

**1ST TOTLEY
SCOUT GROUP**

**1949
CORRESPONDENCE**

52, Totley Brook Road,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

28th January, 1949.

Dear Mr. Birley,

I should be obliged if you would be so kind as to have the undermentioned letter written on your official notepaper, sign it, and return it to me so that I can put it through the official channels.

Yours sincerely,

St. C. D. D.

To/

W.H. Rothwell, Esq.,
Estates Surveyor,
Town Hall,
Sheffield.

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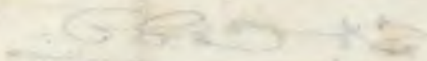
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P.T.O.

In making our enquiries as to the ownership of the land in question, we interviewed your tenant, Mr. Tym, who stated that so far as he was concerned, he would not raise any objection to the proposal.

Yours faithfully;

Yours sincerely,



To
W. H. Woodhouse, Esq.,
Rector of the
Town Hall,
Sheffield.

Dear Sir,

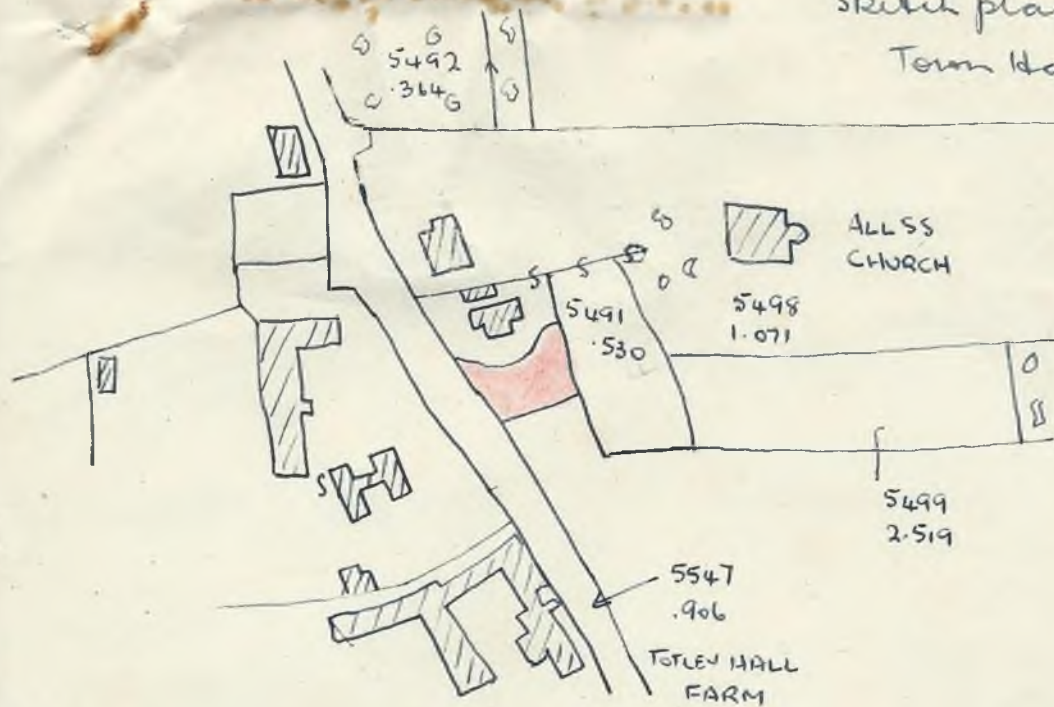
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Very rough sketch made from
sketch plan sent to
Town Hall 29.1.49



61, Harstone Crescent,

Totley Rise.

29th January, 1949

Dear Mr Codd,

Thank you for your
letter.

I enclose the letter to
Mr Rothwell, and hope that it is in
order.

Very many thanks indeed
for what you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

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A.P.BIRLEY,
61, Marstone Crescent,
Totley Rise,
SHEFFIELD.

29th Jan'y 1949

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TELEGRAMS
ESTATES SURVEYOR, SHEFFIELD.



W. H. ROTHWELL, B.SC., F.
CHARTERED SURVEYOR

ESTATES SURVEYOR

TELEPHONE NOS. 20061 (D.)
20066 (N.)

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JANUARY 10th,
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO "THE ESTATES SURVEYOR."

TOWN HALL,
SHEFFIELD, 1.

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1st February, 1949

A. F. Birley Esq.,
61, Marstone Crescent,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

Dear Sir,

Scout Headquarters for the Totley Group.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
the 29th ultimo, and the matter referred to therein is
being considered.

As soon as I am in a position to do so I will
write to you again.

Yours faithfully,

Estates Surveyor

Copy to H. Gould 2/2/49

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Telephone
72482

42 The Grove,

Totley,

Sheffield.

Dear Mr Bailey. 3. 2. 49.

The following Telephone
Communication has been received
today from the Town Hall Ct.
Dept.

" Will you let the City Surveyors
have the plans of the grounds, & the
proposed hut; as soon as
possible; so that they can go forward
with the work.

Robert Cunningham

61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

4th February, 1949

Dear Mr Codd,

The following telephone message for me has been received by Mrs Murphy from the Town Hall:

" Will you let the City Surveyors have the plans of the ground, and the proposed hut; as soon as possible; so that they can go forward with the work. "

I don't think we have ever been as far advanced as actual plans, but probably you will know how ~~to~~ we should reply. I have ideas, of course, but a very great deal will depend on what we can get these days.

If you would like to see me, I shall be pleased to call.

Yours sincerely,

Ad

Lower & Council Planning Act 1947

Application for Permission to develop land

To S/F City Council

I hereby apply for permission to carry out the development described in the application and on attached plans & maps.

Signed CRH

Signed 13/2/49

DT. 1

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|---|---|
| (1) Address for 1st To 4th Street G-10
Dunham Road
W1 1L2, T. 12. 5 | |
| (2) Applicants interest - last:
Verdict or license consented: | Prospective license
Under consideration |
| (3) Address: | Torrey House Lane |
| (4) Description | Extension of hut for use
as Street R & Q |
| (5) Land now used for: | Grazing |
| (6) Access | Access req'd from T. 11th |
| (7) Land used for residential
since 31. 12. 38 | No |
| (8) Work done: | No |
| (9) Money | No |
| (10) Land enclosed | Partially fencing |
| (11) Fuel burning apparatus | Slow construction |



ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE CITY ENGINEER & SURVEYOR."

PER REGISTERED POST

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ENCLOSURE

No. 1480

J. M. COLLIE, C.B.E., M.I. MUN.E.,
CITY ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.

TELEPHONE NOS. 37241, A.M. TO 5.30 P.M.
27283 AT OTHER TIMES.
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TO AVOID DELAY
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

REFERENCE	
OURS	JBJ/EAJ
YOURS	

TOWN HALL,

SHEFFIELD, 1

12th March, 1949.

