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Lemon Valley View
Thompson's Hill
Island of St Helena

11 January 2005

The Chairman, Land Planning and
Development Control Agency
Jamestown

Dear Sir

With reference to a letter from the Planning Officer dated 28 September 2004, Ref PB/1/AC.

In response to the referenced letter, I write to advise that I have consulted with your office and Mr Jack Peeters: and in response to a letter (dated 26 October 2004) from Mr Patrick Yon, the Senior Engineer (Energy), I have subsequently written (on 12 November 2004) and forwarded to both Mr Yon Energy Department and Mr Herman Williams, Senior Engineer (Water Division), a copy of the adjudication Plan in relation to the land in question.

For the information of your Agency, out of approximately 31 acres of land, I am seeking permission to sell 3.5 acres (representing a strip of land as shown on the attached plan), for the purpose of providing much needed house plots. It should be noted that I have had quite a lot of enquiries on the sale of land for this purpose, and whilst I realise, that according to your letter, that this land forms a part of the Green Belt, housing development has grown in this area and in fact a part is butt and bound to this very same property.

It is on the following that I am making this application to your Agency:

- This land forms a part of my livelihood – land that was purchased in first instance to develop timber logs for sale to the ANRD Sawmill, which has almost come to a standstill, with very little development in this field.
- It must be realised also of course, that not everyone wants to live or build/develop their homes in Half Tree Hollow or Bottom Woods. In reality this proposal allows for housing development in an area that is relevant to what people is looking for - that is peace and quiet and countryside; and of course geared towards any potential development for retired ex-patriots and/or inward investors who may want to live or invest in St Helena.
- The area presents itself, in close proximity, to all relevant services – water, electricity, drainage and roads – which could be realised at a very low cost. Drainage and surface waters can be used to irrigate the surrounding lands, which can't be entertained at this time due to the present cost of water.
- The area is already linked to a residential area as mentioned earlier. Road networks in the area lends itself to a through/second road to the area in

question and Thompson's Hill, linking Rosemary Plain/Molly's Gut/Farm Buildings, and perhaps Casons and Broad Bottom as well – this will eliminate the somewhat hazardous road that now exists.

- The rights and values of people (St Helenians and Ex-patriots) in having the right and opportunity to live in a reasonable 'green area' – keep people on the lands where they can have a small garden which would assist with the economic development of the island. This would also assist with the need of not having to create any additional infrastructure in other built-up areas – in other words – spread the costs and the initiatives to other areas away from those that may be problems areas at this time, and where very few want to build or develop.
- Executive Council, on 11 January 2005, approved the release of land for house plots from various dedicated or national forests areas – but with the proviso that care should be taken where these plots are leased, as even at this time Longwood is experiencing problems with water shortages. Here is an area where all services are within close proximity.
- That said, I now strongly request the Planning and Building Control Agency to give fair and valued consideration to my application to allow a strip of land (equivalent to approximately 3.5 acres) of my land (parcel No. 2/157) situated near Blueman's Field for the purpose of making available housing plots for housing development in an area that is currently served (in close proximity) with all utilities – water, electricity and access.
- I look forward to the support of your Agency and a favourable reply at your earliest convenience.
- Yours faithfully



- Ken Henry
- Land Owner