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Site address: Baads Farm, Anguston Rd, Peterculter, Aberdeen, AB14 0PP

Dear Mr Stewart,

Further to our conversation yesterday, I would confirm that my wife and I have run a stud farm since 1984 using our own stallions and top stallions from all over the world. I, although retired now, was one of Scotland's senior showjumping judges. Julie, apart from being a competitor was a member of the British young riders team.

I would confirm prior to our conversation, you were not known to me. During our discussion you indicated that you had approval and have spent a lot of money constructing stables and fencing at the site address above, having permission to run this as a stud farm and to build a house on the property. You also stated that AB council are refusing to allow you to have a temporary mobile home on site during construction of the house. You should not have horses on a site like this, especially stallions, where there is no on-site accommodation, temporary or otherwise. Horses require 24hr on-site supervision. I am sure that if you speak to the SSPCA, they will confirm this. I would also envisage problems re liability insurance if you were not living on-site.

For some reason, I have been asked to deal with this problem before in Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire and I'm glad to say, common sense prevailed in both cases for two genuine families who now run successful businesses.

I thank you for your offer of compensation for writing this letter but it is not required and I trust you will be successful in your new business venture.

Kind Regards

Thomas Smith

Tom Smith, Director