



Our reference: ABP05122025
Your reference:
Please ask for: Aidan Thatcher
Extension:
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Date: 5th December 2025

Dear Astley Warehouse Action Group,

Thank you for raising your concerns regarding the independent audit.

With regards to the comment about the temporary stop notice, we provided a detailed response addressing all the points you raised in our letter dated 25/11/2025 which clearly sets out the legal position.

In terms of the scope of the independent audit; the details of the audit have been shared with you in previous correspondence and hasn't been flagged as an issue previously. If there are any specific points the group wishes to make there will be opportunity for them to be raised as part of the process directly with the independent reviewer.

You have also raised a concern regarding a supposed connection between Therese Maguire and the Planning Officers Society (POS) Enterprise. We have checked with both Therese and the POS and both have confirmed that there is no connection. If you have evidence to support this claim, please provide it so that we can address any specific concerns appropriately. In the absence of such evidence, we remain confident in the independence and integrity of the audit process and the company selected to undertake the audit.

As set out previously, we encourage your group to participate fully in the audit process which is designed to address all outstanding matters in an open and transparent manner. We will be forwarding your details on to the independent reviewer who will be in contact regarding the details of engagement with the Action Group.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aidan Thatcher".

Aidan Thatcher
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Proctor".

David Proctor
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