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To whom it may concern

Supporting statement to Planning application

This planning application consist of two areas of work.

1. Earthworks to driveway.

The current driveway is narrow and steep, which leads to damage particularly in winter conditions. Following discussions with my neighbours, I have chosen to locate my driveway next to theirs, as this will allow both properties to turn vehicles within our private area, and reduce the need to reverse onto the public road. The existing steps and pathway are for mutual use, and this will be replaced with graded permeable paving of a neutral colour to delineate the boundary whilst allowing vehicles to share this area. Permeable paving within each property will be of a darker colour as this is mainly where cars will park and turn. Permeable paving is used to keep the rain water runoff similar to existing open granular finishes. Moving the vehicle entrance at No38 to the North side of the property also takes it away from the road bend and away from the opposite entrance to the Lodge house.

The electrical power supply is being replaced as the existing single supply serves both No38 and No40 properties via a lateral internal live cable through the roof of No38. This is a safety concern and Scottish Power have arranged to supply both houses independently via a new trench leading from the current driveway to No 38 to the boundary on West elevation of No38/40. This will allow direct entry into the roof of both houses and supplies will be independent.

2. Roof and Kitchen Extension.

The existing kitchen roof is uninsulated polycarbonate which leaks frequently. The replacement roof is to be pitched and insulated. The existing kitchen gets most of its natural daylight through the polycarbonate roof panels. The new roof will have three smaller double glazed windows for better insulation and weather proofing. The existing North elevation of the Kitchen comprises sliding glass doors and panels. The new North elevation of the kitchen will be insulated cavity wall construction with a double glazed window and door. The 2 metre kitchen extension toward the East rear elevation is to allow the construction of the new roof before removal of the existing polycarbonate panels and is slightly shorter than my neighbour. The proposed dormer extensions are similar to many other dwellings in this neighbourhood.

I ask for full planning approval of both driveway and building alterations.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Kenny

