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To: Sarah Clarke
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Dear Sarah

Call-in of Executive Decision

In accordance with paragraphs 5.3.4 and 6.4.4 of the Council's Constitution, we hereby give notice that the undersigned wish to call in the Executive Decision E3978 (London Road Development Options) made at the Executive on the 17/12/2020.

Our reasons for the call in are as follows:

1. Significant concern regarding the Council's project management expertise and capacity to undertake this development;
2. A lack of confidence in the management structure of the development which fails to place a "*Chinese wall*" between the Council as landowner and its planning authority;
3. The question of whether a phased approach is the most appropriate rather than waiting for a full environmental assessment of the whole site to be undertaken;
4. A lack of clarity of the market for both office space and flats as the longer-term ramifications of the pandemic are not yet understood.

We propose that the following alternative course of action should be followed: That a decision on the options should be paused until an environmental assessment of the entire site has been carried out, the fall-out of the pandemic is more fully understood, and the appropriate project management structure and expertise is in place.

We do not believe that this decision is contrary to the policy framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget.

Yours faithfully,



Councillor Lee Dillon

Alan Macro

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Councillor Jeff Brooks



Councillor Tony Vickers



Councillor Erik Pattenden