

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Bucks Free Press: Council vote on Marlow Film Studios proposal  
**Date:** 06 September 2023 17:34:48

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Good afternoon,

Could you provide a comment on the vote that took place among 11 councillors on 24<sup>th</sup> August, and which was agreed by majority consensus to support the Marlow Film Studios application and not raise any objections to the development proposal?

Thanks for your help.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application 22/06443/FULEA  
**Date:** 06 September 2023 15:03:35

## Comments for Planning Application 22/06443/FULEA

Dear Sir/Madam,  
Cllr Richard Scott,

You have been sent this email because you or somebody else has submitted a comment on a Planning Application to your local authority using your email address. A summary of your comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 06/09/2023 3:03 PM from Cllr Richard Scott.

### Application Summary

**Address:** Land Adjacent South Side Marlow Road And A404 Junction Westthorpe Park  
Little Marlow Buckinghamshire

**Proposal:** Full planning permission for production space and supporting buildings for screen-based media and associated services/industries. The development of approximately 168,718 sqm GEA total floorspace comprising : sound stages, workshops , office accommodation, studio hub associated outdoor space such as backlots and unit bases; entrance structures and reception; security infrastructure, mobility hub; cafes; parking; bridge; incidental supporting buildings; associated infrastructure; public art; upgraded vehicular access onto Marlow Road; new cycle and pedestrian accesses; a new cultural/educational/recreational building; a new community building and associated landscaping, publicly accessible recreational land and ecological and environmental enhancements/habitat creation

**Case Officer:** [REDACTED]

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### Customer Details

**Name:** Cllr Richard Scott

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

### Comments Details

**Commenter Type:** Member of Public

**Stance:** Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

**Reasons for comment:**

**Comments:** The above application affects two main parishes in the immediate vicinity of this application, as neighbours to the development. Marlow is the most significant settlement adjacent to this application and has a population approximately ten times greater than Little Marlow and a population density per square kilometre that is approximately thirty times greater. The statutory position of ward boundaries designates the position of consultee as a parish to Little Marlow. Marlow is not a statutory consultee and has therefore not received a statutory consultation request. Importantly we wish to add our own position as the closest and most dense settlement to the site , inevitability our residents will also be impacted as the closest Town.  
In exercising its public service role, Marlow Town Council recognizes that it has a clear duty in representation of its 14,767 residents (Marlow Population [2021] Census). We have actively been encouraged and lobbied by our residents to form a view on the above application, including both positive and negative aspects, and have encouraged residents to make representations on the application via the BCC planning portal which we see are substantial. Notably, on the planning portal, there are approximately 3,600 representations posted,

2400 in support of this application and 1,200 against .

Marlow Town Council members have followed in detail the elements of the application as it evolved and careful note of statutory consultee inputs and resident input to make an informed and fact driven representation. Councillors have attended representations at public consultations and soundings to inform themselves of the detail which were extensive. On balance, there is very positive support for the application currently, regardless of residents' exact locations in the county and this support is reflected in the representations made so far, with a near 2:1 ratio in favour, which aligns with the messaging coming from our Marlow residents.

Marlow Town Council has therefore informally consulted its entire membership group of Councillors at a members' only meeting (not an official Council meeting) through a democratic extensive debate and discussion on the 24th of August 2023 - (see meeting note below \*)

By majority vote, we have decided to fully support this application and not raise any objections to the proposed development. We recognize that our local Planning Authority (Bucks Council) will determine the lawfulness of the application's outcome, and its strategic planning group will convene to review the application at a point determined by them. The observations in coming to this decision and noted below.

(Note: Members agreed that the transport element of this application is complex, and statutory consultee comments and reporting have not yet been finalized . Such complexities can only be determined by data and analysis conducted by experts regarding highways operations .

In coming to our decision to fully support this application the following points and observations from the application were noted :

The site has historically been gravel pits that have ceased to operate over time and have been used for land backfill, waste disposal, and have been poorly remediated and landfilled. The development seeks to reclaim and regenerate a large area of very low-quality contaminated landfill that is mostly inaccessible to the public, other than a basic footpath dissecting its area from its public intersection from the Volvo footbridge to Little Marlow.

Historical attempts to establish the site as a country park have been in discussion since the late 70,s and as such a long term a legacy of waste dumps, waste processing and unlicensed activities have continued over the years. It is apparent that commitments could offer a future joined-up solution that will allow the implementation of a well-managed adjunct to the Spade Oak area by creating enhanced access to those areas in the future .

It is noted the applicant intends to use roughly 50 acres of a 150-acre overall site and enhance legitimized public access in the future with a commitment to 9 acres of open public space and a culture and skills academy. A provision is proposed for a further 15 acres of wildlife-protected land on bordering areas of the site .

It is noted in recent new document submissions a 20% Biodiversity Net Gain in both on-site and nearby areas through a recent acquired addition to the applicant's site, achieving twice the national BNG standard, increasing even further public access and a potential enlargement of the country park and SANG area. This has the potential to double (excluding water areas) the land area delivery of any future country park implementation.

The socio-economic benefits identify a training shortage in the Bucks economic report. There is significant support by Bucks' New university and Buckinghamshire College Group. Skills and training will be supported for a 10-year period. Compatibility with Bucks' local skills report, SIP (local skills improvement program), and support from educational institutions, including both senior schools, the British Film Commission, Great Marlow, and SWBGS, along with a commitment to work with all local institutions.

Provision of a community hall for residents and a skills academy for industry. £750 million inward investment to Bucks, £338 million per annum GVA (gross value added) economic activity, and a minimum of 300 traineeships per annum in the first 5 years, as well as the creation of up to 4,180 new jobs. As part of this 780-2,415 jobs will be created through a variety of skill sets .

It is noted that a sustainable travel strategy and investment has been a challenge in the area for the last few decades .The opportunity appears it can be accelerated through new public bus and hopper services, walking, and cycling provisions. Specifically, a new public bus that is proposed between High Wycombe and Maidenhead and a new East/West hopper bus service between Bourne End and Marlow. It is also noted that active travel commitment includes financial incentives for walking/cycling to studios, with government support for creative industries.

We have noted the Economic growth and regeneration planning application

response dated the 23rd of July 2022 in the application on behalf of the Bucks Council Directorate for planning, growth, and sustainability Bucks. This response puts forward an overwhelming argument detailing the support for the diversity and prosperity of the local economy overall, encouraging business, employment, and skills for Bucks, as well as the vibrancy benefits for local town and village centres.

\*(Note: Eleven members attended this meeting on Wednesday, August 24th, out of 12 possible members. One member declared a conflict of interest with their role as [REDACTED] and did not attend the meeting. Eight members voted in full support of the application, one member voted against support, and two members supported but did not wish to vote. Councillor [REDACTED] asked for the submission to show that she does not support the application. Councillor [REDACTED] asked for the submission to show that she is neutral on the application  
The final vote was therefore declared at 8 to 3 in favour and carried.  
06/09/2023

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Kind regards



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**Subject:**

Complaint about MTC conduct in relation to a planning application

**Date:**

10 September 2023 21:34:14

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Dear █

I am writing to complain about the conduct of Marlow Town Council in relation to a planning application.

A letter submitted to the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Authority by Cllr Richard Scott refers to a decision taken by members of Marlow Town Council regarding planning application 22/06443/FULEA (aka the Marlow Film Studio).

His letter states: *“Marlow Town Council has therefore informally consulted its entire membership group of Councillors at a members' only meeting (not an official Council meeting) through a democratic extensive debate and discussion on the 24th of August 2023. By majority vote, we have decided to fully support this application and not raise any objections to the proposed development”*.

The meeting was held in private without either the Clerk or Deputy Clerk in attendance and no public notice, agenda or minutes have been published. Therefore, the meeting cannot be considered as proper council business and the vote does not represent a decision taken by Marlow Town Council. It is simply the opinion of a group of people that happen to be councillors.

However, the letter purports to represent a determination by Marlow Town Council in support of the planning application. This implication is reinforced by Richard Scott using his “Cllr” honorific even though his “commentator type” is given as “Member of the Public” on the planning portal.

This is highly irregular, misleading and constitutes a misrepresentation of Marlow Town Council statutory procedure.

Cllr Scott must withdraw his letter and Marlow Town Council must immediately issue a statement explaining that the letter does not represent a decision by the Council as it has not properly considered the planning application. Failure to do so will result in my referring this matter to the Buckinghamshire Council Monitoring Officer.

