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Dear Mr Crowther,

It is now a full two weeks since I wrote to your office in response to a letter regarding the Council's position in respect of the development at the subject property. I asked a number of simple basic questions designed to throw light on precisely how this building came to be, and was allegedly allowed by your department to be, approximately two meters higher than surrounding properties to the great detriment of the beach environment. I was told that I would receive a reply "by the end of (last) week or early (this) week". This information is crucial and may be time critical in seeking to get a development which is less offensive.

I cannot but get a strong feeling of being fobbed off in view of the fact that instead of being handled by a senior member of staff my questions have simply been referred back to the original case handler – Fair enough that she/he should be involved but not good enough if this becomes another routine matter to be put to the bottom of the pile and hidden behind the alleged exigencies of Covid precautions.

There is coming to be a strong suspicion that it is very much in the interests of the Council for this development to proceed with a minimum of investigation as to how the present situation has been reached. The advice given concerning the Sec. 73 re-application tends to support this interpretation in that it ignores some salient facts which I raised in my questions.

One might be forgiven for suggesting that the developers have "been given the wink" with regard to the outcome of their re-application given that they have restarted work on the site in the last two days.

Whether all that has happened is due to cock-up or conspiracy remains to be seen, but I and many others who are concerned at this invasive and ill-conceived development are determined to find out.