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## CENTRAL BARTON URBAN PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR ROBERT PAXTON

### **Summary**

The details of the case are summarised in the Standards Board for England's decision notice below. The complainant sought a review of the decision not to refer the matter for investigation. Members were asked to decide, in light of the review request, whether that decision should be overturned or upheld.

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Dear Sirs

Re: **SBE16970.06**  
**Complaint against Mr R Paxton**

I have received your letter, dated 9 January 07, and the notice detailing your decision regarding the above complaint.

As this company does not agree with the decision, or the rationale on which it is based, we would like the decision to be reviewed by the Standards Board's Chief Executive.

Currently this Company has incurred substantial costs because a Council member - took confidential papers, copied them and sent them to 59 members of this Company. He did this in an attempt to obtain personal gain.

Attached is our reasoning as to why your decision is wrong.

My fellow Director and I are available to provide any further input that you may require.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

**P Good**  
**Director, Grange Road (Freehold) Ltd**

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Re: **SBE16970.06**  
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The Decision notice, dated 8 January 07, bases the decision on two points:

1. That the Place Making Group meeting was not confidential; and
2. That the actions by R Paxton in relation to our two companies relate to his private capacity.

The following is our input for each item:

### **Confidentiality**

- The documents in question were handed to an officer of the Council, by a professional firm of architects, in order to obtain "officer opinion". Even though they work regularly with such matters, the architects did not know that the procedures meant that their enquiry would go before the Place Making Meeting. In fact they did not know of the existence of the group. Subsequent enquiries only informed them that the meeting was "Confidential" – they were given no further details.
- At the end of October 06, both the architects and the officers of this Company, became aware that R Paxton was making statements about the papers he had seen at a Council meeting. The statements he was making were untrue.

On 2 November 06, this company contacted the Chair of the Place Making Group, Jane Eagles and advised her of these untrue statements that were being made by Robert Paxton. We asked why our documents were at this particular meeting – she advised only that the meeting was "Confidential". We asked her to take action to prevent R. Paxton making any more untrue statements or even discussing this Company's business. We confirmed that we believed our enquiry was made in confidence.

- Three weeks later, on 23 November 06, R Paxton copied the papers and sent them to our members. He did this despite the obvious Copyright and despite our plea to the Chair of the Place Making Group to ensure that he be stopped from discussing our confidential business with anybody.
- On 30 November 06, I again spoke to Tony Simpkins of English Partnership Jane Eagle's boss. He confirmed that all papers and discussions at the Place Making Meetings were "confidential" and that he would not expect any participant to use any information in the way I had described to him. He said he would interview R. Paxton to discuss my allegations with his superiors, and would then "get back to me". He has not done so.
- We did not mark our papers as confidential; we are not aware if any papers before the Place Making Group are marked confidential. You have surmised that the Place Making Group is not confidential. We are aware that both the Chair of the Place Making Group and her boss both consider all the content of the meeting to be confidential as they both stated so on at least two occasions. Tony Simpkins has said so in his email (5 Dec 06) – a copy of which you have.

## **Private Capacity**

Items 4 & 6 from The Standards Board's information – *Behaviour covered by the Code of Conduct*

**"revealing information that was given to them in confidence"**

**"using their position improperly, to their own...advantage"**

- The fact that R. Paxton did not use the papers, entrusted to the Barton Council, in the manner we have described, is not in question as he confirmed that he had done so at this Company's AGM held on 5 December 06. The Company's Lawyer was present and recorded his confirmation.
- The letters sent out by R. Paxton, which included our paperwork, were in support of his desire to become a Director of this Company. He used confidential information that he had obtained by virtue of his position and he was clearly seeking personal gain.

**P. Good**  
**Director, Grange Rd (Freehold) Limited**

9 January 2007



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Dear Mr Good

**SBE16970.06**

I refer to the recent allegation of a breach of the Code of Conduct which you made to the Standards Board for England.

Our decision is set out in the attached notice, which also explains the relevant procedures, including your right to seek a review of the decision. If you decide to exercise this right, we must receive your written request by 8 February 2007.

