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Speaking up for the Man on the Street - No. 13

CALDERDALE COUNCIL THREAT TO TOWN SQUARE: THE FACTS

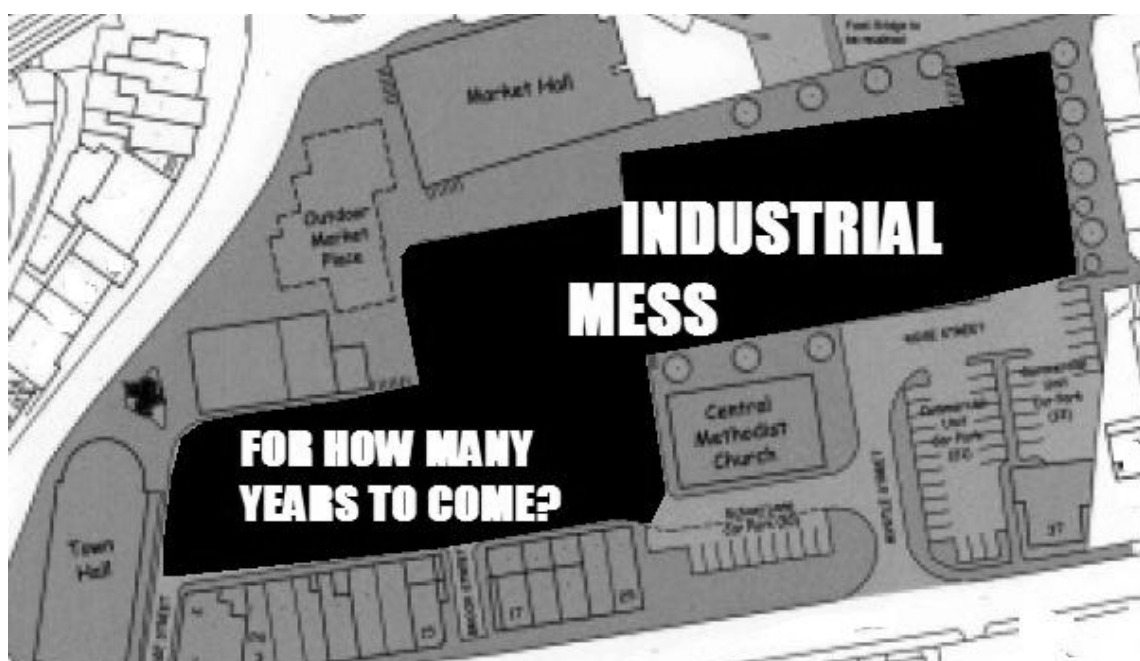
[As Told in their OWN words]

For years now, the Todmorden BPP have been a lone voice campaigning against the bringing of bulldozers into our Town Centre, condemning any urge to accept 'white elephant' projects that will interfere and possibly kill off our local market. However, the lick-spittle puppets of those who would bring havoc to the economic landscape of Todmorden are more concerned about sustaining their own little greasy-pole grants-funding circle. They have accused us of not presenting any proof.

We have, just for the benefit of the sceptics, provided a series of passages from the 'Town Redevelopment Brief', penned way back in December 2008 after the council's farcical consultation. It failed to show up on Calderdale Council's online search engine...

Sections 2.5 & 2.6: "To the North of the site, across the river Calder is an area of open space known as Tipside" "If land owned by third parties is required, this will involve reasonable offers to acquire at Market Value by the selected developer. However if no agreement can be reached it may be possible for the Council to use CPO powers provided that a valid and viable planning consent has been granted for the proposed use."

This means that if local businesses do not sell up and donate their land to this scheme, they will be forced out. Some of these are successful businesses which is a rarity considering Calderdale Council's extortionate rates.



Section 4.2: "There are no extra parking provision requirements relating to planning requirements on the site due to its location within the Town Centre... Creative use of all available parking spaces will be welcomed as will designs that involve the creation of shared spaces."

Basically they are saying, 'We know there will be no parking, so what!' With no parking many will simply head up to the Supermarkets instead resulting in the death of the Market.

Section 4.4: "The Health Centre and One Stop Shop/ Post Office Building have little architectural value, and is considered to detract from the conservation area. It is anticipated that the Health Centre will be demolished before the land is transferred to the Developer. The One Stop Shop/ Post Office Building is within private ownership but could be included and redeveloped as part of any proposed scheme."

Well it is indeed a shame stuck up people think our Post Office offends the Town Hall but it is where it is. There are enough post offices being messed with. For God's sake leave the place alone!

Section 4.7: "A new public square with a minimum size of 700m² - 950 m² is expected to part of the scheme, with the improvement of the urban quality of streets within Bramsche Square, including making streets for people not cars. Rationalisation of parking may give further opportunities for further small public spaces."

There you have it, they are going to take their scorched earth 'renovation' right into the heart of the Town Square. This MUST be stopped!

ARE TODMORDEN TOGETHER, 'SCREWING TODMORDEN TOGETHER'?

The BPP has procured details about this group, a small slice of which we reproduce here: In 2007, £2,011 was paid in to private pensions for staff. This was roughly the same amount donated by Community Foundation for Calderdale, a regional charity 'sub contractor'.

In 2008, Todmorden Together's annual donations and grants rose from £86,000 to almost £100,000. They incurred penalties of £100 back in 2007 - we are wondering what were these penalties for? We also are wondering whose money was thrown away in fines by this organization!

In 2007, their overall income was £74,000 plus - almost £33,500 was spent on WAGES (a whopping 45%!!!), if you take the 'training' and 'supervision' costs of almost £5,000 that takes it to 52%. Overall running costs equate to 82%!!! ONLY 17.6% was spent on non-running costs, such as the laughable, waste of money 'Winter Wonderland' event on Water Street last year, as well as such events as the multi-cultural pantomime, the Muslim 'Eid Fest'

THE BPP WILL BE KEEPING A VERY CLOSE EYE UPON THIS GROUP AND THEIR FRIENDS IN OTHER GROUPS - WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED!



Above: Todmorden Together's 'Company Registration Documents', which we read with great interest..

Source: <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/council/consultations/engage/downloaddoc.jsp?id=1085>