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Via email

Mr Matt Prosser
Chief Executive Officer
Dorset Council

Dear Mr Prosser

**RE: Homestead Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton, Bridport DT6 4BJ
Planning Appeal: A/WD/D/19/003186 and new Application P/VOC/2021/00495**

We are grateful for the response from Matthew Piles to our letter of the 24th April.

We have a further concern about the approved heights which Mr Piles has not covered in his response. Could you explain please why you have made reference to agreeing “approved heights” given that we have not been able to get or see a properly dimensioned drawing that was submitted as part of the original application showing what heights were actually approved?

To the best of our knowledge there is agreement on the “as built” heights, but it is crucial to be exact on the original heights that were approved in order to establish an accurate height difference.

We would appreciate knowing how the approved heights were determined and seeing a copy of the information ourselves. This is crucial information that should be put before the Inspector, yet Dorset Council seems to have taken the puzzling decision to accept at face value figures submitted by the Applicant. Does the Planning Office not have their own original copy?

Given that the Applicant argues that the ridge heights should be measured up from the ground level, could we also ask whether a change in ground level was shown on the original application, in accordance with planning application requirements? If not, the assumption is that the natural or extant ground level is being retained. We understand that any measuring should be done from the *original* ground level.

We would appreciate your response on the above matter together with a copy of the dimensioned drawing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A J Basker', is centered below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

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