Yours sincerely



John Williams  
Referrals Case Manager



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for England

## **Decision Notice**

**Reference SBE16970.06**

### **The Complaint**

The Standards Board for England recently received a complaint from Mr Peter Good concerning the alleged conduct of Councillor Robert Paxton of Central Barton Urban Parish Council. Officers conducted an assessment and decided not to refer the complaint for investigation. The following summarises the general nature of the allegation:

It is reported that Councillor Paxton attended a meeting of Central Barton Place Making Group on 15 September 2006, and that the meeting was confidential. It is alleged that he took documents from the meeting and, with others, copies them with a covering letter to members of Grange Road (Freehold) Ltd. It is alleged that the letter sought to discredit the existing directors of the company and further Councillor Paxton's chances of being elected a director of the company.

In particular, it is alleged that architects acting for the directors of the company (including the complainant) sought an informal officers' opinion on the possibility of building an on a plot at Eaton Mews. Unbeknown to the architects, the matter was discussed by the place-making group, with a sketch plan and a 3-D graphic.

### **Decision**

Officers have obtained the terms of reference of the group when it was set up by Barton Partnership to assist in the exercise of its planning powers, and it is noted that the parish council, along with other parish councils and agencies, has a representative on the group. The preliminary inquiry has also confirmed that Councillor Paxton is appointed to the place making group by Central Barton Urban Parish Council.

Although the meetings may be "confidential" in the sense that they are not open to the public, that does not mean that all the things discussed there are confidential. It is also noted that the group brings together a number of stakeholders. It would be unlikely for a joint advisory panel of this diverse nature to be asked to consider sensitive information, unless by error, particularly as there is an expectation that representatives will liaise between the partnership and the bodies which appoint them. In this connection it is noted that the documents are not marked "confidential" or otherwise not for publication, as would normally be the case in local government if there was a risk that they might unintentionally enter the public domain.

It is considered that the allegations concerning the freehold and right-to-manage companies relate to Councillor Paxton's private capacity.

The Standards Board for England has decided that the allegation should not be referred to an ethical standards officer for investigation. Having taken account of the available information we do not believe that a potential breach of the Code of Conduct is disclosed. We have made no finding of fact.

We notify all concerned parties in writing once we have assessed a complaint. This decision notice is sent to the person or persons making the allegation, the member against whom the allegation was made, the monitoring officer of the relevant authority and the clerk to the parish council.

### **Review**

At the request of the complainant, the Standards Board's Chief Executive (or, in his absence, another senior officer) can review and change a decision not to refer an allegation for investigation. However, he will generally only do this if he is persuaded that the decision was unreasonable in law. This would be if the decision was flawed because of the irregular way in which we processed the allegation, or because we made an irrational judgement on the reported facts.

A request for the Chief Executive to conduct a review has to be made in writing. We must receive the complainant's written request within 30 days of the date of this notice, explaining in detail on what grounds our decision should be reviewed.

If we receive a request for a review, we aim to deal with it within two weeks of receipt. We will write to all the parties mentioned above, notifying them of the outcome.

### **Terms of Reference**

*The Standards Board for England was established by the Local Government Act 2000 with a primary duty to consider written allegations. The Act also gave the Board a wide discretion to decide whether or not a written allegation should be referred to an ethical standards officer for investigation.*

*The Local Government Act 2003 permitted the Standards Board for England to delegate this function to nominated officers. In doing this, the Board has established a careful checking and monitoring procedure.*

*Only the information provided by the complainant is assessed. For this reason, and to avoid unnecessary anxiety for members, officers do not normally contact the parties before notifying them of the decision.*

### **Additional Help**

If you need additional support in relation to this or future contact with us, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have difficulty reading this notice, require large print, or a Braille or taped transcript, or translated version of the information in this letter, we are able to assist you.

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Signed .....

*Lucy Morris* Date *7/1/2007*

Lucy Morris – Acting Head of Referrals  
(On behalf of the Standards Board for England)

