

Mr Geoff Webber
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26th November 2007

Dear Mr Webber

BATH WESTERN RIVERSIDE

We have been made aware of erroneous comments in the Planning Officer's Report to the Committee for the meeting on 27th November and write to ask you to issue corrections to these for your members as a matter of urgency. This concerns the report for Bath Western Riverside.

In the Report it is stated that:

“EH's new position has come under attack from Susan Denyer, writing under the ICOMOS-UK banner, who roundly criticises EH's support for what she sees as a scheme that undermines the World Heritage Site status of the city. Her comments and objections extend to 8 pages, but are usefully summarised in her letter as follows:...”

It is absolutely incorrect to state that I was writing personally under the ICOMOS-UK banner.

In our letter of 22nd October 2007, we stated that *“ICOMOS-UK wishes to object to these proposed developments as set out in the revised drawings submitted by the applicant.”* As Secretary of ICOMOS-UK I am writing on behalf of the organisation and put forward the agreed views. I am not, as your report suggests, writing personally under the ICOMOS-UK Banner.

I am not clear why our letter was interpreted in this way and not the one from English Heritage which was similarly signed by one person, Chris Smith.

Please can you correct this misinterpretation publicly as a matter of urgency. And can you also circulate our letter of 21st November 2007 to Mr John Betty (copy attached) to all Committee

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members as this sets out clearly our letter our decision making processes and also the relevant roles of ICOMOS and the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

Yours sincerely

Susan Denyer
Secretary ICOMOS-UK

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John Betty, Strategic Director of Development & Major Projects, Bath & North East Somerset Council

Donald Hankey, President ICOMOS-UK

David Thackray, Chair ICOMOS-UK World Heritage Committee