

Inquiry Day 3

Today began at 9.30 a.m. but turned out mercifully to be a short day, finishing at about 1.20 p.m.

Mr Craig Howell Williams, Counsel for the Appellants, attempted to discredit Mr Colin Cottage, who gave evidence yesterday on behalf of KCC, suggesting his professional experience was insufficient to solve Scarab's re-location needs, such as retention of the existing skilled workforce, and provision of appropriate sized buildings. Alternative sites were discussed.

Mr Cameron, KCC's Counsel, introduced a new witness for planning, Mr Martin Carpenter, a Chartered Town Planner, who emphasised that the onus was on the Appellants to prove that Scarab's 'need' to move to the Appeal site overrode the harms to the landscape if the development were to go ahead.

In cross examination, Mr Howell Williams attempted to persuade Mr Carpenter that the development would not be premature given the lack of an adopted Local Plan.

The Inquiry closed at the end of this session and would re-open on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in County Hall.