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Our reference: KB/TR
Your reference:
Please ask for: Karl Battersby
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Date: 12 December 2016

Dear Mr Adamson,

I write in response to your letter dated 5 December 2016 regarding the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and land in your ownership at Carr Farm, Lowton.

I am sorry that you feel that you need to write to me on this matter.

The Council is aware of your position regarding the potential release this land for development, as set out clearly in various letters that you and your father have sent previously, including in representations to both the Core Strategy and the Draft Allocations and Development Management Local Plan. However the site is wider than the boundaries of your ownership and does have significant potential for employment related development given its location on the A580 East Lancashire Road and its proximity to the M6 and M60. We have to look ahead to 2035 and identify what uses the site could be made available for in planning terms should a planning application be submitted. To clarify, the site has not been Green Belt in the past.

Development is only going to happen on your land with your agreement unless it is compulsory purchased. Whilst the powers exist to compulsory purchase land for development, they are rarely ever used. Facilitating development in the interests of proper planning is a provision in the Town Planning Act for the use of compulsory purchase powers.

A prospective developer has approached the Council with an interest in exploring opportunities for the wider site and wanting to engage with the landowners. In response to this approach, Mr Kearsley contacted your agent Mr Johnson to arrange a discussion. Mr Kearsley has not acted inappropriately at all. I would expect that the prospective developer will continue to hold discussions with the other landowners on the site.

If you would like to discuss the proposed allocation further, under no obligation, feel free to contact the Council's Planning Policy team on 01942 489223 or email planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk.

Please reply to Karl Battersby

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Battersby', written in a cursive style.

Karl Battersby
Director, Economy and Environment