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FAO Jim Dillon, Chief Executive,  
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Dear Mr. Dillon,

‘Public satisfaction in council has plunged’ Whitby Gazette’ 09.05. 08.

I enclose a cutting from the Whitby Gazette of 18.01.08. relating to the plan to relocate the council offices in Whitby to the Tourist Information Centre. I have not heard or seen anything about this proposal since then and wondered if it is going ahead.

My feelings about this move are that £400,000 to equip the Tourist Information Centre to accommodate ten council staff is a vast amount of money to spend on such a small number of people, can you give me the details of how this figure has been arrived at?

Then there is the business of the necessity for the relocation since the present offices on Skinner Street were only purchased and fitted out, at a total cost of £502,000 six years ago and presumably, were designed to the highest standards, and fully compliant with all the legislation relating to health and safety, public access, building regulations etc.

It does seem to me and many other people in Whitby who are providing the finance for this project, that this is a profligate waste of the tax payer’s money, something to which we are growing more and more accustomed in Whitby, as time goes by; we have only to think of the Beach Management Centre fiasco for one other recent example.

My Grandfather used to tell me that, ‘There’s only one thing wrong with common sense - it’s not very common.’ I think that just about fits the bill on this occasion.

Surely it is plain to everyone except the staff of Scarborough Borough Council that this waste of public money is an insult to the hard working people who provide the money in the first place, the Council Tax payer.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Ineson