

RE: CAPITOL TOWER PLANNING APPLICATION

The below was today (18/03/08) received from Councillor Joseph Carter....

I am sorry for not replying to your earlier. I thought I had, but now I have checked back through my Sent Mail, this does not appear to have been the case.

I have been positively overwhelmed by the number of people in Landmark Place, who have objected to these plans. I know you say that it is only 105, but that is a very impressive number and is enough to allow the petitioners to nominate one person to speak on their behalf at the planning meeting, to make your case.

As councillors, we can speak anyway, and would be speaking against the plans and like you, we are concerned by the scale of the plans and the effect it will have on Landmark Place and Aspect residents.

The reason my name didn't appear on the letter (despite the fact that it was me who delivered them), is that I am not standing for re-election in Cathays on 1st May and there is a good chance that these plans will not go to the planning committee until after the election.

I therefore felt that it was more appropriate for objections to be sent to Cllr. Jon Aylwin, Cllr. Simon Wakefield, Jenny Randerson AM and Jenny Willott MP. However, if I am still a Cathays councillor by the time it goes to the planning committee then I will speak against the plans.

Finally, the best way forward now is to wait until we know when this application will go to planning committee. At that point I would nominate someone to speak on behalf of the petitioners and then we can fight it in committee. At the moment, however, we are in the waiting stage.

I hope this information is useful and I apologise for not getting back to you sooner.

Yours sincerely

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