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Attention			
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26th June 1989.

Dear Mr Herron,

RE: FARM SHOP DEVELOPMENT EAST NORTHDOWN

Following our telephone conversation regarding the above, and after receiving several representations from Kingsgate residents, I accessed my file of correspondence on this matter and other associated matters.

I am somewhat surprised that you should be accepting the word of Mr W. Friend that the present construction is not that of a farm shop, and should be allowed as permitted development. As you agreed, we are all aware that the present construction is to be a farm shop which is not permitted development, and indeed the door and window arrangements confirm this.

You will recall that nearly two years ago I showed to you photographs of Council lorries discharging redundant tarmac onto W. Friends field to the North of George Hill Road. You may also remember that you did in fact borrow those photographs in order to present them to the Technical Director, or one of his staff.

Following officers making enquiries in February of 1987, you were informed by Mr W. Friend that the filling of the land with Council material was to, "Facilitate access for farm vehicles". This information was relayed to me in Mr Maces letter of the 25th February wherein he also stated that, "The situation will be monitored".

Following my raising the matter once again in September of 1987 when the portakabin appeared once again, you wrote to me stating that Mr Mace had already noticed the, "Sighting of the Portakabin", which was once again in use as a farm shop. Advertisements which were contrary to the regulations were also noted.

The letter sent to Mr W. Friend of the 10th September restated his statement of six months previous, that the filling of the land with Council material was to facilitate mobility of farm vehicles, not the siting arrangements for a farm shop.

Your further letter of the 13th October. W. Friend, confirms that he had not replied to your previous communication.

The Portakabin was shortly afterwards removed from the site until the Christmas period when it reappeared yet again, this time for the sale of Christmas Trees.

You will recall that both Mr W. and I.J.C. Friend have stated in previous correspondence how concerned they are at the environmental impact of any developments at East Northdown and how the conservation area must be protected at all costs. I am sure that Mr Friend senior, who is well known to the Council, would want to comply with all reasonable standards and controls and provide an environmentally acceptable farm shop. I am also convinced that the Authority should serve a stop notice on the present construction of the concrete block farm shop monstrosity on land adjoining a Conservation Area.

Surely with the construction of what is so obviously a farm shop for W. Friend by Mr Riorden, the [REDACTED], and the dumping [REDACTED] from Charles River in April of 1988, Mr Friend junior has now demonstrated beyond all reasonable doubt, that he intends to ignore any representations from the Local Authority on any matter.

In view of the previous correspondence with the Friend's Junior and Senior, wherein totally defamatory accusations are made against Council Officers, including those of Officers having lied, received bribes, given planning consent on the side and deliberate misrepresented information to committee, together with other false and malicious statements, the Council should not rely upon the verbal representations of W. Friend or I.J.C. Friend but act on what has been proven to be the intentions of W. Friend; that being to construct a Farm Shop in unsuitable materials without the benefit of Planning Permission.

From the previously mentioned correspondence, it would appear that the Council has taken a very lenient view with regards to the actions and accusations of both W. and I.J.C. Friend, this possibly because of their being beneficiaries of covenants at Northdown, including that for the land termed the Grazing Land at Northdown Park. Perhaps the Chief Executive would care to comment before the Council 'upset' Mr Friend.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Cllr. [REDACTED]

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ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RTH/VW

13 October 1989

FARM SHOP, GEORGE HILL ROAD, BROADSTAIRS

I refer to the letter which you have received from Councillor P R Miles dated 10 October 1989 on the above subject.

I find this letter unnecessarily offensive, particularly as it implies undue influence by certain unnamed Councillors on the content of reports produced both by this Department and by the Chief Solicitor. Frankly, the only Member input to this particular situation comes from the letter writer, and I am totally unaware of any other Member interest in this matter.

The situation concerning the Farm Shop is that the building, which incidentally has the appearance of a traditional small barn, commenced construction earlier this year. The owner was advised that it would require planning consent if the purpose of the construction was other than as a farm building. Suggestions had been made that it was intended as a farm shop which the owner denied; however, he was nevertheless advised that if it were constructed as a shop that it would need consent.

On completion of the building it opened immediately and was advertised as a farm shop selling a range of vegetable produce allegedly produced on the owner's farm holding. The owner was therefore advised that planning consent would be required and a meeting was held last week with the owner when the matter was discussed in detail. He was again advised of the need to obtain planning consent, and left with a set of application forms to enable him to make the necessary application.

It is our normal practice, and I have no intention of departing from that practice, to allow a period of time for the owner to submit an application. At the end of approximately two weeks a further letter will be sent to the owner advising him of the urgent need to submit the application, failing which a report will be made to the Planning Committee for whatever action the Committee deems necessary.



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24 May 1991

Dear Sir

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
EAST NORTHDOWN FARM, MARGATE

I refer to your submission under Section 64 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, referred to in my acknowledgement letter dated 9 April 1991 as application reference TH/91/0313.

I would advise you that the application has now been considered by the District Planning Authority.

It is hereby determined that the use of the building coloured red, for the sale of agricultural produce grown on the land edged blue, as indicated on the plans accompanying the application, to the general public, would not constitute development for which planning permission is required.

It is also determined that the parking of customers vehicles, on the land edged green, as indicated on the plan accompanying the application, while purchasing produce from the said building would not constitute development for which planning permission is required provided no works are carried out for the construction of a specific car park.

Yours faithfully

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