If Marlow Town Council wishes to take a formal position (which I do encourage it should), this should be concluded following statutory procedures. The councillors, who voted in support of the planning application at this private meeting, can register their support as individual, regular members of the public on the portal.

Yours sincerely,

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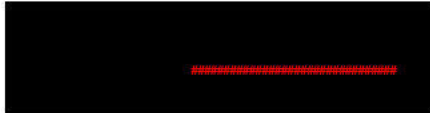
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Chris Funnell; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Film Studios  
**Date:** 11 September 2023 10:34:42

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This has been forwarded to Richard as it was addressed to him.

Kind regards



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**To:** [REDACTED]; [Chris Funnell](#); [Richard Scott](#)  
**Subject:** Marlow Film Studio – Addendum to the planning application (22/06443/FULEA)  
**Date:** 08 September 2023 11:44:55  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Chris, Richard, [REDACTED]

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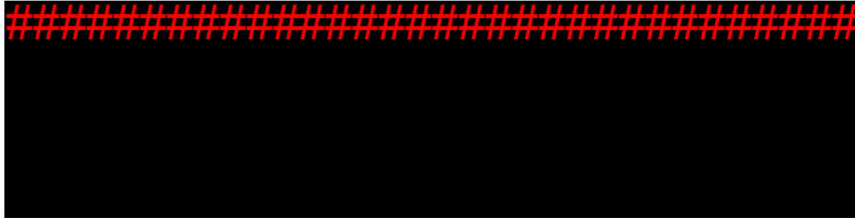
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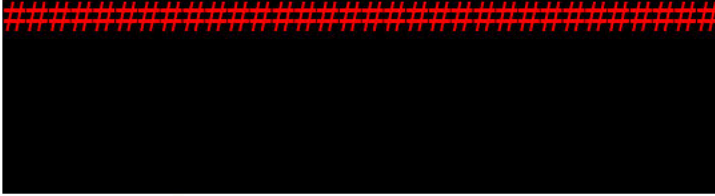
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**Subject:** Planning Application 22/06443/FULEA  
**Date:** 09 September 2023 13:35:25

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**Subject:** Re: Film Studios  
**Date:** 11 September 2023 10:24:47

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Richard

Richard Scott (Sent from Richard's iPhone)

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[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: marlow fim MTC repersenattion.docx  
**Date:** 06 September 2023 12:40:50

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Hi Chris

I have just spoken with Richard and he is going to make the submission.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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I'd be grateful if you could liaise with Richard regarding the posting of this statement.

As the meeting at which the voting took place was not a meeting of Marlow Town Council (i.e. open to the public and a legal notice served) and this is referenced in the statement, I am not able to post this as an MTC comment.

Many thanks

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> Regards

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> [REDACTED]

> Marlow

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**To:** [Chris Funnell](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: Complaint regarding Councillor Scott  
**Date:** 12 September 2023 18:13:58

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**Sent:** 12 September 2023 18:07  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Complaint regarding Councillor Scott

Dear [REDACTED]

Please note we have received another email on this issue as follows:-

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Please let me know if you wish to change the comment on the planning portal or would like me to respond to the resident in another way ?



Many thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Good afternoon

Thank you for your email and I acknowledge receipt of your complaint. I would refer you to our complaints procedure and confirm that your complaint will be investigated in line with the policy. You will be contacted in due course.

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Kind regards

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Complaint regarding Councillor Scott

Dear [REDACTED]

I have read the complaints procedure on the MTC website and understand I have to raise a complaint via yourself in the first instance.

I attach a recent submission by Cllr Scott with regards to the Marlow Film Studio planning application.

My queries regarding this are as follows:

- Why has Cllr Scott commented as a member of the public yet represented the objection as an MTC formal objection? Is this correct procedure to formally document private meeting votes on a planning comment and not to the public first?
- Can a Cllr comment about MTC in this way at all when just representing himself as a neighbouring Parish resident?
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I'd like to understand why a Cllr is permitted to communicate in this manner with no acknowledgement of Greenbelt which is high up on the Conservative's manifesto?

Please could you acknowledge receipt of my complaint and respond to queries confirming the formal process to progress this matter.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]



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As requested, we are forwarding the complaints received, others will follow under separate cover.

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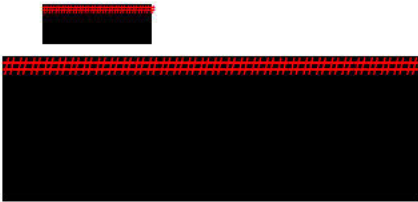
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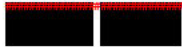


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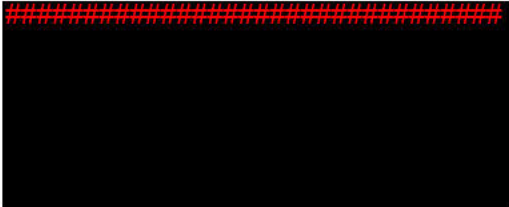
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**Subject:** Fw: Complaint Ref. Marlow Film Studio Planning Application Comment  
**Date:** 14 September 2023 11:19:08

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Dear members

Please see below.

Best wishes



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**Attachments:** [22\\_06443\\_FULFA-NEIGHBOUR\\_COMMENT\\_SUPPORT\\_SUBMITTED\\_ONLINE-4279032.pdf](#)

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Complaint regarding Councillor Scott

Dear [REDACTED]

I have read the complaints procedure on the MTC website and understand I have to raise a complaint via yourself in the first instance.

I attach a recent submission by Cllr Scott with regards to the Marlow Film Studio planning application.

My queries regarding this are as follows:

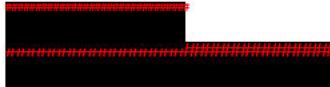
- Why has Cllr Scott commented as a member of the public yet represented the objection as an MTC formal objection? Is this correct procedure to formally document private meeting votes on a planning comment and not to the public first?

- Can a Cllr comment about MTC in this way at all when just representing himself as a neighbouring Parish resident?
- With regards to figures on objections, the portal shows over 80% of local residents as objecting to this proposal - why are Cllr Scott's figures not including these? There are objections in place by all the main bodies, Thames Water, Highways and Environment yet none of these are mentioned.

I'd like to understand why a Cllr is permitted to communicate in this manner with no acknowledgement of Greenbelt which is high up on the Conservative's manifesto?

Please could you acknowledge receipt of my complaint and respond to queries confirming the formal process to progress this matter.

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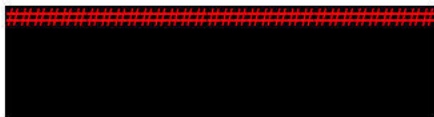
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**Subject:** Fw: Film Studios  
**Date:** 11 September 2023 10:34:42

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This has been forwarded to Richard as it was addressed to him.

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**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 5:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Film Studios

Please can you confirm if the report on Marlow Life Facebook about a letter written by Cllr Richard Scott to Bucks Planning is correct.

If this report is a true reflection of the facts, I would ask that this letter is rescinded immediately as it has not been voted or debated by the MTC. It seems to me that Cllr Scott has acted in a way to suggest that MTC approves the building of the Film Studio without a proper debate and accounting for local opinion.

I look forward to your urgent response.

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [Richard Scott](#); [REDACTED]; [Chris Funnell](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry  
**Date:** 14 September 2023 11:22:00  
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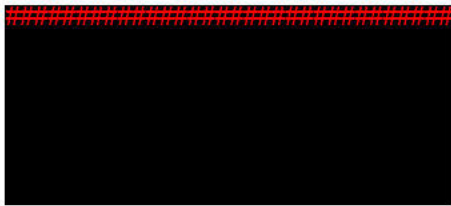
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**Subject:** Re: Complaint Ref. Marlow Film Studio Planning Application Comment  
**Date:** 11 September 2023 17:47:43

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Perfect. Understood. Thank you.

So anyone in the world can complain and we follow this process? It's not just something for residents?

[REDACTED]  
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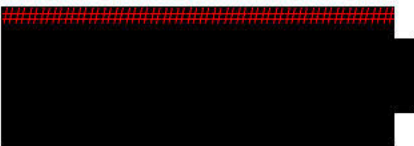
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**Cc:** [Chris Funnell](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Complaint Ref. Marlow Film Studio Planning Application Comment  
**Date:** 12 September 2023 14:49:43

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Hi [REDACTED]

Our complaints procedure is not restricted to Marlow residents, it is open to everyone.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]



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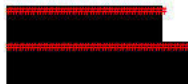
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**Sent:** 11 September 2023 17:47  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Complaint Ref. Marlow Film Studio Planning Application Comment

Perfect. Understood. Thank you.

