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Subject: LU/93/26/PL & LU/72/25/OUT

Megan,

Hi. As you know a new NPPF was published only last week and your application is yet to be determined.

We have yet to fully digest the new NPPF and, as the application is currently not yet determined, I am concerned about the council issuing a decision on the application without being able to fully consider any implications of a material change in circumstances and produce documentation showing that we have taken a decision against all relevant material considerations at the time of determination.

I'm aware that David has prepared an update report for tomorrow's Committee on the application around ensuring that the RfR are correctly decided upon, but this update does not include consideration of any issues associated with the new NPPF. Unfortunately, he is on leave this week and I am unable to discuss these matters with him.

For that reason, I have concluded that the council need to pause for a moment. We intend to spend some time over the coming weeks doing this and will ensure that update reports for planning committee include consideration of this issue. I apologise for this and the late notice, but I am going to withdraw the update report for committee tomorrow from the agenda to allow for this process to be followed. I don't see any reason why we would be unable to do this in time for the September meeting.

The council has several undetermined applications that have been to committee and received a resolution, and we need to review the process for all of these in light of the new NPPF.

In the meantime, if you haven't already been asked for this, it would be appreciated to receive your comments on the new NPPF and the matters relevant to the application proposals.

I've got a few meetings today but please give me a call if you would like to discuss this any further.

Regards, Neil

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