

# Compensation Latest

Hi all I am now in a position to inform you of the latest developments with regard to compensation claims.

First off for the people who originally signed up with Chris Hunt, he as a surveyor signed up with RICS (Royal institute of chartered Surveyors), who have a criterion that members should adhere to, one such ruling is that the company's official complaint procedure is readily available on request.

About 18 months ago a claimant who was signed up by Chris Hunt complained to RICS about non-compliance, Chris Hunt was investigated and found to be in breach, a hefty £5000+ penalty was handed out to him for the breach. since then SAEN has encouraged people by means of forms found on their website to change surveyors to one of the active surveyors (saen tries not to advocate one surveyor over another). On the form you will find a tick box that asks the surveyor for their official complaint form/procedure, many of Chris Hunt's clients have requested this information when de-employing him and have had a zero response, Saen has taken this up with RICS, who have again investigated this and found once again that he is in breach, (to date we are still awaiting the result) I last spoke with RICS mid last week.

Many of you may have read about Patrick Streeter who lives in a grade 2 listed farmhouse at Stanstead, his property halved in value and was awarded £1 million compensation from the airport chiefs, but due to a legal loophole he has not received a single penny, this now dates back 17 years. (his farmhouse is 1600 yards from the runway) He has been informed that seeing the runway is incomplete that monies are only available after completion, they have yet to paint some white lines and install a fuel pump. Due to this he is not entitled to his payout, He claims that one of their clever lawyers spotted this loophole, and also claims that the airport is being evasive.

Both surveyors have been made aware of this situation. We (saen) have concerns that the airport may try something similar.

One of the lines of inquiry Saen has continued working on is the airport drainage system for the runway extension, we have discovered that the airport has never applied to the Environment Agency for permission to install the necessary drainage pipework into the Eastwood brook (it does not exist). At SAEN we see this as an incomplete runway, far more serious than simple white lines. Our persistence has proved valuable as we have now received assurances from Southend Council that it is their intention to enforce the installation of the outfall known as EB1. (watch this space)

The surveyors are also aware of these developments, Saen suggested that this issue needs to be addressed (surveyors have agreed to look into this).

Claims are progressing, the airport have now instructed a surveyor to deal with compensation claims, and meetings have taken place with surveyors, I am purposely not disclosing the surveyor but information has been forward onto the company's solicitors and they have been instructed to act. The solicitors have requested some additional information from the surveyor and are working on providing this.

Both the surveyors have been made aware of the growing anxiety of claimants and have agreed to send out an update in the next couple of weeks, I reiterated with surveyors that none of us want to go down the RICS route for non-compliance again, I was thanked for bringing this to their attention.