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ject: Re. Dr. Ilan Shahor Planning Application

Dear David,

Thank you very much for agreeing to try and help me with the problem I have with the Hinckley Borough Council regarding my application for planning permission. I know how busy you are but this dispute can cause serious damage to my plans to open a new multi disciplinary complimentary Health Centre in Hinckley, and it all seems to be due tot he Councils Planning permissions departments incompetence. I will give you a brief background to give you a better understanding of the matter. I intended to purchase a house on 3 Burbage Road and to transform it into a multidisciplinary Complimentary Medicine Clinic with six treatment rooms and a Reception area. The completion of the purchase of the house is dependent on a successful application for a change of use. An application has been submitted six and a half weeks ago. The council must make a decision within eight weeks. A week ago we got a query from the Highway Authorities who were not happy with some aspects of the application. My architect has made some changes to the plans and has sent them back to the council on the 26th of May. He also spoke to the Highway Authority over the phone and they were satisfied with the changes. Submitting the corrected plans on the 26th May has allowed the Council 10 days before their deadline to complete our application. (They have said themselves that they require 10 days to review amendments to enable them to make a decision). However today suddenly the Council have said they will not be able to complete on time as one of the staff is on holiday !? They therefore have requested that I reapply which will mean I need to wait another six to eight weeks.

This delay will not just cost me financially and cause huge complications it also may cause the seller of the house to remarket their property which will be terminal for the Project.

I think it is absurd, in the current climate that if some one is ready to start a new business that will provide employment and intends to be at the heart of the local community, for the welfare of that community, it should be helped and not foiled by bureaucracy because someone is on holiday.

We have already put in an enormous amount of time, effort and money into this project . It will be a real pity if it fails because of the incompetence of the Planning Department to use common sense in pushing themselves to review the application within the 10 day time frame they themselves have stipulated without having to start the whole procedure from the beginning.

Thank you very much for your help.

Best Regards,

Dr. Ilan Shahor

P.S> The person in charge of my application is Chris Mariner Phone 01455 255680. It is crucial to contact him today as time is now running out.