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Dear All,

It is again "without prejudice" that I inform you of what is currently happening with regard to Mum's estate.

I have spoken with Theresa and it would appear that there are those amongst us who are not in agreement to sell as soon as possible. To be honest, it does not make sense to hold on to a property that will inevitably fall into disrepair.

When Mum made her will, on the 4th of October 2007, the solicitor rang me, in Mums presence. The solicitor said; Mum was aware that I lived some distance from the property and that the procedure would entail dealing with certain issues on a long distance basis. I spoke with Mum, before the solicitor visited her and after she had left. Mum said; she knew this delegation would not be pleasurable but she had nevertheless, decided to go ahead and hoped that I would not object. I agreed to do as she asked and although the key responsibilities i.e. registering her death, probate, tax etc. were straightforward, I do not think it was her intention to burden me with the harsh opposition that I have since encountered.

I would like to put your minds at rest with regard to the decision to lay new carpets. This was my decision! As a result of consultation with other beneficiaries; it was felt, it would enhance the property and essentially, present it more attractively to prospective buyers and therefore speed up the selling process. I will finance this, as it has been suggested that I am frittering away your inheritance. I do not quite understand the reasoning here, because, if the house is left on the market, as no doubt, it will be, if we leave the carpet as it is and with the furniture in situ; the dilapidation of the building added to the imposed levy of "Council Tax" will most certainly impact on individual benefits and outweigh the cost of any reasonably priced carpet.

As I have already said, I do not wish to cause anyone any stress or worry, however, I had to make a decision with regard to the furniture and apparently this has caused something of a stir, too. I therefore suggest that the furniture be collected by a removals company and delivered to Rosemary's home in Southampton. The remuneration would be taken from the estate and therefore enable those who are having difficulty with arranging transport. This will ensure that the lovely furniture goes to those it was intended for. I suggest this because, Rosemary herself, has apparently made the suggestion of storing Karen's furniture to others in the family. I know that Rosemary may not be able to go to Southampton at short notice but it occurred to me that she may be able to arrange something with Susan, to enable the removals men to gain access to the property. If this proposal is amenable to Rosemary and Karen, all that is required, is a short E-mail to confirm and I will gladly go ahead with the arrangements and inform you of the date of collection and delivery.

Kind regards

Linda