

7, Marine Crescent,  
Waterloo,  
Liverpool.

L22 3QP.

January, 1969.

To  
The Petitioners.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Crosby Corporation Act, 1968.

I am sorry not to have written to you earlier with a copy of the undertaking received from the Corporation relating to the Boating Lake: this is now enclosed. The plan referred to is not attached but the protected area is a band one hundred yards wide to the seaward of the present line of the shore between Great Georges Road and the Swimming baths. You can inspect the plan at any time at my house.

In addition to the undertaking the Corporation, at my request, inserted in the Act a clause to the following effect:

"The Corporation shall hold the land forming part of the  
"seaside improvements as and for the purposes of an open  
"space under the Open Spaces Act, 1906"

In the Open Spaces Act, 1906 the expression "Open space" is any land whether enclosed or not on which there are no buildings or of which more than one-twentieth part is covered with buildings and the whole or the remainder of which is laid out as a Garden or is used for the purposes of recreation or lies waste and unoccupied. The Corporation have already indicated that they propose to use one twentieth part of the area for the purposes of car parks Boat parks, Clubhouses and other public amenities at the South end of the area to be developed fronting to the Esplanade and alongside the Dock wall. If they proceed with these plans as they have stated they are going to do then they will not be able to put any buildings of a substantial nature on the remainder of the area to be developed.

You will realise that not only have we obtained substantial protection for ourselves but also have obtained benefit for others who did not join in the petition. The petitioners are however in the position to enforce legally the undertaking whereas the non-petitioners are not. A Parliamentary undertaking is as morally binding as any undertaking could be and I have absolutely no reason to think that this or any future Council will break any part of it.

Nevertheless I do feel that it is prudent that all petitioners should make sure that the rights granted are as far as possible preserved. Accordingly I suggest that this letter and the copy undertaking be placed with your title deeds and your solicitors be asked to disclose this letter to any purchaser from you. It is important that the benefit of the undertaking should be expressly transferred when any property is sold.

You will recently have received a letter from the Town Clerk advising you of the commencement of the marine works and inviting you to enter your name on a register which he is to keep. I strongly urge that you should complete the form sent to you and make sure that any purchaser from you does likewise.

Finally I should like to thank you for all your support and encouragement in this dispute. I feel the results have been well worth the effort.