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Subject: Offer of meeting

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Dear Sandra,

With regard to your offer yesterday for GNDP to speak with groups who have been presenting evidence at the EiP, I am writing to decline a meeting at this stage. I have read RF97, and at this stage, I have no questions that a meeting would help answer - therefore the offer at this stage is of no great help. I understand the other groups feel a similar way.

It is regrettable that the RF97 was finalised without consultation with all groups who had been presenting evidence at the EiP. The title of the Nov 30th meeting minutes suggests that that meeting was focussed only on seeking landowner and developer views. The attendee list confirms this, and also that no elected members from any of the JCS participating councils were present either. It would have surely been more appropriate to also invite those who had been engaging on behalf of the community and environmental groups throughout the EiP, and particularly on Matter 3B, to attend with equal status to the Nov 30th meeting. For democratic accountability, it would have also been appropriate to have members of each Council present too.

Further, the Inspector advised meeting with 'relevant parties'. As far as RF97, section 6.3, GNDP are aware that the alternative layout from Create Consulting is not the only alternative layout and link road proposals made. NNTAG/CPRE proposed an alternative layout for Postwick in December 2008, so it is most peculiar that this issue has been discussed on Nov 30th without the involvement of NNTAG/CPRE.

I note in section 6.4 that GNDP intends to set up a 'Postwick junction forum'. I hope that you will take the above comments in a positive light, and that we may be able to proceed with the invitation that you made yesterday to groups for a meeting with the GNDP to now be extended to those same groups to participate in the proposed Postwick junction forum.

You'll be familiar with the evidence given about the Aarhus convention at day 1 of the Hearing. It is also the Coalition government's policy to involve local community groups in the new participatory style of planning being set out under the Open

Source Planning system.

It is my hope that following the EiP and issues raised on day 1 that there can now be a much more constructive working between GNDP and community groups - this means involving such groups in the Postwick junction forum, and also opening up the other GNDP meetings starting with the GNDP meeting on 16 December.

Yours sincerely

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