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Dear Ms Upton,

St Mary Hoo Parish Council – Fenn Corner Road Scheme

As a member of St Mary Hoo Parish Council, I understand that I have a personal and prejudicial interest in a proposed road scheme for the construction of a roundabout at the junction of the A228 and Fenn Street, St Mary Hoo. My property is situated close to this junction and any alterations would affect the amenity of anyone living at either Fenn House Farm or in any of Fenn Cottages. I believe a planning application is to be submitted by Medway Council shortly.

The Parish Council consists of five members and a quorum of three is necessary to consider any matter. Apart from myself, two other members also live in the affected properties. This only leaves two members who would not have personal and prejudicial interests. When the planning application has been submitted and received by the Parish Council in its capacity as a statutory consultee, the three of us would have to withdraw, making the Council inquorate. Clearly the Council would not be able to proceed with its business and furthermore would not be able to comment on this most important planning application or discuss progress of the scheme in due course.

I am therefore seeking a dispensation on this matter from the Standards Committee, so that the Parish Council can undertake its responsibilities in discussing and commenting on this road scheme.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hassell