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EX23 9RJ  
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Dear Mr Fielding

Ref;- White House Cottage,  
Kilkhampton,  
Bude,  
EX23 9RJ

I write the following statement in support of your planning application with Cornwall Council.

I first met Mr & Mrs Fielding when I became their neighbour in 2007 having purchased 21 acres across the road from them on the A39. I later purchased land adjacent to them on their other side. I now think I surround them. Mr & Mrs Fielding allowed me to put a communal gate between our properties. I have visited them many times since, observing their progress of restoring White House cottage to its original use as a cottage and their home.

White House Cottage had a 4m deep hand dug well which was not suitable as a source of drinking water, so in 2007 I gave them access to the water main on my land. The following year, in 2008 they open cut the main road and connected to the water mains. There was no grid electricity to the cottage, so in 2009 Mr Fielding installed solar panels, a small wind turbine and a bank of batteries. In 2015 I granted the Fielding's an easement to connect to newly installed electricity poles going across my land. I understand they are now in the process of connecting to the mains supply.

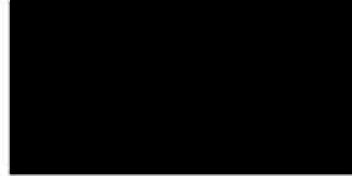
By 2009 there was a toilet connected to the newly installed septic tank system, and by the following year in 2010 there was a fully functioning kitchen and bathroom.

Over the past thirteen years or so the Fielding's have done a good job of improving the property from the eyesore that it once was. New hedges planted on the earth banks, a garden pond, new gates, stone driveway and

parking area, plantings and a drainage ditch to contain the water from the road drain which used to empty across the garden. The cottage now looks like it belongs in the landscape with its 100year old recycled slate roof.

The Fielding's have been good neighbours. I have enjoyed getting to know them and watched all the improvements to the property taking shape with interest. I thoroughly endorse all that they have done to the White House Cottage and support them with their planning application.

Yours sincerely,



Bob Cowell