

Item No. 7

Riverside Centre

The Riverside Centre continues to deteriorate. It looks derelict and is becoming an embarrassment to the town. The associated car park is also very dirty and untidy. Inevitably, many people assume that it is the one of the local councils which is at fault.

The town council has received complaints about both the Riverside Centre and the car park, and visitors to the town are genuinely shocked at the state of them, as they assume when they walk through the doors that they are visiting a bona fide shopping centre.

Councillors will be aware of the efforts of the Evesham Noticeboard to appeal to the owners to clean it up.

The Riverside Centre is owned and operated by PJK Investments (who also hold the lease of the Town Hall) and there is nothing the council can do about the centre itself.

The only thing the council can do is to try to manage the public's expections on approach to the centre. This can be done by placing signs or A-boards at the entrance to note the businesses within, to indicate ownership, provide contact details for anyone wishing to get in touch with the owners and acknowledge the state of the interior.

The committee members views are requested on this.