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Dear sir,

**RE: Proposed Dwelling Chestnut Tree Farm Hoxne Eye Suffolk**

Further to the grant of revised Planning Approval under reference 4370/15 and which has been crystallised on site by way of a verified material start, please find attached our S96 Application.

As approved, the dwelling is shown to have thatch (reeds) as a roof covering and continuously, in certain locations, also as a wall covering. The applicant has been, for many months, seeking to engage a thatcher would install the vertical thatch and give any form of assurance of its on-going integrity. Following recent discussions a solution has now been found which will allow the thatch as Consented to be fixed. It is proposed to add a secret gutter to the roofs at the point which the pitched face transitions to the vertical. This will gather rainwater from the roof and help avoid it adding un-necessary weight to the vertical thatch. In addition, a small barge board will be added to the gables; this will cloak the exposed ends of the thatch.

As the CGIs show the additional elements make no material difference to the appearance of the dwelling and the Applicant considers the gable barge boards add some definition and interest.

I hope this very minor change which will allow the approved and individual cladding to be applied will be found acceptable and I look forward to responding to any comments you may have; if in the meantime you require any further information please feel free to call me at any time.

Yours faithfully,

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