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Dear Marje,

RE: Delegated Decision Published (309) on 12 May relating to the Sale of Land at Top Wighay.

I am writing to inform you that it is the intention of the signatories of this letter to initiate the Council's pre-call-in procedure regarding a Delegated Decision Published (309) on 12 May relating to the Sale of Land at Top Wighay.

The purpose of this letter is therefore both to begin the pre-call-in procedure, as per section 51 of the Constitution, to outline our areas of concern, and to indicate our intention to proceed with a Call-In, should the outcome of the pre-call-In process leave these concerns unresolved.

As outlined in the Constitution, we will seek to call-in this decision because we do not believe that the Council has been transparent in the way the decision has been handled. The decision commits the Council to £4,382,590 of spending at the site of the new Council Offices at Top Wighay Farm, Linby, Nottinghamshire. There is no detail other than general costings on how this money will be spent and no guarantee that this work will be carried out on budget. I am sure you will be aware of our responsibility to protect the public purse.

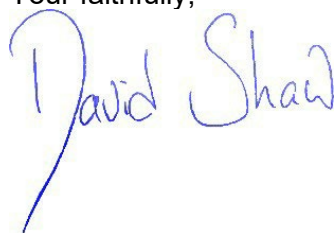
As per the document this money will be used to prepare council land for sale. This is covered in paragraph 15 as published in the key decision:

15. The proposed arrangements to develop the wider site with Vistry (for residential development), the release of the employment land, and the further access considerations for accessing the safeguarded land requires the provision of infrastructure in advance by the Council. The infrastructure also enables the opening up of the proposed Council office site. The provision of the access road and roundabout into the site will accelerate and ensure the delivery of the overall Top Wighay scheme.

Any discussions with the developer including over the sale of the land is redacted for commercial reasons. It is our view that a key decision made that is spending over £4million of taxpayer's money should be made with all facts being considered by all councillors and therefore the Council is not being transparent. It is also not clear whether the £4,382,590 is part of the overall £15.7million that has been budgeted for the project. It is our collective view that costs relating to Top Wighay are spiralling out of control and this call in is necessary before any more public money is wasted.

Based on this – it is entirely sensible to call this decision in for further scrutiny,

Your faithfully,

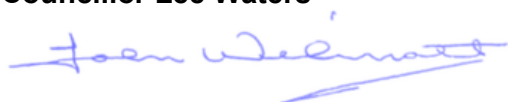


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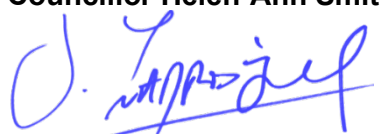
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