The Planning Inspectorate

Temple Quay House

2 The Square

Bristol

BS1 6PN

Our Ref: 21/01830/FUL

12 November 2024

Dear Sir or Madam

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Land West of Hither Green Lane, Redditch**

**Appeal by Barratt David Wilson Homes (Mercia)**

**APP/Q1825/W/24/3350905**

I refer to your letter dated 26 October 2024 notifying the Council of the start of the above appeal.

After careful consideration of the grounds of appeal and, having undertaken relevant

consultation, I write in my capacity as the Council’s Chief Legal Officer to advise that the Council will not be defending its reasons for refusal of planning application 21/01830/FUL and confirms that it does not intend to present evidence at the Inquiry on 21 January 2025.

The appellant has been notified of the Council’s revised position and has confirmed at the Case Management Conference, that it does not intend to seek an order for costs against the Council.

I can confirm that the Council will continue to facilitate the holding of the Inquiry starting at 10.00am on 21 January 2025 and will comply with the directions contained in the start letter, save for the filing of proof(s) of evidence.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Director Legal, Democratic and Property Services & Monitoring Officer