

31 August 2007

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Dear Mr Rider,

Architects Act 1997

By letter dated 6 August the Clerk has informed me that the hearing will take place on 17 and 18 September. Subject to the resolution of a fault in the proceedings and satisfactory evidence being provided that the Committee is properly constituted and uninfluenced in its judicial capacity, having received the Clerk's letter as notice under Rule 6 of the PCC Rules, and intending to defend the charge which the Board is proceeding with against me, Rule 7 now becomes operative.

Accordingly, please take notice that I have decided to appear at the hearing and that the brief particulars of the defence (for the purposes of Rule 7) which I am intending to put are in two parts:

1. There is no case to answer because the facts and circumstances set out in the Report of the Board's solicitor disclose no basis for an allegation to be submitted under s.14 of unacceptable professional conduct, having regard to:—
 - (a) section 13 of the Act, and
 - (b) the absence of anything in the Act authorising the Board to prescribe a requirement or demand breach of which (such as that alleged against me) makes a registered person liable to disciplinary proceedings under Part III of the Act.

2. Alternatively, if the Committee were to continue with the proceedings on the basis that there is a case to be answered (which is not admitted), the evidence shows only proper conduct on my part, and in no way supports an allegation of unacceptable professional conduct.

My defence, if required, will be made orally. Given that the Board has provided no exposition of its case beyond the written allegations (your letter 31 July refers), I do not intend to give evidence or to call others. I had hoped to provide with this letter a list of further documents, but I have been unwell this week and take holiday next week, so that will have to wait I am afraid.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter. I look forward to receiving your reply to my letter of 24 August 2007.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Salisbury