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Please Direct to Karen Reid

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your Ref. 40040/05

Colin Bennett v. United Kingdom

Thank you for your letter dated 14 November 2005.

A couple of weeks ago I telephoned to seek some advice and spoke to a very helpful young woman. The upshot of the conversation was that she suggested that I write quoting the name Karen Reid and a section number which I forget. Sorry!

I have to say that your letter dated 14 November 2005 gives very little information on whom to reply to on receipt of that letter. No doubt you have a system where the reference number tells all.

I shall have to put my application to the European Court of Human Rights into 'cold storage'. The decision which I feel breached by human rights was that made by a Planning Inspector in April 2005. I did not have the funds to challenge this matter in the English courts. I was hoping for some *pro bono* help to pursue the matter in the courts but so far I have not been successful. In one way, you could say that I have 'exhausted all domestic remedies' due to financial reality but the young woman thought that this was not a powerful point. So, I will attempt to bring the matter to the courts in order to get some decision from them. It will not be easy and I might have to overcome an out-of-time provision.

Thank you for your courteous and helpful assistance in dealing with me. I do hope to return to you one day. Don't destroy any documents, please.

Yours faithfully,

Colin B Bennett

P.s. As you know, I am a registered blind person, and that factor did not make things any easier.