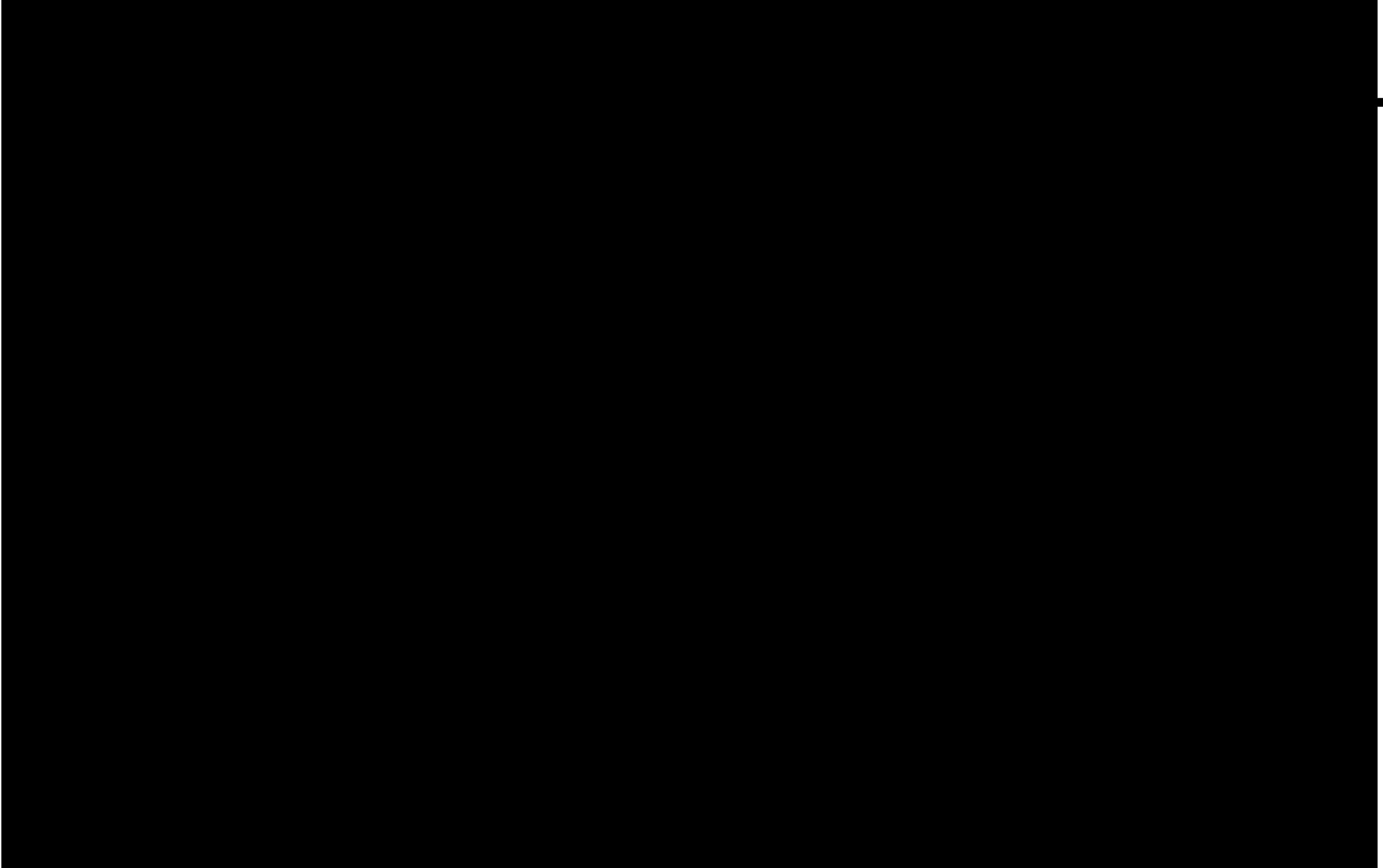




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Subject: Lobbying and the Applicants Effort to Reverse the Previous Committee Decision Planning Committee Report DM/25/3132

Colleagues,

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend Planning Committee this Thursday, 11th June.

Given the scale of the lobbying on the part of the applicant I would like to make a few points.

