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Ref.: Planning Application for Demolition of existing cottage and Replacement with a new dwelling and associated garage/outhouse.

Ref.: APP/2008/1023

(Previous Ref.: APP/2006/ 3959)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

This application is a revision to the proposals within the previous planning consent of 05/06/2007, APP / 2006 / 3959. The application cover letter dated 20-03-08 was termed "change of house type" which was my incorrect interpretation of the categorisation.

I wish to confirm that the applicant owns all of the lands in excess of 90 m surrounding the application site.

The revised proposal includes a re-design of the residence plus an associated garage / outhouse within the (increased) curtilage. This garage/outhouse shall be used for domestic purposes only, ancillary to the residence.

A period (Scottish Baronial) style architecture was adopted to be in keeping with the surrounding architecture of Strathdon, because of the site's vicinity to Glenbuchat Castle, and to improve aesthetics when viewed from the A97 within the Cairngorms National Park. We consulted with RCAHMS archives in Edinburgh for references of façade details, roof angles and dimensions.

Relocation of solum and an increased curtilage was planned to improve site layout for containing services, improve the aspect and reduce visual impact. Proposed field stone walling is intended to make the application site boundaries connect to neighbouring field boundaries and look more established than new.

Yours Sincerely,
Best Constructors Ltd.


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cc. David Sole.