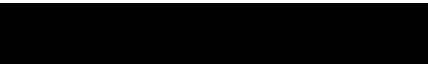




Application Reference No. : SMD/2026/0268 Site Address: Moorside Lodge Moor Court FARLEY ROAD OAKAMoor
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28th July 2026

Dear Mr Swithenbank

Planning Application SMD/2026/0268 : Moorside Lodge, Moorcourt.

It comes as no surprise to me that this subsequent application is a final corner cutting exercise. It can be seen from some of the visible workmanship that cost cutting has been the order of the day.

The site now resembles a shanty town and reminds me of Popeye's village, no way can this be considered a fitting contribution to the estate

Despite the rules relating to planning, the sheer arrogance of the developer is quite evident as 2 of the properties are now occupied, technically in breach of planning regulations, or is permission a forgone conclusion?

Unfortunately buyers are being put at risk because the question of restrictive covenants especially where it is deemed that only one residence can be built on each plot is being ignored. There are other covenants which intertwine with this one and do reinforce the possibility that an embarrassing situation could prevail. At least the developer should offer Restrictive Indemnity Insurance, if he can get it.

At the outset I gave formal notice to the developer regarding my concerns, and offered to discuss the matter, but unfortunately my offer was ignored.

It is a fact that people still believe that planning approval is all that is required, and don't realise that a restrictive covenant can make planning approval useless, it must where doubt exists, be investigated to satisfy the concern.

Yet again the invisible representatives of the people, ie the local councillors, parish councillors and our long forgotten MP, most of whom don't even know where Moorcourt is let alone respect its history are tucked safely out of sight.

Sincerely

Michael McNicholas

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