So anyone in the world can complain and we follow this process? It's not just something for residents?



On 11 Sep 2023, at 17:22, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:

Hi Chris

No I don't believe there is any limit. Each complainant will need to have an individual response, with all the issues they have raised investigated and concluded, with either the complaint upheld or dismissed. For complex complaints we can extend the investigation period.

I'm in the office tomorrow if you want to discuss anything. We will have 10 working days from today to get back to the complainants with our findings / next steps.

See you tomorrow.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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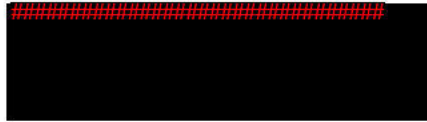
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**Kind regards**

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**Date:** 12 September 2023 16:33:28

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I look forward to your urgent response.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Film Studios  
**Date:** 11 September 2023 10:24:47

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Thanks. Could you please confirm that Mr [REDACTED] is a resident of Marlow.  
Richard

Richard Scott (Sent from Richard's iPhone)

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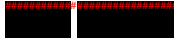
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A redacted signature consisting of two black rectangular boxes.

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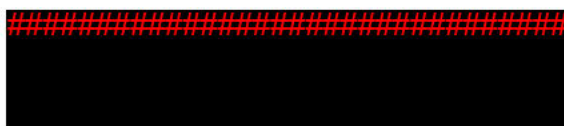
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Film Studios  
**Date:** 11 September 2023 10:40:19

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Hi Richard

Apologies, I have just been advised by [REDACTED] that all enquiries regarding this matter should be forwarded to [REDACTED] for a response.  
I can confirm [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a resident.

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**From:** Richard Scott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 10:25 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Film Studios

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Richard

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**Date:** 11 September 2023 16:18:08

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Kind regards

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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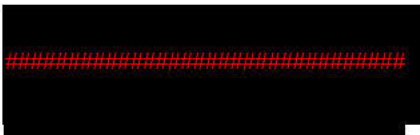
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**Date:** 11 September 2023 16:58:55

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**Date:** 11 September 2023 17:15:26  
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**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Complaint regarding Councillor Scott

Dear [REDACTED]

I have read the complaints procedure on the MTC website and understand I have to raise a complaint via yourself in the first instance.

I attach a recent submission by Cllr Scott with regards to the Marlow Film Studio planning application.

My queries regarding this are as follows:

- Why has Cllr Scott commented as a member of the public yet represented the objection as an MTC formal objection? Is this correct procedure to formally document private meeting votes on a planning comment and not to the public first?

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Chris Funnell](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Complaint Ref. Marlow Film Studio Planning Application Comment  
**Date:** 11 September 2023 17:22:35

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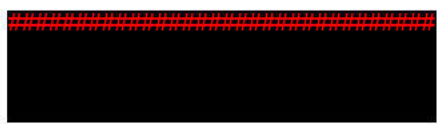
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**Date:** 12 September 2023 14:49:43

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Hi [REDACTED]

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Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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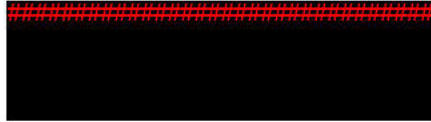
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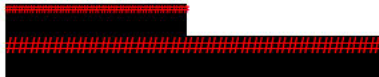


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 4:18 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Complaint Ref. Marlow Film Studio Planning Application Comment

Good Afternoon

I am very concerned about the actions of Richard Scott and Marlow Town Council regarding a comment on the planning portal about the proposed film studio in Little Marlow. 22/06443/FULEA

The decision was made behind closed doors, without a clerk present and although submitted as a personal comment on the portal it has been represented as an official comment from MTC.

I believe this comment should be removed as soon as possible.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry  
**Date:** 14 September 2023 12:38:39  
**Attachments:** [22\\_06443\\_FULFA-NEIGHBOUR\\_COMMENT\\_SUPPORT\\_SUBMITTED\\_ONLINE-4279032.pdf](#)

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As you have no TC email

Richard Scott (Sent from Richard's i Pad)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** 14 September 2023 at 11:22:00 BST  
**To:** Richard Scott <[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]>  
Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED]

**Subject: Fw: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry**

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**Sent:** 14 September 2023 10:57  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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[Redacted signature]

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[Redacted contact information]

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**From:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Marlow Studio Planning application  
**Date:** 14 September 2023 15:37:15  
**Attachments:** [MTC individual Councillor representation - Studio - V2.docx](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have been copied on correspondence between the [REDACTED] and yourself regarding comments I put on to the BC planning portal on 6 September. As you are aware, Marlow Town Council is not an official consultee to the application and because of that, members agreed that they would not submit any formal comments.

However, to reflect the collective views of individual councillors, a private informal meeting of councillors was held to discuss the application. The comments were summarised in the submitted document and were intended to reflect the fact that these were individual councillor comments, although there was the odd reference to the Town Council. Looking at the submission again, I can now see that some confusion could have arisen. The comments were submitted using my TC email address, as at the time, that was the only access I had.

Noting your comments, in the absence of the Council Leader, Chris Funnell, I have re-written the submission to remove most references to the Town Council as a legal body. Cllr Funnell will review over the weekend on return from holiday.

Whilst you clearly cannot advise us any any submission, could you perhaps comment that the statement now makes it clear that the submission is the collective views of individual councillors and not the Town Council.

Many thanks

Richard

Cllr Richard Scott  
Town Councillor  
Marlow South Ward

**From:** Chris Funnell  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Application Consultation for case reference 22/06443/FULEA/Please see letter attached  
**Date:** 07 August 2023 11:00:00

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Thanks [REDACTED]  
...quite emotional ,not very factual

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2023 10:02 AM  
**To:** Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Planning Application Consultation for case reference 22/06443/FULEA/Please see letter attached

Hi Chris,

I thought you might be interested in the below from [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] response.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Buckinghamshire Council

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:06 PM  
**To:** Planning Wycombe <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
<[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Planning Application Consultation for case reference 22/06443/FULEA/Please see letter attached

Thank you [REDACTED] for highlighting yet more documents trying to justify the building of this monstrous film studio on Green Belt land. Frankly, these latest documents fail to convince me on how the applicant will meet all the Council's planning policies and simply offers various forms of mitigation which certainly will not overcome the huge amount of harm that will be done if this application is permitted.

More worrying, there seems to be some doubt now as to whether they would even provide the proposed training in the medium to long term and use the phrase "the first owner" which does not seem to support the applicant's previously stated commitment to this project long term.

Clearly, these latest updates have not convinced me that the proposed scheme should now be supported and I remain of the view that the application should be refused.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Buckinghamshire Council

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Planning Wycombe <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 10 July 2023 4:31 PM

**Subject:** Planning Application Consultation for case reference 22/06443/FULEA/Please see letter attached

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please note you may have already been informed of the below, to ensure all internal consultees receive notice we are sending an email copy.

**AMENDED PLANS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** have now been received for application 22/06443/FULEA at **Land Adjacent South Side Marlow Road and A404 Junction, Westhorpe Park, Little Marlow, Buckinghamshire**

Please See Attached.

Yours faithfully,

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Tel: #####  
Email: #####

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**From:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 19:01:00

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Thankyou

*Chris Funnell*

**Chris Funnell**  
**Council Leader**

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 7:00 PM  
**To:** Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Richard Scott <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry

Chris

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Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 19 September 2023 16:23

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Richard Scott <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:22 AM

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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**Sent:** 14 September 2023 10:57

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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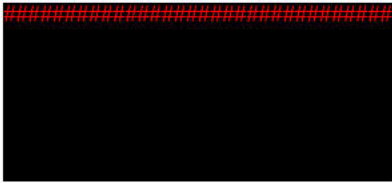
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**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Cc:** [Richard Scott](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry  
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**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: marlow fim MTC repersenattion.docx  
**Date:** 15 September 2023 12:53:21

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Now received this.

Richard  
Cllr Richard Scott  
Town Councillor  
Marlow South Ward

On 6 Sep 2023, at 11:58, Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]> wrote:

22/06443/FULEA

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Please make sure that the document is sent today as this marks the end of the secondary consultation deadline .

