

[REDACTED] (Ex Cllr Chairman-Development Management Committee)

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Devon

Dear William

You have asked me to put into writing information regarding the three meetings that I arranged, when I was the Chairman of the Development Management Committee, due to the difficulty you were having getting any response from the planning department.

Two meetings I attended were in September and October of 2017 with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and yourself, William Ireland.

Before the Second Meeting in October 2017, you copied me into an email, dated Friday 20/10/2017 21:57 for [REDACTED] which had floor plans and talked about elevations in the body of the email. You told me the planning department has tried to deny receiving the elevation plans, which I do not believe. If they had not received these elevation plans in 2017, they should have asked for them. This is no excuse to not have uploaded the plans on the planning portal.

In the meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, you showed everyone in the meeting and personally gave a paper copy of the plans to [REDACTED].

I had a firm belief at that moment that the planning department were working with and solving the small changes to the 2015 agreed plans. I do understand the reason for the change of plans as your father had passed away and the living accommodation was too large for just your mother.

The third meeting I arranged on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 with [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and yourself, William Ireland. You talked about the plans given to [REDACTED] on 23<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The main point of the meeting was discussing the delay caused by the planning officer, [REDACTED], in regards to the Lobster Bistro planning approval. I understand there was a concern you would lose the EU grant money.

I believe there were no problems with the 2017 plans. If there were any problems the planning department should have raised matters in 2017, not 2021.

You asked me to join a meeting in 2021, to give evidence to the points above regarding the 2017 plans which were not used. You later informed me I was not allowed to attend this meeting to discuss this detail regarding unused 2017 plans.

I understand you are now taking your planning problems to the ombudsman, and I agree to the use of this letter for this purpose, to assist your case.

Best Wishes

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