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Dear Mr Butcher

Land adjoining Croft Lane, Stoke, Hayling Island

Please find attached a copy of a letter I have received today from Havant Borough Council that responds to the one we sent in February. I have the impression that this is not the most urgent matter that Havant are dealing with! I have acknowledged receipt (copy attached).

The main purpose of the letter is to say that they do not accept all of the information that we gave them in February. There are two points at issue: -

1. The aerial photo that Havant has appears to disprove that all the buildings were there in 1991 (we said erected in 1989,89/90 and 1990) but confirms that there was one building there at the time. I presume that this was the main barn.
2. Their notes of a meeting in 1992 relate to an agricultural use, not equestrian, whereas our information is that you were using the site for horses and had converted the main barn to stables by 1988/89

The Council require us to provide more information, to either corroborate our version of events or to provide a better explanation of the discrepancies. Consequently, I now need you to look again at your diary, any old receipts, photographs or whatever, to see if you can provide any additional information.

The information needs to prove when the buildings were erected and if this is before 1991 then to explain why these would not have shown up on a photograph in 1991. Although I have not seen the photo, I suspect that this is one of the aerial surveys that Hampshire County Council commission about every 5 years. It is flown at about 10,000 ft and consequently lacks great detail, but it is normally quite possible to tell where buildings do or don't exist.

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