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Dear Rynd Smith

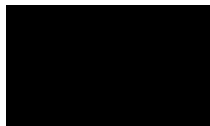
Thank you for your letter of 3 March 2023.

The position is that Essex County Council (ECC) was appointed as commissioner to Thurrock Borough Council under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 with respect to certain strategic financial decisions of Thurrock. Essex County Council is not appointed and has no formal role with respect to Thurrock's response to the LTC proposals. Clearly Thurrock's response may have financial consequences and ECC would expect Thurrock to discuss and agree those implications with ECC as Commissioner. As you may know Thurrock Council voted in January 2023 to oppose the application made by National Highways.

Therefore, the primary response on your questions has to be from Thurrock Council. Essex County Council will not be able to indicate how Thurrock will be responding to this matter or how it will proceed.

I hope this clarifies the position

Yours sincerely



Gavin Jones
Chief Executive