



Northumberland
County Council

NOTE ON LVIA DISCUSSIONS

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPEAL BY DEVONPORT ESTATES

**CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LANDMARK AND
ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT**

ON

**LAND AT COLD LAW, STIDDLEHILL COMMON, NEAR RIDSDALE,
RAY ESTATE, NORTHUMBERLAND**

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REF: APP/P2935/W/20/3244389

LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY REF: 19/00247/FUL

1. At the Inquiry I provided accounts of:
 - (a) my telephone discussion with Mary Campbell, Planning Director of Stephenson Halliday, around the middle of March 2020 regarding the Review of the LVIA carried out by Stephenson Halliday for the Council; and
 - (b) Rob Murfin, Director of Planning at the County Council, agreeing to my proposal to commission a second review of the LVIA, around the middle of March 2020 that led to the commissioning of Wood Group on 2 April to carry out the review.
2. The gist of the discussion with Mrs Campbell was to seek a discussion with the landscape architect who had carried out review of the LVIA to obtain further details as I considered that the review was quite brief. Mrs Campbell explained that Tom Farrier no longer worked with Stephenson Halliday.
3. The gist of the discussion with Rob Murfin was to discuss my views on the Stephenson Halliday review, to seek his agreement for me to commission a second review of the LVIA and to find out what procurement procedures I should follow.
4. Mr Strachan asked me to provide written corroboration of my accounts, either emails or contemporaneous notes of telephone discussions.
3. I have carried out a detailed search of my emails from the submission of the second application on 28 February 2020 until the commissioning of Wood Group on 2 April 2020 and have been unable to find any that relate specifically to either of these discussions. I explained to Mr Strachan that it is not my normal practice to write up notes of discussions of that nature.
4. Whilst I cannot provide the Inquiry with written corroboration of my accounts, the information I provided to the Inquiry is true to the best of my recollection of these events.

Gordon Halliday

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