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Subject

Fw: Demolition Proposals
-Gresham/Middlehaven - Why have you
changed the demolition map?

Dear Jan,

The letter which you received from three Gresham residents, Peter Birt, Catherine Rosevskis and Pamela Davies and which contains the leader "GRESHAMGEMS," is misleading from the start. The three Gresham residents who are claiming to have written the letter, have no authority to be speaking on behalf of any large group of residents living in the Middlehaven ward.

They have not been elected by Middlehaven residents. Indeed, Catherine Rosevskis stood for election in the recent Middlehaven by-election and was decisively beaten by the Labour candidate, Pervaz Khan. There is, in my opinion, a large slice of self deception and self delusion in seeming to believe that you have won an election when in fact the opposite occurred.

The three residents of Gresham have every right to fight for their beliefs. I have always admired people who have the courage of their convictions, whether I agree with them or not. However, what they do not have a right to do is to make a "claim" which is untrue. If the initial "claim" in a letter is misleading, I wonder just how much of the main content of the letter is likely to stand up to close scrutiny. No doubt there will be numerous people who, like me, will be carefully reading the ensuing paragraphs. The evidence so far doesn't look promising.

Yours sincerley,

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GreshamGems Residents 4 Renovation

GRESHAMGEMS

22nd June 2006.

Demolition Proposals –Gresham/Middlehaven.

OPEN LETTER TO MBC CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To: Miss J. Richmond
(Chief Executive Middlesbrough Council)

From: Gresham Gems
Mr. Peter Birt.
Mrs Catherine Rozevskis
Mrs. Pamela Davies

On 21st June 2006, I and two other residents of Gresham ward, Mrs. Catherine Rozevskis & Mrs. Pamela Davies attended a meeting at the Ace Centre drop-in (these drop-in's are arranged by Middlesbrough Council to allow residents of Gresham & Middlehaven to meet with members of the regeneration team to discuss issues arising from the planned demolition of 1500 homes in the Gresham/Middlehaven wards) in attendance from the regeneration team were Mr Steve Cooke & Mrs Maggie Dark.

We posed the question as to why the council had decided to alter the planned streets for demolition from the map shown in the councils glossy dated April 2005 (map 1) to the map in the councils glossy dated July 2005 (map 2) Mr. Cooke's reply was that, map 1 would have proposed the demolition of 2000 homes and that Middlesbrough council would have felt that they would not have received government funding for that amount of demolition, so that was why map 2 was chosen, so I asked Why then are you proposing to demolish homes that were not on map 1 whilst at the same time leaving up homes that were, we were told that in the area of map 1 there was a large number of Asian residents and the council would have to consider the implications that this would cause to the Asian community as many Asian families lived in close proximity to each other and the council would have to take into account the distress and upheaval that this would have caused. By making this statement the council are saying that the Asian

residents that live in this area are in fact a community within a community, when in fact it is the opposite, we are all (no matter what colour, creed or religion) part of the same community that is what makes Gresham/Middlehaven unique, the myth of “Them & Us” does not exist.

I and many other residents of all persuasions that have lived along side each other mixing with each others cultures for many years find it most distressing that decisions concerning the planned demolition of our homes should have been in any way influenced by racial issues.

This comes at a time when the regeneration team are to make a presentation in the “Bow Street Mosque” about the plans for the area, this meeting is apparently for the Asian residents who would not or did not want to turn up at either the drop-ins or to the presentations that have been made in the area including the Gresham Community Council meeting, I like many of my neighbours am a firm believer in embracing all the many different cultures that exist in our area and we feel that one of the main reasons why the residents of Gresham/Middlehaven can proudly boast of the racial harmony that we enjoy is because we do not segregate, we do not look upon the Asian residents as “The Asian Community” but as part of “The Community” OUR Community.

The Mayor of Middlesbrough, Mr. Ray Mallon speaking to the full council meeting in the town hall in the evening of 21st June 2006 told us of his discussions with Asians in Middlesbrough feeling that they felt Threatened, that people were treating them with Suspicion, we are fortunate to be able to say that it is not the case here in Gresham/Middlehaven, but if Middlesbrough Council are to embark on holding events exclusively for minority groups that have wide ranging effects on the area as a whole then they run the risk of being accused of differentiating between the people that live within that community and run the risk of not only ripping the heart out of this area but run an even greater risk of destroying one of the best area's within the Tees-Valley for race relations.

Surely the message should be to treat all people equally then we will look upon our neighbours as equals, to treat us differently we are in danger of looking at each other with distrust.

Best Regards,

Mr. Peter Birt.
Mrs Catherine Rozevskis
Mrs. Pamela Davies

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