If you have any queries, please ring me as I'm travelling today .

Thanks

chris

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**From:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: marlow fim MTC repersenattion.docx  
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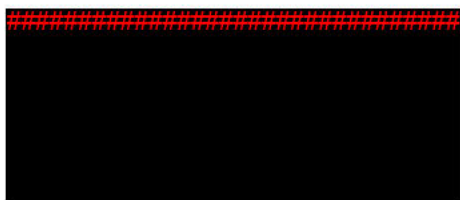
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**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 8:15 AM

**Cc:** [redacted]; [Chris Funnell](#) <[redacted]>  
[redacted]

**Subject:** Re: [redacted] Enquiry

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**From:** [Richard Scott](#)  
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**Subject:** Marlow Studio Planning application  
**Date:** 14 September 2023 15:37:15  
**Attachments:** [MTC individual Councillor representation - Studio - V2.docx](#)

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**Date:** 14 September 2023 20:52:27

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Please ask Chris to respond.

Richard

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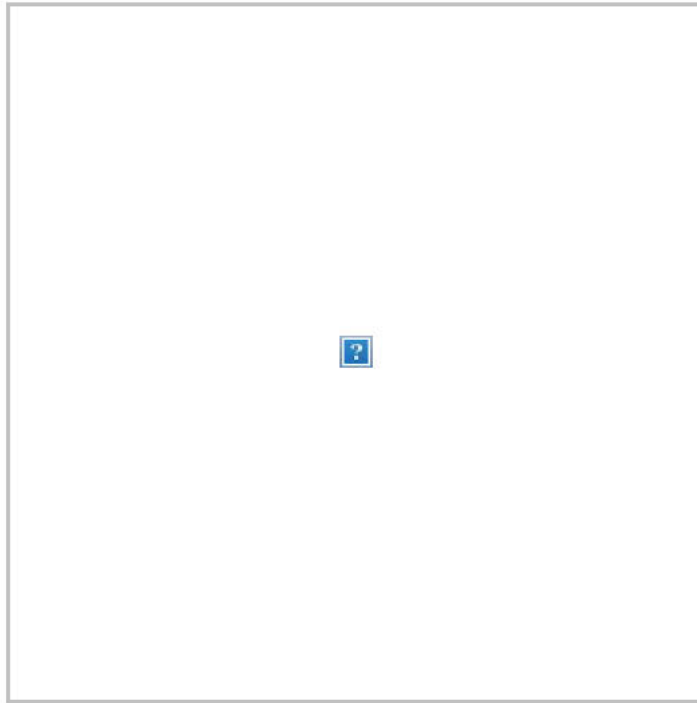
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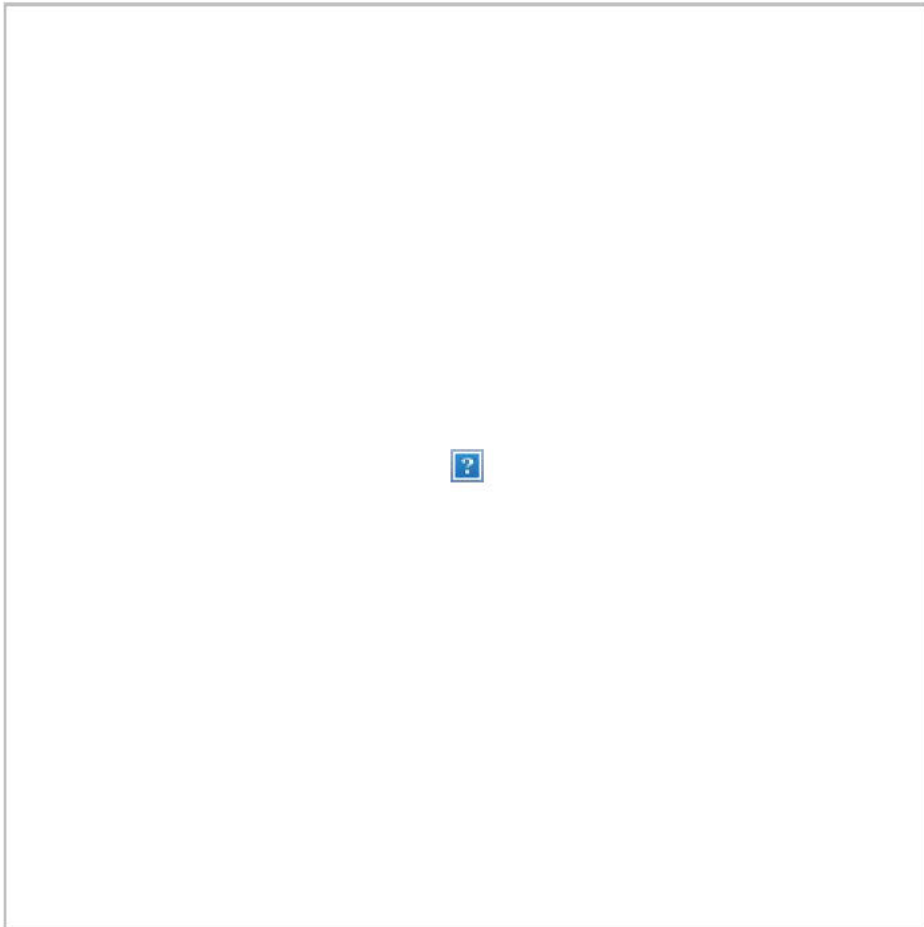
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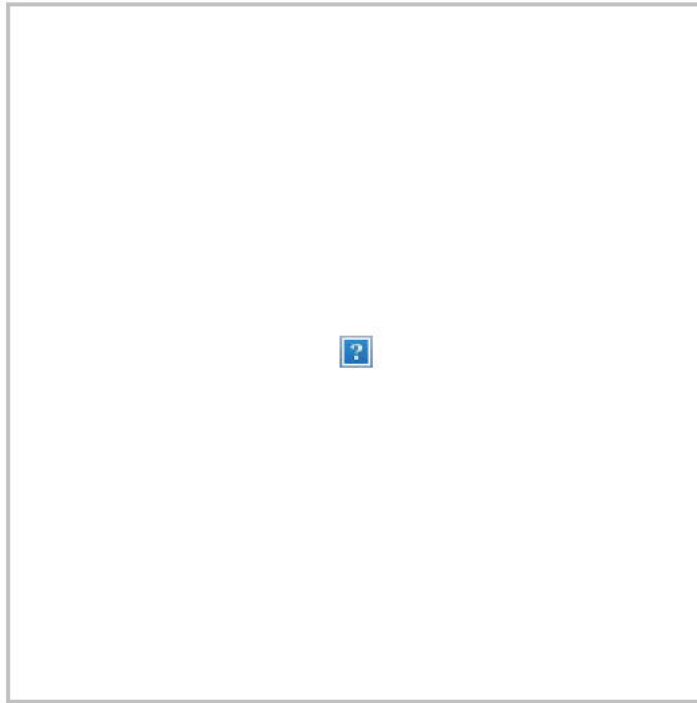
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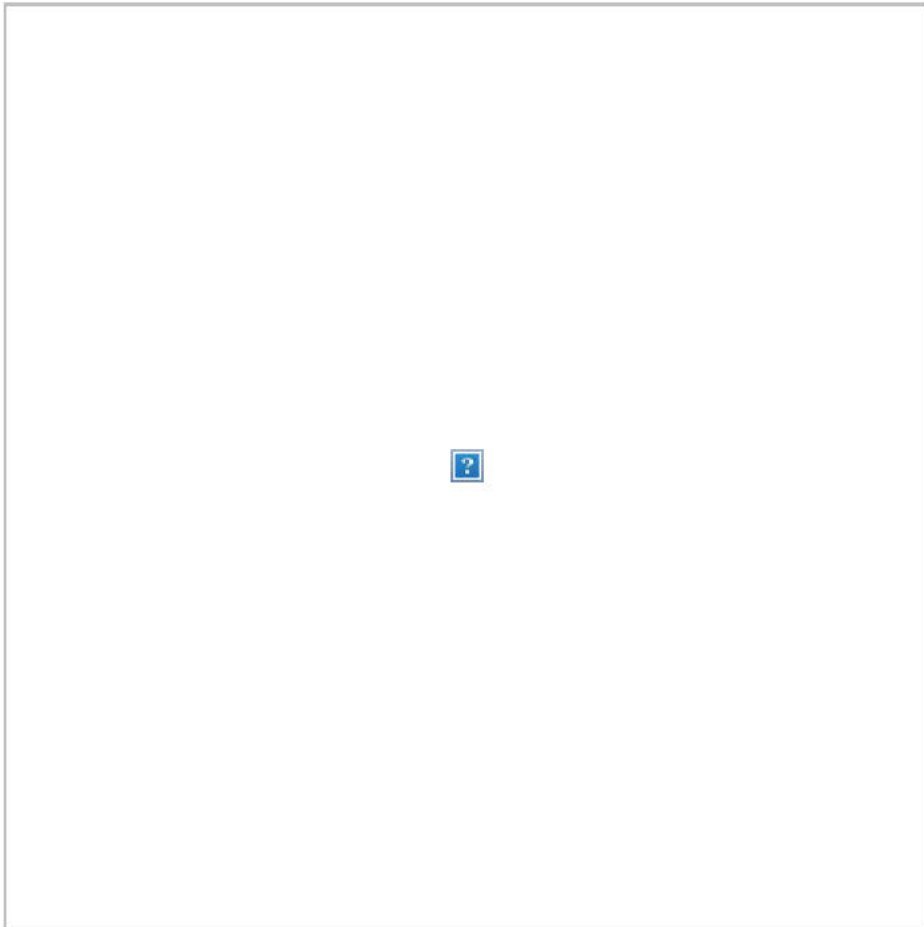
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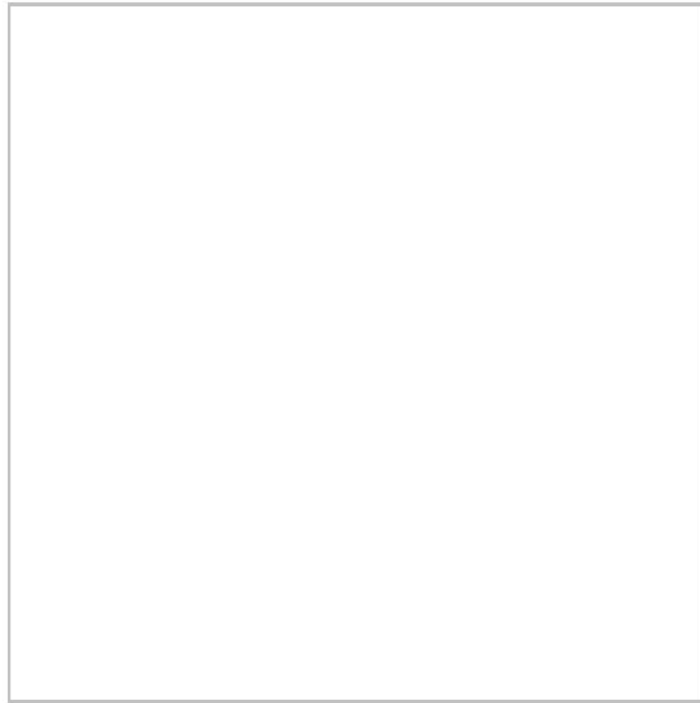
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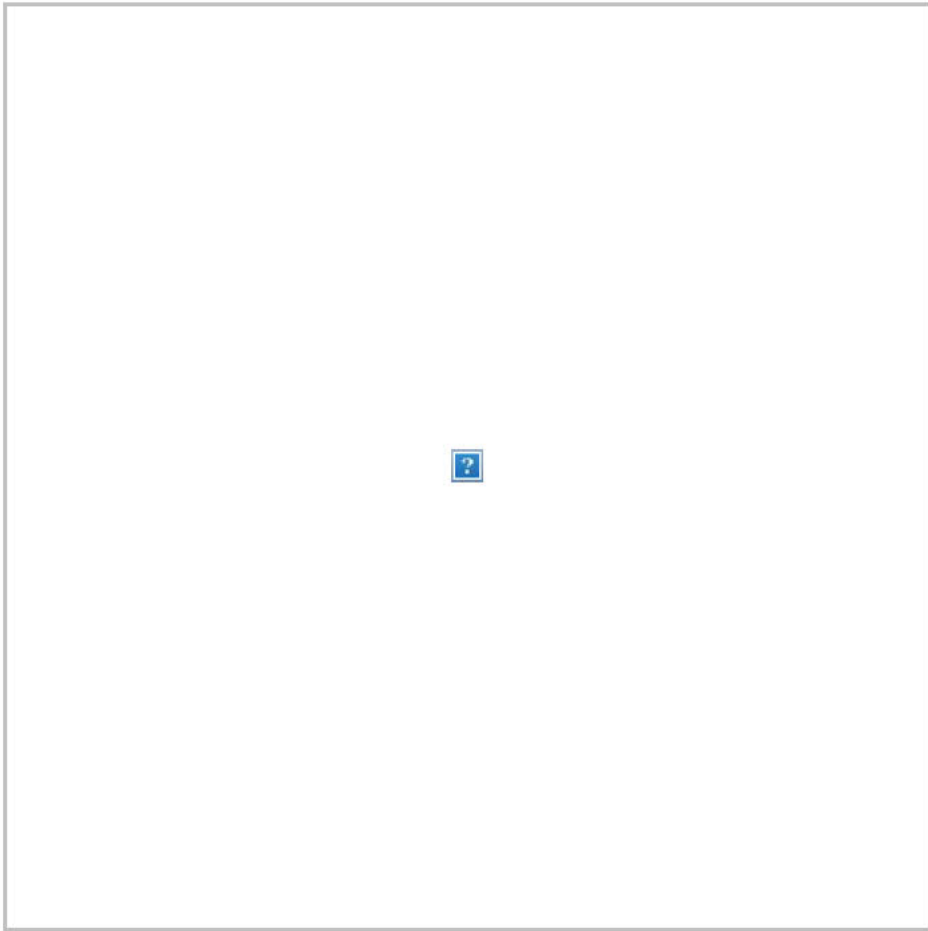
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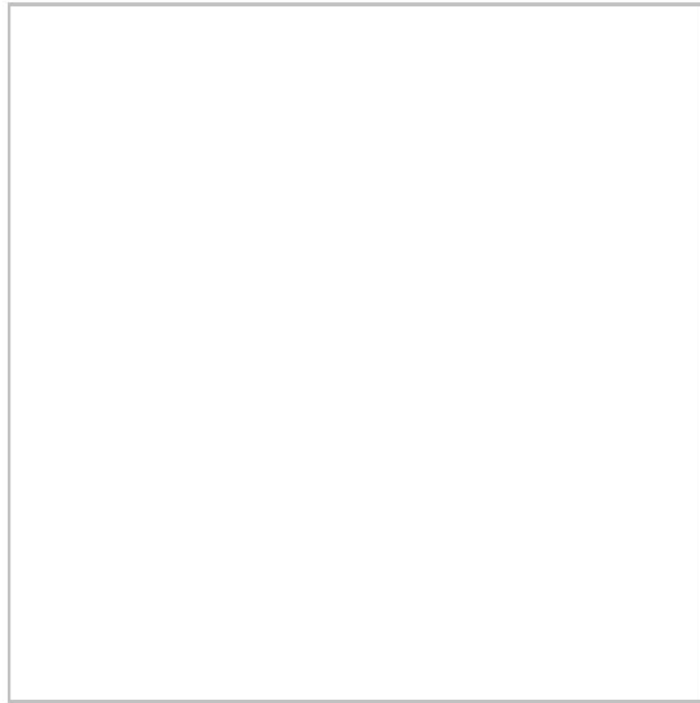
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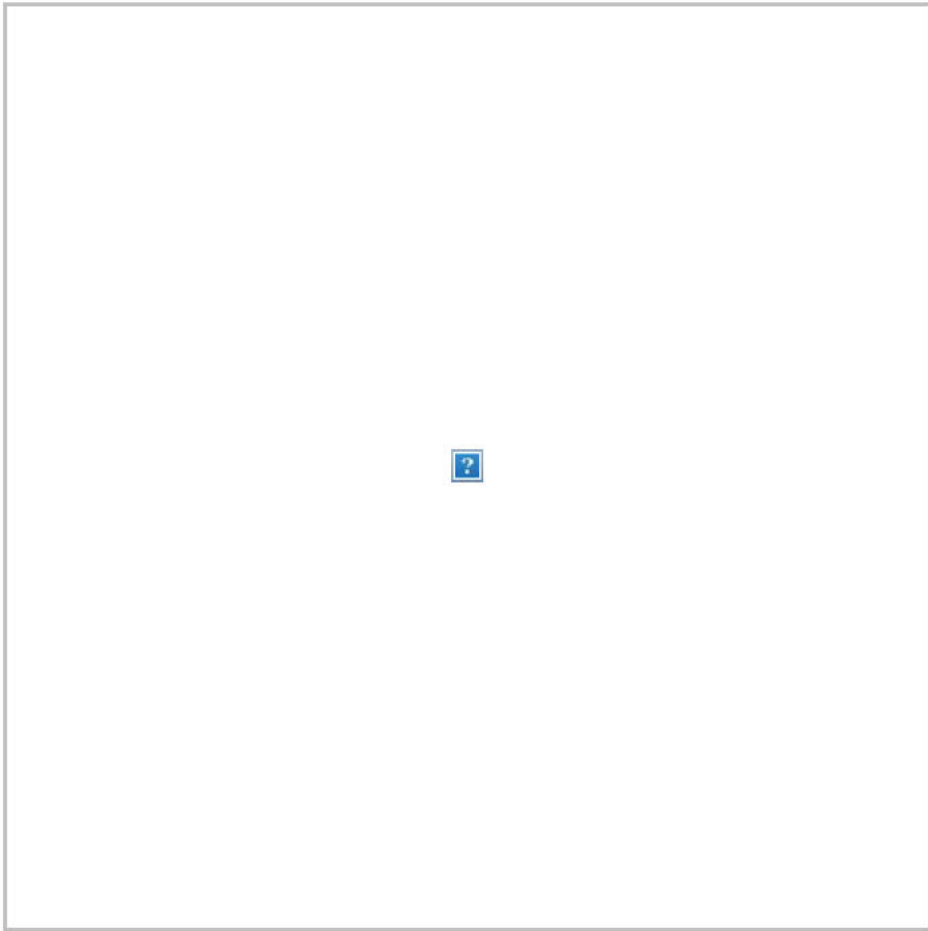
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To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Richard Scott; [REDACTED]; Chris Funnell; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry  
Date: 14 September 2023 17:59:06

