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RE WOODCOTE (WD) and the proposed radical additions to the NORTH ARMS (NA)

My interest: I own 50% of WD together with my sister, Mrs S Brough.

My concerns, inter alia are:

1). Fire Danger:

(a) The low height of the kitchen (?) chimney will present a major hazard to WD thatch.

(b) there is an oil storage facility

Immediately against the common NA/WD wall.

(c) While I'm not at all sure what the "external fireplace" is, it too would, prima facie, also appear to be a fire hazard.

Please note I have had material thatch fire and concomitant water damage at my previously owned Rose Cottage property in Wroxton..... so know the danger well!

2) Smells and odours will waft over the green areas we use for entertaining.

QUESTION..... Why does the kitchen have to be jammed into a confined space between WD and NA? The HUGE area of the NA property makes this even more strange.

3) INSURANCE

It is no secret that insurance is difficult to obtain for thatched at the best of times.

QUESTION ..... Has the builder/architect/ owner sought advice from relevant fire/ insurance authorities?

4) Since this is essentially a newbuild, should there not be a statutory distance between the 'new build' and WD. Elsewhere this would be the case (3ft)?

QUESTION ..... if both WD and the main (original) NA building is thatch why is the 'new build' to have slate?

Finally, I found the lack of detail and explanation amazing. Please insist that this be provided in explanations for this application and any future. I am a property developer as chairman of an

ASX listed company and are used to providing authorities with much more detail than I see here ....  
explanations of the effect on the immediate environment. Of significance in this matter, I am a  
C.Eng (Chartered Engineer)

Yours Faithfully,

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