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Parish Council Member's Application for a Dispensation

To: Standards Committee, South Cambridgeshire District Council

Under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, a member who has a prejudicial interest in a matter which is under consideration may not participate in the consideration of that matter by the Parish Council unless he / she has first obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The powers to grant a dispensation are governed by the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensation) Regulations 2002. You may apply for a dispensation by completing this form and sending it to the Monitoring Officer of South Cambridgeshire District Council. Please do so as soon as you are aware of the possible conflict, before South Cambridgeshire District Council Standards Committee is due to meet and before the matter is due to be considered by the Parish Council. Please complete the attached form as fully as possible as the request for dispensation must be written and explain why the dispensation is desirable.

Please note that for Standards Committee to conclude that it is appropriate to grant a dispensation it must have regard to the reason for the request, the content of the written application and to all the other circumstances of the case.

If you are granted a dispensation, please note that the Standards Committee must be notified if the circumstances under which it was granted change.

Your Name and Parish Council / Meeting:

Roger W. Lemon Shudy Camps Parish Council

What is the matter which is shortly to be considered and in respect of which you seek a dispensation?

Planning Application for barn conversion and residential development at Carters Farm, Main Street, Shudy Camps. We have been informed that the Planning Application is being prepared and will be submitted in the near future.

Is this matter to be considered by the Parish Council as a whole or by a sub-committee? If the latter please provide the name of the sub-committee.

To be considered by Parish Council as a whole.

What is the nature of your prejudicial interest?

I am the owner / occupier of the property immediately opposite Carters Farm (Brecklands, Main Street, Shudy Camps)

What is the date of the meeting at which this matter is to be considered?

At the next Parish Council meeting on 14 November 2007 or at a special meeting to be arranged when Planning Application is received.

The grounds for dispensation is that the number of Members of the body that are prohibited from participating in the business of the authority exceeds 50% of those Members that are entitled or required to so participate. Please provide details confirming this:

4 out of 5 members of the Parish Council have a Prejudicial interest in the Planning Application:

Graham Kiddy	applicant (Carters Farm)
Anthony Broscomb	owner / occupier of adjoining property
Roger Lemon	owner / occupier of property immediately opposite Carters Farm
Juliet Battong	part-owner of adjoining property, which is part-owned and occupied by mother
John Haine	no Prejudicial interest

Do you seek a dispensation just for the one meeting or for a longer period? If longer, please state a period not exceeding one calendar year.

I request Dispensation for all meetings at which this Planning Application is on the agenda, starting from the date the Planning Application is received until such date as the Application is determined.

Please set out below the reasons why you consider the Standards Committee should grant this dispensation:

More than 50% of the members of the Parish Council have declared a Prejudicial interest in the proposed Planning Application. The Application is a significant development in the village and we believe that electors in Shudy Camps will wish to express their views on the Application at a meeting of the Parish Council. These views need to be taken into account by the Parish Council in reaching a decision on the Planning Application.

Signed: RW Lemon (signed copy with Democratic Services) Date: 1 October 2007