

## Name

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## Which council or authority are you complaining about?

	Charnwood Borough Council
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**Have you complained to the council or authority? Usually, you should have completed all stages of the council's complaints process before we can look at your complaint.**

	Yes
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**If you have answered 'yes' above, please say - if you know - when you complained to the council or authority. If you do not remember, Please put 'don't know' in the box.**

	14th Nov 2008
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## What do you think the council or authority did wrong?

	In essence, we were given the go ahead to build a stone barn in Swithland Village by Charnwood Borough Council in 2004. We submitted plans which were approved. Then in November 2008, the Council demanded that we pull the barn down. When I telephoned Helen Robinson of the planning department I told her that I wished to complain about what had gone on and wanted a full explanation as to why the Council would give us their approvals to build the barn and later when the barn was built
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	<p>demand we pull it down. Helen Robinson could offer no explanation and my complaint was not progressed through the Council.</p> <p>We appealed against the enforcement notice and we lost the appeal. The inspectorate did not take into account the shoddy way in which the Council had dealt with our planning affairs which clearly was quite a separate issue to the planning opinions that were given in the inspectorates report.</p> <p>The Council know this is a very serious case of maladministration, but they are not doing anything about it. I have spent over £300,000 building the barn for my farm business and now have to knock it down.</p> <p>Ive since learnt that it was political influence by the local conservative Cllr that lives in Swithland village that caused all of this trouble in the first place. I have since tried to submit new planning forms, but the Council refuse to accept them. They have acted beyond the law when they told me to demolish the barn after they had given full approval for it to be built, and now they are acting beyond the law again by refusing to accept any further planning agricultural planning determination forms.</p> <p>The full case can be seen at <a href="http://www.swithland-agricultural-holdings.co.uk">www.swithland-agricultural-holdings.co.uk</a> where I have done my best to show the full case with copies of all documents.</p> <p>I would like this case fully investigated and the Council held accountable for their maladministration of this whole affair. The matter has caused me serious health problems, and only a few weeks ago I had to go into hospital for an MRI scan for a suspected stroke caused by the stress.</p>
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**How has this affected you?**

	I am out of pocket by £300,000, my business cannot operate and the stress has caused me serious health problems.
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**What do you think the council or authority should do to put things right?**

	<p>Either :</p> <p>(1) Drop their enforcement action</p> <p>(2) Agree to modify the design of the barn, the costs of which the Council should pay</p> <p>(3) Pay me what it has cost me to build and demolish the barn, which by the time it has been demolished will be in excess of £350,000.</p> <p>(4) In any event, there should also be compensation for the stress that this has caused me as well as the costs I have incurred in paying for MRI scans and health care bills.</p>
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**If you want to upload any files in support of your complaint you can do so below**

	It would help us deal quickly with your complaint if you attach copies of any letters or documents about it - from the council or authority you are complaining about - that you can send electronically.
	We have maximum file sizes as follows:
	Individual file max Size: 1.5MB per file      Total Max size of email and attachments: 5 MB
	File Types Allowed: txt;pdf;doc;docx;ppt;xls;xlsx;wav;mp3;jpg;jpeg;gif;tiff
	If the files you have to send will amount to more than these sizes, please do not attempt to send them, or your email may be rejected (you will get a message if this happens).
	You will have an opportunity to send more files when we start to look into your complaint

<b>File 1</b>	council-letter-1.jpg
<b>File 2</b>	buildingregsfullapproval-1.jpg
<b>File 3</b>	2007letter.jpg

**Special Requirements**

	If anything makes it difficult for you to use our service, for example if English is not your first language or you have a disability please use the text area below to tell us how we can help you

**How did you find out about the Local Government Ombudsman?**

	Solicitor
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