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Love is a kind of Stupidity

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Frank Lloyd Wright designed nearly a thousand houses, of which some 500 or so were built. It is possible that some of the less seminal designs have slipped from the collective memory.

In 1947, when Frank Lloyd Wright was already 79 years old, he designed a house for Mrs. Arthur O’Keeffe, and her husband Dr. Arthur O’Keeffe. It was to remain unbuilt, for reasons that are unclear.

We would know nothing about this design now, except for the curious events after an Englishman recently attempted to build it. The house was to be erected in a green belt outside of the town of Bristol, the first Frank Lloyd Wright in England. Planning permission was denied. The council argued that as Frank Lloyd Wright had only built in the USA and Japan, he could not really be considered influential. The inspector’s report, written by a certain Edward Gerry, rejected the plan because the design was not of a high quality, and the proposed house did not meet contemporary construction standards.

Can someone please contact North Somerset Council, or the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, and find out what is really going on?

