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Delivered by email and post

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Dear Mr Mohammed

**A/23/15/OUT LAND SOUTH OF NEW ROAD (A259) AND EAST OF BROOK LANE, ANGMERING
FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF ROPEMAKER PROPERTIES LTD**

Further to our letter dated 23rd July, we note that the Council has received further advice from its retail consultant concerning this application as set out within DPDS' letter dated 20th August 2015.

This advice expressly refers to letters received from Montague Evans (dated 20th June), Store Property Investments Ltd (Dated 19th June) and Dalton Warner Davis (DWD) (dated 1st July) and subsequent email from DWD (dated 16th July). However, no reference is made by DPDS to my client's response (our letter dated 23rd July) which also raises a number of retail-related issues, despite this having been issued to the Council well in advance of DPDS' own letter being issued to the Council.

We are therefore concerned that our client's response has been overlooked. This is also particularly concerning given that the Council has indicated that it is now satisfied, based on the advice provided by DPDS, that the Applicant has demonstrated compliance with the relevant retail policies. We strongly contest this on the basis that DPDS has not given any consideration to my client's proposition regarding the sub-division of the former Waitrose unit in Littlehampton.

To reiterate, we duly request that the Council gives consideration to our client's willingness to work with and provide a realistic proposition for M&S to accommodate the retailer within Littlehampton, in a location where it would provide a positive contribution to the overall vitality and viability of the town centre in accordance with the objectives of the NPPF.

Clearly it is important that the application is considered fairly and without prejudice to our client's position.

Should you have any questions or queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at these offices.

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Yours sincerely



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