## **BARTON PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **UDA Place Making Group**

#### **Terms of Reference**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of the Urban Development Area (UDA) Place Making Group is to work alongside Barton Partnership, the Local Planning Authority, in an advisory capacity, bringing together both local community and specialists to regularly review and appraise progress on UDA planning applications particularly Development Briefs and Design Codes (refer to map). The UDA boundary includes the East and West expansion areas and Wolverley Park and Broomhouse South.
- 1.2 Development Frameworks have been prepared for the Eastern and Western Expansion Areas. Both documents set out the vision for development, identify opportunities and constraints, land uses, character areas, design principles, phasing strategy and implementation, funding and delivery strategy. It is intended that Barton Council will adopt these documents as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). These documents are a key material consideration in the determination of 'outline' planning applications received by the Barton Partnership.
- 1.3 Development Briefs and Design Codes will cascade down from the Development Frameworks to provide more detailed design guidance on how sites are to be developed. Collectively, they will be used by Barton Partnership to assess and determine future 'reserved matters' applications.
- 1.4 Given the extent of the eastern and western areas within the UDA boundary, with multiple land holdings (including English Partnerships) and the relationship they have to the surrounding area, it is imperative that a collaborative approach between land owners, developers, Barton Council, Barton Partnership and other key stakeholders is taken in preparing design codes in order to effectively deliver the vision for the area. The UDA Place Making Group will act as a focus for discussion between key stakeholders with a view to helping understand and resolve design issues on a consistent basis.
- 1.5 This paper sets out the aims and objectives, roles and responsibilities and working arrangements for the UDA Place Making Group.



## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 To drive forward the growth of Barton, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) established Barton Partnership in June 2004. Barton Partnership, a sub committee of English Partnerships (EP), have been conferred planning powers for the purposes of Part 3 of the *Town and Country Planning Act 1990* to decide major planning applications within the boundaries of the designated UDA.
- 2.2 Barton Partnership is committed to taking forward ODPM's Five Year Plan for Housing (*Sustainable Communities: Part 1 - Homes for All and Part 2 – People, Places and Prosperity*) and has a business objective to ensure effective mechanisms are in place to control the overall quality of development. Barton Partnership works with EP who act as a national champion for best practice in the creation of high quality, well-designed sustainable communities.
- 2.3 One of the key components of creating 'sustainable communities' is to ensure that all developments are well designed and built to offer:
- *'a sense of place - where people want to live and work, now and in the future;*
  - *user-friendly public and green spaces;*
  - *sufficient range, diversity, affordability and accessibility of housing within a balanced housing market;*
  - *appropriate size, scale, density, design and layout, including mixed used development, that complement the distinctive local character of the community and that use modern low cost building methods;*
  - *high quality, mixed –use, durable, flexible and adaptable buildings, using materials, which minimise negative environmental impacts;*
  - *buildings and public spaces, which promote health and are designed to reduce crime and make people feel safe; and*
  - *accessibility of jobs, key services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling'* (ODPM, 2005: pg 58).
- 2.4 In determining all planning applications, Barton Partnership must make reference to the Barton Local Plan (December 2005), as it sets out the local planning policy requirements for the expansion areas identified within Barton. The requirement for the preparation of comprehensive design documents such as development frameworks, development briefs and design codes is exercised through *Policy EA1 – Expansion Areas*.
- 2.5 The Development Briefs will be approved prior to the issuing of any outline planning consent, whilst the preparation and approval of Design Codes will be secured through Section 106 Agreements. The approval

of the Design Code by the Local Planning Authority (Barton Partnership) will be required prior to the submission of any approvals, pursuant to conditions of the outline planning consent.

- 2.6 It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare these documents. The UDA Place-Making Group will act as a key focus for consultation, prior to the referral of the documents to the Planning Sub-Committee for endorsement.

### **3.0 Operational Context**

- 3.1 The framework for how the Place Making Group will operate is illustrated in **Figure 2**.

### **4.0 Role**

- 4.1 The role of the Place Making Group is to provide a focus for stakeholder consultation and review and advise Barton Partnership officers on:

- The design aspects of outline applications including each Development Brief
- The preparation of design codes for sites in and adjoining strategic sites the UDA, in accordance with best practice guidelines.
- Key matters regarding the content, structure and presentation of information contained in the design documents.
- Coordinated design and layout response between adjoining development sites to achieve an overall integrated design approach within the UDA.
- The preparation of the interim best practice guidelines for preparing development briefs and design codes.

### **5.0 Responsibilities**

- 5.1 The Place-Making Group's responsibilities are to assist Barton Partnership in achieving:

- A consistent approach in the level of detail and quality of design related documents produced in relation to development in the UDA.

- An efficient response in evaluating design documents to ensure that the planning decision-making process, and ultimately the delivery, is not unduly delayed.
- High quality development is delivered.
- On going input from stakeholders to the development process.

