

Planning and Environment Services

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: SP/78 AMS/MS

11 May 2015

Mr Ned Sharratt
Assistant Clerk
Public Petitions Committee
Room T3.40
The Scottish Parliament
EDINBURGH EH99 1SP
Email to: petitions@scottish.parliament.uk

Dear Mr Sharratt

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1557

Thank you for your letter dated 29 April 2015 advising our Council that the Public Petitions Committee has agreed to close petition PE1557 on the basis that our Council is continuing to work on the Whitesands project.

Your letter also indicates that when the petition was further considered by the Committee on Tuesday, 28 April, the petitioner stated that he had been refused a meeting by Council officials. I must refute this claim and advise that following the original consideration of petition PE1557 by the Public Petitions Committee at Dumfries the petitioner was contacted confirming that a meeting would take place. I enclose a copy of an email exchange which confirms this arrangement.

Since the first consideration of the petition in Dumfries our Council has been reviewing in great detail the feedback from the public and various agencies regarding the Whitesands Project to ensure that public opinion and suggestions have been fully taken into account. This obviously has taken some time but our Council will be in a position shortly to confirm the meeting with the petitioner as well as setting up a number of meetings and forums with the wider public, agencies and stakeholders.

Our Council is extremely disappointed that the Public Petitions Committee has been misled by the petitioner and on behalf of our Council I can assure the Petitions Committee that a meeting will take place as well as further wider public stakeholder involvement.

I trust the above is self explanatory and should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Alistair M Speedie
Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure

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From: David Slater
To: Speedie, Alistair
Subject: RE: Request for meeting - Mr D Slater

Dear Alistair

Thank you for coming back to me so promptly about a request for a meeting.

Kind regards

David Slater

On behalf of save our Sands car parks and river views committee.

On 10 Mar 2015 10:20, "Speedie, Alistair" wrote:

Dear David

I refer to your email dated 9 March 2015 to the Chief Executive which has been passed to me for attention. I would advise that we will be in touch in due course with regard to a meeting.

Regards.

Alistair M Speedie

Director Planning and Environment Services
Dumfries and Galloway Council