

1 Clarendon Street  
Wolverhampton  
WV3 9PP

27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Secretary of State for Community and Local Government  
5 St. Philips Place  
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Birmingham  
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To whom it may concern

**Reference:RR/RCP017267**

The property of 1 Clarendon Street, Wolverhampton, WV3 9PP, was owned by my Granddad, Mr Sohan Singh Chana, who passed away in 1986. My father, Didar Singh Chana, occupied the property with my family until 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2008, when he also sadly passed away. The property was then left vacant due to emotional trauma of having lost loved ones in that house.

Mr Richard Long from Wolverhampton City Council contacted us on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Due to lack of funds and my paternal grandmother (Sohan Singh Chanas widow) being diagnosed with dementia and the whole family looking after her, we were partly distracted as we were very worried that we may lose her too, therefore work had not commenced. There was also an ongoing family dispute between my dads siblings as to whose name the house should be transferred into. This was then resolved in October 2019, where GLS Solicitors were instructed to get the house transferred into my name. Wolverhampton Council then spoke to GLS Solicitors who confirmed they had been instructed to handle the legal side of the property transfer. Unfortunately, the Council and I have had no communication from GLS Solicitors since.

In February 2020, the funds were raised and ARP Building Services were instructed to complete the work. In early March 2020, the property was stripped and work had commenced (please find attached photographic evidence).

In late March, 2020, we entered a national lockdown. Material was not available and the builder was shielding due to COVID-19. A deposit had been paid so we were not able to instruct anyone else to complete the work.

Sohan Singh Chanas son, my uncle, died early January 2021 and my Nan passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Additionally, I, Pavitar Singh Chana, caught COVID-19 on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021, and was hospitalised due to this. I am still recovering and still under medical care of the virtual COVID Wards at Phoenix Centre, Wolverhampton (see medical evidence attached).

I am respectfully asking and pleading with a heavy heart for a 9 month extension due to these unforeseen circumstances to complete this work. During these 9 months, I can guarantee that I will instruct a solicitor to transfer the house into my name legally and that all works will be completed in this property compliant to current building regulations, ready for occupancy. Full funds are still available and my builder is ready to recommence work immediately once the extension has been approved.

I do not wish to lose this property due to sentimental value and attachments. I hope you are able to see this from the content of the letter above. I am ready to resolve this matter immediately following your response at your earliest convenience. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on either 07581 356876 or via email.

Yours faithfully

Mr Pavitar Singh Chana









