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## BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Ms McGeoch

Thank you for your recent correspondence and passing on the comments of the appointed Planning Officer. We are grateful for the opportunity to respond to those comments.

The Appellants are very surprised by the response of the appointed Planning Officer.

The response describes a field pattern which is not at all visible. It is uncertain whether the correct maps have been identified in preparation of the response.

However, it is welcome that mention of the two existing access tracks in defining the sense of place of Friarshuagh have been dropped from the response.

In both the 1859 and 1897 maps three small land parcels lie south of Friars Hall. The existing dwelling Friarshaugh View now stands in the furthest east of these parcels and defines the building line across the south of the Building Group. The furthest west of the parcels is the application site while the central parcel of land comprises part of the garden of Friars Hall.

The large agricultural field to the south of Friarshaugh (fully beyond the boundaries of the application site) can already be seen on the 1859 map. The field is seen to have expanded in the 1897 map. Between 1897 and the present day it has expanded again and now includes most of the field labelled Craig Latch in the historic maps.

The rest of the response repeats from Report of Handling 21/00710/PPP and has already been addressed in detail in the Local Review Statement.

In summary, the Local Review Statement remains accurate and correct. The application site nestles into a swathe of land around Friars Hall and fully beyond the surrounding large agricultural fields. This context has been pertinent since at least 1859 and remains correct today.

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The Appellants are grateful for this opportunity to address the comments of the appointed Planning Officer and thank the Local Review Officer, the Clerk to the Local Review Body, and her staff accordingly.

It is our hope that members of the LRB find these comments to be clear and helpful in completing their determination of the matter at hand.

Your sincerely



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