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Dear Mr Middleton,

Land Adjacent 3 Rutland Avenue, Hinckley, Leicestershire – reference 10/00498/FUL

I refer to your letter dated 18 August 2011 regarding the above planning application and the proposed amendment to the roof material from Spanish slate to Marley Modern Slate Grey concrete tiles.

From my previous visit to the site it is apparent that slate is the predominant roofing material used in the roof construction of surrounding properties within which your infill development is located and only a few isolated dwellings having been re-roofed with alternative materials. The Westleigh development to which you refer is a much larger development that will create its own character and is not comparable to the small infill development that you are in the process of constructing.

Having considered your request, I am still of the opinion that the use of slate was proposed at the time that the application was submitted and formed part of the consideration of the application. I think that it is important to retain the character and appearance of the street scene with appropriate materials and therefore would suggest that Spanish slate roofing material is used in this development rather than an uncharacteristic modern concrete tile.

Yours sincerely

Richard Wright
Area Planning Officer