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Dear Mr Buckingham

Enquiry regarding new access and alteration to condition
Heath Farm, Newbold Road, Osbaston

I refer to your letter dated 4th February 2008.

I have now looked at the previous file. The information on the file appears to be quite clear, the issue of personal and commercial use was discussed during the determination of the proposal and you were advised that if the scheme were to include any commercial activity then the Local Planning Authority would be unwilling to support the application. The application was amended by your office to indicate the scheme would remain personal to the applicant.

The Local Planning Authority has remained consistent in dealing with this application and determined it in accordance with the information supplied by yourself. Paragraph 30 of PPS7 refers to farm diversification projects and states LPA s should have regard to the amenity of any nearby residents or other rural businesses that may be adversely affected by new types of on-farm development. In addition, the Highways Authority would object to an intensification in use of the existing access as indicated by Note to Applicant 4 of permission 07/00922/FUL.

The Local Planning Authority will not be inviting or supporting an application for commercial use associated with the existing permission. With regard to the possibility of providing a new access through fields onto Osbaston Lane, I do not consider that such development is justified in this countryside location. I will, however, check with the County Highways Officer for his comments, and contact you again in due course.

If you have any queries, please contact Louise Forman on the above direct dial number.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Tracy Darke
Development Services and Policy Manager

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