



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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BY EMAIL

16th January 2020

Dear Mr Christopher

RE: HOMESTEAD FARM, MAIN STREET, BOTHENHAMPTON WD/ENF/19/00024 /
NMA APPLICATION REFERENCE WD/D/19/002277

We wrote to your planning officers on the 21st October (copy attached) asking what the next steps by the applicant Mr Hughes or his professional advisors might take and how the villagers can prepare for it. We have received no reply.

At our parish meeting on 13th January members of the village voiced their disappointment that no action appeared to have been taken by Dorset Council despite the NMA being rejected. Building on the Homestead Farm development has continued unabated.

Mr Hughes (the applicant) attended the parish meeting on the 13th and described the methodology that the architect had used in completing the retrospective application. He stated that this consisted of a an 'averaging' of various anomalous measurements. He referred to the building having been built narrower than originally planned, and two of the buildings had been built lower than originally planned and he referred to an angle of adjustment of 2 degrees which he said should be off set against the height, which he conceded had been built higher than originally planned: he said the architect's average is a 70cm difference. A retrospective planning application intended to 'normalise' what has been built was submitted by his architect in December 2019.

The residents at the parish meeting were dismayed to hear this and had expected a fresh application to have been made by the applicant because, in their view, the building that now stands does not reflect the building that was originally granted planning consent.

Parish councillors are also concerned that the retrospective planning application submitted before Christmas has not been forwarded to the parish council for comment.

We are hoping that you would be able to look into this matter and ascertain what the current position is, and also let us know what the next steps in the process are.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Basker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

A J Basker
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Also sent: Letter dated 21st October to Ms D Redding