

June 16th

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Dear Gen. Burder,

Faringdon Folly.

It is most important that Lord Berners should not be allowed to erect the tower at the Faringdon Folly. The tower will be about 30' above the top of the trees and will be used by Lord Berners and his friends to view the countryside. It is also understood that he proposes to open it to the public upon a small charge which will be devoted to charity. The Faringdon Folly is an historical Monument and the Town Planning Officer intends to preserve it as an open space in the Town Planning Scheme. An ornamental tower will spoil the natural beauty of the Folly, which can be seen for miles round, and further, if the public are to be invited to go to the top of the tower, other things will follow such as refreshment buffets, etc. At the present time there is a public footpath to, through and round the Folly with seats provided by the Parish Council, and is altogether an enjoyable spot. If Lord Berners builds the tower and the Planning Committee preserve it as an open space, he will be compelled to pull it down when the Town Planning Scheme is brought into operation.

I have informed Mr. Ogle that I cannot possibly approach Mr. Gardner or Sir Ralph Glyn regarding Rowstock, as the subject of appeal is subjudic. The Council have approved buildings being erected and the decision conveyed to Mr. Gardner in writing, and until that is upset by the Minister of Health, he is debarred from developing the site as he wishes, even if we came to an arrangement with him.

I am enclosing some correspondence I have had with Mr. Neobard as regards clauses 8 and 10 of the Agreement constituting the Committee, which are contradictory. I do not agree with Mr. Neobard's contention, and it does appear therefore that the Town Planning Scheme is subject to the consent of the local Council before the Committee

can approve it, and if there is a disagreement, the Council win, but the Committee can no doubt inform the Minister where they disagree with the Council.

I am meeting Professor Hawkins at Letcombe Regis next Wednesday at 11 o'clock a.m.

I have had 80 further samples of water taken from East and West Hanney, and submitted them to the Public Analyst, Reading, and each one has been found entirely polluted and unfit for drinking purposes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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