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Sent: 25 September 2006 12:57
To: emcdonald2
Subject: RE: CC/COL/101/06 - PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE, EIGHT ASH GREEN

Dear Mrs McDonald,

The Screening Opinion was formally adopted on 14 September 2006. The Screening Opinion states that an Environmental Impact Assessment is required. Copies of the Opinion, and the statement as required by the Regulations, were sent to Colchester Borough Council (for inclusion on the Statutory Register), to Eight Ash Green Parish Council and to the Secretary of State (GO-East) on 15 September.

The applicant is now preparing a Scoping Report which, when submitted, will be sent out on consultation to statutory and technical consultees. As you are no doubt aware, there is no provision in the Regulations for wider public consultation at this stage of the process.

The application for planning permission is now suspended and can not be re-activated until the Environmental Statement has been submitted. At present it is still proposed to place a brief report before the Development & Regulation Committee on Friday (29 September) recommending only that Members hold a site visit although, with the application now unlikely to come before Members until February/March 2007 at the earliest, there is no longer an element of urgency in the arrangement of a site visit. The Screening Opinion was adopted after the Committee Report had been placed on the agenda, so there is a possibility that, in the changed circumstances and at the Chairman's discretion, the report may not be considered by Members on Friday. If you, or any members of the EAGAG, were thinking of attending on Friday morning, I would strongly recommend that you 'phone on Thursday to ascertain whether or not the item has been withdrawn from the agenda.

I would be happy to send you a copy of the Screening Opinion and statement but would wish to send a signed copy by Fax or surface mail, not electronically. Perhaps you could let me know if you wish me to mail it to your home address or Fax it (to Ted Gittens?).

Yours sincerely,

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