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For the attention of James Hicks, Planning Control

Dear Sir

Re San Giovanni Restaurant SHEEPY PARVA app 08/01175/FUL

I am writing further to the concerns raised by the Environment Agency regarding potential flooding of this site.

Whilst I appreciate the position of the EA there has to my knowledge been no flooding of this area nor of the nearby apartments despite their lower level, some of my neighbours have been living here for nearly 40 years. I am aware however, of some localised flooding of the rear part of one of the garden areas near the river in an area that lies in the flood plain.

The proposed extension is relatively small and is currently a concrete yard area, so there will be no loss of potential drainable area as a result of the proposal.

Despite the above I am fully aware of the potential risk of flooding, and we have established protocols for evacuation in respect of flooding as well as monitoring procedures during extreme wet weather. The ground floor of the proposed extension is not accessible to the public as it is part of the Kitchen facilities.

As you can imagine I had hoped by now to be well under way with the addition to the Restaurant and am under constant pressure from the kitchen staff who are currently struggling to maintain the reputation we have built up whilst working in cramped conditions. We are something of a success story particularly in these economic times but I cannot stress enough how critical this extension is to the continuation of our business. We are still having to turn customers away and cannot contemplate longer term bookings until this situation is resolved.

I would be grateful therefore if full account could be taken of the modest size of our proposal which is already on a concrete hard standing, together with our awareness of the potential risk of flooding.

Yours faithfully

John Holcroft