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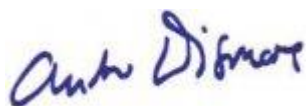
Dear John,

Re: Sweettree Fields Planning application 19/0581/RCU

I am writing to you with regard to the recent decision of the Council to re-hear the application for Sweettree Fields. I understand you have had legal advice from Mr Tatlow, the Council's legal officer, which suggests that the application should be re-heard due to irregularities in the original process. He will not however discuss his reasons with local residents, citing the council's legal privilege as a client.

I am therefore writing to you to request details of what the procedural irregularity was. I can see no reason why this should be secret or subject to professional privilege. I would also like to know whether those who decided the applications before are now barred from hearing the case again and if not, why not.

Yours sincerely,



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