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Dear Scottish borders council

Re: Summerhouse and driveway

I would like to start off and apologise for not being aware of all planning procedures prior to the build of my summerhouse. I read through the regulation and thought I had complied with planning procedure relating to measurements and restrictions of sizes of the build which I stuck to when building but was unaware that there was no permitted development for flats. I spoke to all my surrounding neighbours and informed them what I was doing and showed them all the plans to which they were all in support. I have spent over £15000 on this project and was looking to make my life easier with building the driveway as the parking in our street is quite restrictive and with the summerhouse I was using as an office during covid times.

I have spoke to a local councillor and asked for their help and guidance which they were in full support of. The planning I believe have only looked at the pictures and drawings from which I submitted and not actually been to the site and if so, I feel they would have had a better understanding of the build. The summerhouse was refused on the grounds of "does not fit in with the surroundings". With it being a new build, I looked at all possibilities and material to use and chose a long-lasting wood that will age with the seasons which will blend in better over time.

If possible and if need be, I would invite you to come and see the build for yourself and if so give guidance if possible to paint or change certain parts to fit in with the surroundings.

I hope we can come to terms and this can be accepted.

Thanks,

Kind regards

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