

TOLMAN HOUSE

Ms Lisa Walton
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Tolman House Planning Application—Supporting Documentation

Dear Ms Walton,

Thank you very much for your site visit and for your help and advice.

As discussed with you, this application is an attempt to adapt to the changing tourism market and to offer high quality self-catering accommodation in place of our current guest house provision.

Since we purchased Tolman House in 2006 visitor numbers have dropped which has had a significant effect on our business. In addition there seems a definite trend towards self-catering and the independence and catering flexibility that this offers. This is especially important in our Old Town location where we have found that, particularly early and late in the season, there can be uncertainty as to restaurant provision. We attempted to overcome this problem by providing evening meals, but with limited success..

We now see a move to the plans as outlined as the only way to protect our business and continue viability into the future.

Obviously, this will entail a considerable financial outlay and so we would also ask you to address the issue of the current 106 condition on our personal accommodation, " Little Tolman ". When the planning permission to convert the boatshed was granted a 106 was placed on this building named " Little Tolman ". However, the permission stated that if at some point in the future the owner/manager of Tolman House should live at Tolman House, then sympathetic consideration would be given to transferring the 106.

We would ask for the 106 to be moved to one of the units in Tolman House. We are a couple and would have no difficulty in moving to one of the units in the summer so as to be able to let "Little Tolman". The resultant increase in income would allow the project to proceed (if granted) on a much firmer financial footing.

Yours sincerely,


Julia & Giles Grottick

