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9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Dear Sirs,

Re Application 14/00889/HOUSE Mr S Gridley, single storey extension to north elevation and boundary wall to east elevation (retrospective) and installation of 15 no solar panels on the west roof slope and flat roof at Green View, Page Lane, Wombleton.

I refer to the above application which was considered by my Council at the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. My Council recommended rejection of this application. The property is out of character with other properties and is situated within the Conservation Area. There is no reference to the cladding in the application — you informed us that this required permission in a Conservation Area. Furthermore Councillors are concerned that the cladding encroaches on the property at the left hand side (Keswick House, Page Lane) it is unclear whether permission for this encroachment has been sought from the owner of the property. The wall to the front of the property is not in keeping with the surrounding area and the coping placed on the top of the wall appears to encroach onto the public highway which is also a concern. The number of solar panels appears to be very high, Councillors think they would be intrusive and therefore out of character.

I have been asked to pass on my Council's deep concern about yet another retrospective application. It is apparent to Councillors that residents who do follow the correct procedures and apply for permission are being dealt with on occasion in a punitive and unfair manner including incurring extra costs. Others who flout the rules and fail to apply for the required permission seem to be allowed to do virtually as they please. Councillors and residents feel that everyone should be dealt with in the same manner and currently this is not happening.

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My Council is on the front line and constantly having to listen to residents' complaints that planning applications and unauthorised development are being dealt with in what appears to be at best a haphazard and at worst an unfair basis.

You are well aware that neither my Council nor the majority of residents have any desire for this village to be designated a Conservation Area but you have stated that it will remain one. Surely it is therefore up to you to enforce it properly. This does not seem to be happening at the moment.

To summarise my Council recommends rejection.

Yours faithfully,

Louise Slater.

Clerk to Wombleton Parish Council.