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TO: DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

WD/D/19/003186 - HOMESTEAD FARM, MAIN STREET, BOTHENHAMPTON, BRIDPORT

We understand that there may be provision for the PC to "speak" at the Planning Committee. If so, we are grateful for the opportunity and submit the following comments for the Committee's attention.

Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council objects strongly to this current development.

The original, agreed plans have not been respected; on the contrary, there have been very significant divergences. Independent surveys commissioned by local residents have shown that the building is over one metre too high; and that the two wings are up to three metres closer to Main Street than they should be, and thus all the more intrusive. Nor is the building composed of local materials.

In every respect, therefore, it is overbearing and unsympathetic in relation to the surrounding buildings and its setting.

The sensitive location of this exceptionally large development, in a conservation area surrounded by listed buildings, would demand stringent compliance with the agreed, original planning application. Unfortunately, this has not happened.

The development has not only damaged the centre of a historic village, to the consternation of many local residents, but it is also surely contrary to the relevant provisions of local plans and the importance these attach to conserving and enhancing the local environment.

The Parish Council therefore trusts the Committee will reject the current application.

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