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Dear Councillor Oliver

Ref- 24/01430/FUL Land adjacent 1 Coltham Fields

I'm writing to you today to share some background about my application. My family and I have been priced out of a house in Cheltenham, so we moved to Gloucester 10 years ago. This application is a chance for us to move back close to our family and friends that we miss so much, and provide the important support network for our growing family. My husband grew up in Eldon Road, just a few hundred metres along Hales Road.

This site has an existing permission, but the design does not suit our needs. The owner who got the permission originally tried to sell the site, but it did not sell because it is not viable to build the approved house.

We've come up with a few different designs that we think would work well on the site. The first one, we can appreciate, was a bit too ambitious. So we listened to the feedback and came up with the current design.

The new design will provide a much better living space with much more outside amenity space than the permitted scheme. It's also a lot smaller than the design refused by the inspector and doesn't have any overlooking issues.

Many of our neighbours support the scheme, especially the ones who live right next door. They're really excited

about the possibility of having a nice property adjacent to them, in place of the existing mess on site.

The site is currently an eyesore with an ugly concrete block wall topped with razor wire, enclosing the Land Rover scrapyard. This scheme will completely change and improve the appearance of Coltham fields, making it a much nicer place to live for everyone.

The ward councillor, Chris Day, also thinks the scheme makes sense and is in favour of approving it. I hope you can see the same thing when you visit the site and make your decision.

In addition to providing housing in a brownfield and sustainable location, we plan to insulate the property to the highest standards and use a heat pump and solar panels to make the home as eco-friendly as possible.

Thank you for your time reading this letter.

Yours faithfully

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