

Demelza Noall

Proof of Evidence – regarding Dean Aggett's bundle

In support of Appeal by Dean Aggett

Appeal reference: APP/Y1138/X/26/3378579

Relating to land at 'Meadow Forge', Cadeleigh, Tiverton, EX16 8RZ

- 1 My name is Demelza Noall and I am Dean Aggett's, the appellant's, partner.
- 2 I am currently finishing my diploma to practice as a counsellor and hold an enhanced DBS in order to work with vulnerable adults within the community.
- 3 This is my statement regarding the accusations of Dean having Post It notes in his evidence folder during his cross examination on the 8th September 2026.
- 4 The day and night previous to the inquiry Dean stayed with me at my house and on the afternoon of the 7th September 2026, in preparation for the inquiry, he looked through his folders. I was with Dean as he added some green highlights, which were to help him see where the parts that were important to him were located due to his dyslexia. He can struggle to understand the meaning of words and it's important to him to have the specific understanding of each one being used, especially when there are multiple descriptions being used to describe the same thing. The PCN notices used multiple ways to describe the building that is Meadow Forge and Dean's residential status there. It was important to Dean to have this highlighted in order to be able to identify the different descriptions being used as they caused him confusion.
- 5 Once Dean had added the highlights he closed the folder and put it in his bag ready to take to the inquiry the following day. We were together for the remainder of the day and that night and I can attest that there were no post it notes in either folders at the time of highlighting and that none were added before the inquiry. The folders stayed in the bag until he took them out at the Hartnoll Hotel.
- 6 During his time giving evidence, I sat behind Dean to the left hand side (looking towards the inspector). In front of me to my right sat Myles Broom. He slightly blocked my view so I moved my chair further to the left side in order to be able to see both Dean and Miss Spenser clearly.
- 7 I saw Dean struggle with the introduction of a different folder, the bundle, provided by the Council as he was expecting to use his white folders. He did however attempt to use both files when asked to do so.
- 8 I saw both of his white files open on the table and resting on his lap at different times and at no point did I see any post it notes in either of them. There were however, a variety of different coloured tabs within his white folders used to mark the different sections within. The tabs from these stuck out to the sides and were clearly visible. They were pastel colours similar to that of post it notes. Dean used these as they are expected to be used; to find the relevant sections being referred to, even if he struggled to do that.

- 9 It has been mentioned that Dean was labouring his points from his folders. As he was being cross examined and accused of lying at the time. I would suggest giving a considered answer is the right response for someone in that position, regardless of which folder was being used.
- 10 Whilst giving his evidence Dean was asked to read his statement out loud and it has been pointed out that he didn't struggle to read it. As with any neurodivergence, it affects people in different ways and for Dean that comes across in his understanding of words, his spelling, his punctuation and his formatting of written materials, not in his reading.
- 11 After finishing that day Dean put his white folders back in his bag and we both went back to his home. The bag with the folders in stayed in the kitchen downstairs without being removed until the following day where he took them to the second day of the inquiry. He took them out and put them on the table. This is the only time they were removed from the bag since the end of the previous day. This is when Miss Spenser asked Mr Charlton if she could look at them. Shortly after the Inspector arrived and the issue was raised with him.
- 12 At no point before, during or after the inquiry did Dean put post it notes in his folders and so there were no such post it notes to remove from them.

And I believe that the contents of the proof of evidence are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Dated: _____

Demetra Noali

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Dated: 19.9.26.