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FAO Mr N Baseley

10 May, 2013

Dear Mr Baseley

**Planning Application ref 2012/0616
Proposed crematorium and cemetery on land north of The Lighthouse, Catfoot Lane, Lambley**

I refer to your letter dated the 9th of May 2013, regarding the question of whether the intention to approve the above application would require the Secretary of State to be notified.

I am mindful that the proposed development includes inappropriate development within the Green Belt, which does not fall within any of the categories identified as appropriate development in the NPPF or within Policy ENV26 of the Gedling Borough Replacement Local Plan (Certain Policies Saved 2008). As such, paragraph 3 of The Town & Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009 is relevant.

However, as the floor area created by the proposed development falls below the 1,000 square metres threshold for buildings and the Borough Council considers that the proposed development would not have a significant impact on the openness of the Green Belt, the Borough Council is not required to consult the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government in this instance.

In relation to the point about openness may I remind you that the recommendation put to the Committee included the part entitled 'Reason for Decision' and this includes the statement;

'The proposed crematorium and cemetery would not unduly harm the openness of the Green Belt or have an unduly detrimental impact on Landscape Character or Visual Amenity.'

Planning Committee accepted this recommendation. The findings on openness are of course supported by other parts of the report to the Committee.

I trust this has answered your query.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Baguley', written in a cursive style.

Peter Baguley
Service Manager, Planning and Economic Development