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2nd December 2009.

Dear Madam,

RE **APPLICATION 09/00369/FUL**
APPLICANT R Smallwood
LOCATION Former WAAF Site Wombledon Aerodrome,
Common Lane, Wombledon
DESCRIPTION Demolition of existing unoccupied pre-
fabricated dwellings and erection of 1 no. five
bedroom dwelling with integral double garage.

I refer to the extra information supplied for the above planning application which was considered at the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st December. The Councillors have asked me to confirm that their observations made in my letter dated 23rd June still apply and again unanimously strongly recommend rejection of this application.

I would refer you once again to each and every objection set out in my previous letter. In addition Councillors were of the opinion that the advice

supplied by the Applicant should be challenged by RDC and not accepted without a detailed investigation of the matters raised by the Walton & Co Planning Lawyers on behalf of the Applicant. Councillors have asked if my Council could be given a copy of this advice too.

Councillors are very concerned at the high risk of contamination of the land caused by the storage of motor vehicles and other scrap on the site. This matter should be investigated thoroughly as a matter of priority regardless of whether or not this application proceeds or is granted. I assume that you will also have similar concerns, please confirm that this will be immediately passed to the Environmental Department for urgent investigation.

Councillors are of the opinion that it is incorrect to aggregate the existing buildings together and use this fact to facilitate building a large property on a different site in the middle of open countryside. In addition there are grave concerns that the granting of an application such as this sets an unfortunate precedent for the use of other abandoned buildings in open countryside on and around the Airfield. It is also my Council's belief that this area must be considered part of the Airfield although some distance away from the runways. It is further understood that a House of Lords decision indicated that all airfields should be offered first to previous owners and secondly to previous use – in this case open countryside.

I have been asked to state again that my Council is in total agreement with the view taken when considering the 1981 planning application when it was stated,

"It is considered.....a residential use is inappropriate within an area of white land where existing uses for the most part are expected to remain undisturbed and where new development will mostly be restricted to that essential in the interests of agriculture or forestry.....they are an obtrusive feature in what is essentially an open rural area".

We are also concerned that we have been given information by a resident that there may have been an intervening use of the land as grazing for a period of possibly 8-10 years. We are trying to make further enquiries about this and would like you to check for any information about this in District Council records.

Councillors have asked me to again emphasize that in the event the Planning Officer thinks the application should be considered further my Council is of the opinion it is not a decision suitable for delegation and that it should be decided by the Planning Committee. The Parish Council would wish to be represented at the meeting and make strenuous objections to the application on various grounds including especially the unfinished Bat Survey and lack of compliance with H10, ENV3 and various PPS's.

To summarize Councillors once again strongly recommend refusal.

Yours faithfully,

Louise Slater

M L SLATER, CLERK.

Cc Karen Hood, Senior Technical/IT Officer.