

DEEPEN, CRISP & EVEN ENGINEERING LLP
Structural Engineers

21st June 2006

Messrs Lapland Builders OS
Site Office
Dunroamin Avenue
Wooton under Edge

For the attention of Bill Stickers – Site Manager

Dear Mr Stickers,

Three Kings Project, Wooton under Edge

I refer to the design of apex connection 27 mentioned at our site meeting last week. I understand that you have discussed the matter with your steelwork contractor, Sleighbells, and following assurances given to you by them you have decided to continue with that connection as designed. As we advised, we would strenuously urge the upgrade of design of this connection which simply will not withstand the forces applied to it.

Under the terms of our appointment we are obliged to examine and advise on the structural design submitted to us. We have verbally advised both directly to Sleighbells and to yourself and for the sake of completeness we now do so in writing.

It is our opinion that the design of the apex connection 27 is not fit for its purpose in that it will not take the forces applied to it and its failure will ultimately lead to a collapse in the roof. We advise in the strongest possible terms that the connection ~~and the steelwork surrounding it~~ be strengthened to take the forces which will pass through it.

You have advised that you have every confidence in Sleighbells' design and will not take any further action on this issue. We must therefore place on record that we wholly disassociate ourselves from the design of this connection and therefore the structural integrity of all connections provided by Sleighbells and from the consequences of your decision to continue to use it.

Yours sincerely,

Theo Delight
Managing Partner