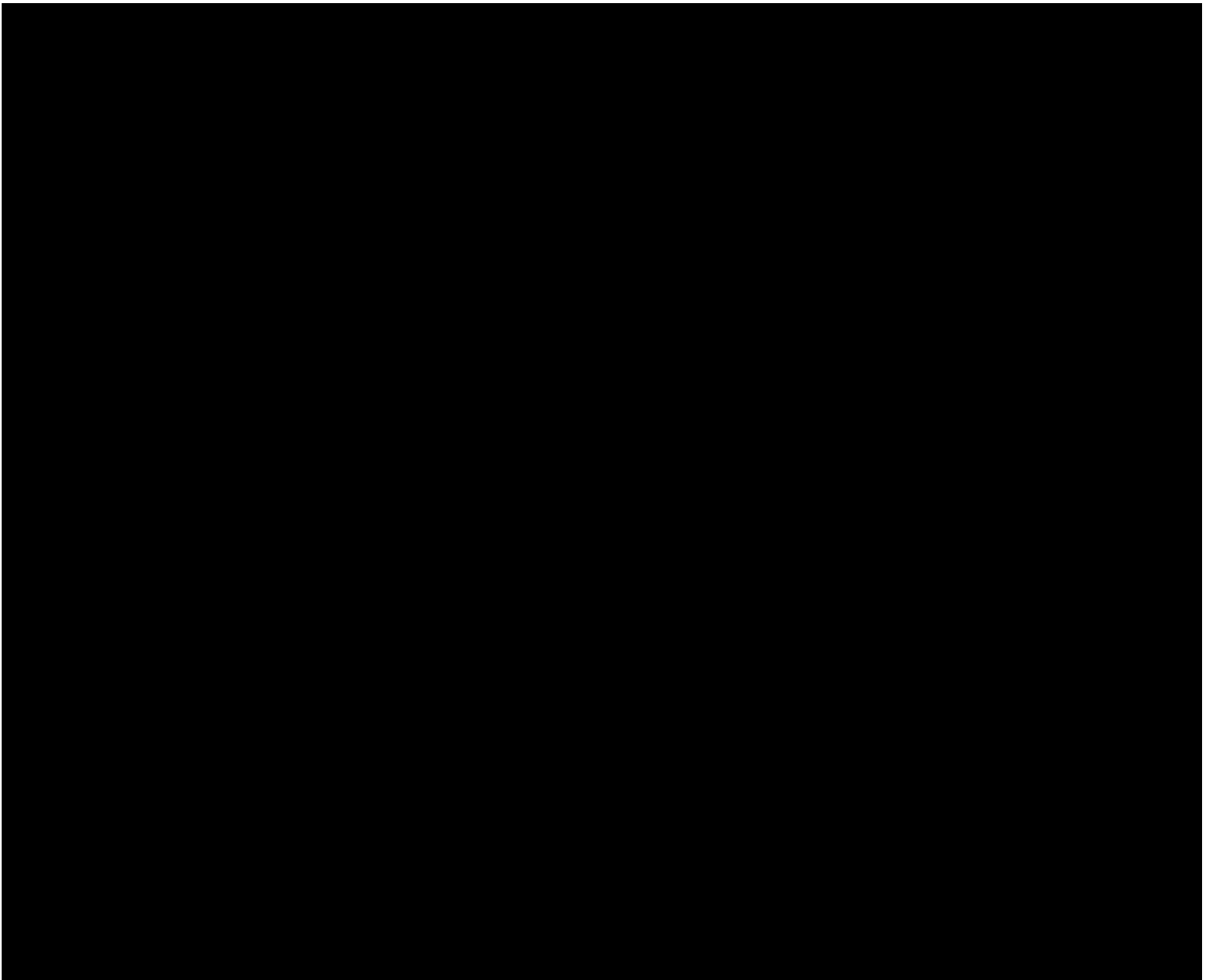
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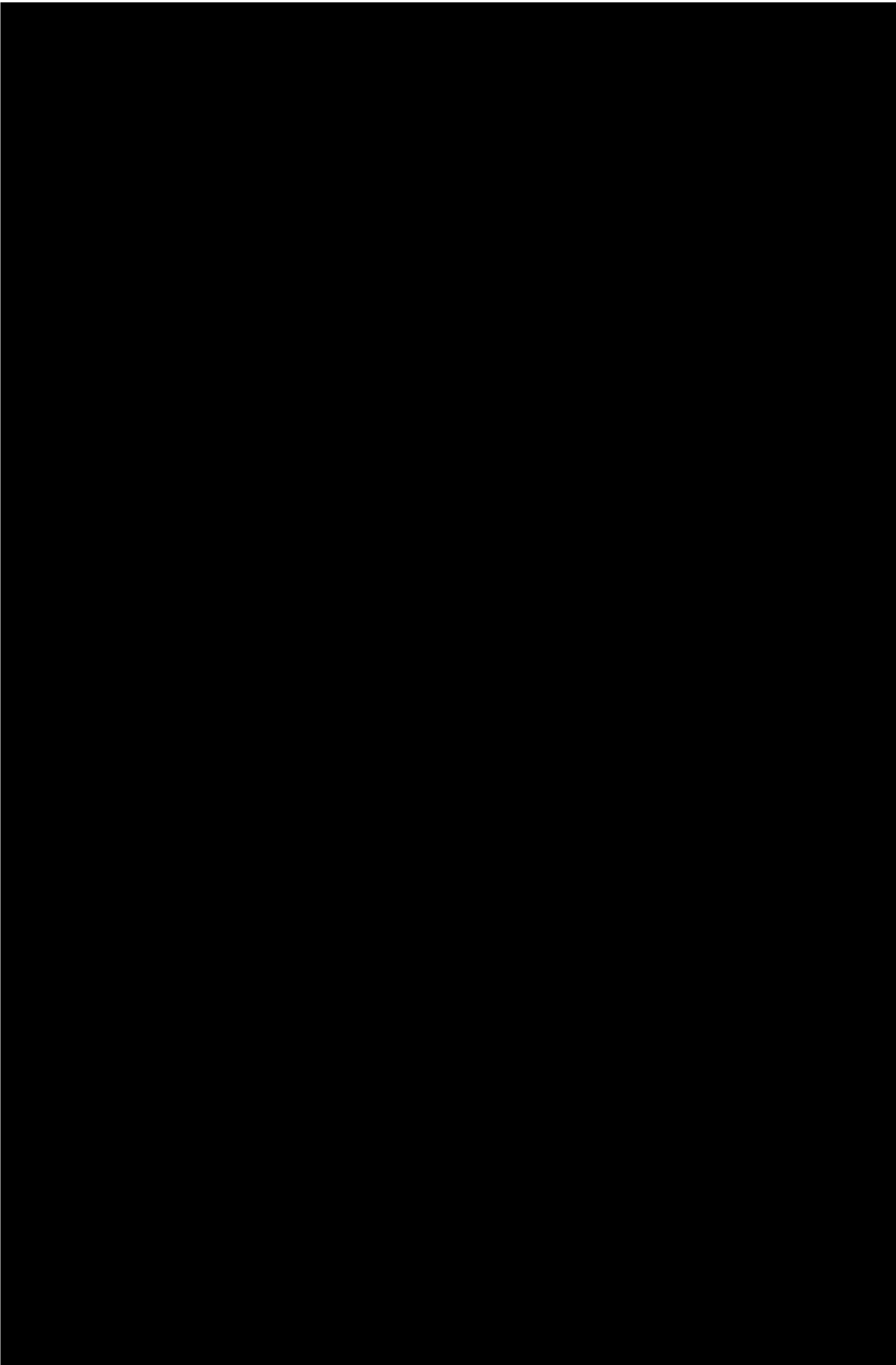
1. The application should be refused as per the officers report
2. The relevant history here is that the applicant bought a listed property at which point he ought to have understood that he became the property's custodian with limited rights as to how he could alter it. He submitted an application for a redevelopment (much like the one he went on to build). That proposal was unacceptable. He freely agreed an alternative proposal with officers, which was acceptable to them. He then proceeded to build as per his initial plans in disregard of the proposal that he had agreed with officers. He did so in breach of his obligations.