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Hi Chris

I have spoken with the [REDACTED] and the request for a meeting is so discuss the content of the comment on the planning application made by Councillors with [REDACTED] at a private meeting. It is not to comment on how MTC operates, as you point out Little Marlow have reported MTC to the monitoring officer.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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Cc: Richard Scott <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Enquiry

Hey [REDACTED]

Thanks for passing this one.

I'm struck by this being a bit of a weird request.

I've been pondering how to respond to this and thought I'd reach out to you.

Could you get any more information on what they are offering to share at this meeting?

If it's just their view or their residents view I am unsure how relevant it is for us as Marlow Councillors.

If it's to comment on how we operate as a council we can ready their views in the email they copied below.

On a positive note I went to their open consultation evening many months ago for the public to air their views. I thought as a council (and whoever moderated that meeting) they did a really great job in very challenging circumstances.

[REDACTED]

On 14 Sep 2023, at 11:22, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear members

Please see below and attached from [REDACTED] Council, please advise if you would like the office to facilitate a meeting.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 14 September 2023 10:57

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry

Dear Marlow Town Council,

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**From:**   
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Bucks Free Press: Public meeting petition on Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 12:08:50

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Thank you for your email, we aim to respond within 5 working days.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bucks Free Press: Public meeting petition on Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 11:32:40

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Dido Ltd/Proposal for Marlow Film Studio  
**Date:** 23 September 2023 18:12:10

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing regarding your recent support of the film studio and wondered if those who voted to support it could please answer the following questions:

1. Given that there needs to be extraordinary circumstances to build on greenbelt, and this application does not meet this, how can you justify your support of the destruction of 90 acres of greenbelt land?

We do not live in an area of high unemployment and the film industry hires from within so there will be very limited jobs for the local community. Jobs offered as part of development is also not something that is ever checked or enforced by councils.

Children already have the opportunity to learn about film at Bucks University and the National Film and Television School or go to any of the film studios in the area for work experience. There is not a shortage of film studios. Your figures regarding the opportunity offered were also incorrect.

2. Why was your discussion regarding the studio not held at a public meeting where it was minuted, as council meetings should be? Something of this much importance to the local community should have been discussed at an open meeting.
3. Why has there been no consultation with the local community? Your comments on the application are inaccurate as you say there is more local support than objections which is not the case. There are far more local objections.
4. As there is a climate emergency and the IPCC has recommend protecting our green spaces, how is destroying greenbelt of benefit to the local community when it helps mitigate the effects of climate change by offering shade, carbon removal, flood prevention etc? Surely the best use of that land is the creation of the park as promised for the benefit of the people of Marlow, rather than making a few rich people who don't even live here even richer? Dido Ltd do not have the amount of money needed to build the studio, it is blatantly obvious that they will sell the land a big US studio who wont honour any of the false promises Dido have made.
5. Marlow already has higher than average pollution which is dangerous for the health of the community – how can you justify supporting the destruction of plants, trees, shrubs etc which help clean our air, and the extra traffic that will increase our pollution even further?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 20 September 2023 09:11:00

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 5:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Marlow Film Studios

Please note, and Chris, can you respond to this as I don't have the information requested.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Buckinghamshire Council

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 September 2023 10:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Marlow Film Studios

Hi [REDACTED]

I am writing to express my concerns about the approach taken by Marlow Town Council in its consideration of the Marlow Film Studio project.

For a matter of such importance can you please help me understand why:

- The matter was discussed at a members-only meeting, not a formal meeting of the council with a clerk present?
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Marlow Film Studios

Dear [REDACTED]

I am not able to comment on either the content of the submission nor the way in which it was submitted.

I have chosen to take a neutral stance on the planning application from the beginning as it was clear that with such a complex proposal there would be many pros and cons and opposing views from residents, as has proved to be the case.

In my opinion it is not helpful to take sides on a major application such as this, rather it is better to be open to all residents opinions, and to feed these back to the council, which is what I have done.

I have forwarded your comments to MTC to be recorded.

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Richard Scott <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Re: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry

Hey [REDACTED]

Thanks for passing this one.

I'm struck by this being a bit of a weird request.

I've been pondering how to respond to this and thought I'd reach out to you.

Could you get any more information on what they are offering to share at this meeting?

If it's just their view or their residents view I am unsure how relevant it is for us as Marlow Councillors.

If it's to comment on how we operate as a council we can ready their views in the email they copied below.

On a positive note I went to their open consultation evening many months ago for the public to air their views. I thought as a council (and whoever moderated that meeting) they did a really great job in very challenging circumstances.

[REDACTED]

On 14 Sep 2023, at 11:22, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear members

Please see below and attached from [REDACTED] Council, please advise if you would like the office to facilitate a meeting.

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<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry

Dear Marlow Town Council,

The planning comment submission by Cllr Scott was discussed at the Little Marlow Parish Council meeting on Tuesday night, under public participation. The agenda had already been published before Cllr Scott's comments came to light.

Little Marlow Parish Council have today submitted the enquiry below to Buckinghamshire Council.

Little Marlow Parish Council would like to invite representatives of Marlow Town Council to discuss the planning application in an open and transparent forum with members of Little Marlow Parish Council's planning committee. Would it be possible for the Clerk's of both councils to discuss and make arrangements?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

On behalf of Little Marlow Parish Council

[REDACTED]

Dear Buckinghamshire Council,

Little Marlow Parish Council would like to draw to your attention a letter submitted by Councillor Richard Scott of Marlow Town Council, to Buckinghamshire Council's Planning Authority, regarding application 22/06443/FULEA Marlow Film Studios (attached).

Councillor Scott submitted the letter as a "Member of the Public" and he states that its contents and stance represents the conclusions of an informal private

meeting of Marlow Town Council members.

However, we are concerned that the letter has been interpreted as representing a formal resolution by Marlow Town Council, particularly as it is signed as "Councillor Richard Scott".

An article in the Daily Mail newspaper about the Film Studio justifies this concern (attached below).

"This, in turn, is one of the main reasons why Marlow Town Council last week decided to come in behind the studio plans, adding that the project should generate £750 million in inward investment and £338 million of local economic activity per year".