## **6.0 Membership**

6.1 Members of the Group will comprise representatives from the following organisations that have a core interest in the development of the UDA:

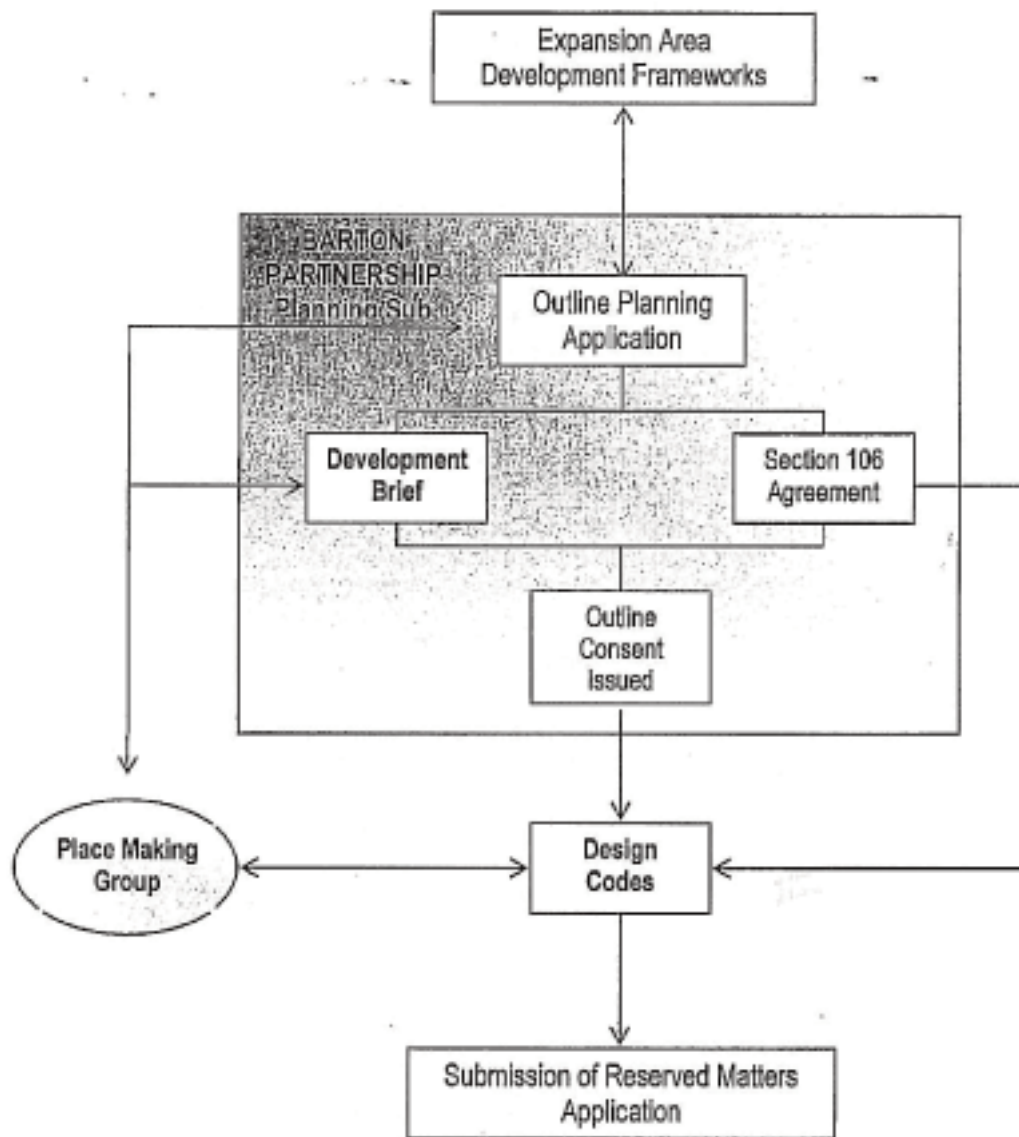
- Commission of Architecture and Built Environment (CABE);
- English Partnerships (National Consultancy Unit – Urban Design)
- Barton Council (Highways Authority);
- Barton Council (Urban Design Section);
- Barton Council (Development Plans);
- Barton Partnership (Planning Team);
- Barton Partnership (Strategic Policy & Planning);
- Barton Strategic Environmental Partnership;
- Barton Forum;
- East Mercia Police; and
- Central Barton Urban Parish Council, Barton Village Parish Council, Barton Rural Group Parish Council, Wolverley Parish Council, Broomhouse Parish Council, Low Mown Meadows Parish Council, High Leys Parish Council, Long Barford and Hanging Ditch Parish Council, Rucklethorn Canonycorum with Broughton-cum-Papplechurch Regis Parish Council, Kirkby-cum-Muckby and Speckleby-on-Bain with Spinx Parish Council

## **7.0 Working Arrangements**

### **Meetings**

- 7.1 The Place-Making Group should meet every 4 – 6 weeks in Barton Partnership's Boardroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Civic Centre, Central Boulevard, Barton..
- 7.2 Applicants will be asked to circulate copies of the draft documents to every member of the Place-Making Group and an agenda will be circulated one week in advance of each meeting.

