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Dear Mr Taylor

RE: 18/07717/FUL

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Response to Mr Sheridan's Letter and Keevil Parish Council Response

I would like to make some observations about the two responses to the above application from my company. As I have no expertise in planning I would like to make some general observations. I have left it to DPDS to comment about the planning issues.

The observations I would like to make are as follows;

- It's interesting that there have only been two objections from residents of the village, one of which was from Mr Sheridan who lives next door – it is not surprising that he would object. Interestingly there has been no objection from the owner of Olcote and of the owner of 65 Martins Lane on the other side of the cottages.
- Both submissions seem to cover similar areas. Whether this is a coincidence or due to collaboration is impossible to tell.



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- Both Mr Sheridan's letter and the Parish Council seem obsessed with parking for the cottages The bottom line is that the parking arrangements for the cottages have already been approved and are done and dusted. These new arrangements mean that several cars that would have been parked in Martins Road now have off road parking.
- A great deal is made in both submissions of how the proposed new build impacts on the existing cottages. The distance between the rear of the existing cottages and the new build is approximately 19 metres. The new build is hardly close to the existing cottages.
- If the plot for the proposed new house had been retained for the cottages it would have meant that the gardens of the cottages would be very long and narrow. Thanks to the offices of several local estate agents that I know I was able to talk to several residents of semi-detached and terraced cottages with long narrow gardens. All of them said that they would never live in another house with a long narrow garden.
- In point 3 of the parish council submission it stated that "we do not consider the current plans to be of high quality....." When I first met the chairman of the parish council she asked me if she could look round the cottages that were finished. She commented that the refurbishment looked really good or words to that effect. Given this it's strange that the comment about the current plans not being of high quality have been made. I can assure the council that the proposed new dwelling will be of similar quality to the cottages.



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- When I first met the chairman of the parish council she was generally supportive of the application and after the parish council had looked at the site when I spoke to her on the telephone she was less supportive but certainly didn't tell me that the parish council were planning to object.
- I also met the local county councillor prior to the application going in and his observation about the application was that he was one of qualified support.
- When I purchased the cottages, the thatch had holes in it and the whole structure was in danger of collapsing. The village now has 3 completely refurbished cottages with every likelihood that the new residents will be young rather than old.

Yours Sincerely

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