A.P. Birley, Esq.,
61 Marstone Crescent,
Totley,
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Sir,

Proposed scouts hut - Totley Hall Lane.

Your application in respect of the above was considered by the appropriate Committee of the Council at their last meeting, when they raised no objection in principle to the proposal from a Town Planning point of view, and I accordingly enclose herewith formal notice of this decision.

I would point out, however, that until detailed plans and particulars of the proposed building, especially the cubic capacity thereof, are submitted to the Council, I am unable to advise whether the project will conform with the requirements of the Building Byelaws.

Yours faithfully,


City Engineer.



DERBYSHIRE SCOUTS

CHESTERFIELD & DISTRICT B.P. SCOUT ASSOCIATION

1ST TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP

FROM: A.P. BIRLEY,
61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
SHEFFIELD.

DATE 18th March '49

S.F. CODD, Esq.,
62, Totley Brook Road,
TOTLEY RISE,
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mr Codd,

I have had a word with Mr Aubrey,
and he would be able to come with me to see you on
Friday next, the 25th March, if this is convenient for
you. Perhaps you will be good enough to let me
know.

Yours sincerely,

*Sorry - I shall be away from Sheffield
on Friday. Could you make
it tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon
or evening or Monday.*

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Cubmaster:—MRS. E. J. MURPHY, S.R.N., 42, The Grove, TOTLEY

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Assistant Scoutmaster:—WILLIAM RAWSON, 351, Chesterfield Road, SHEFFIELD, 8

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Over Scout Leader:—WILLIAM O'DONNELL, 29, King Ecgbert Road, TOTLEY RISE

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(Sheffield 72482)

(Sheffield 73056)

(Sheffield 71926)

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT) ORDER, 1948.

ARTICLE 5 (2).

Planning Department,
Town Hall, Sheffield, 1.

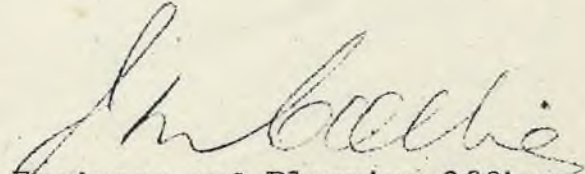
15th February, 1949

To:

A. P. Birley, Esq., (for 1st Totley Scout Group),
61, Marstone Crescent,
Totley,
Sheffield.

Development at Totley Hall Lane.

Your application for planning permission was received on the 14th day of February, 1949. If within the period of two months from that date you have not been given notice by the Sheffield City Council of their decision, you are entitled, unless the application has already been referred by the Council to the Minister of Town and Country Planning, to appeal to the Minister in accordance with Section 16 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, by notice served within one month from the expiry of that period. You may, however, by agreement in writing with the Council extend the period within which the decision of the Council is to be given.


City Engineer and Planning Officer.

61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
SHEFFIELD.

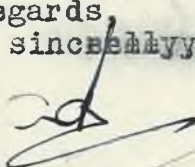
15th March 1949

Dear Mr Codd,

I attach a copy of a letter which has come from the City Engineer. No doubt you will want to see the notice which was attached to the letter.

I am afraid that I am pretty well booked up until the weekend and cannot call round to show it to you, but do you think I ought to call a meeting of the Parents' Committee as soon as possible. If you will let me know when would be convenient for you I will make arrangements.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely



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CHESTERFIELD & DISTRICT B.P. SCOUT ASSOCIATION

1ST TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP

FROM: A.P. BIRLEY,
61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield

DATE: 8th May, 1949

S.F. CODD, Esq.,
62, Totley Brook Road,
TOTLEY RISE,
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mr Codd,

I am sorry that I have not previously let you have the pre-war Boulton & Paul catalogue which I promised.

The next meeting of the Committee was provisionally fixed for tomorrow, but it has not been found convenient to have it then. Mrs Murphy is unable to let us hold the meeting at her house on the two following Mondays, but Monday the 30th May would be convenient for her. If that would be convenient for you, I shall be glad if you will let me know, when I will arrange for Mr Bowie to issue notices to the members.

Yours sincerely,

A. P. Birley

~~FROM: SCOUTMASTER:—ARTHUR P. BIRLEY, 61, MARSTONE CRESCENT, TOTLEY RISE~~

~~TO: MR. S. F. CODD, 62, TOTLEY BROOK ROAD, TOTLEY RISE~~

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61 Marston Cres:
Tooley Rise

12th July, 1949

Dear Mr. Gold,

Have you seen the enclosed advertisement taken from the "Star"? Do you think it would be worth anyone going over to look at them?

I shall be away all weekend organising an Association Camping Competition, but some of the other Scouts may be available.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Allen

COPY OF LETTER FROM: Chas.W.R.Green,
Timber and Builders Merchant,
Public Works Contractor,
3 High Street, MALDON, Essex.

Ref: MAT/1010/1 5th April 1949

S.F.CODD, Esq.,
62 Totley Brook Road, Totley Rise, Sheffield.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter dated 1st April. The most suitable building for your purpose would be a Uni-Seco Prefabricated building. The sections are constructed of Asbestos on both sides of a timber frame with the resulting cavity filled with a patent mixture of Wood-Wool and Cement. The whole forms a very solid structure almost comparable to a brick building. These buildings are fitted with metal windows and doors to your specification and internal partitioning, doors with frames etc. can be supplied if required. The price for a 40' x 20' building of this type, delivered your address will be £280 and for 50' x 20' £380. If this appeals to you will you please let me have a drawing showing approximate position and number of windows and doors you require and the building can then be supplied to your requirements. We have just constructed a 3 room Office for our own use of this type of building and this can be inspected if you wish.

I await your further instructions which shall have my prompt attention.

Yours faithfully,

p.p. CHAS.W.R.GREEN

A.P.BIRLEY,
61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

6th July 1949

The District Commissioner
for Maldon, Essex.

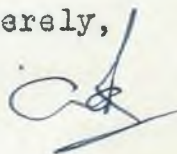
Dear Sir,

We are considering the erection of our own Group Headquarters and are endeavouring to find a suitable type of building for the purpose. We have been in touch with a Timber and Builders Merchant in Maldon, Mr Chas.W.R.Green, 3 High Street, and have received a quotation for a Uni-Seco Prefabricated building which appears to be satisfactory.

I hesitate to trouble you in this connection, but wonder whether you have any knowledge of the prefabricated buildings supplied by this gentleman, and their use as Scout Headquarters. Naturally, of course, I am not asking for expert advice on the merits of the type of building which has been offered, but it would be of considerable help to me and my Group Committee if we could know whether or not such buildings have been used for Scout Headquarters.

