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Application reference LY/13/26/TC

Dear Silvie,

I am aware that the consultation period relating to this application has now ended but I have already submitted my objections within the time limit.

I am also aware that you have spoken with Dr McCormick of Lyminster Court, Lyminster Road.

I am very concerned at the way this application has been dealt with. The application is of itself disingenuous as the applicant has previously submitted pre-planning concerning development of the site with 5 houses - one of which relates to the development of Old Granary itself. Had full planning permission then been sought, a full and proper assessment of the trees and the ecology would have been carried out and the application would have gone before the Planning Committee. By submitting an application solely in relation to the trees, this process has been by-passed, ecology does not need to be considered and the application can be dealt with solely by officers.

Mark Warwick gave his support to the application despite not having visited the site on this occasion and through reliance on the applicant's own arboriculturist's report. The methodology of this report has since been called into question by a second report, obtained by Dr McCormick and two trees - the only two of the 21 in question which could be properly accessed without trespassing - have been identified as needing Tree Protection Orders.

Notwithstanding the failure to follow due process and the imbalanced way in which Mark Warwick's decision has been made, it is also very concerning that in April 2025 he was called to the same site as an emergency, when the applicant began to do huge amounts of tree work without having obtained necessary permissions. At this stage Mr Warwick stated that there were several trees of note which would be worthy of tree protection orders, but that these would be dealt with in the event of any planning permission for the site being submitted. How then can he now be approving such an application?

I would respectfully urge you to investigate this matter further and to ensure that full and proper assessment of the site is conducted. I feel it is very important that the link is made between the pre-planning application previously submitted by the applicant and this application for tree works. The majority of the trees in question would certainly hamper the ability to build 2 of the 5 proposed dwellings as they significantly restrict the available space.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

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