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Dear Sir/Madam

24/00030/FUL

VARIATION TO CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 19/00182/PPP

SITE IN GROUNDS OF KINGSMEADOWS HOUSE, KINGSMEADOWS, KINGSMEADOWS ROAD, PEEBLES, SCOTTISH BORDERS

I am writing in order to **object** to the proposed variation of Planning Condition 2 of Planning Permission 19/00182/PPP.

My reason for objection is that the applicant Granton Homes Limited wish to remove the word 'except' from Condition 2 of the planning permission which says: *"No development shall commence until all matters specified in conditions have, where required, been submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority. Thereafter the development shall only take place **except** in strict accordance with the details so approved."*

Granton want a new permission with the word "except" removed because they say it is 'not precise and open to misinterpretation'.

The meaning of the current wording of this condition is perfectly clear, and it would be unreasonable to reset the clock because of a single word. The existing deadline should remain unmodified given the public interest in this site (509 objections were received to the previous application) giving the public a say on any renewal of the permission first applied for in 2015 (renewed 5 Mar 2021).

I remain very concerned about the cumulative impact of this development on the entire woodland area and it is vital that Scottish Borders Council continue to protect the whole conservation area. The developers must comply with the full condition as set out in their original permission.

I strongly urge the Council to reject this condition variation application **or** treat it as a non-material change (section 64), thereby not extending the current deadline for the expiry of planning permission of 5th March 2024.

Yours faithfully



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