

Bungalow in its original design [before the War Memorial was placed within its grounds pre 1920]

built property.

2. You must not at any time "deface interfere with or remove" the War Memorial on the land or in any way obstruct or interfere with the rights of access to the War Memorial. The bungalow was specifically conveyed by the Coal Board subject to the right of all persons entitled to enter upon" the land to maintain and repair the War Memorial .. and of the public to enter upon the land for the purpose of visiting the War Memorial".

I enclose a copy of a small bundle of correspondence between the late Mr. Green, who died last year, and the Local Authority and others regarding the possible re-siting of the War Memorial in which, as you will see, he proved unsuccessful. I had asked the Vendors Solicitors what arrangements existed for visits to the War Memorial, particularly on Armistice Day; they have no information at all and although I imagine that, from his relative proximity to the property, David may well have information in this context, it is possible that members of the public may claim that they have the right to come through your front garden to visit the Memorial which may well interfere with your own horticultural plans.

The original covenant about the War Memorial, including public access.



WEAR VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Secretary
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Our Ref. RF/ML.
Your Ref.
Date 19th June 1978.

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Dear Sir,

War Memorial, Sunnyside

I refer to your letter of the 9th June 1978. The resiting of this War Memorial has been the subject of discussion by the Council on several occasions over the past years. When it was considered prior to 1974, it was not possible to find a suitable piece of land in Sunnyside belonging to the Council where the Memorial could be sited. In view of this, it was decided, when your property was sold by the National Coal Board, to leave the Memorial in situ. I understand that the previous owner bought the property with the covenant that the Memorial should remain in the garden, and as far as I am aware, your purchase would be also subject to this condition. As I understand it, you cannot remove the Memorial without obtaining the permission of the National Coal Board who, no doubt, will be loath to grant permission having regard to the inherent difficulties, e.g. public opinion.

I regret that I can be of no further assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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Council reply to the then occupier of the house, respecting the Covenant

Major J. W. Jones, M.B.E.,
Helme Park,
Tow Law,
Bishop Auckland,
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16th November, 1981.

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War Memorial - Sunniside.

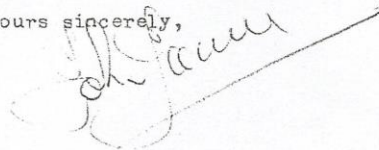
Dear Mr. Green,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th November, 1981, regarding the above Memorial.

I did at the time take this up with Wear Valley and District Council, and the then Chairman, Councillor Pendlebury did set the wheels in motion for the memorial to be re-sited; but ran into opposition from two residents from Sunniside, who objected; and it had to be shelved.

I can now only suggest that you take it back to the Wear Valley District Council with a view to re-negotiation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. W. Jones', written over a diagonal line that extends from the signature towards the bottom right of the page.

The response.