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Dear Sirs

Public Engagement Update

We refer to the "Public Engagement Update" report (Report No: TES59/18) that has been prepared for the meeting of the Executive of Eden District Council on 4 December 2018 to which our clients have been alerted. We have received no communication about this report direct from the Council.

In respect of the issues raised by our clients of which you are on notice:

- (a) At paragraph 3.5 of the report, it is reported that work undertaken by LUC for a landowner was not considered a barrier to LUC working on the Masterplan. No information is offered to understand how this conclusion was reached.
- (b) There is no treatment or even acknowledgment in the report of the nature of the serious concerns have been raised over the fairness of the Community Engagement Exercise (discussed in paragraphs 3.9 to 3.19).
- (c) As to the concern that has been raised over selection of the Council's preferred option, section 7 of the Report addresses "Other Options" and records only that 32 other sites identified for development have been considered but that the appraisal exercise supported the current proposal. The impression given by this wording is that alternatives are no longer being considered.

The above points reflect our continued concern about the lack of engagement by the Council with the failings of the process that the Council has followed so far. The Council's officers have some remaining opportunity to address these shortcomings in any verbal report made to tomorrow's meeting.

We will consider our response further in light of what transpires at the meeting.

Yours faithfully



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