

Mrs Diane Parkinson Chair - Over Hulton Neighbourhood Forum Overhulton.np@gmail.com

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Letter sent by email : <u>mail@pennyoshea.co.uk</u>

Mr David Kaiserman Independent Examiner Penny O'Shea Consulting

Dear Mr Kaiserman

Re: Over Hulton Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Thank you for your further question (EQ2) letter dated 12 June 2024, the contents of which are noted.

Following our informal meeting on Friday 21 June 2024 with Bolton Council and a representative from our planners Troy Planning, the Forum would like to confirm our position to pursue Option 2.

During our meeting we raised questions in relation to the extent of the required modifications to the NDP, following which we are in agreement along with Bolton Council to accept your kind invitation to meet to understand further your concerns in more detail. Some of the concerns we had are already outlined in Bolton Council's letter dated 25 June 2024.

Your letter stated that the meeting would be restricted to representatives of the Forum and Bolton Council, with others being free to attend as observers only. In view of this stipulation, may we respectfully request that our planning consultant be permitted to contribute within the meeting particularly in discussions around high level planning matters which require expert knowledge. Troy Planing have supported the Forum from the outset and the Forum relies on their planning law expertise.

Regarding the format of the meeting, if we are permitted a choice, for logistical reasons our preference would be to meet by Microsoft Teams, as most key members work full time and

sometimes away from home during the week. Please can you also confirm if you are satisfied that two representatives of the Forum attend the meeting or would your preference be to require all four Committee members to be in attendance? To assist you when planning the dates and times for the meeting, due to work commitments, forum members are free from 3pm onwards on Mondays and Fridays.

I confirm that we have arranged to have all correspondence uploaded to the OHNF website together with a copy of our response.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Diane Parkinson Chair Over Hulton Neighbourhood Forum

Letter copied :

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