I shall be very much obliged for any information you are able to give me.

Yours sincerely,



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61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

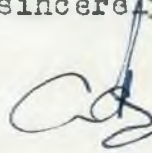
6th July 1949

The General Secretary,
BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION,
25, Buckingham Palace Road,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

I shall be much obliged if you will
be good enough to forward the enclosed letter to the
District Commissioner in whose area lies MALDON, Essex.

Yours sincerely,

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THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
MALDON & DENGIE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

District Commissioner :
Col. J. R. Ainley, M.C.
The Rise,
Cold Norton,
Purleigh, Essex.
(Purleigh 278)

Hon. Secretary :
W. H. Bream,
49, Spital Road,
Maldon, Essex.
(Maldon 49)

Badge Secretary :
Cmdr. Rainier, R.N.
The Old Rectory,
North Fambridge,
Essex.

8 July 49

G. S. Mr.
1st. Totley Scout Group

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 6/7/49
re Mr. Seco Prefab. building. So far there are
no Groups in this District which have
used this type of building for headquarters.
In fact they are all housed in church halls,
schools, Village Halls and the like, so that
unless I were to contact Mr. Green direct
I can give no first hand knowledge.

However if you would like me to,
I would contact Mr. Green and find out
if he has supplied any within a
reasonable distance and would then
arrange to see the occupants and hear
from them what their opinions are.

Yours sincerely
J. Bream



THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
MALDON & DENGIE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

District Commissioner
Col. J. R. Ainley, M.C.
The Rise,
Cold Norton,
Purleigh, Essex.
(Purleigh 20)

Hon. Secretary
A.P. BIRLEY,
61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

Badge Secretary
11th July, 1949
The Old Rectory,
North Farnbridge,
Essex.

8 July 49

Col. J. R. Ainley, M.C.,
The Rise,
Cold Norton,
PURLEIGH,
Essex.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter
of the 8th July, and for the information which you
give.

I am much obliged for your offer of
further help, and will now consult further with my
Parents' Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely
APB

A.P.BIRLEY,
81, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

18th July, 1949

Col.J.R.Ainley, M.C.,
The Rise,
Cold Norton,
PURLIEGH,
Essex.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 8th July in connection with the Uni-Seco Prefabricated buildings supplied by Mr Chas.W.R.Green of 3 High Street, Malden.

We are much obliged for your offer of further help in finding out whether such buildings would be suitable as a Scout Headquarters, and we should like to take advantage of this offer. If it is possible for you to ascertain, without a great deal of inconvenience, whether Mr Green has supplied such buildings to Scouts in your neighbourhood and the opinion of their occupants, it would be of great assistance.

I am enclosing Mr Green's quotation (which is addressed to the chairman of our Parents' Committee), and I shall be glad if you will please return this to me.

We have been in existence as a Scout Group for fifteen years, and so far have had no permanent headquarters. We are just within the extended boundary of the City of Sheffield and you will realize the difficulty of obtaining a suitable

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Col.J.R.Ainley, M.C.,

site in an area which is "planned". The Corporation have, however, given us every consideration, and we have now succeeded in obtaining a promise of a very convenient site on land which belongs to them.

Again, very many thanks for your offer of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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APB/A

61, Marstone Crescent,
Totley Rise,
SHEFFIELD.

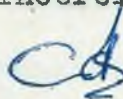
11th July, 1949

Dear Mr Codd,

I have received a letter from the District Commissioner for Maldon and enclose a copy. It does not seem to help us very much. We could find out ourselves whether Mr Green has supplied any of the buildings for Scout Headquarters. I thought probably the Commissioner would have been able to give us his opinion whether the buildings would be any use as Scout Headquarters, and also whether the man Green is any good to deal with.

Also enclosed is a circular about the Scouts' Summer Camp; I suppose Philip will have been invested a Scout by then.

Yours sincerely,





THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
MALDON & DENGIE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

District Commissioner :
Col. J. R. Ainley, M.C.
The Rise,
Cold Norton,
Purleigh, Essex.
(Purleigh 218)

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49, Spital Road,
Maldon, Essex.
(Maldon 49)

Badge Secretary :
Cmdr. Rainier, R.N.
The Old Rectory,
North Fambridge,
Essex.

21 July 49.

Dear Sir

Replying to your letter of 18/7/49, I went to Green's office today. He was away himself but I saw two of his staff. None of the buildings you are interested in have so far been erected for Scouts, within their knowledge, but there is one on order ^{for Scouts at} for a place near Cardiff; they are also awaiting confirmation of an order for one for a hall which will mainly be used by children in Chelmsford.

The office itself is erected in this material and the staff claimed that it would stand up to any normal usage by youngsters.

Dorry I have not been able to be of more help.

Yours sincerely

J. Ainley

Enclosure - letter from C. W. L. Green of 5/4/49

A.P.BIRLEY,
61, Harstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

23rd July 1949

Col. J.R. Ainley, M.C.,
The Rise,
Cold Norton,
PURLEIGH,
Essex.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 21st July, and for the information which you have obtained for us from Mr Green. The trouble which you have taken is very much appreciated.

If we do go ahead and purchase one of these buildings I will certainly let you know our opinion which may be useful to other Scouts in your area.

Yours sincerely,



73140

62 Folley Brook Road,
Folley Rise,
Sheffield.

29th August, 1949.

Dear Mr. Birley,

I am so sorry that you have not found an opportunity of getting in touch with me as I requested, shortly after your return from camp.

I had obtained permission to inspect an enemy hut with a view to making an offer for it. I am afraid the opportunity has now gone.

I must say that I am disappointed at the non-fulfilment of our efforts to provide a headquarters after such a long time. The letter which you received from the District Commissioner

near Larcher with regard to
the prefabricated hut was
absolutely useless, and I
have not yet received the
correspondence with the
manufacturers from you yet,
as requested.

It seems to me that
there is some lack of
liaison or cooperation, or
perhaps misunderstanding
of our individual duties
in the matter. Certainly
a job of this nature cannot
be tackled by correspondence
- only by frequent meetings,
until it is completed.

I have come to the
conclusion, therefore, that it
would be in the best interests
of the Group if you had a
chairman, who was more
accessible and whom you
could contact with some

regularly, so that the
problem could be tackled
more expeditiously. In
order that you may do so,
I am writing - with regret -
to tender my resignation.

Yours sincerely,

S. F. Codd

61, Marstone Crescent,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

30th August 1949

Dear Mr Codd,

I was upset and disappointed to receive your letter yesterday evening. Upset, because apparently omissions of mine have led to your decision; and, disappointed, because it seems such a pity to waste all the very excellent work which you have done so far. I can assure you that there is certainly no question of wishing to secure another Chairman.