Figure 2: Decision Making Framework



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**TELEPHONE FILE NOTE**


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Allegation ref: SBE16970.06  
Date of call: 05 Jan 2007  
Call between: John Williams and Anita King, Clerk to Central Barton  
Urban Parish Council  
Nature of call: Preliminary Inquiry

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Anita King returned my call from yesterday. He confirmed that Bob Paxton was an CBU parish councillor, and was also their official rep on the UDC Place Making Group. He added that he also saw himself as representing the "ordinary man in the street" on planning matters, and that he fed back regularly to meetings of the parish council.

He gave me Cllr Paxton's address and his own.

Signed 

Date 5 Jan 2007

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LONDON** postcode **SE10 2JP**

daytime telephone **020 8 616 437**

evening telephone **020 8 616 437**

email **P.GOOD@msn.com**

Please consider the complaint I have described below and in the evidence attached. I understand and accept that the details will normally be disclosed to the member, particularly if the matter goes through to investigation.

signature

date **08.12.06**

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name of the individual/s

**MR ROBERT PAXTON**

name of their authority/ies

**CENTRAL BURTON URBAN PARISH COUNCIL,  
CENTRAL BARTON UDC BOARD**

Please tick here if you work for the authority/ies shown above

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Please provide us with as much information as you can about your complaint to help us to decide whether or not it should be investigated. Include the date and details of the alleged misconduct, and any information that supports the allegation. We can only investigate complaints that a member has broken a local Code of Conduct (see section 3 of the Information

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## EVIDENCE (if this applies)

Please attach to this form copies of any correspondence, documents, names and details of witnesses, and any other evidence that you feel is relevant to your complaint. Please avoid sending us large amounts of background information that only relate indirectly to your complaint.

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From: [Tony@englishpartnerships.co.uk](mailto:Tony@englishpartnerships.co.uk)  
 Sent: 05 December 2006 12:59:15  
 To: [p.good@msn.com](mailto:p.good@msn.com)  
 Subject: Grange Road

Dear Peter

I refer to our telephone conversation of yesterday.

I can confirm that the matter of the additional development at Grange Road was raised at the UDAs Placemaking Group on 15th September 2006. The matter was referred to this Group by the UDAs Technical Group - who had been consulted informally by Barton Borough Council's development control team. Mr Paxford attended the meeting as a UDA Board member and declared an interest in the subject and did not take part in the discussion. The meeting is confidential. It was also noted that BP consent would be required for any development in this location which had not been requested.

Tony Stimples  
 Central Barton UDA Project Director

Tel: 353939

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**R Foster & P Good**  
**Directors, Grange Road (Freehold) Limited**



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Sent : 06 December 2006 12:33:53  
To : M McNamee @ bartons.gov.org, Tony I@englishpartnerships.co.uk  
Subject : Mr Robert Paxton

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Re: Robert Paxton

With reference to our recent communications regarding Mr Paxton, I can confirm that at the Annual General Meeting of this company last evening, with 48 members and the company lawyer present, "RP" confirmed that the documents that he had sent out had been obtained from his attendance at the Place Making Meeting.

This company has now incurred significant legal fees in having to counter RP's assertions.

We would now like an official statement from the Council/English Partnerships regarding RP's actions - to pass on to our members.

We are, of course, more than willing to provide any further information that you require.

P Good  
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Project Director  
 English Partnerships

Tel:

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DIRECTOR, Grange Road (FREENOLD) LTD.

