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Sir Robert Goodwill MP
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Dear Sir Robert Goodwill,

I read your article in the Yorkshire Post on Saturday 27th August.

It seems you support the West Pier development, that it is a done deal and that you believe it is too late for it to be stopped.

It is not and please have not an inkling of uncertainty this proposed West Pier Development will NOT go ahead.

I am sure you will have read my letters to Council and to the Town Deal Fund Board.

Maybe you did not believe what I was saying or perhaps you support Mr Siddons and Mr Kerfoot with their invidious replies, if so you are indeed politically a very brave man in siding with your opposition, a dubious Labour Council Leader against your own constituents, your own voters and the whole community.

For the avoidance of any doubt, in case you missed my earlier correspondences and in summary hear are just a few of the issues I have previously aired;

1.) Due process for the West Pier scheme has been completely ignored throughout, rendering the whole application to Government as being invalid.
2.) Steve Siddons, Marc Cole, Alex Richards and Helen Jackson have been, deceitful, dishonest and clandestine in their actions from the very start of this project to where we are today.

They have blatantly lied throughout and they are still lying today.

They have obtained funding from Government illegally by supplying falsifications, untruths and omissions within their applications and alas....all this with the blind support of the Town Deal Fund Board. Sadly our own Ward Councillor Janet Jefferson has aligned along side them going against her own people who were not long ago her friends and supporters.

3.) Government dictates on the absolute necessity for complete engagement and consultation from the very start to the very finish with everyone affected.

Mr Siddons and Mr Richards say “there has been more than adequate consultation” quoting a 30,000 leaflet drop some years ago and 29 consultations with tenants on the Pier earlier this year.

Here we have a whole community, EVERY business, EVERY resident, EVERY Fisherman standing witness to say and prove there has been no consultation....Zero. Nothing. None. Nil. Zilch!!!!

4.) The Government guidelines when applying for funding insist, before funding is agreed for a project, evidence must be provided that the whole community and affected stakeholders are all on board and “enthusiastically” in favour.

THE WHOLE SEAFRONT COMMUNITY....the Fishermen, the Harbour users, the Shop Keepers, the Cafes, The Restaurants, The Bars, the Donkey and the Deckchair concessions, the Amusements, the Fairground, the Boat trip operators, the Pubs, the Take Away businesses, the Crab Stalls, local residents, the large businesses down to the smallest businesses (apart from one single Trader) ALL STAND UNITED AGAINST THIS PROJECT.

5.) The Town Deal Fund Board by rubber stamping the false application for funding have either been complicit or ignorant of what has gone on.

There to provide protection from corruption and dishonesty for the community, they have taken charge of onerous responsibilities both as a board and as individuals to ensure all the stages of the scheme are properly exacted.

Each member of this Town Deal Fund Board has failed completely in their duty and the board as a whole has failed to have any direct communication with the community, the stakeholders and anyone else affected.

They have laid themselves open to legal actions against them and seriously damaged reputations.

Sir Robert,

With or without you, but preferably with you, we will stop this illegal project from harming our beloved Seafront and its community.

We will ensure a safe and sound Harbour with 3 safe and sound Piers.

Along side this, we will yet have our beautiful Town Square which will be acclaimed as the best in Europe and will make our Town Centre and its wonderful Market vibrant and successful again.

We live and work here, many of us for generations, we love where we live.

These people are transient greasy pole climbers, they are not from Scarborough and they will be gone in a flash (One has gone already).

We will not let them leave any further devastation and debt in their wake.

By the way to clearly demonstrate their incompetence, they couldn't even do a simple job of budgeting for and overseeing the updating of the small lavatories near the Olympia.

A ridiculous £1 million plus spent....1 year late it's any ones guess if it will be open or closed wet through floors all the time people complaining about the levels of cleanliness and as for the 40p entry fee dropped because they can't get the doors to work.

So the projected costs have more than doubled and all the projected income has been lost.

It took twice as long as they predicted, it still doesn't operate properly and nobody is happy

.....OH DEAR!

Please understand the level of anger and resentment prevailing. Please do not underestimate the determination of everyone, motivated by justice and the love of Scarborough.

I urge you to re-examine very closely what you have been told by the Council, its lies and contradictory rhetoric has been prolific.

I invite you to come onboard and support your own constituents against this aberration.

Always open for discussion and clarification.

Regards,

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