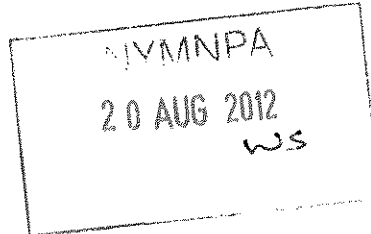


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8th August 2012

To the planning enforcement committee,

Letter of Objection

I am writing to object to the change of use and the lifting of the planning caveats on the craft units and kiosk at Dalby Courtyard.

Reasons:

- The potential misappropriation of public money to build and develop the courtyard and kiosk area was awarded by Rydale District Council , NYMNPA, Yorkshire Forward, and ERDP funding to the tune of £750k was given on the premise that these units would be used for small craft businesses , crafting goods made in the units . They money was not given to develop these for 1 commercial company to then have a monopoly on the courtyard , and have the units as a shop selling goods that are manufactured in the Far East , and a Bike Demo Centre, when there is a Demo Centre facility across the Courtyard at the Cycle Centre.
- The Forestry Commission have excluded and turned down other local cycle businesses in running similar businesses in the court yard, giving no reasons for doing this.
- The FC have also discouraged other crafters from taking on the units , saying that they would have to provide a full business proposal in order to be considered, yet Pace Cycles have not had to submit a business proposal , and the FC have positively encouraged the presence of Pace Cycles.(Please see FC letter enclosed). We have evidence of no business proposal from Pace Cycles , as a Freedom of Information request has been made and showed no evidence of a business proposal from Pace Cycles.
- Mr Eves Forest District Director admits to being a friend of Adrian Carter Director of Pace Cycles, but in a letter we have received from lawyers representing FC, it states that no declaration of interest has been made. The Nolan principles should be applied.
- Mr Eves is also a good friend of Mr Gil Montague, who was due to take over the Rangers Office space, (the kiosk), that also does not have planning permission to be an office. This office space was never advertised publicly , therefore giving no one else the chance to make an offer on this. Despite there being public interest.

- In allowing this change of use the NYMNA are helping to create a monopoly for Pace Cycles, and are prohibiting new craft businesses from obtaining premises that were meant for such local businesses.
- I am a regular visitor to Dalby Forest and the North Yorks Moors National Park, along with my family we love the diversity and variety the area , and Dalby did offer .Having the Courtyard totally dominated by Pace Cycles completely detracts from the Visitor Offer within Dalby and the courtyard if the majority of units and other space are dominated by cycle orientated activity, and just by one company, creating a monopoly.
- Since the development of the craft units in 2005, many crafters have come and gone, and have been disappointed in the fact that the signage was poor from the car park to the courtyard, and that the FC would not let crafters sell or display their crafted items at the Visitor Centre, they would rather sell "their own "items made in China and other Far countries for a greater profit margin. It would appear that the FC has positively discouraged crafters from occupying these units, as it would seem they have always had another agenda from the outset.

I would like to be informed of the outcome of this decision.

Yours sincerely

Dr Adele Mckenna

NYMNP
20 AUG 2012