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Ms A Willard
Planning Department
Arun District Council
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LITTLEHAMPTON BN17 5LF

Dear Ms Willard

Re: Mildmay, Hook Lane, Aidingbourne, PO20 3TE

As the District Council failed to respect the request that was made to defer the Application reference AL/89/21/PL for a further week while a Phase 1 Habitat Study/Mitigating Strategy Report was submitted, this resulted in the Application Development Proposal being refused Planning Permission solely on the grounds that such a Study had not been submitted in the permitted timeframe.

Both I, and my client, find the actions of the Council exasperating to say the least. To allow only a 2 week period to instruct a party, having secured costings and then for this to be completed within the 2 week period is totally unachievable and unacceptable.

The steps taken by the District Council resulted in a delay in a Decision being taken in favour of my client's application proposal and as a result, I am once again obliged at further cost to the applicant to re-submit the Application for consideration once again.

In undertaking this action I would advise that Lizard Landscape Design and Ecology have been instructed, they undertook the site visit and survey last week, Wednesday 8th December, from which they have advised that there were no signs of, or potential features for any protected species were found. I am awaiting receipt of their Report, and this will be submitted immediately to support the current re-submitted Application that I now make.

Due to the delay and excessive actions of the District Council I would ask that this Application is considered within as reasonable a time as possible. As you state in your previous email, with a positive Committee decision in favour of the Applicant's proposal even if the Parish Council object, the matter should still proceed under delegated powers of the Officer.

Yours sincerely

K E Potts

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