

CHURCH LANE, WORMLEY

SITE INSPECTION AM 5/8/87

Whilst I was showing Gill Tatum the site from the public footpath, Mr Croke, the site owner arrived. As I had parked my car in the entrance and was blocking access to the site, I rushed across to him apologising, and offered to move my car.

Mr Croke reacted rather violently to my apology. Either he was already aggrieved or was annoyed by our presence on site, but he began a colourful tirade of verbal abuse, punctuated with numerous expletives.

He accused us of trespassing, and me in particular of harrassing him over the past 3 years, In quite emphatic terms he stated that he had no intention whatsoever of complying with the County Council's requirements as had been set out in various letters to him from the County Planning and Estates Officer.

When asked if he was prepared to remove the site hut and other scrap iron, with the aid of more expletives he said he would rather set fire to the hut. He then told us to leave, at which point I asked if he was threatening me. Whilst holding a large sheet of corrugated roofing material for the shed he was in the process of constructing, Mr Croke said "If you think that's threatening, I will show you what threatening really is."

At that point as he was still holding the sheet of roofing material above his head. We departed. As we walked away from him he suggested that my superiors should find me something more productive to do than keep harrassing him. We were out of earshot for the remainder of his statement.

Graham Fisher of Broxbourne advised that the shed/shelter was in course of erection.

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