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Brookmeadows House
Bradfield Road
Swafield
NR28 ORH

January 26th 2024

Dear Ms McManus and Mr Alton,

Please find, along with this letter, the Application for removal or variation of the condition associated with original swimming pool application at Brookmeadow House, Bradfield Road, Swafield, NR28 ORH – 01 910303F dated 26th February 1991.

As you are aware I have, on your advice, withdrawn the application PP-12160352 on the basis that applying for a variation of use to the original planning conditions would be a more fail safe method to secure the appropriate consents to allow for commercial use.

I moved to the property after my father passed away and the pool had, since the mid 1990's, been used as a local amenity. I was total unaware that the correct consents were not in place. I am keen to regularize the situation so that the local community can continue to use the pool as paying guests. The pool has been refurbished, at considerable expense, since I bought the house in 2021 and we have upgrade many aspects of the pool with more modern technology. This includes a state of the art dehumidifier and auto-doser to keep the chemical levels even across the day. We have a response centre connected security system. Showering facilities have been improved along with replacing the non-slip flooring, replacing the double glazing and upgrading the roof which has fallen into disrepair during the covid period.

The pool has been used, and continues to be used by a unique range of local people. The pool is bookable online with ease and sessions are for private use. This has the appeal to a wide range of people, including those who find public swimming challenging, either due to neurodiversity or self conscious body image. It also provides a healthy and enjoyable activity for families and we have a regular cohort of seniors who wish to gently swim in a calm environment. As you know from the previous application we have grandparents who taught their own children to swim here, who now come with their grandchildren. Our rules prohibit the use of the pool by sole swimmers or more than 8 swimmers. We have 30 minutes between sessions and ample parking on site.

I would be very grateful if you could progress the application. I believe I have already paid a fee with the previous application and if there is an outstanding balance, I am happy to pay this by return.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and will be much relieved when the appropriate consents are in place. I would like to thank you both for your advice and helpfulness in the is matter.

