

*By Email*

14/02/13

Dear Mr Gammond,

**Wyre Forest District Council's Response to letter received from Montagu Evans**

Thank you for forwarding on the letter from Montagu Evans, on behalf of their client Arrowcroft, which was dated 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The Council did indeed review its position following the close of the hearing sessions and has now provided a comprehensive list of modifications that will form the basis of the 6 week consultation process which has commenced today.

The Council was unable, due to the time frames involved, to further discuss the modifications with all interested parties and attendees of the Hearing Sessions. Whilst it is unfortunate that the Council were unable to discuss the policy position further with Arrowcroft, it is the Council's opinion that a full and frank debate was held during the examination which clearly set out the views of both parties.

The arguments have been fully considered by officers, alongside the robust evidence base for the Eastern Gateway site, in the finalisation of the modifications now submitted to the Inspector for consultation. This has resulted in some further modifications (namely KCAPMA19, KCAPMA20 & KCAPMA21), which have been included for clarification purposes, following the hearing sessions held for the KCAAP on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The Council considers this was the most prudent approach to take given the timescales and issues involved and that this has enabled consultation on the modifications to proceed in a timely and efficient manner.

It is the Council's understanding that Arrowcroft Plc have been notified of the 6 week consultation which has commenced today and will therefore be able to view all relevant documentation and submit their representations to the Inspector. May I also add that Officers at the District Council are available to discuss the proposed modifications with Montagu Evans during the consultation period should they wish.

Kind Regards,

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