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<u>MR R Paxton</u>	<u>CENTRAL BARTON URBAN PARISH COUNCIL,</u>
	<u>BARTON UDC BOARD</u>

Please tick here if you work for the authority/ies shown above

Please tick here if you are a member of the authority/ies shown above



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From : Paul Good  
Sent : 05 December 2006 15:52:31  
To : Mr McNamee <gov.uk>  
Subject : Mr R Paxton

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■ Attachment :

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Dear Mr McNamee

Re: Mr R Paxton

Following a brief conversation with J Jones yesterday, this company wishes to make a formal complaint about actions taken by R Paxton that have been detrimental to this company. We believe his actions to be improper.

The attached note is a summary that we sent to J Jones, and will give you the background.

Please advise us if you require further information.

P Good  
Director, Grange Road (Freehold) Company Limited

Contacts Tel &  
P Good

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# complaint form



## WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

Please provide us with as much information as you can about your complaint to help us to decide whether or not it should be investigated. Include the date and details of the alleged misconduct, and any information that supports the allegation. We can only investigate complaints that a member has broken a local Code of Conduct (see section 3 of the Information leaflet How to make a complaint). Continue on a separate sheet if there is not enough space on this form.

MR PAXTON ATTENDED A MEETING OF BARTONS PLACE MAKING GROUP ON 15 SEP '06. THE MEETING WAS CONFIDENTIAL. MR PAXTON TOOK DOCUMENTS FROM THAT MEETING AND, WITH OTHERS, COPIED THEM. HE SENT THESE COPIES, WITH A LETTER, TO MEMBERS OF GRANGE ROAD (FREEHOLD) LTD. THE LETTER SOUGHT TO DISCREDIT THE EXISTING DIRECTORS OF GRANGE ROAD (FREEHOLD) LTD AND TO FURTHER MR PAXTON'S PERSONAL CHANCES OF BEING ELECTED A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY.

## EVIDENCE (if this applies)

Please attach to this form copies of any correspondence, documents, names and details of witnesses, and any other evidence that you feel is relevant to your complaint. Please avoid sending us large amounts of background information that only relate indirectly to your complaint.

Please tick this box if you would like us to return the evidence to you.

Please send this form to:

The Standards Board for England  
PO Box 36666  
London SE1 0WN

The Race Relations Act 2000 requires us to monitor ethnic or national origin to ensure that we do not inadvertently discriminate against members of a particular group. It would, therefore, be helpful if you would complete the ethnic monitoring section of the form, although this is not compulsory.

The answers will be removed and kept entirely separate from your complaint and will be completely confidential. They will be used for statistical purposes only, in which individuals will not be identified.



Dear Owners of Grange Road Properties,

**AGM of Grange Road RTM Company Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

In this letter giving notice of the forthcoming AGM of the JLF Company P Good indicated that he and R Foster intend to resign as Directors. They invited others to put their names forward to become Directors. In response to this request we, P Prentiss, J Green, R Paxton, Clem Pain, Van Webb and Ann Parks, have decided to nominate ourselves as Directors of the JLF Company.

We should like to begin by thanking Peter and Rob for their work in bringing us to this point in the development of both companies. We should also like to urge Peter and Rob to reconsider their decision to resign from the JLF company, and to remain as Directors giving the company the benefit of their combined expertise. This situation now presents us with an opportunity to widen the representation on the Board of Directors and promote greater openness and transparency in the workings of the company.

**Our proposals are:**

- To elect a larger Board of Directors representing the variety of properties and circumstances of the owners
- To provide greater transparency in the Board's decision making

**AGM of Grange Road (Freehold) Company Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

We are pleased that Peter Good and Rob Paxton have decided to remain Directors of this company and we propose a similar broadening of representation for the Freehold Company. With this in mind we, J Green, R Paxton, Clem Pain and Van Webbs have nominated ourselves as Directors of the Freehold Company. Just as with the JLF Company, we should like to see a larger Board of Directors and greater transparency in the Board's decision making.

In that spirit of openness and transparency, we should like to inform you of something that has come to our notice and which we feel is of interest to all owners Grange Road properties. Proposals for a development at Grange Road have been presented for consideration to the Planning Department of Barton Council. The proposal contains plans for the development of a 7 storey apartment block building within the Grange Road complex. Copies of the details presented to the Council are attached for your information. As this is potentially a very significant proposal, we feel sure you would like to express an opinion at this initial phase. You can do this by:

- Raising the issue at the forthcoming AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Emailing your views to the Grange Road website on [admin@grangeroad.co.uk](mailto:admin@grangeroad.co.uk)
- Leaving a message on (at any time)
- Talking to any one of us

