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Dear George,

Many thanks for the prompt, we have it in the diary. Bedford Borough Council would like to attend the preliminary hearing and participate and I will fill in the forms shortly.

The issue we have is that the applicants have still not provided all of the information required for the Council to reach a position on many of the matters. We have held several meetings with them and have been promised information however this has not yet arrived. For example there is a listed building in our area proposed to be demolished. The applicants haven't yet gained access to that building to do any assessment work of its merits therefore we cannot reach an assessment position on Heritage. Similarity on noise and vibration we have been promised a meeting for weeks about the Borrowpits which could potentially have significant impacts for our nearby local residents. This has not happened yet nor have we been provided with the basic noise information therefore again we cannot reach a view on this matter.

The Council is extremely dissatisfied that we are being backed into a corner on many matters with this application without the basic information being available yet to reach a considered position.

You will be aware that all four LPAS affected sent a letter dated 9th July seeking an extension of time to deal with the Local Impact Reports and submissions. I am not aware we have received a response yet. Again Bedford Borough requests this on the basis that:

- 1) As of this morning we do not yet have sufficient information with which to reach out position on several key aspects of the DCO.
- 2) The timings of requiring everything to be submitted by the end of August when many key staff are on their annual leave is causing significant issues both in engagement with the applicants and preparing the responses.

I would be grateful if you could advise ASAP on this.

Regards

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