

Dr Keith Robinson
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Dear Dr Robinson

Re: Beech Grove, Trowbridge – Town and Village Green ('TVG') Application

I have been instructed by Wiltshire County Council ('WCC') to act as an Inspector at a non-statutory public inquiry which is to be held at the St John's Parish Centre over 3 days starting on 18 February 2009.

A local resident, a Mr Eli Manasseh, has written to you questioning my appointment on the ground that I have previously acted for West Wiltshire District Council ('West Wilts') which owns the application site.

It is certainly true that I advised *West Wilts* on a wholly unrelated TVG matter in July of this year. The advice I gave was not site-specific and involved post TVG management of land used for recreation and had no bearing on any issue raised on the current application to register. I have had no dealings with the Beech Grove site, nor anything connected with it, and I do not consider myself to be conflicted.

Barbara Mills and I also had an exchange of emails on 9/07/08 on the conflict issue before I was appointed to act as Inspector and she is satisfied that no conflict issue

arises here.

The applicant in the Beech Grove case and his supporters may be reassured that I will deal with his application on the basis of the evidence and materials presented at the Inquiry, but should he wish to take the matter further then he has his remedy in the High Court in which case he should be encouraged to seek independent legal advice.

Yours sincerely,

William Webster