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To: Pelan, Dr Kevin
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Dear Dr Pelan,

I was one of the residents who gave evidence to the Committee on 5th November last. The Chair left us with a standing invitation to provide the Committee with further evidence.

I was perturbed at the session on 26th Nov when Departmental officials briefed the Committee on their proposed definition of a HMO and the rationale behind it.

On one specific matter, the officials informed the Committee that some of the houses in the Holyland were too small to obtain planning permission for conversion to flats.

The assertion is simply not correct. I know at least two properties which represent precedents for converting the smallest properties in the Holyland to flats. These two bedroom properties are 1 Damascus St (conversion application approved 21 December 2012) and 1 Penrose St (05 August 2008).

I would be grateful if you would convey this important information to the Committee.

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