I do not want to parade my activities in self-defence, but I am sure you will realize that the period before camp was absolutely hectic (there was no August Bank "Holiday"), and since we came back there has been plenty to do. I ought, of course, to have got in touch with you as promised, but after living, eating, sleeping Scouting for so many weeks, there is the inevitable re-action.

As for the division of responsibilities; as I see it, my job is essentially the organisation of the actual Scouting, whilst the Committee's task is the provision of equipment and the wherewithall to enable Scouting to be carried out. Obviously, on such a big job as the provision of headquarters the efforts and co-operation of all are required, and my co-operation is necessary because the responsibility is ultimately on me for obtaining the use of suitable accommodation for meetings, and, in addition, I ought to know what

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sort of accommodation is required.

It is easy, I know, to be wise after events, but it seems that we ought to have formed a small sub-Committee of, say four or five, with a regular and frequent meeting day, so that things would have been kept moving. Is it too late to profit by this mistake? I very much hope not, and that we may count on your continued and valued help.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ad' or 'Adams', written in a cursive style.

62, Torley Brook Road,
Torley Rise,
Sheffield.

4th September, 1949.

Dear Mr. Birley

Thank you for your letter
of the 30th ultimo.

I am sorry if you
were upset by the receipt
of my letter. Please
understand that it was
not written in any
unkindly spirit, but
because I do feel that
more headway could be
made by your having
a chairman with whom
you are more frequently in
contact than myself.

It is the welfare of the boys
which must count, and
I do wish you would

give this suggestion of mine
serious consideration.

If after further thought
on the matter you still
wish me to continue as
chairman I will consider
doing so but it will
certainly have to be upon
some different footing.
I do not see any particular
advantage in arranging
a Sub. Committee, but I
am willing to consider this
if you can satisfy me
that it will be beneficial.
In such event, I should
like to incorporate Mr.
Aubrey as a member.

Think it over, and then
if you are unable to fix
upon another chairman,
give me a call on the telephone
and fix up a meeting with
me to talk things over. My
office No 15 27241. My home
No 73140. Yours sincerely
E. T. Codd,

A.P.BIRLEY,
81, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

15th Sept 1949 .

E.D. Swanwick, Esq., M.A.,
Whittington House,
Old Whittington,
CHESTERFIELD,
Derbyshire.

Dear Commissioner,

You will remember that I mentioned to you some time ago that our Group Committee are making efforts to provide the Group with its own Headquarters. The necessity for this is becoming more acute as we do not know when we shall be required to leave Totley Hall. The work of converting the Hall to the use of a Domestic Science College is proceeding with fair speed.

The finding of a suitable hut is not easy, and I was wondering whether it would be possible for the Chairman of the Group Committee, Mr S.P.Codd, to obtain a small allowance of petrol for use in visiting some huts which we have in mind, if he had a note from you to support his application.

I shall be pleased to hear whether you are able to let me have a note for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,



Chesterfield & District B.P. Scout Association.

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F. C. GREASBY
6, NEW QUEEN STREET
CHESTERFIELD

17/9/1949

Dear Birley

Thanks for your letter about extra
petrol for your chairman Mr S. F. Lodd
to enable him to inspect various Army
huts with a view to securing one suitable
for Scout H.Q.

I rather think that for Petrol purposes
Totley comes within the Leeds area.
But Mr Lodd will know this

at any rate I have written a
~~single~~ suitable letter in which I have
left the address of the Petroleum Office
blank and ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~letter~~ ~~it~~
herewith & Mr Lodd should
enclose it when he makes his
application

Yours sincerely

E. D. Swannick

Chesterfield & District B.P. Scout Association.

Form No. 1000 (10/1/49)

District Commissioner: Mr. F. H. WILSON, 11, The Old Vicarage, Chesterfield.

At the District Office

Mr. Wilson

E. J. WILSON

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A. P. BIRLEY

A.P. BIRLEY,
61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

20th Sept 1949

E.D. Swanwick, Esq., M.A.,
Whittington House,
Old Whittington,
CHESTERFIELD,
Derbyshire.

Dear Commissioner,

I thank you for your letter of the
17th September, and for the letter which you enclosed in
support of Mr Codd's application for extra petrol.

With Mr Codd I inspected a hut
yesterday afternoon, which, although rather smaller than
we had hoped for, seems in pretty good condition, and it
would be a good start. We shall have to tender for it,
of course. I will keep you advised from time to time
of further developments.

Yours sincerely,

AD

*Letter to Mr Codd
19/9/49*

A.P. BIRLEY,
61, Harstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

17th Sept 49

Dear Deric,

I don't see you very often these days - hence a letter.

You will remember last time I sent out a circular to the Rovers I mentioned that we were making efforts to get a Headquarters of our own. As you will know it cannot be long before we have to leave Totley Hall, and, therefore, there is some urgency about the job.

In the hope that we can keep things moving, we have decided to form a small sub-Committee to meet fairly frequently, say once a fortnight, and I should be very pleased if you could find time to be a member of this Committee, and give us your help.

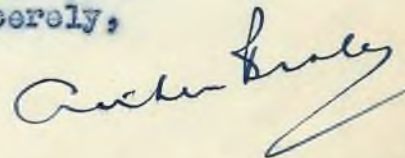
The suggested members of the Committee are, Mr Codd (Chairman of the Parents' Committee), Mr Bowie (the Group Treasurer), if possible Peter William's uncle Mr Compton, Peter Williams, yourself and myself.

The first meeting of the sub-Committee has been fixed for Sunday evening 25th September, at 8 pm, at the Bowie's (59 Sunny Vale Road).

If you would like to know more about what goes on first, let me know, and I'll try and fix up a night to see you.

I can assure you that we shall be very pleased to have the benefit of your help, and I do hope that the evening of Sunday week will be convenient for you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. F. Codd

20321

27241

Telephone message from M. of W.

Whole of canteen £100

30' x 12' }
12' x 12' } £65

W

12th Oct'r 1949

From time to time we have been able to hire the Tea Room at Cross Scythes for various purposes, and I am writing to enquire whether it would be possible for us to hire it on the evening of Wednesday the 2nd November. It would be for a ~~general~~ meeting of the Parents and friends of the Totley Scouts, and would last about an hour.

Yours sincerely,

7.30 pm
8/10

26th October

703421

Group

CITY OF SHEFFIELD.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT) ORDER, 1948.

ARTICLE 5 (2).

Planning Department,
Town Hall,

Sheffield, 1.

11th November, 1949.

To :

A.P. Birley, Esq.,
(for 1st Totley Scout Group),
61 Marstone Crescent, Totley,
SHEFFIELD.

