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Dear Ms French

I refer to a letter addressed to you and Messrs Harborough and Webb dated 23rd March from the Governors of Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School. The letter was sent following the recent refusal of UTT/17/3197/FUL. The School has been objecting to this application for some considerable time in conjunction with Henham Parish Council, and we have already endured 2 planning meetings and one appeal since 2016.

I don't want to go over again the facts of the issues raised by the Governors as they are clearly stated in their letter, save to say we support their complaint. It is for Henham Parish Council representing the residents of Henham to also express our very real concerns over the conversations between 2 members of the planning team and the Chairman of Planning Committee..

This whole matter has shown disrespect to the Members, been far too one-sided and, in an area where Officers should advise Members, and then accept their decisions, rather extraordinary. The large numbers of members of the public present at the meeting were astonished by the clear slant towards the Developer shown by the Planners. This tape seems to show a personal interest far beyond the role of a planning officer. It points to a situation where officers will not be fighting the appeal too hard. The cost of the appeal will have to be paid by the public (via UDC) and the Parish Council/ School (i.e. the public) will have fees to pay if it participates, this will easily double if costs are awarded against UDC and the PC.

I trust you will look into this matter. Residents here in Henham are angry and concerned.

N J Baker OBE
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