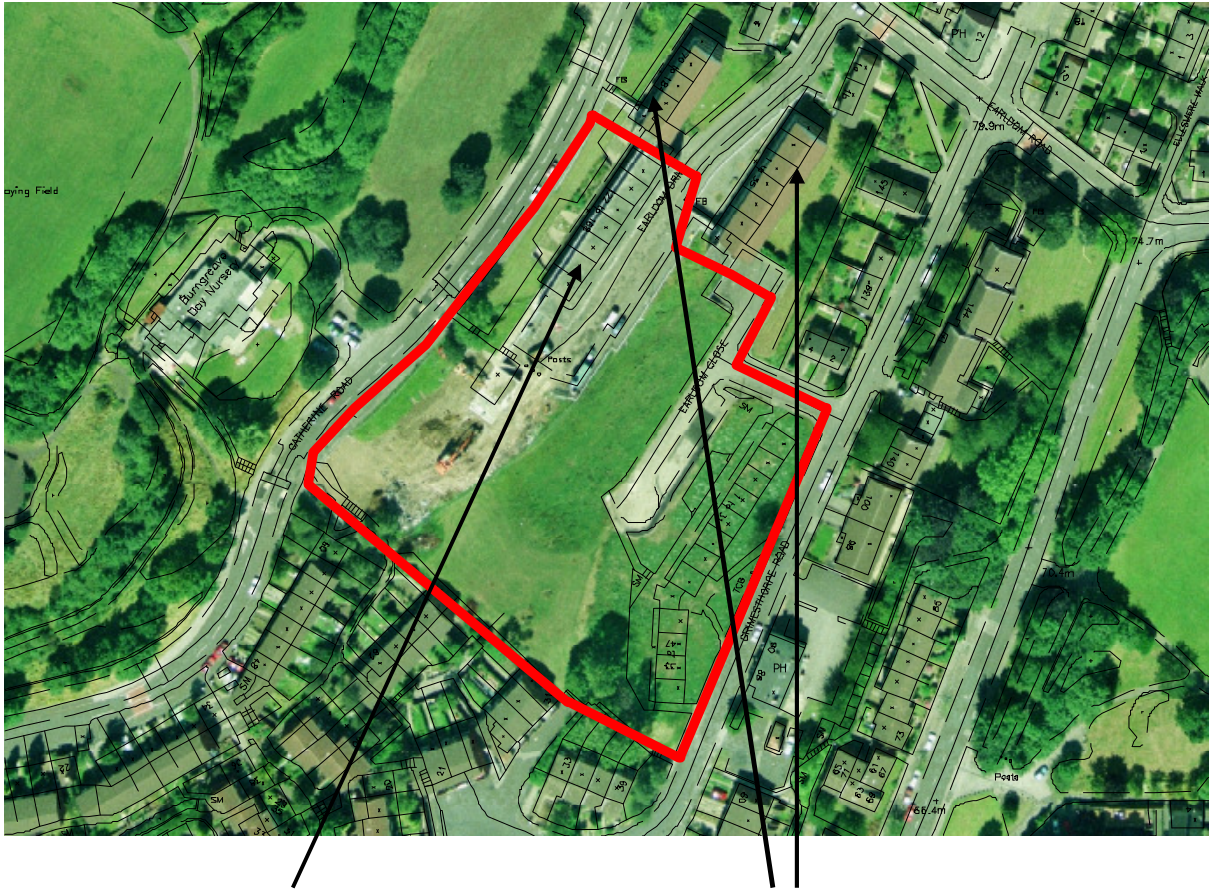


Appendix 1

Earldom and Catherine Road Site



Empty Unimproved Block
122-168 Catherine Road

Refurbished blocks

Appendix 2
Photos of Properties on Catherine Road (taken 4th January 2006)



Appendix 3

Questions and Statements from FODA

1. Item 17 of the “witness statement of *****” court papers 6SE54467 states “on 20th October 2006 I received a report from the developers that the occupants had moved out.” It was established by ***** and her assistant ***** that this was not the case.

2. ***** of Arches Housing Association has mentioned in passing deadline dates for when the development works on Catherine Road had to begin. The impression given was that if the development works had not started funding from central or other government bodies would be jeopardised.

3. Following the inspection of the Catherine Road flats (14th December 2006) it was clear that the front entrance doors had been forced open. Why did Redwall not contact the police to report the break in of these properties?

4. There has been a lot of damage done to the flats after the entrance (deck access) to the flats was bricked up. Why is it that there had been, up until the eviction, little or no damage to these properties, a period when they were more accessible to vandals?