Development at Totley Hall Lane

Your application for planning permission was received on the 10th day of November, 1949. If within the period of two months from that date you have not been given notice by the Sheffield City Council of their decision, you are entitled, unless the application has already been referred by the Council to the Minister of Town and Country Planning, to appeal to the Minister in accordance with Section 16 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, by notice served within one month from the expiry of that period. You may, however, by agreement in writing with the Council, extend the period within which the decision of the Council is to be given.

J. M. COLLIE,
City Engineer and Planning Officer.

CITY OF



SHEFFIELD.

C.A. 4328

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT) ORDER, 1948.

To : A.P. Birley Esq.,
61 Marstone Crescent,
Totley,
Sheffield.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Sheffield City Council as Local Planning Authority have GRANTED planning permission for the following development, namely, the erection of a building(s) on land situate at Totley Hall Lane in the said City, to be used for the purpose of Scout Headquarters

in accordance with your application dated the 7th day of November, 19 49 (Building Plan No. D.2860), until the expiration of a period of ten years from the date hereof, subject to due compliance with the conditions specified hereunder :—

1. The said development shall be completed within the period of three years from the date of this notice.
2. No nuisance shall be caused to occupiers of adjoining property by reason of the said development.
3. The land within the curtilage of the site of the said development shall be kept and maintained in an orderly and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the Council and shall be laid out as ornamental gardens and planted with shrubs and plants.
4. Any fuel burning apparatus to be installed in connection with the proposed development shall be of a type to be approved by the Council and of a type utilising electricity or gas.
5. The building shown to be constructed of "Nashcrete" panels shall be painted to the satisfaction of the Council of such a colour as will match the building shown to be constructed of weather boarding, and to harmonise with the natural surroundings of the locality.
6. The said buildings shall be taken down and removed by the developers on or before the expiration of the aforesaid period of ten years from the date hereof.

The reasons for the Council's decision to grant a limited planning permission subject to compliance with the conditions hereinbefore specified are that :—

1. The site of the proposed development is in an area, the replanning of which is under consideration by the Council.
2. It is proposed to insert certain provisions in the Development Plan for the City of Sheffield regarding use zoning, it being the intention to zone the area in which the proposed development is situate for the erection of buildings for residential purposes.
3. Without the imposition of conditions numbered 2,3,4 and 5, the Council consider that the said development would be injurious to the amenities of the district.

Dated this 9th day of December, 19 49.

Sydney Hillier

Deputy TOWN CLERK.



NOTES.

1. If the Applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Council to refuse permission or approval for the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, he may by notice served within one month of receipt of this notice, appeal to the Minister of Town and Country Planning in accordance with Section 16 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. The Minister has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a Notice of Appeal and he will exercise his power in cases where he is satisfied that the applicant has deferred the giving of notice because negotiations with the Council in regard to the proposed development are in progress. The Minister is not, however, required to entertain such an appeal if it appears to him that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted by the Council, or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by them, having regard to the provisions of Section 14 of the Act and of the Development Order and to any directions given under the Order.

2. If permission to develop land is refused, or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Council or by the Minister of Town and Country Planning, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the Council a purchase notice requiring the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with Section 19 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947.

3. In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the Council for compensation, where permission is refused, or granted subject to conditions by the Minister on appeal or on a reference of the application to him. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in sections 20 and 79 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947.

4. This limited planning permission is granted under the above-mentioned Act and Order only and does not constitute a permission, approval or consent by the Council for any other purpose whatsoever. Applications must therefore be made to the appropriate Department of the Corporation for any other permission, approval or consent which may be necessary in connection with the proposed development or anything incidental thereto, or the use to be made of the premises which form the subject of such development. Unless this development is exempt from payment of a development charge, it must not be carried out, except with consent in writing from the Central Land Board, until the amount of the charge (if any) has been determined by the Board, and the Board have certified that the amount so determined has been paid or secured to their satisfaction.

6' x 12'

wooden hut app. 18' x 36'

Concrete floor.

Lined plaster board.

1 Door on end. Hatch at other.

For huts about 16' wide with wooden
floor offer about $12\frac{1}{3}$ a yard
(with concrete floor less)

Get Education people to support.

When taking plaster-board down
knock spig through into wood
otherwise breaks up p-b badly.

For concrete floor J. Childs

Notes for DC

Telephoned 10pm 14/10/69

1. Tell of present position and developments in connection with HQ
2. Events moved rapidly, and had to take action without consulting you
3. Inspected ^{some which were suitable, but without being given time to} huts, ~~and after being in touch with them were given a day and a half to decide whether we should tender for some huts which were extremely expensive of which there were rather more than we thought we could manage in our present financial position.~~
4. ~~After a good deal of consultation, and obtaining advice, the Parents Committee decided to go ahead, although it was impossible for us to get prices from contractors for removal, foundations, erection, etc. in the time available. The MSF telephoned and gave us a day and a half to decide whether we should tender. We obtained advice + ? called the PC together immediately, and they decided to go ahead.~~
Although we got as much advice as possible we had to take ^{considerable} risk. However, I'm sure we have done the right thing. What we have got is, we are assured by those who should know, a bargain. We are also assured that it is very unlikely that we should get such an opportunity again for many years.
5. If our tender is accepted, shall have to proceed with removal quickly, and we are going ahead with our detailed plans.
6. As to finance. We have £200, but as far as we can say at the moment to finish the job we shall require a total of about £400. If we do it for that, I reckon we shall have got a HQ very cheaply. There is of course a good deal we may have to leave over for the moment (depending on finance), but we can get the ~~essential~~ bare essential building, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ there is no doubt.
7. We propose to appeal to all parents and other friends whom we know, and to arrange a meeting for all the parents to tell them of the project. For a GENERAL appeal I know we should have your approval. Whether this can be called a GENERAL appeal or not, I don't know, but you ought to know of it.
8. Owing to the extreme urgency of ^{this matter} ~~the action we have had to take,~~ we have had to go ahead with the arrangements for the meeting and the issue of the appeal. ^{Hope you approve.} Will send copy.
9. One ^{further} ~~other~~ point concerns our membership of the Chesterfield LA. It so happens that the Chairman of our PC has business contacts with people who are connected with Scouting in Sheffield, and some of these people have been very useful ^{in giving advice, etc.} ~~to him.~~ ^{consequently} questions are being asked as to why we are not in Sheffield. One point in particular has been mentioned that Sheffield LA helps Groups with advice and finance in the provision of HQ. Don't know whether this is true (Aubrey says ~~xxxxx~~ only one Group has got HQ), but I wonder whether our LA ~~has any~~ ^{gives any} financial ~~advantage~~ help, and whether it might be brought up at the Executive, so that I have some ammunition to use in reply.

A.P.BIRLEY,
61, Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

16th Octr 1949

E.D.Swanwick, Esq., M.A.,
Whittington House,
Old Whittington,
CHESTERFIELD,
Derbyshire.

