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FAO – Rt. Hon Greg Clark MP
Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Dear Mr Clark

Re: Planning Inspectorate Decision – Land at Place Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight - Appeal Reference
APP/P2114/W/14/3001191 (appendix 1), Planning application No P/01307/13

Request for Planning Inspectorate Decision to be reviewed

We are writing to you to respectfully request that this Planning Inspectorate Decision be reviewed by yourself for the reasons laid out below. This decision was made by Planning Inspector David Smith BA Hons dated 6 July 2015 with written representations as opposed to a full hearing. We are aware that the Planning Inspectorate has a specialist remit as one of the constituent Executive Agencies of your Government Department.

Following recent consultation with Andrew Turner MP who is the elected Member of Parliament for the Isle of Wight Constituency, we have been advised that it is acceptable to contact you regarding this matter. Mr Turner has given his full support to our submission and has stated he will also contact you himself direct.

Please see attached the background (appendix 2). At Gurnard Parish Council we have absolutely embraced your Governments Localism Agenda, including starting work on a Neighbourhood Plan in 2012. (Appendix 3)

We would also like to draw to your attention a number of previous decisions made by the Rt. Hon Eric Pickles MP as Secretary of State for Communities in the last few years. These decisions overturned Planning Inspectorate decisions that had discounted emerging Neighbourhood Plans and their effects. (Appendix 4)

As a Parish Council, we hope very much that you will be able to spend some time reviewing this Planning Inspectorate decision which has had a great effect on our local community. The ramifications of this current approval by the Inspectorate now leaves our emerging Neighbourhood plan in some difficulty within a local community that more than 3 years ago grasped at the Government concepts and ideals in the Localism Act which appear to have now been ripped from their hands.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Sean Harrison MBE
Chairman - Gurnard Parish Council

c.c. Andrew Turner (MP Isle of Wight), David Cameron (Prime Minister), Alan Marriott (Editor, Isle of Wight County Press), Wendy Perera (IW Council Planning Department, Mr D Burbage (IW Council Chief Executive), Councillor J Bacon (IW Council Leader).