5. A number of fixtures and possessions had been damaged, when had these been damaged and by whom?

- Sanitary wares
- Kitchen Cupboards
- Electric Fires

6. Two large holes had been made in the reinforced concrete roofs of 162 and 166 Catherine Road. Who broke open the holes and when?

7. Who gave Redwall developments the authorization to brick up the deck access to the flats? When was authorization given to Redwall developments to brick up the deck access to the flats?

8. Who ascertained the flats had been abandoned and were Arches Housing Association involved in this assessment?

9. Where is the missing personal property? [Listed in appendix 6]

10. Have Redwall Developments conducted their own internal investigation into the allegation?

11. We understand another person was occupying an empty garage below the flats and were issued with a notice of court proceedings by Sheffield Homes at the same time. What happened to this occupant?

Statements relating to Arches Housing Association and Redwall Developments

1. Attached e-mail indicates Arches Housing Association's aggressive attitude towards the men occupying the flats. Seeking to block the deck access would not only be unhelpful but unlawful.

2. Item 17 of the "witness statement of *****" court papers 6SE54467 states "on 20th October 2006 I received a report from the developers that the occupants had moved out." It was established by ***** and her assistant ***** that this was not the case.

3. Item 18 of the "witness statement of *****" court papers 6SE54467 states "We received a report that the water had been turned off at Catherine Road. This was not authorised by Sheffield Homes and is believed to be the work of the developers."

Interfering with the water supply (whether sanctioned by Arches Housing Association or done independently by Redwall developments) indicates an attempt to frustrate the occupants and make conditions difficult.

4. We believe the following information gathered at the inspection of the flats (14th December 2006) substantiates the men's claim of what happened on the 28th November 2006.

- Front entrance doors showed clear evidence that they had been forced open.
- Glass smashed from the windows was lying on the men's beds
- Sanitary ware had been smashed, actions consistent with making the property inhabitable.
- Electric fires damaged, other items claimed to have been damaged missing.

DESTITUTE ASYLUM SEEKERS

Asylum seekers who are destitute are eligible to apply for and receive accommodation and financial support from the Home Office whilst their claim is being processed.

Once asylum seekers have had a final negative decision from the Home Office they become appeal rights exhausted (ARE) .

These ARE cases may then, under certain circumstances, continue to be supported:

- Households with a dependent child under the age of 18 will continue to be supported by the Home Office in the same way that they were whilst awaiting a final determination on their application, until either the youngest child reaches 18 years of age or they are returned to their country of origin, whichever is sooner.
- Individuals with a physical disability, chronic illness or mental health problem, whose condition has not arisen as a result of them becoming destitute, may be eligible to be supported by the Local Authority under the National Assistance Act
- Individuals who have satisfied the criteria for Home Office Section 4 'hard cases' support, e.g. they have applied to return to their country of origin but cannot for some reason return immediately, e.g. they are awaiting travel documentation, they are too ill to travel or there is no safe route of return. Section 4 support is cashless support and either provided on a full board basis or accommodation and vouchers totalling £35 per week.

Many failed asylum seekers are unwilling to apply for section 4 support as they have to sign to return to their country of origin and many believe that they would not be safe if they returned.

Destitute asylum seekers are nearly exclusively single people or childless couples, they have no recourse to any accommodation or funding, are unable to take employment and are barred from claiming any welfare benefits.

It is impossible to calculate with any accuracy the number of destitute failed asylum seekers in the city as there is no way of knowing how many people leave Sheffield when they become ARE or how many migrate to Sheffield from other cities at the end of the asylum process.

Some work was done in the summer of 2004 to estimate the number of destitute failed asylum seekers in Sheffield, at that time it was estimated that there were just under 300 individuals in the city.

- With regard to the allegations of the three destitute men being threatened and removed from an empty Council-owned flat by a number of workers employed by a construction firm, without being given the opportunity to take their belongings, the Council had commenced legal proceedings to evict the three men. The Council, however, was not aware of the allegations of threats made by the construction workers and was unaware of who had instructed the workers to remove the men from the flat. The Council would investigate the allegations now reported.

Appendix 6

**Photos of Properties taken at the Area Panel and Community
Representatives visit on 14th December.**





Appendix 7

List of Items missing or damaged when access was given to collect (14th Dec 2006)

- 1 Kettle
- 1 Electric frying pan
- 1 Gas camping stove 2 ring
- 1 small gas bottle and regulator
- 1 Electric 2 ring cooker
- 1 Electric drill
- 2 Electric heaters (Present but Broken)
- 1 Blue electric cable
- 1 Foot pump
- 1 TV (Present but damaged by water from holes in roof)
- Cooking pans
- Dinner plates/ cups (present but smashed)
- General kitchen Cutlery
- Curtains and curtain rails (Present but torn by the glass)
- Gray plastic box
- Paraffin Heater