



Drumbroider Farm

Dear Sir,

We note your recent objection to the removal of Condition 12 from our planning application (P/15/0129/VRC) and would like to respond to the three main points you have raised. We note that all three points relate to your concerns over us selling the property– please rest assured this will be our sole residence for the foreseeable future. The property shall not only be a base for future farming operations, it will also be our family home and allow us to hopefully to start a family and raise our children in a safe, rural environment.

1. We have NO plans to sell this house once completed and assurance is given that this will be our primary residence
2. As we do not plan on selling any property, no funds from the property at Florence Farm will be used for the business expansion
3. Again, we do not plan to market, sell or otherwise dispose of any property at Drumbroider/Florence Farm

Should evidence be required by the committee regarding our failure to gain either a mortgage or commercial funding as a direct result of Condition 12, we would be more than happy to supply it. Evidence was not submitted to the committee as it was stated that further evidence, over and above the original condition removal application, should not be included.

Commercial funding is not appropriate for our residential home. The unfortunate outcome of our search for funding is that residential mortgage lending is now the only means by which to complete our project within a reasonable timescale.

Having gained detailed planning permission, building warrant and started the build, we are keen to make the process as quick and efficient as possible – reducing the risk of disturbance to the local community.

Jacqueline (Marks mother) has kindly taken us in over the past few years and we desperately feel that having our own home will allow us to focus more on the family business; starting a family and living an ordinary life suited a young couple. Should Condition 12 remain, our only option would be to apply to place a temporary structure on the site to build up our farming business along with a long-term saving plan to fund the property. We envisage such a process would:

- Result in a prolonged, disruptive build process
- Directly impact properties within proximity of the build site
- Negatively affect the local community
- Impact heavily on the future of our family
- Unduly affect our existing and future business plans

We are conscious of the impact that construction will have on local community and do not want to subject anybody to a prolonged build process. We trust this letter addresses your main concerns and, as local residents, we look forward to your support with our project.

Yours sincerely,

Mr and Mrs Baird

