



Department for Levelling Up,  
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Your ref: 23/02351/FUL

Our ref: PCU/CONS/V4305/3346122

By e-mail only to:

Date: 26 June 2024

Dear Maxine Wishart

**The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2021. Application by Dogs Trust Trustee Limited for redevelopment (and part retention) of existing dogs trust rehoming centre to deliver new facilities including new rehoming building, vets and puppy suite, an intake and booking building and training barn, works to vehicular and pedestrian accesses, landscaping and layout including outdoor furniture and associated works at Whiston Lane, Huyton, L36 6HP. Application no: 23/02351/FUL.**

I refer to your e-mail of 11 June 2024 referring to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities ("The Secretary of State") an application for planning permission for the above development.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered the case against call-in policy, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement by Nick Boles on 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

In deciding whether to call in this application, the Secretary of State has considered his policy on calling in planning applications. This policy gives examples of the types of issues which may lead him to conclude, in his opinion that the application should be called in. The Secretary of State has decided not to call in this application. He is content that it should be determined by the local planning authority.

In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in this application, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether this application is EIA

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Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The local planning authority responsible for determining this application remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to this proposed development and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

Yours sincerely

**Karen Partridge, Decision Officer**  
**Planning Casework Officer**  
**Planning Casework Unit**

*This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, and signed on his behalf*