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Dear Mr Saunders

Application No: CB/10/03063IREG3
Location: 312 Manor Road, Woodside, LU1 4DN
Proposal: Retention of side roof extensions and front and rear facing dormer windows

I write in response to an objection by Mr J Thikoordim to the above planning application.

There are no legitimate planning objections contained in the letter of objection dated 20th September 2010. Therefore for the purposes of the Development Management Committee's deliberations the objection should be disregarded.

The only alteration from the substantive planning permission already granted is a single front facing dormer window to the southern end of the property. It does not overlook Mr Thikoordim's property - it does in fact face open fields.

In respect of the comments made around the planning permission already granted, I would wish to place on record my absolute rejection of any abuse of process. Any planning application made by a serving Central Bedfordshire Councillor goes directly to committee for public discussion. This and the previous substantive application was treated entirely appropriately and in line with agreed policy.

The substantive planning permission granted on 24th November 2009 covered every aspect of the current completed works with the exception of the addition of a further front facing dormer, which is the reason of this retrospective application.

The substantive permission showed an additional front extension which we decided not to build, instead adding a dormer in place of the extension. Visually there is no impact and there is no adverse impact on any adjacent property.

Mr Thikoordim makes a number of allegations of impropriety which are wholly rejected and are potentially defamatory. I request that the DMC ignores the objection in its entirety as being wholly irrelevant.


I wish to place on record that there has been no attempt to subvert the understood and accepted planning process.

The only alteration from the passed plans is an additional front dormer and when we decided to alter the plans a discussion took place with the Planning Officer who advised that a retrospective application would be required for that element of the works. This was entirely understood and accepted as the appropriate way forward given that the works had already started.

There has been no contempt of process or indeed abuse of office. These allegations should be regarded as non material and wholly rejected.

I would add that that this appears to be a retrospective objection to the passed plans by Mr Thikoordim.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Stay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Stay