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Dear Mr Robinson

Land to the North of Snuff Mill Lane Cottingham

I refer to your letters of 7 February and 13 March 2017.

I have reviewed the relevant documentation in relation to this site including information relating to your planning application to develop this site and the development land bid for consideration through the local plan process in relation to the site.

The situation it seems to me is fairly straightforward. A submission was made as part of the recent local plan process that the site should be allocated for residential development. Following detailed assessment of all the options, this site was rejected by the Council and that decision was supported by the Inspector at the public hearing. You submitted an application for outline planning permission for the erection of 25 dwellings on the site. This was refused by the Council and your appeal against refusal was rejected by an Inspector.

It is therefore clear that the stance taken by the Council both at the local plan preparation stage and at the planning application stage that this site is not appropriate for residential development has been supported on two occasions by Inspectors independent of the Council. On what basis therefore you can refer to malfeasance in public office or unjust use of the planning system is beyond me.

It follows that I do not need to comment in detail on the content of your letter. The letter is misguided as it takes as its starting point the position that the decision making process in relation to your application in the past has been suspect. It is quite clear to me that it is not. This is demonstrated by the fact that the decision making process has been the subject to independent scrutiny by two different Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. They have agreed with the stance taken by the Council. Your contention therefore that the process is 'prejudiced' and 'suspect' is without merit and it is not necessary for me to address the information you seek to bring forward to support your flawed theory.

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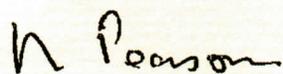


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If you wish to submit a further application to develop this site that is a matter for you. If you do so and you are not happy with the decision of the Council you can appeal to the Secretary of State.

As far as your requests for information are concerned. It is a matter for Cllr Parnaby what declarations he does or does not make. Any declarations in relation to gifts and hospitality received by him in his capacity as an elected Member will be contained in the register of gifts and hospitality. Any declarations made at meetings of the Cabinet will be contained in the relevant Cabinet minute. As you have noted Cllr Parnaby does not sit on any planning committees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Pearson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'N' and a trailing flourish.

Nigel Pearson
Chief Executive