Yours sincerely,

Pam Prentiss, Jo Green, Bob Paxton, Clem Pain, Van Webb and Ann Parks

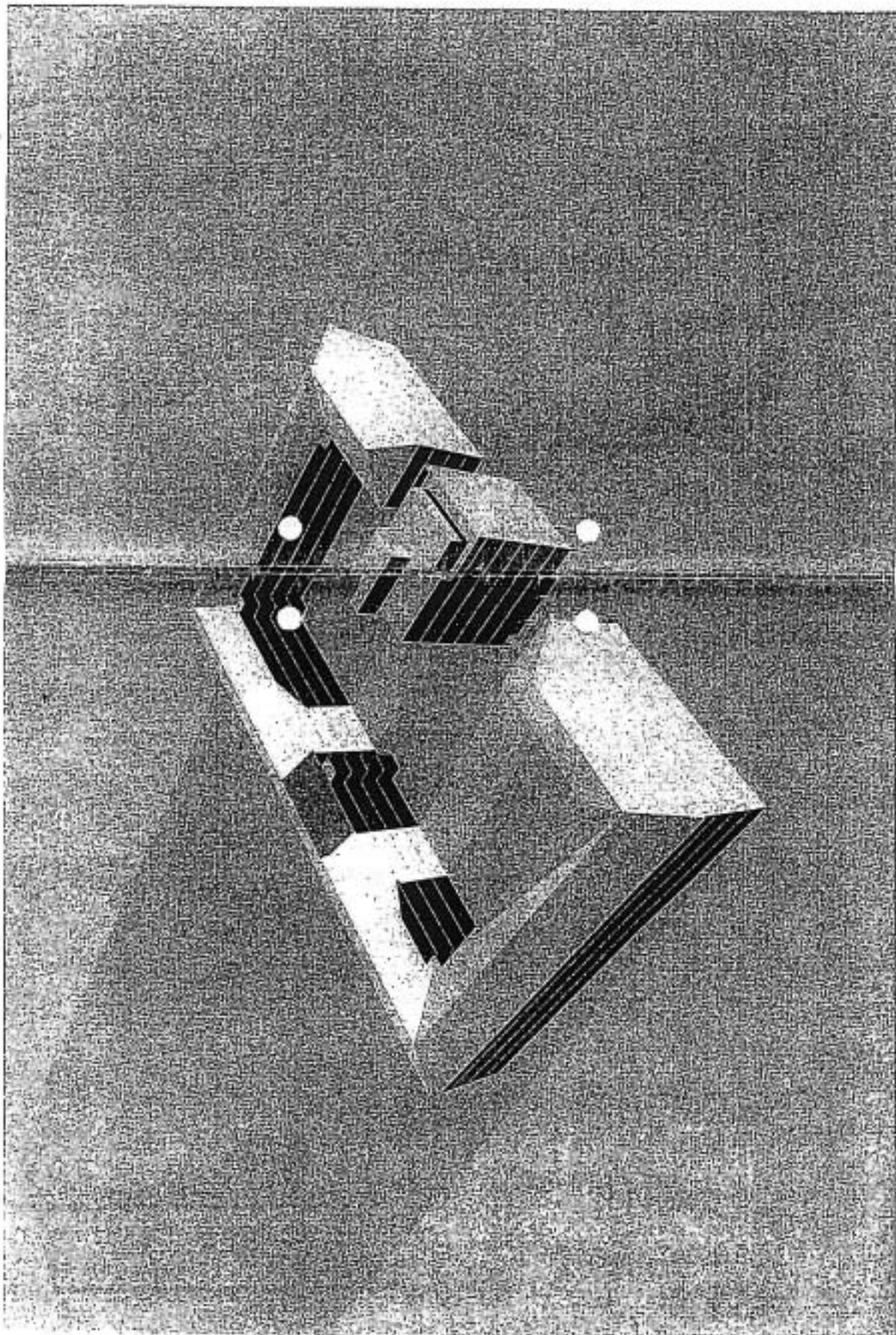
Enc Artist's impression and plans for proposed development at Grange Road

