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Dear Mr Thwaite

Wigan Core Strategy – Additional Consultation

I am aware that I have not directly responded to your letter of 30th May 2012.

Matters have moved on considerably since then and I recognise that we have spoken about the position. I fully appreciate what you have said in your letter about the timing of consultation. However, the Inspector has given us a 6 month window only and unfortunately this does mean having to consult during the majority of the school holiday periods. Trust me if we could avoid this period we would as it also creates difficulties for us with officers on leave during this very time consuming period.

We will be launching a press campaign this week to highlight the consultation exercise and how local residents can find out more and make representations. I know your group is also going to spread the word in the area, and this will be helpful. We will be writing directly to those whose property adjoins the sites, and promoting the consultation exercise in other ways.

We are being inventive, but are also aware of the budget considerations. I do believe that the exercise will be well publicised and that we will get a meaningful response from the outcome. We found last time that the drop in sessions worked well for those who came, and we will be repeating that format this time.

I look forward to receiving the comments of the Lane Head South Residents Group.

Yours sincerely



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