Dear Commissioner,

I was very sorry to trouble you the other evening so soon after your return from holiday, on the subject of our proposed headquarters. We have, however, had to move very rapidly, because, after inspecting some suitable huts, we were given only a day and a half in which to decide whether we should tender for them. This did not give us any time to obtain estimates from contractors for the removal, cartage, foundations and erection on our site. We obtained as much advice as possible in the time available, and at an emergency meeting of the Parents' Committee we decided to go ahead. We are assured by those who should know that this was an opportunity not to be missed, and that we may not have a similar chance for many years.

We have had for some months now permission from the Planning Authority for Sheffield for the erection of a Scout Hut on a convenient site fairly near to Totley Hall. Plans, of course, will have to be approved, and a lease arranged, but all that is in hand.

We have £200 in the bank and ~~this will~~ well cover the cost of the buildings and their removal, but for foundations, erection and simple equipment we estimate that we shall probably require another £200. Full details, of course, have yet to be worked out.

To finance our scheme we propose, in the first place, to make an appeal to the parents of Cubs and Scouts, and to other friends of Scouting in Totley. For your information I enclose a copy of our appeal letter. This does not, I think, come within the terms of a "general appeal to the public" as referred to in POR, and as the matter is urgent we have gone ahead with the appeal which will be sent out tomorrow.

Depending on the result of this appeal it may be necessary for us to apply later for grants or loans. On the other hand part of our scheme may have to be deferred, although we want, if possible, to obtain a good minimum of accommodation without being over-ambitious.

As you already know, our stay in Totley Hall is limited, and the great dearth of other temporary accommodation in this area, means that we must take strenuous steps to get our own headquarters as quickly as possible. I feel sure that the action we are now taking is the right thing for us to do, and will be of great benefit to our Scouting.

There is the further point which I mentioned to you on the telephone, namely, that I have been asked why we are not in Sheffield when their Local Association "assists" Groups to obtain headquarters. You will know well enough that we have no desire to change our allegiance, nor do I wish it to be thought that we are holding up a pistol to the Chesterfield L.A. What I was anxious to be able to say to such suggestions was that Chesterfield are equally keen that their Groups should have headquarters of their own, and that if we require assistance the Association will support us as far as they are able. Since speaking to you I have made further enquiries about the assistance referred to, and find that it is mainly in the direction of finding suitable sites and supporting applications for grants. In this later direction I am certain Chesterfield would give us as much assistance as Sheffield, and I was glad to have your assurance.

As we are not yet at a stage for making any application for grants (if these are ultimately necessary), I do not know whether you think there is any value in the matter being brought up at the Executive meeting. I shall, of course, be present on Thursday if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely,

E. B. Swannick, Esq., M.P.,
Minister of Education,
Old Birmingham,
Birmingham,
Birmingham.

Dear Commissioner,

I was very sorry to trouble you this afternoon coming so soon after your return from holiday, on the subject of our proposed headquarters. We have, however, had to move very rapidly, because after inspecting some suitable sites, we were given only a day and a half in which to decide whether we should tender for them. This did not give us any time to obtain estimates from contractors for the removal, cartage, foundations and erection on our site. We obtained as much advice as possible in the time available, and at an emergency meeting of the Parents' Committee we decided to go ahead. We are assured by those who should know that this was an opportunity not to be missed, and that we may not have a similar chance for very years.

We have had for some months the permission from the Planning Authority for Sheffield for the erection of a large hall on a convenient site fairly near to Trolley Hall. Plans, of course, will have to be approved, and a licence arranged, but all that is in hand.

We have £500 in the bank and £1000 in the bank will cover the cost of the buildings and their removal, but for foundations, erection and other expenses we estimate that we shall probably require another £500. Full details, of course, have yet to be worked out.

that ~~the~~ a decision was urgent.

8. We obtained as much advice as possible, and assured ourselves that: - (a) the buildings were good
(b) ^{were} ~~suitable~~
(c) and that if we wanted them we must take action
and the Parents Comm. decided to go ahead.

(May say we have the help and advice of an architect who is a scout, a joiner who is an old scout, and others who should know.)

9. Our tender has now been accepted.
10. We are proceeding as rapidly as possible with ^{invitations} ~~persons~~ for tenders for removal and re-erection.
Plans for Corporation, Town Planning etc.

11. We estimate that to complete the scheme to a reasonably satisfactory stage we shall probably require £200 more. We have appealed to parents. We are assured that we shall get a healthy HQ.

12. Depending on result of appeal
we may have to ~~express~~ apply
for grants from Ed. Unit.
THQ etc & I want to be
sure we have LA Support.

13. Been told about S/F but sure
C/F will back us just as
much.

ALL SAINTS' SCOUT GROUP, TOTLEY.

1, LAVERDENE WAY,
TOTLEY RISE,
SHEFFIELD.

I am venturing to write to you because I believe our work has your interest and sympathy.

In order to put our Scout Group on a financially sound basis, a small Parents' Committee has been formed, and already they have done much good work and eased my responsibility considerably.

Our aim at the moment is two-fold:—

- (a) To produce finances to meet the running expenses of the Group.
- (b) To accumulate a fund for providing what is really an absolute necessity—the Group's own headquarters.

It is felt that the parents of boys in the Scouts or Cubs and many other friends would like to be associated with this work, and to this end it is proposed to form a "Parents' Association." Membership of this Association would be a token of your kindly interest in all we try to do for the boys, and would entitle you, if you wished, to express opinions, make suggestions, and vote at general meetings of the Parents' Association. An annual subscription of one shilling (or more) is proposed as the donation of members to the Group Funds.

We do so hope this scheme will have your support, and that you will return the attached form as soon as possible. Our work is difficult, and we need all the interest and help we can get from those who wish us well.

Yours sincerely,

From:— Chairman, Treasurer, and Group Scoutmaster.
Group Committee

LESLIE AUBREY,

Group Scoutmaster.

To:— Treasurer, Group Committee,
All Saints' Scout Group,
1, Laverdene Way,
TOTLEY RISE.

The scheme for a Parents' Association outlined in your circular letter has my support, and accordingly:

*I wish to be enrolled a member and enclose a donation of
for the ensuing year. Please send me my membership card.*

** I wish to be informed of general meetings which I am entitled to attend.*

* Cross out if you do not
wish to attend meetings.

Name.....
Address.....

1 s t T O T L E Y S C O U T G R O U P

17th October, 1949

Dear

It is the eager hope of every Scout Group to possess permanent headquarters which will serve as a real home for its activities. Scouting in Totley has cherished such a hope since its formation in 1934. The various sections which make up a Scout Group, namely,

CUBS
BOY SCOUTS
SENIOR SCOUTS
ROVER SCOUTS
and OLD SCOUTS

can only function really well if they have a satisfactory meeting place of their own.

