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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: SMD/2025/0380 Letter of Support (2025-2996)
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Good morning Arne, please find attached below letter of support in relation to the above application. I would be grateful if you could please arrange for this to be appended to the planning file.

Kind Regards

Teresa Critchlow BA(Hons), MPlan

For and behalf of



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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2025, 14:44
Subject: Planning Application
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as a letter of support to a planning application by Lenny Leigh, for a dwelling on a small lot of land he owns on Sutherland Road Longsdon.

I would like to provide you with a little background regarding this support:

I was born in 1963, and grew up almost directly opposite this plot.

I was fortunate enough, to have a wonderful upbringing in village life, and always wanted to stay in Longsdon. Sadly, for a number of reasons that was not to be.

The main reason being, that it was almost impossible for a young man to afford any property in the village at that time, and having applied for planning to build my own house on a small plot adjacent to Mr Leigh. application, soon realised that this was not going to happen.

So, I took the harsh decision, and moved away to the bright light of Leek.

Over the past 40+ years, the village has changes considerably, not always for the best, as we have now lost two shops, the school, and one of the pubs

Could this be due to no sufficient influx of young people actually being their?

This may be for discussion at some other time I think?

Anyway, having now lived away for over 40 years, I now feel the time is right, to get back to my roots, and would strongly recommend what must always be controlled development in such a fragile environment. Therefore I support the application by Mr Leigh , and would hope that if he is successful, I too could apply for planning, and become his neighbour, and move back to where I was born.

Kind Regards,
Dave Lockett.

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