Economy and Place Directorate

Director: Richard Ball

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| The Owner/Occupier | Our Ref:  Please ask for:  Direct Line / Extension: | 171532  Ms Kelly Gibbons  01432 261781 |

23 June 2020

Dear Owner/Occupier,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

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| **APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** | **171532 - Land North of Viaduct, Adjoining Orchard Business Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire,** |
| **DESCRIPTION:** | **Site for a mixed use development including the erection of up to 625 new homes (including affordable housing), up to 2.9 hectares of B1 employment land, a canal corridor, public open space (including a linear park), access, drainage and ground modelling works and other associated works. The proposal is for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for future consideration with the exception of access.** |
| **APPELLANT:** | **Bloor Homes Western** |
| **APPEAL REFERENCE:**  **WEBSITE LINK:** | **APP/W1850/W/20/3244410**  [**https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk**](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/) |

Further to my earlier letters in connection with the above appeal, the Inquiry will open on **13 July 2020** and will be held as a **Virtual Inquiry.** The virtual Inquiry is scheduled to last for **5 days**, but the duration is not fixed and will depend on how the evidence emerges. The Inquiry will start at **11.00 am**. The Inspector as instructed by the Secretary of State is **Lesley Coffey.**

The Inquiry will be held as a virtual event, run by the Inspector in the normal way, with the parties invited to join via Microsoft Teams or telephone. All documents will be published to the Council’s website and can be viewed on the Council’s website by using the following link:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=171532&search-term=171532>

Anyone wishing to attend the virtual Inquiry and/or at the Inspector's discretion give their views, must make that interest known to the Planning Inspectorate Case Officer as soon as possible prior to the inquiry either by email or telephone message after reading the Inquiry Attendance Information set out at the bottom of this letter.

When the appeal has been determined the decision will be published on the Council’s website and online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

**Inquiry Attendance Information**

Before deciding whether to take an active part in the Inquiry, you need to think carefully about the points you wish to make. All written submissions from application and appeal stage will be taken into account by the Inspector and re-stating the same points won’t add any additional weight to them.

If you feel that taking part in the Inquiry is right for you in whatever capacity, you can participate in a number of ways:

To take part using video, participants will need to have access to Microsoft Teams (via an app or web browser). This link gives further information on how to use this. <https://support.office.com/en-us/teams>. Alternatively, you can take part by telephone. Please note that joining by telephone to the 020 number that will be used will incur charges. You should check actual rates with your provider. <https://www.gov.uk/call-charges>

If you wish to just observe the event, you should make that clear in your response to the Case Officer.

If you wish to take an active part in the proceedings, please make clear in your response to the Case Officer whether you wish only to appear at the Inquiry and make a statement, or whether you would also wish to ask questions on particular topics.

If you want to take an active part but feel unable to for any reason, and/or the points you want to make are not covered in the evidence of others, consider whether someone else could raise them on your behalf.

Registered participants in whatever capacity will receive individual joining instructions, providing details of any requirements, guidance and support whether joining by Teams or telephone. You should note that the event will be recorded by the Planning Inspectorate for training and quality assurance purposes.

The contact details for the Planning Inspectorate Case Officer is:

Email: [Leanne.Palmer@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:Leanne.Palmer@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Tel: 03034 445471

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<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory_record/5931/planning_applications_privacy_notice>

Yours sincerely,

**Technical Support Officer**