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December 21st

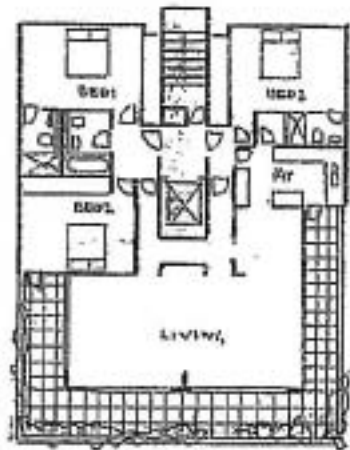
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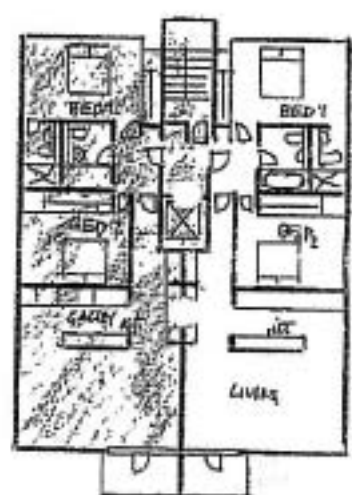
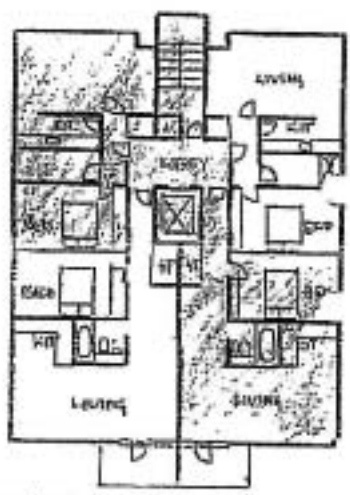


SCHEDULE

6	PENTHOUSE	7	165m <sup>2</sup>
5	2M <sup>2</sup> 2 BEDS	2	90m <sup>2</sup>
4	2M <sup>2</sup> 2 BEDS	2	
3	2M <sup>2</sup> 2 BEDS	2	
2	4M <sup>2</sup> 1 BED	4	140m <sup>2</sup>
1	4M <sup>2</sup> 1 BED	4	
CAR	—	15 UNITS	

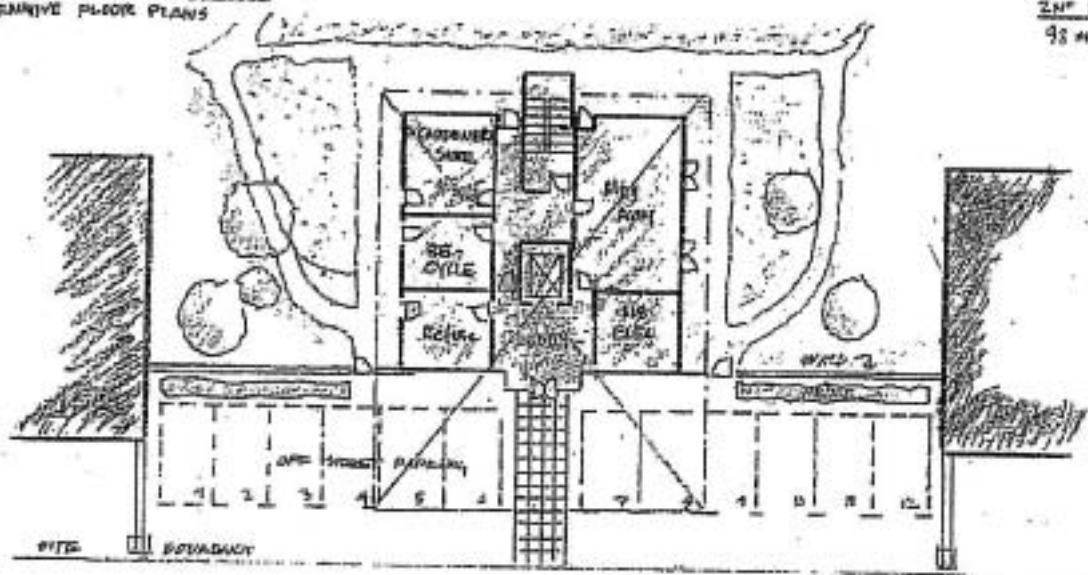


3 BRDR PENTHOUSE 165 sq.m. AREA



1M<sup>2</sup> 1 BED APARTMENTS 99 sq.m.  
ALTERNATIVE FLOOR PLANS

2M<sup>2</sup> 2 BED/BATH APARTMENT  
98 m<sup>2</sup>



PROPERTY

GROUP'S FLOOR PLAN

PAD POSED TOWER  
PLAN