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Shrewsbury Town Council
Riggs Hall
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Dear Ms. Ball,

Land to the South of Meole Brace Retail Park, Shrewsbury

I am writing to update you on our proposals for up to 150 homes on land to the south of Meole Brace Retail Park.

As you will be aware, we have submitted two applications for this site, the first of which was refused under officers' delegated authority in July 2020. The site is allocated in the draft Local Plan. However, officers felt last summer that the application was premature, given the Local Plan was still in its early stages. Despite this, we received positive feedback from the council's officers and statutory consultees, who raised no objections to the application.

At the request of the landowner, we appealed against this decision. However, our preference always was to try to work with the council to secure its support for the proposals. To that end, we also submitted a new application in January, when we believed the Local Plan would be at a more advanced stage when application was finally determined. Although we have again received positive feedback on the substance of our proposals, officers unfortunately still feel that the application is premature due to delays in the progress of the Local Plan, we therefore decided to withdraw the application with agreement with officers.

We therefore have no option but to continue solely with the appeal.

Nevertheless, I would like to thank you for the time you took to consider and provide feedback on our proposals. While the decision may now be in the hands of the Planning Inspectorate, we remain committed to continued engagement with important stakeholders such as yourself.

If you have any questions about the proposals then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Barton
Development Director