Little Marlow Parish Council requests that you review this matter to determine if the actions taken by Councillor Richard Scott and his fellow members have breached the code of conduct and brought Marlow Town Council into disrepute.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

on behalf of Little Marlow Parish Council



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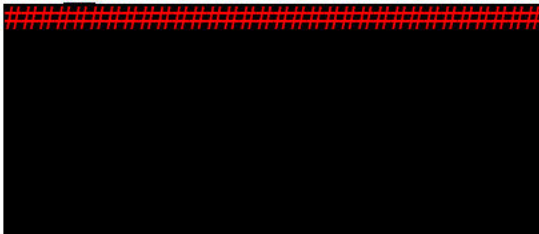
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Hey [REDACTED]

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I'm struck by this being a bit of a weird request.

I've been pondering how to respond to this and thought I'd reach out to you.

Could you get any more information on what they are offering to share at this meeting?

If it's just their view or their residents view I am unsure how relevant it is for us as Marlow Councillors.

If it's to comment on how we operate as a council we can ready their views in the email they copied below.

On a positive note I went to their open consultation evening many months ago for the public to air their views. I thought as a council (and whoever moderated that meeting) they did a really great job in very challenging circumstances.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On 14 Sep 2023, at 11:22, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear members

Please see below and attached from [REDACTED] please advise if you would like the office to facilitate a meeting.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 14 September 2023 10:57

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry

Dear Marlow Town Council,

The planning comment submission by Cllr Scott was discussed at the Little Marlow Parish Council meeting on Tuesday night, under public participation. The agenda had already been published before Cllr Scott's comments came to light.

Little Marlow Parish Council have today submitted the enquiry below to Buckinghamshire Council.

Little Marlow Parish Council would like to invite representatives of Marlow Town Council to discuss the planning application in an open and transparent forum with members of Little Marlow Parish Council's planning committee. Would it be possible for the Clerk's of both councils to discuss and make arrangements?

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

On behalf of Little Marlow Parish Council

[Redacted signature]

Dear Buckinghamshire Council,

Little Marlow Parish Council would like to draw to your attention a letter submitted by Councillor Richard Scott of Marlow Town Council, to Buckinghamshire Council's Planning Authority, regarding application 22/06443/FULEA Marlow Film Studios (attached).

Councillor Scott submitted the letter as a "Member of the Public" and he states that its contents and stance represents the conclusions of an informal private meeting of Marlow Town Council members.

However, we are concerned that the letter has been interpreted as representing a formal resolution by Marlow Town Council, particularly as it is signed as "Councillor Richard Scott".

An article in the Daily Mail newspaper about the Film Studio justifies this concern (attached below).

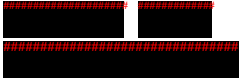
"This, in turn, is one of the main reasons why Marlow Town Council last week decided to come in behind the studio plans, adding that the project should generate £750 million in inward investment and £338 million of local economic activity per year".

Little Marlow Parish Council requests that you review this matter to determine if the actions taken by Councillor Richard Scott and his fellow members have breached the code of conduct and brought Marlow Town Council into disrepute.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

on behalf of Little Marlow Parish Council



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Community Offices  
The Pavilion  
Church Road  
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Buckinghamshire SL7 3RS  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Planning matters: Liston Court, Film Studio proposal  
**Date:** 25 September 2023 09:27:00

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Hi [REDACTED] for your info.

**Kind regards**

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 7:24 PM  
**To:** Richard Scott <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Planning matters: Liston Court, Film Studio proposal

Dear Councillor Scott

As Marlow Town Council Chairman for Planning, I would like to bring to your attention the following recent failures of proper democratic process, where decisions seem to have been made without involving your electorate. Councillors only have delegated responsibilities, and must reflect decision making based on proper consultation and public discussion. They are not authorised to hold private meetings and then act as a 'Council' to approve matters, as has been claimed in the local press.

1. **The works ongoing in Liston Court** are creating what amounts to a default 'town square' which may be considered a change of use, in blocking over a former green space, in a Conservation Area, originally gifted to Marlow by a [REDACTED]. Expansion of the retail / cafe area and diminution of habitat/ tree zones should be subject to proper planning process, being mindful that Conservation Area status covers both buildings and environmental habitats.

I can find no Planning reference number for the activity ongoing.

The artists impression displayed at the site is deeply misleading, but appears endorsed by both Marlow Town Council and Bucks CC.

( illustrations below)

2. **The Film Studio proposal** is another example where proper process appears not to have been followed, the Town Council sending a letter of approval without full public discussion. Given the amount

of lobbying by Dido Properties, the necessity for a democratic counter balance is even greater.

Going forward, I hope Marlow Town Council will review their recent activity and ensure Planning process is followed, including revoking any approvals sent without proper consultation.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

[Redacted contact information]

[Redacted contact information]





Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Representation amendment on submission 22/06443/FULEA  
**Date:** 23 September 2023 10:26:00

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*Chris Funnell*

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**From:** Chris Funnell

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 8:56 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Representation amendment on submission 22/06443/FULEA

**ATTN -the planning officer ref- application 22/06443/FULEA**

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In my capacity as leader of Marlow Town Council I have reviewed a representation submission in detail made on my behalf by Cllr Scott dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 to the planning portal which I approved and asked him to also submit on my behalf during my annual leave.

I am satisfied that the content of the collective representation and observation was clear but that some of the content was misleading in that it was not the case that Marlow Town Council informally consulted members.

By way of clarification this is to highlight that the comments made on 6 September 2023 **were a collective view of the following Marlow constituency Councillors that wished to support this**



**application by way of the detail provided** , I have detailed the names of those below-

Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr Chris funnell  
Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr Richard Scott

I would be grateful if this amendment can be posted against this application unredacted and apologise to the public for any confusion this may have caused and for this error for which I am responsible.

*Chris Funnell*

**Chris Funnell**  
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**From:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 15:14:23

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Richard  
Cllr Richard Scott  
Town Councillor  
Marlow South Ward

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 at 14:48:00 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Marlow Film Studios & Marlow Town Council - Reply  
**Date:** 29 September 2023 07:14:39  
**Attachments:** [5D26966C57E14B428CD125EAF5F1E9A2.png](#)

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Mr Funnell,

I would be grateful if you could provide a reply to my email below.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 24/09/2023 11:22, [REDACTED] wrote:

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[REDACTED] however was not able to comment on the submission or the way it was submitted, nor express her views about the pros and cons of the scheme.

Can I therefore ask you, as leader of the council, to respond to my email and include your personal views about the planned development.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Marlow Film Studios

**Date:** Wed, 20 Sep 2023 09:54:51 +0000

**From:** [REDACTED]

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Chris Funnell

Dear [REDACTED]

I am not able to comment on either the content of the submission nor the way in which it was submitted.

I have chosen to take a neutral stance on the planning application from the beginning as it was clear that with such a complex proposal there would be many pros and cons and opposing views from residents, as has proved to be the case. In my opinion it is not helpful to take sides on a major application such as this, rather it is better to be open to all residents opinions, and to feed these back to the council, which is what I have done.

I have forwarded your comments to MTC to be recorded.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2023 10:00:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Marlow Film Studios

Hi [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]; [Chris Funnell](#);  
[REDACTED]; [Richard Scott](#);  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Planning Application 22/06443/FULEA  
**Date:** 22 September 2023 22:57:40

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Dear Councillors

I am writing to complain about the actions of Marlow Town Council in relation to the proposed film studio planning application.

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Whilst some Councillors believe the development may bring extra financial benefit for the local community, other than CIL and rates for the local authority, it would be highly unlikely to benefit the community, bringing traffic chaos, which we know from historical bridge closures, causes big losses for local businesses, especially in the High Street. Also local businesses are struggling to recruit staff, especially in the hospitality sector, so the very small amount of jobs potentially available for local people, would only complete with the resources available. The only people to gain from this inappropriate development, in our precious green open spaces, are the already wealthy developers, at huge expense to the residents of Westhorpe Park.

There are 56 low cost homes at Westhorpe Park, many of whom are elderly and vulnerable. We live here for the peace and quiet that the area provides and many people have lived here for over 25 years. We have a lovely community that provides a vital support network to those who need it. For the last 18 months, we have faced a constant barrage of harassment, threats and lies from the developers, which has already taken its toll on our health and caused unnecessary stress and upset. And that's all before a decision has been made regarding the application. Some people have tried to sell their properties, but with no success while the threat hangs over us. If the application gets approved, we will simply not be able to sell, so cannot move. None of us can afford to walk away from our homes to live somewhere else, especially not in our support network area. Effectively we will be trapped living in the middle of a huge, noisy, 90 acre industrial estate, that after years of construction, will operate 24 hours a day. Be under no illusion that the detrimental impact on our wellbeing will be huge and lifechanging. Physically the ability for the daily carers, ambulance drivers, hospital transport, hot meals, etc. to gain the

required immediate access, will cause physical suffering for many.

