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Our Ref: TR010006
Date: 21 January 2013

Dear Mr Ashton,

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Thank you for your email sent on 15 January 2013 regarding the above project.

This proposal is currently in its pre-application stage, with no date being officially set for the submission of the application to The Planning Inspectorate.

Once an application is submitted, a decision will be made within 28 days as to whether the application can be accepted for examination. If the application is accepted, there will be the opportunity to register your views with the Planning Inspectorate and participate in the examination by completing a relevant representation form, giving you interested party status. Details about how and when to register will be publicised by the developer. Please note that you are unable to register as an interested party during the current (pre-application) stage of the process for this proposal.

If an application is taken forward to the examination period, an Examining authority will be appointed. This may be a single Examining Inspector or multiple Inspectors depending on the proposal. The Examining authority will arrange for a Preliminary Meeting to be held, the day after which the examination will officially begin.

Following this a letter in accordance with Rule 8 of the Infrastructure Planning Examination Rules 2010 (as amended) will be sent from the Examining authority as soon as practicably possible. This will outline key dates in the examination period, it will also inform you of when you can submit a written representation, and this can only be done if you have previously registered as an interested party. Letters in accordance with Rule 8 which have previously been issued are available on our website, on the project pages of all applications that are in the examination period.

Further information about how to participate in the application process can be found in our advice notes. I have provided links below to two advice notes which may be of particular interest to you:

"Advice Note 8.1: How the process works"

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Advice-note-8.1v4.pdf>

"Advice Note 8.2: Responding to the developers pre-application consultation"

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Advice-note-8.2.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.