The Group Committee of Totley Scouts (which is a small body of parents and friends who have accepted the responsibility of helping to support the Scouts financially) feel that it is really time the boys had proper headquarters which they can call their own.

As a result of the untiring efforts of parents and friends who have served on successive Group Committees, and also those who have arranged and supported money-raising functions in the past, the Group has been kept in running order, and has in addition been able to accumulate a balance in a building fund of approximately £200.

We are pleased to say that we have now been able to acquire a hut which it is hoped to erect during the coming months to serve as headquarters for the 1st Totley Scouts. Unfortunately, the present-day cost of building and equipping such headquarters means that we are still in need of financial help, and preliminary estimates indicate that we shall probably need a further £200.

Will you please help us by making a donation.

We feel certain that you will be as keen as are the Committee to see the project completed without delay, and we, therefore, appeal to you with every confidence for generous support.

Donations should be sent to the Group Treasurer, Mr J.Bowie, 39 Sunny Vale Road, Totley, Sheffield, as early as possible.

We have no doubt you will be interested to hear more about the scheme, and consequently we have arranged a meeting for all parents and friends of the Cubs and Scouts on WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, at 7.30 pm prompt, in the Grosse Scythes Tea Room (Totley 'bus terminus), and we hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you to discuss the arrangements we are making.

Yours sincerely,

S.F.CODD	Chairman of the
	Group Committee
J.BOWIE	Group Treasurer
A.P.BIRLEY	Group Scoutmaster

To: Mr J.Bowie,
39 Sunny Vale Road,
Totley,
Sheffield.

In response to your appeal I enclose a donation of _____ to the HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND of the 1st TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP.

Name _____
Address _____

Date: _____



ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE CITY ENGINEER & SURVEYOR."

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J. M. COLLIE, C.B.E., M.I. MUN.E.,
CITY ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.

TELEPHONE NOS. 27241 9 A.M TO 5.30 P.M.
27263 AT OTHER TIMES

TO AVOID DELAY
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

REFERENCE	
OURS	KK/MEB
YOURS	

TOWN HALL,

SHEFFIELD, 1

18th November, 1949.

A.P.Birley, Esq.,
61, Marstone Crescent,
Sheffield.

Dear Sir,

Proposed Huts for scout headquarters at
Totley Hall Lane for 1st Totley Scout Group.
List No. 2315.

Referring to your recent application in connection with the above, I shall be glad if you will call and see my assistant (Mr. Goodwin) as soon as possible, for the purpose of amending your plans, in order that the proposal may be dealt with at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,


City Engineer.

1 s t T O T L E Y S C O U T G R O U P

GROUP COMMITTEE

1st December 1949

Some little time ago we wrote telling you of our plans for building a Scout Headquarters in Totley.. The work will be starting within the next couple of days, and, if you have not already contributed to our Building Fund, we hope you will not mind our jogging your memory.

Every contribution will be most welcome as we still require a good deal of money to complete the work.

The address of the Treasurer (Mr J.Bowie) is:
39 Sunny Vale Road, Totley.

Very many thanks for your interest.

Yours sincerely,
S.F.CODD
J.BOWIE
A.P.BIRLEY

Byelaws 31-91

A.P. BIRLEY,
61 Harstone Crescent,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

3rd Decr 1949

The City Engineer and Surveyor,
Town Hall,
Sheffield, 1.

Dear Sir, Town and Country Planning Act, 1947
 Proposed Hut for Scout Headquarters
 Totley Hall Lane

I thank you for your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing notice of rejection under the Building Byelaws.

I should be pleased if your Committee could see their way to relax the provisions of the Byelaws in this particular instance.

The hut is to be erected in a field which is used for grazing purposes only, and it is not likely that other buildings will be erected thereon. The site would not have been fenced but for the request of the farmer who wishes to keep his cattle away from the hut. We do not need to fence it for our own purposes. If the site has to be enlarged to meet your requirements, it will probably be that the amount of the Development Charge payable will increase, and the Scout Group has only a limited amount of money at their disposal to lay out on this project.

I do not wish to labour the following aspect of the matter, but I should like to point out that the Scout Group has a membership of 100 Cubs and Scouts, and our present Headquarters are in the basement of Totley Hall now owned by the Corporation. Mrs Tozer permitted us to use this basement when she was the tenant of the Hall, and realizing that we should

From: 1st Totley Scout Group
To: The City Engineer and Surveyor

Page 2

have to move as soon as the Hall was required for the Corporation's purposes we have worked hard to raise sufficient funds to provide a meeting place of our own accord. We have spent months endeavouring to find other accommodation, but there is no accommodation whatever at this end of Totley, and the only solution rather than turn the boys into the street was to erect a hut for ourselves.

We are not a wealthy Group, and I cannot stress too highly the work which has been put into the task of raising funds by the parents' association. We have done well but even so the amount of money which we have means that we must economise to the utmost, and it is for that reason that we wish to minimise the amount of the Development Charge we shall have to pay.

As mentioned above, all that will be on the other side of the fences is grazing land, and I understand that this is not likely to be built upon at any rate during our occupation of the site.

I enclose a plan shewing the increased area of the site to meet the Byelaw requirements, and if after reconsideration your Committee are unable to pass our original plan, perhaps you will be good enough to substitute the enclosed plan therefor.

I return the form D.1.

Yours faithfully,



Group Scoutmaster

COPY OF LETTER FROM: The City Engineer and Surveyor
21st Decr 1949

EVA/EAJ/21603

A.P.BIRLEY

Proposed huts for Scout Headquarters - ~~Titley~~ Hall Lane

Your letter of the 3rd instat regarding the above was considered by the appropriate Committee of the Council at their last meeting, when they decided to issue a temporary consent under the Public Health Act 1936 in respect of your original scheme. Notice is enclosed.

Before I can forward your Form D.1 to the Central Land Board for their determination on the question of Development Charge, it will be necessary for me to supply the Board with copies of the following:

- a Form of application for permission to devop land
- b Site plan
- c Plan of proposed huts.

For this purpose I enclose herewith form of applicationreturn duly completed together with copies of plans referred to above, and when I will submit your application to CLB.

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

21st Decr 1949

No of plan T.008

I beg to inform you that your plans, sections and parts, of two huts for scout headqurtares proposed to erected in T.H.L, for 1st Totley Scout Group were laid before the Plans Sub-Comm of the Council on 14th Decr 1949 and that the said Sub-Comm PASSED THEM.

As the said plans.....show that it is proposed to construct buildings of short lived materials to which the Councils Building Byelwas apply, the said Sub-Comm have under section 53 of the PHA 1936 fixed the following period for removal of the buklings

The buildings shown in the said plans shall be removed after a period expiring on the 9th December 1959.

