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June 28th 2024

Dear Steve

Planning Application 22/00498 – Letter from local residents d/d March 31 2024

At its April 9th 2024 meeting, a local resident advised the Parish Council that a letter raising resident's concerns about the processes followed by the NFNPA in its consideration of and eventual granting of approval (subject to conditions) had been sent to the NFNPA's Information and Data Protection Officer. The resident concerned asked whether the Parish Council would also write to the NFNPA stating that it shared the concerns of the residents who were signatories to the letter and also that it supported those residents.

The acting Chair of the meeting advised that such a decision would need to be considered as an agenda item and one was duly added to the agenda for the next meeting on May 14th 2024. Unfortunately, due to a lack of members eligible to debate the matter the meeting was not quorate and the item was held over until the June 11th 2024 meeting when it was discussed.

Members of the Parish Council had access to a copy of the resident's letter and also your reply dated May 16th 2024.

At the June 11th 2024 meeting it was agreed that I should write to you – on behalf of the Parish Council – and confirm that the Parish Council does indeed share the general concern of its residents and feels that there are lessons to be learnt from how things were perceived to have been handled at various stages along the planning process.

The Parish Council also felt that going forward, it would be helpful for a few of its members and the Clerk to meet with yourself and senior officers within the Planning Team to go through some of its own concerns (a number of which match those of the residents) to enable us to be better prepared to deal with more complex applications in the future.

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To that end, I will be writing to you separately to seek to arrange such a meeting.

Yours sincerely

David Rigby

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cc: Alison Barnes, NFNPA, Chief Executive Officer