

Cross Examination.

What is the object of the Tower.

What useful purpose will it serve if the top is above the trees?

One can obtain excellent views from the Folly now for miles round

And do you really think better views will be obtainable from the top of the trees.

Is the Tower to be used solely for the benefit of Lord Berners and his friends.

If for the public did Lord Berners make application on behalf of the public or himself.

So it is for Lord Berners personally.

When did Lord Berners alter his mind about the public.

Do you know that the Regional Planning Committee were definitely informed by Lord Berners that the Tower was not for the public, but only for himself and friends.

If the Tower is for the personal use of Lord Berners, how long does Lord Berners reside in Faringdon during the year.

So that the Tower if erected will be for the personal use of Lord Berners during a very short time in any year as he is usually away for a greater part of the year.

Do you think the Tower is justified on this account.

Now if the public are to be admitted, you appreciate that for some time at least it may attract large numbers.

You must admit now that it is ~~very beautiful and quiet~~ very quiet and beautiful part of the country-side.

Don't you think that if large numbers of the public are attracted by the Tower that it will detract from the beauty of the spot?

Do you think that the Tower is therefore justified on public grounds, ~~as it is asked by the public~~ has it been asked for by the public, and will it give the public any better views than now obtainable.

Has any arrangement been made as regards the permanent repair of the Tower.

Is it not possible therefore that the Tower may become derelict in time through lack of repair by Lord Berners or his successor.

Do you not think that if this happened, it would spoil the beauty of the folly.

You appreciate that the public have used the Folly from time immemorial without any interference from the owner.

And dont you think that a derelict Tower ~~is~~ would be an  
attadition from ~~mem~~ some members of the public.

And would not that spoil the beauty eventually.

Now you say that the Tower will not be seen. Do you not  
admit that the trees are very thin. That one can see  
through them from many points. And that practically the  
whole of the Tower will be seen through the trees.

Another important point is that Lord Berners has reduced  
the height of the Tower by roughly 25 feet. In his  
original plan, there is a room in a tower over the  
trees. In the amended plan ~~th~~ it is just a Tower platform

Is it not possible that if the Tower is allowed that Lord  
Berners may ask for an increase in the height at some  
future time.

Then the Tower will shew ~~the whole~~ between the Trees and above

The Folly is well known landmark dated back to Charles 1 time.

Is it not better, when dealing with these ancient landmarks  
to leave them in their original state, and not alter them  
by the erection of a Tower

Taking the long view, with the possibility that the Tower  
will become derelict that the Folly will be better  
preserved in its natural beauty as it now is.

My point is that we do know what a beauty spot we have now.  
But we dont know what t e Folly will be like in years to  
come through tye erection of the Tower.

Do you seriously think that the risk of erecting the Tower  
should be taken, when it is doubtful it will serve  
a useful purpose, it will only be required by the owner  
for a short period in each year, and that no provision has  
been made to maintain it.