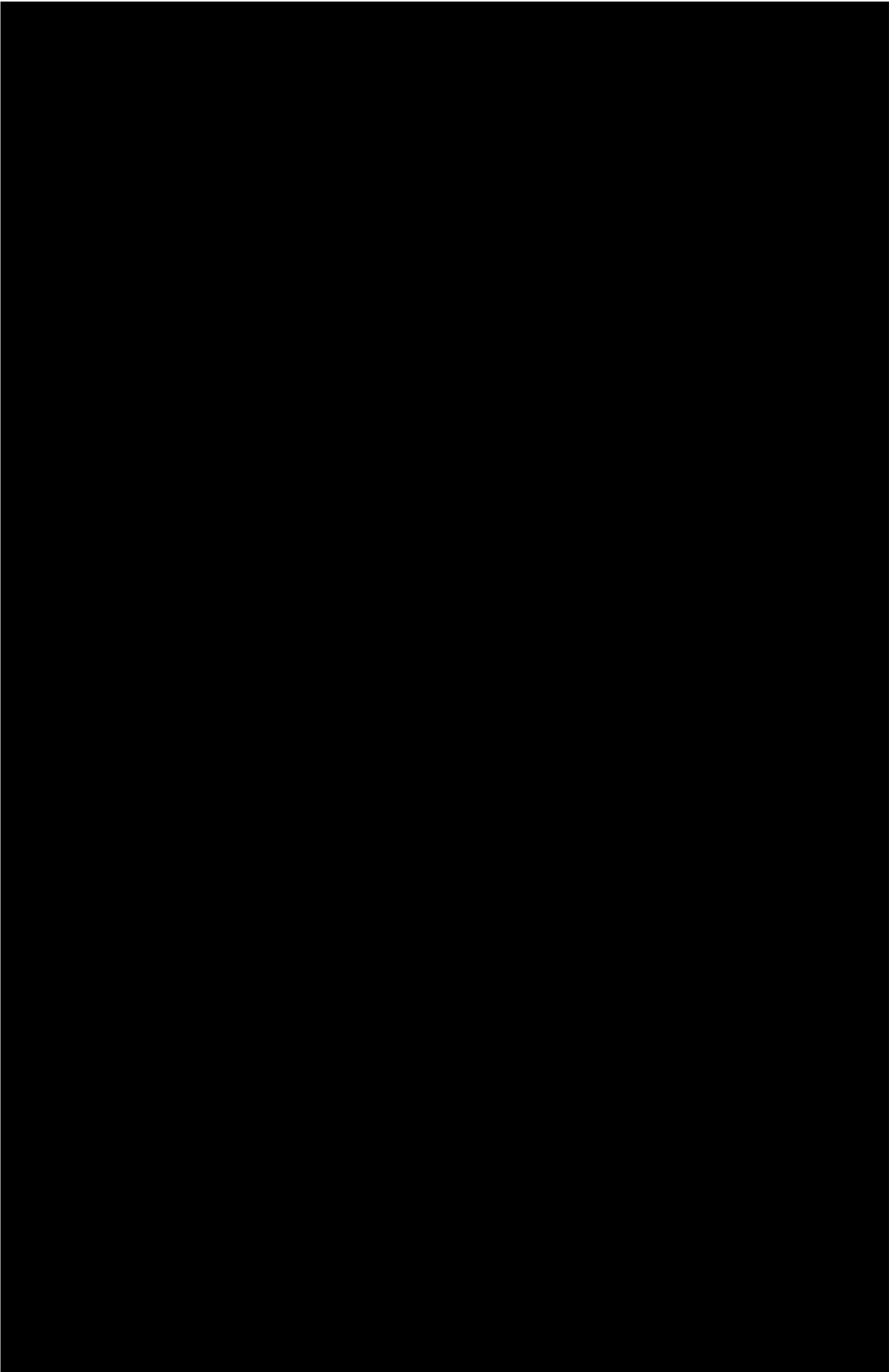
3. The applicants behaviour in besmirching the officers and the repeated, highly partial, endlessly nitpicking points about aspects of the development are in my view aggravating additions to the original high handed behaviour.
4. When showing committee members around the property (I went on the previous occasion) the applicant seemed oblivious to the damage he had wrought to the original fabric and focussed solely on what he deemed to be a well designed home. The house he refashioned with ensuite bathrooms carved out of the original interior and a disproportionate extension fits the current trends in design and makes the property highly marketable (it was a veritable show home when I attended). The changes met the applicant's sensibilities not his responsibilities.
