very unhappy to see the lack of thought given to the sign's design but are extremely unhappy to see that they have started work without having their application decided.

On behalf of the Town Council I want to register our formal complaint both against both the sign design and the commencement of work before formal decision of the planning application by the applicant. Hence wanting to let you know what was happening on site.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council is extremely concerned that the applicants will now do all they can to avoid replacing the unauthorised and objected to sign design, treating everything as a done deal.

I would welcome your reassurance they won't be allowed to do this and the Town Council will give Vale Officers our strongest support to ask the contractor to cease work and remove the sign until they have an approved application from you.

I've copied this email to the Heritage Officer and Emily Hamerton, as I believe she oversees Planning Enforcement, and also to the Town Council's Committee Clerk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Cllr Mark Giddins
Chair Planning Committee
Abingdon Town Council