The support MTC have shown, to make a few wealthy individuals even wealthier, at the expense of so many individuals is incredible sad. It feels like you have just banged more nails into our coffins. If your parents lived here, would you be supporting such a project that causes so much suffering?

Regards

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]; [Richard Scott](#);  
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Whilst some Councillors believe the development may bring extra financial benefit for the local community, other than CIL and rates for the local authority, it would be highly unlikely to benefit the community, bringing traffic chaos, which we know from historical bridge closures, causes big losses for local businesses, especially in the High Street. Also local businesses are struggling to recruit staff, especially in the hospitality sector, so the very small amount of jobs potentially available for local people, would only be complete with the resources available. The only people to gain from this inappropriate development, in our precious green open spaces, are the already wealthy developers, at huge expense to the residents of Westhorpe Park.

There are 56 low cost homes at Westhorpe Park, many of whom are elderly and vulnerable. We live here for the peace and quiet that the area provides and many people have lived here for over 25 years. We have a lovely community that provides a vital support network to those who need it. For the last 18 months, we have faced a constant barrage of harassment, threats and lies from the developers, which has already taken its toll on our health and caused unnecessary stress and upset. And that's all before a decision has been made regarding the application. Some people have tried to sell their properties, but with no success while the threat hangs over us. If the application gets approved, we will simply not be able to sell, so cannot move. None of us can afford to walk away from our homes to live somewhere else, especially not in our support network area. Effectively we will be trapped living in the middle of a huge, noisy, 90 acre industrial estate, that after years of construction, will operate 24 hours a day. Be under no illusion that the detrimental impact on our wellbeing will be huge and lifechanging. Physically the ability for the daily carers, ambulance drivers, hospital transport, hot meals, etc. to gain the

required immediate access, will cause physical suffering for many.

The support MTC have shown, to make a few wealthy individuals even wealthier, at the expense of so many individuals is incredible sad. It feels like you have just banged more nails into our coffins. If your parents lived here, would you be supporting such a project that causes so much suffering?

Regards

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**Date:** 22 September 2023 19:24:05

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**Date:** 19 September 2023 12:08:00

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*Chris*

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**Sent:** 14 September 2023 10:57

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Councillor Scott submitted the letter as a "Member of the Public" and he states that its contents and stance represents the conclusions of an informal private meeting of Marlow Town Council members.

However, we are concerned that the letter has been interpreted as representing a formal resolution by Marlow Town Council, particularly as it is signed as "Councillor Richard Scott".

An article in the Daily Mail newspaper about the Film Studio justifies this concern (attached below).

*"This, in turn, is one of the main reasons why Marlow Town Council last week decided to come in behind the studio plans, adding that the project should generate £750 million in inward investment and £338 million of local economic activity per year".*

Little Marlow Parish Council requests that you review this matter to determine if the actions taken by Councillor Richard Scott and his fellow members have breached the code of conduct and brought Marlow Town Council into disrepute.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

on behalf of Little Marlow Parish Council

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**To:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**Cc:** [Redacted] [Chris Funnell](#); [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry  
**Date:** 15 September 2023 11:43:25

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Hi Richard,

Thank you for the below. I think this needs to be discussed fully with all members before anything is re-submitted. Your original note on the portal was hurriedly submitted, as we were told the portal was closing, though it is still open for comment, hence being able to re-submit.

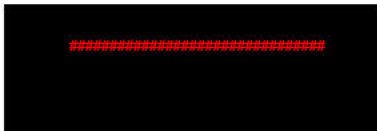
I didn't understand the rush for submission on 6<sup>th</sup> September. I said I didn't see the need, as we agreed we would only comment once ALL consultees' comments were logged. There are many more being submitted.

I personally don't want another communication on the portal as part of a group. If the majority want a group message to be re-submitted, please ensure you leave me out of it, as I asked originally, as I was not at the group meeting.

Enough damage has been done to MTC and enough written about us that will be remembered. A new dumbed down version won't change that but will bring up all the same feedback.

Thanks

[Redacted]



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**From:** Richard Scott <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 8:15 AM  
**Cc:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]> [Redacted] <[Redacted]> [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
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I await comment from Chris F but I can see little point in meeting with [REDACTED] and I am not sure we want to discuss a collective members (non Council) decision with their elected members, however informal. Both sides have made their position clear. [REDACTED] are vehemently against the Studio application whereas we have chosen to support it.

Also, it has been suggested that it would be inappropriate to meet if there is any conduct enquiry underway. I believe this is directed at me personally and having spoken to BC officers, I will resubmit our comments without any reference to MTC, just ourselves as a collective team. We were always going to receive flack for our decision from all quarters. It is a pity that others who support the application don't come out and support our decision.

Kind regards

Richard  
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Marlow South Ward

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Sent: 14 September 2023 15:45

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Richard Scott <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chris Funnell  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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**From:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] Council Enquiry  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 19:01:00

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Thankyou

*Chris Funnell*

**Chris Funnell  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 7:00 PM  
**To:** Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Richard Scott <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED] Council Enquiry

Chris

The requested response that you will not be taking up [REDACTED] offer of a meeting has been sent to the [REDACTED]

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 19 September 2023 16:23

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Richard Scott <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

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**Subject:** RE: Little Marlow Parish Council Enquiry

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**From:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**To:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 15:49:55

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I will to keep consistent

*Chris Funnell*

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**To:** Chris Funnell < >  
**Subject:** Fwd: Marlow Film Studios

Do you want to answer? Or me?

Richard  
Cllr Richard Scott  
Town Councillor  
Marlow South Ward

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 at 14:48:00 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

*Dear Councillor Scott*

*I am hoping that you can clear something up for me.*

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*Yours Sincerely*

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**To:** [Richard Scott](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 15:49:00

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I will to keep consistent

*Chris Funnell*

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**From:** Richard Scott < >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 3:14 PM  
**To:** Chris Funnell < >  
**Subject:** Fwd: Marlow Film Studios

Do you want to answer? Or me?

Richard  
Cllr Richard Scott  
Town Councillor  
Marlow South Ward

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Marlow Film Studios  
**Date:** 19 September 2023 at 14:48:00 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: marlow fim MTC repersenattion.docx  
**Date:** 15 September 2023 12:53:19

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Now received this.

Richard  
Cllr Richard Scott  
Town Councillor  
Marlow South Ward

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22/06443/FULEA

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**To:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: marlow fim MTC repersenattion.docx  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Planning matters: Liston Court, Film Studio proposal  
**Date:** 23 September 2023 08:03:20

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for contacting me.

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Chris Funnell](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Statement in support of Planning Application by Dido Properties 22/06443/FULEA  
**Date:** 22 September 2023 16:03:25

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Complaints about Councillors conduct are dealt with by the monitoring officer at Buckinghamshire Council, your complaint will be forwarded to

[REDACTED]

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 22 September 2023 13:59  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Chris Funnell <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Statement in support of Planning Application by Dido Properties 22/06443/FULEA

Dear [REDACTED]

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Best wishes

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**From:** [Chris Funnell](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Representation amendment on submission 22/06443/FULEA  
**Date:** 22 September 2023 20:56:00

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**ATTN -the planning officer ref- application 22/06443/FULEA**

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In my capacity as leader of Marlow Town Council I have reviewed a representation submission in detail made on my behalf by Cllr Scott dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 to the planning portal which I approved and asked him to also submit on my behalf during my annual leave.

I am satisfied that the content of the collective representation and observation was clear but that some of the content was misleading in that it was not the case that Marlow Town Council informally consulted members.

By way of clarification this is to highlight that the comments made on 6 September 2023 **were a collective view of the following Marlow constituency Councillors that wished to support this application by way of the detail provided** , I have detailed the names of those below-

Cllr [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr Chris funnell  
Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr [REDACTED]  
Cllr Richard Scott

I would be grateful if this amendment can be posted against this application unredacted and apologise to the public for any confusion this may have caused and for this error for which I am responsible.

*Chris Funnell*

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