AWDM/0238/12
(NB. letter sent & already saved in IEW)
KEM

The Old Lifeboat House
Shopsdam Road
Lancing
West Sussex
BN15 8ES

27th March 2012

Dear Mr. Morgan

Re: Overstrand, Shopsdam Road, Lancing

You will be aware that I am the owner of the Old Lifeboat House, Shopsdam Road, Lancing. I have been passed a copy of your e-mail to Stephen Bromley reference the situation with the three houses.

Accordingly, I have taken other advice and my concerns are that it was my understanding that the permission in respect of the house by the sea would take away the approval for the three houses facing Shopsdam Road. That was certainly the intention as per condition 18 of ADC/0163/10 and it was the way your department indicated to me that any permission for those three houses would lapse.

You now say that your representations with regard to this were wrong and that there is still consent for the three houses under ADC/0098/10.

The layout of the altered design to the seafront property is not consistent with the original permission for the three houses 0098/10. The garden to ADC/0163/10 takes away half of the access to ADC/0098/10.

I am very concerned that having indicated that the approval of the new houses 0163/10 would necessitate a new planning application for the rest of the site; you have effectively allowed that development to go ahead by not making sure that it was covered with regard to the appeal 0098/10.

You say that condition 18 has been included because the payout is inconsistent with 0024/08, but have not included a condition in 0098 when it is clearly inconsistent also.

I have to state that this all appears to follow the original unreasonable view of yourself and your officers that the site was big enough for four houses, where this was clearly not the view of the committee or indeed most people. You have allowed the developers to circumvent condition 18 and which suggests at worst maladministration, but at least inadequacies within your department.

There appears to be too much attention to looking after developers interest and not enough to looking after the interest of local residents.

I should like to know what your department intends to do about this.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

Frances L. Smith