

Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council

31/07/2023

Dear Councillor Burchnall

PLANNING APPLICATION SL/2022/0832 – LANEHOUSE BUSINESS PARK

I'm the planning agent supporting the planning application for the development of the additional commercial units at Lane House to serve the Kirkby Lonsdale area . John Collis who built the original units at the site is the applicant.

The support of the Town Council for the proposed development was very welcome, particularly your recognition that the Russell Armour site has now been lost and very few alternatives exist in the Town. We consider that we have demonstrated that the "exceptional" circumstances which the Council consider are necessary to permit the development to proceed have now been ably demonstrated although this is not accepted by the Local Planning Authority.

I think your support letter which was submitted to the council assisted greatly in the Planning Committee's decision to defer a final decision to visit the site. I understand that owing to holiday and other circumstances nobody from the Town Council was able to attend the last Committee meeting. Given that a decision has now been postponed it would be very much appreciated if a representative from the Town Council will be able to attend the next meeting on the 7th September to speak in favour of the development on the Council's behalf.

The Committee Clerk who makes the necessary arrangements is now Adam Moffatt at Westmorland and Furness Council adam.moffatt@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk .

I would also ask if it is acceptable for the applicant and myself to attend your next committee meeting on August 9th to answer any questions the committee may have about the proposed scheme?

Yours sincerely

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