5. Much is made in the lobbying that we committee members have received about two matters. First, support from neighbours. I can inform members that this view is by no means universal and there are those that object to what has been done and to the applicants approach. Second, the subjective, and exaggerated accounts from the applicant concerning the condition of the property before redevelopment are designed to support the argument that the changes he made are beneficial. Improvements of the fabric of the building are of course very welcome, but the fact remains that the changes made did not need to be of this damaging nature.

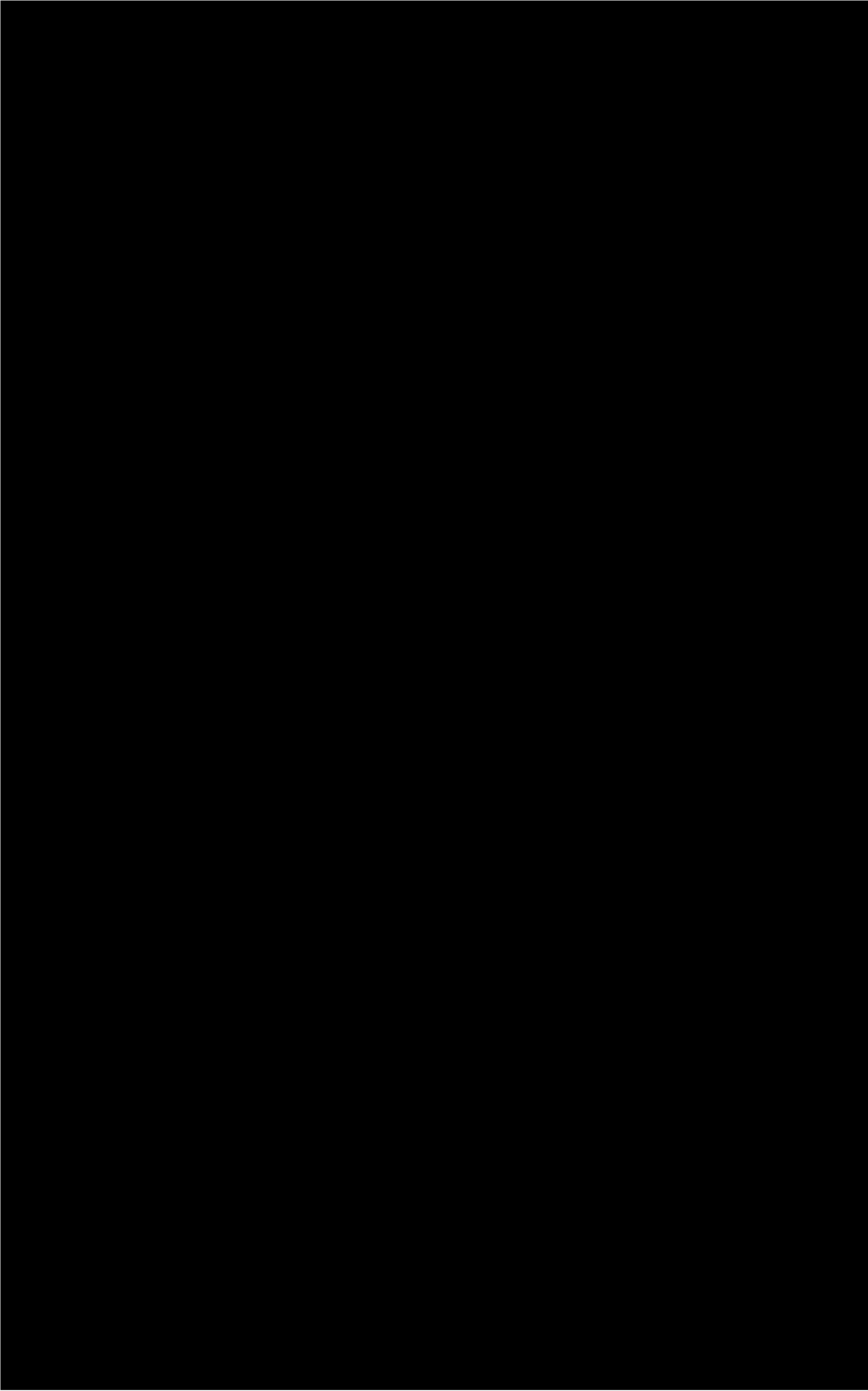
I think this saga needs to be brought to close by the applicant accepting responsibility for his actions instead of constantly relitigating the issues.

Regards
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