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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**  
**APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

<b>Site Address</b>	Land West Of, Hither Green Lane, Redditch, Worcestershire.
<b>Description of Development</b>	Residential development (Class C3) with a vehicular access point onto Hither Green Lane, play areas, public open space including footways and cycleways, sustainable urban drainage systems and all other ancillary and enabling infrastructure
<b>Application Reference</b>	21/01830/FUL
<b>Appellant's Name</b>	Barratt David Wilson Homes (Mercia)
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/Q1825/W/24/3350905

I am writing with regard to the above planning appeal submitted by Barratt David Wilson Homes (Mercia) to the Secretary of State against the decision of Redditch Borough Council to refuse to grant planning permission.

The appeal is to be determined by means of a **Public Inquiry**. The procedure to be followed is set out in the Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by Inspectors) (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2000. The appeal will be decided by the Planning Inspector Mr Darren Hendley BA(Hons) MA MRTPI who has been appointed by the Secretary of State.

I am writing to inform you that the Public Inquiry into this appeal will open at 10.00am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and will last approximately **four days** from the 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. The appeal will open at 9:30am on the second and following days. The Inquiry will be held at the **Woodrow Meeting Rooms, Woodrow Centre, Studley Road, Redditch, B98 7RY**.

A fifth and sixth day has been reserved for the 28th and 29th January 2025. If required, these inquiry days will also be held in person at the above venue. Please note that the sitting days are at the Inspector's discretion and may be changed once the Inquiry has opened.

Any interested person may attend the Inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, give their views. Guidance on taking part in a planning inquiry is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-dealt-with-by-an-inquiry-taking-part/guide-to-taking-part-in-planning-and-listed-building-consent-appeals-proceeding-by-an-inquiry>. It is important that if you want to speak at the inquiry, that you are in attendance when it opens on the 21<sup>st</sup> January because this is when the Inspector will provide background to the appeal process, will ask if any interested people want to speak at the inquiry and will register their names.

If you wish to attend the Inquiry then you should register with Redditch Borough Council as soon as possible, you can do so by emailing the case officer as detailed on the letter heading. **Capacity at the venue has some limitations and seating will be provided on a first come first served basis.** If you, or someone you will be accompanying has a disability, please contact the the case officer as detailed on the letter heading regarding facilities.

The proceedings will also be livestreamed via the Council's YouTube channel.

All of the appeal documents can be found by using the following link: <http://publicaccess.bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk/online-applications/> and entering the reference number 21/01830/FUL into the Application Search tab. **Please note** as of 09:00 hours Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, there will be a dedicated Public Inquiry Webpage where you should view the application and appeal information. This is also where the link to the livestream will be published. This page will be taken down at 09:00 hours Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The address for this dedicated Webpage is <https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/publicinquiry/>

Alternatively, a paper copy of the appeal documents may be inspected in person during normal office hours upon advanced request by contacting the Council's Case Officer.

When made, the decision will be published on <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> and the Councils website.

Yours faithfully



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