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Dear Mel

Thank you for your letter.

We are naturally disappointed that our proposals were refused, especially as we have spent a considerable amount of time developing our scheme with significant input from the Council's officers. We also made amendments to our proposals in response to comments that were raised by the public, though clearly you feel these have not gone far enough. Likewise, we feel that your proposals for the site were contrary to the development brief for this allocated housing site and would not be viable.

As you will be aware, it was the view of the Council's team of professional officers that our proposals were entirely acceptable within planning terms and they recommended that Members grant planning permission.

Given the conflict of view between officers and Members we are currently considering how best to progress matters. However, the Planning Committee did request that officers review the development brief for the site. We will naturally ensure that we are part of that process and hope that Members of the Save the Bath Road Reservoir Group will also become involved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Owens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

David Owens