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Mark

Sarah has asked me to respond to you on the queries raised by the planners.

The house was occupied for many years (pre 1988) by Mr Knight who tended the lake at its surroundings. He moved out on 31 March 2007 as confirmed by the two attached forms for Council Tax exemption.

The house was boarded up but at the end of August 2007, thieves broke in, ripped all the copper out, and in doing so wrecked the kitchen and bathroom, ripped up floor boards, pulled the boiler off the wall and flooded much of the floor space. Services would have been disconnected during that year.

The damage was so extensive, and the remainder of the building of such a basic standard, that it has not been considered viable to refurbish despite the roof being intact. It has been boarded up and effectively derelict ever since.

On 29 January 2013 the Council wrote the attached letter to Store Property (which manages the lake and surrounds for the applicant) saying that "it appears that the most appropriate way forward would be to demolish this building"

I have spoken to Marcus Fry director of Greenlink who did the Protected Species Survey report in 2009 and asked him how he would propose proceeding with an update for just the application site. The timescale is very likely to extend beyond the 14 days response period requested by the planners.

I will be on holiday for the next two weeks so please liaise with Sarah

Regards
John

John Smithers
Director

