



Memo to Alan Adams

Director of Community Services

Wokingham District Council

Subject :- Mr & Mrs Fox 337 Wokingham Road Earley

Date :- 20th July 1999

Mr Fox has faxed me a letter he has received from Woodley Social Services office regarding concerns expressed by Shell relating to the children of Mr & Mrs Fox. I wish to make it clear that Mr and Mrs Fox whom I have known for many years have always been caring people in respect of their family life and children in particular.

Their concerns are for the health of the children whom they feel have been affected by contaminated land adjoining their property from the old Shell depot which has now been sold off for a housing development following action on decontamination carried out by Wokingham District Council. They have made repeated requests that Wokingham District Council consider the situation in respect of the health of their children and this has always been their concern. How Shell came to consider that the children might be "at risk" has not been outlined but I am clear that they are not "at risk" from any actions of Mr & Mrs Fox who as I say have always taken great pride and care of their family.

I am also concerned over a report which has been obtained by Mr Fox relating to a report on the file of Bulmershe school emanating from Mrs Band stating that Mr & Mrs Fox are separating. I want it to be clear that Mrs Fox has been most supportive of Mr Fox in his illness and the absence of Mr Fox from the family home has been the result of medical advice. Mr & Mrs Fox are together at weekends and the children receive all the care which could be expected from considerate parents. Where the report of the separation came from is not clear but it is very upsetting to Mr & Mrs Fox and I hope that this report can be corrected and an assurance given to Mr & Mrs Fox that any such inference will be followed by an appropriate letter of apology and explanation as to the reasons for its inclusion in the school records.


Cllr David Swindells