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Hinckley and Bosworth Council Planning Dept

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Dear Mr Hicks

Further to recent conversations between my family and Andy Adshead, who is acting for us in relation to the proposed development on the corner of Mill Hill and Canning St, we have agreed to withdraw the current application and to submit an alternative.

We feel disappointed to be at this point given that the whole process started back in September when the fees were paid to the Hinckley Council. There were some errors in communication and administration creating delays at the outset, for which the Council has already apologised, followed by what you describe as "protracted" but "inconclusive" discussions. We have found this very frustrating - with advice not being forthcoming, replies being unacceptably delayed and sometimes contradictory. It is hard for us, as lay people, to understand how discussions took place for six months around the original submission for flats, including specifics such as the placement of the front doors, when this, according to your recent comments, was effectively a non-starter.

Part of the issue for us is that whilst a number of staff from your department have been involved in the discussions so far, no one has really "owned" the pre-application discussions and there have been some contradictions in what has been said. Accordingly, we are very pleased to receive your personal assurance that you will be happy to oversee a new round of planning advice. Our understanding is that although Ebbony Mattley will be moving the case

forward, you will remain closely involved and take over-all responsibility. This is a development we welcome and our hope is that you will do all in your power to assist with this and to expedite the case as best you can from this point onwards.

On a personal note, I would be very interested to receive from you a copy of the new guidelines regarding the Hollycroft Conservation Area which have apparently been reviewed very recently. The land for the proposed development has been owned by our family for a number of generations, the original owner being Mr Arthur Newborough, my great grandfather, who built much of the property within the area, including Canning St and St George's Avenue, and, we believe, donated some of the land for the park itself.

I know that you are meeting with Andy this afternoon. I hope that it is mutually beneficial and marks a new start of sorts. I would appreciate it if you could just acknowledge receipt of the email when it reaches you.

Thanks,

Jackie Wheatley (Ms)

(on behalf of the Wheatley Family)