Quakers - 'only 2 or 3 day

Under auspices or under entirely cleared a
quarter a pos. Today. Margat
has got estherum.

Get more straight away asked quotation
for 5 containers. 4 wouldn't be
fit local — 11 — 5000.

orig. quotation £455. (£2 → 400
get out. from SS. Man work has
been. Could it get more favourable
ans.

look to the committee in min. to - to present
 a paper & Report etc of the national board
 & particularly until the conf. finds to own
 as stated at present for ———

Ed. only prepared to signpost not serious
beginning of matter. as then he was into a period of vacat
TH. W. when she, for good of church of G.C. advised that to go

CEM A.P. BIRLEY,
61 Harstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

16th Decr 1949

The General Secretary,
The Boy Scouts Association,
25 Buckingham Palace Road,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask for advice on the subject of loans and grants for the purpose of erecting our own Scout Headquarters. This letter, I am afraid, may be rather lengthy, but I think it is as well that you should have a fair picture of our plans.

After many years of searching for a suitable site for a Headquarters we have now received planning permission from the Sheffield City Council for the erection of buildings on land which belongs to them. This permission is given for a period of ten years. The site is a very convenient one, and well suited to our purpose.

We have also been fortunate in being able to purchase through the Ministry of Works a block of buildings (formerly the NAAFI block) at a camp site near Sheffield which was used for Prisoners of War. The block of buildings comprises two wooden huts in good condition (55' x 16'), four Mashcrete huts with wooden roofs of a similar size, and several brick out-buildings. The wooden huts were, of course, the ones in which we were really interested, but we had to accept the whole block. One of the wooden huts we propose to use as the main Troop room, and attach to it a building constructed of Mashcrete sections to provide a number of smaller rooms in accordance with the attached plan. The other wooden hut we have already disposed of to another Scout Group in Sheffield.

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We were compelled to act very quickly in the purchase of these huts because of the Ministry of Work's desire to put up the whole camp for open tender.

The job of demolition, disposal of surplus material, and re-erection, we considered to be beyond our unaided efforts, and we therefore invited quotations from several demolition and building contractors. After consideration we have entered into a contract with a small local builder for demolition, clearing of the old site, foundations of the new buildings and re-erection to our plans.

Owing to the difficult nature of estimating closely for this work, the builder is unable to give a firm quotation. He has, however, quoted a maximum figure of £400 less all money realized as a result of disposal of surplus. It is part of the contract that we give him a reasonable amount of help from the older Scouts, friends and Scouters each weekend. The work of demolition has now been proceeding just over a week, and on the two weekends so far we have provided approximately 190 hours labour. I may say that the builder is very keen on the project, and we also have the benefit of advice from an architect and from another friend experienced in the building trade.

After purchasing the huts and the sale of one of them, we have a balance in hand of £300. An appeal has been made to parents and there is a possibility of a little more to come in from this source. The bulk of the money, however, is the result of the work of the Group Committee. We have a promise of an interest free loan of £100, so that if the builder's charge is the maximum figure of £400, we shall require up to £100 to complete the erection of the Headquarters. This will not include lighting and heating installations, painting, furniture, fencing, etc., but some of this work we shall be able to do ourselves, and the cost of materials will be the only consideration in that case. Unofficial enquiries have been made of our Education Authority, and it appears that we shall probably be able to secure a small grant from them for furniture.

To sum up, I feel I ought to emphasize how necessary

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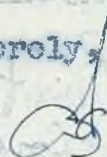
the provision of a Headquarters of our own is in this neighbourhood. There is virtually no other accommodation available in the area, there being no public hall, parish hall or other suitable building. For about five years we have had to use of a basement room at Totley Hall, but the Hall is now being converted to the use of a Domestic Science College, and it will not be long before we are required to vacate our den. Nevertheless the Education Committee are being very considerate in allowing us to remain there as long as possible.

I shall be grateful for your advice on the possibility of any grants which may be available to help us, or loans that may be negotiated.

Our District Commissioner is fully aware of our needs and efforts, and I am sending this letter by way of him.

If the plan is not required at HQ, I shall be pleased if it can be returned.

Yours sincerely,



A.P.BIRLEY,
61 Marstone Crescent,
TOTLEY RISE,
Sheffield.

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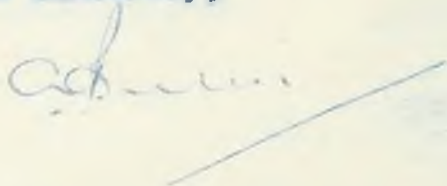
E.D.SWANWICK, Esq., M.A.,
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Old Whittington,
CHESTERFIELD,
Derbyshire.

Dear Commissioner,

You will be pleased to hear that work on the demolition of the block of huts which we have bought for use as our Headquarters is now proceeding. We are very pleased with the way in which the wood work and Nethercrete sections are coming down in good condition.

Now that we are able to see our financial position more clearly, I have written a letter to IHQ asking for advice on the subject of grants and loans. I enclose the letter herewith, and if you approve, I shall be glad if you will be good enough to send it forward. I attach a copy for your records.

Yours sincerely,



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18/12/1949

Dear Birley

Thank for your letter about your
new H.Q. and also the one which
you have written to J.H.Q. with the
accompanying plan both of which letters
I have sent on to them and shall
be interested to hear what they say

Yours sincerely

E. D. Swanwick

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24/12/1949

Dear Birley

I enclose a letter, which I received
this morning from Bricknell the
H.Q. Com^r for grants, which I
think you ought to see.

In replying I have explained the
somewhat difficult position you are
in with regard to applying for grants
from the Sheffield Edⁿ Committee but
mention that he says that "it might be possible
for I.H.Q. to offer some assistance for the
items not included in the estimates &
for which no provision has yet been made"

I imagine that the supply of water & electricity,
light, drainage W.C., Washing facilities,
fitting etc all come under this
heading & might easily amount to
a couple hundred pounds or so &
if you could obtain either a grant
or loan to cover these items it
might help you just a lot, I
have therefore asked Bricknell whether
he would care to let me know
whether an application for a loan or
grant to cover these items would
receive favourable consideration &
will let you know what he says
but it is evidently important that
you should not ~~proceed~~ ^{commence} this work
or accept any tender for it at
this stage.

Please return enclosures
when writing
Yours sincerely
Retal 5/1/50 E. D. Somerville



61 Marlstone Ave:

27th Dec 1949

Dear Mr. Gold,

I enclose some papers
received from the Town Hall, and
a letter and enclosure received
from Mr. Swanwick.

I will telephone you
tomorrow, and arrange to have a
talk with you about the latter.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Birrell