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Dear Ms Baker,

**Alleged Breach:** Additional kennels built within the curtilage of a Listed Building without the appropriate planning permission

**Location:** Old Rectory Garden, Church Road, Shillingstone

Thank you for your email dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

I make the point that I take exception with your remarks that I had completely dismissed the alleged second kennel block.

Prior to my site visit I had in fact viewed the video that you supplied and during my site visit, where I was allowed full access to the grounds and kennels, I took a number of photographs to ensure that I was in fact inspecting the building that you have alleged is a new kennel block and which is shown in the video. I note that the video was taken in May 2008.

I carried out extensive desktop research into this matter and planning research as far back as 1955 and there is no planning history on this particular residence to show what kennels had been permitted. The building that I inspected is, in my professional opinion more than four years in age and it was confirmed to me that these kennels had been in place for nine (9) years and recently refurbished with sound-proofing and a new roof. My comment regarding four years is that any building in place after a period of four years, may be unlawful, but I am prevented, by legislation, from taking enforcement action.

As I stated in my original letter, these kennels do not affect the character of the Listed Building and consequently this Local Planning Authority will not be taking any further action in respect to planning matters. The enforcement file has been closed.

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