

General letter

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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010  
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Our Ref: 07/03898/FUL  
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Dear Sir,

**Proposed extension to the Quedam Shopping Centre, Yeovil – UBS Triton Fund**

I write with reference to the above application that was submitted by Drivers Jonas back in 2007. Your colleague Julia Chowings, together with Kate Keens, were leading on this proposal however I understand that both are now on maternity leave.

You will be aware from you files that the application was approved in principle by our committee way back in 2008. The committee resolved to grant permission subject to the successful completion of a Section 106 agreement that secured:

- **Junction Improvements on the A30 (Reckleford/Market Street junction)**
- **Improvements to existing car parks**
- **Staff Travel Plan**
- **Provision and funding of Park and Ride during construction (peak times)**
- **Toilets to be available to the public in perpetuity**
- **Public realm improvements (£250 k)**
- **Bus Station enhancements (£100 k)**

I am aware that there have been some ongoing discussions with the Highway Authority about the junction improvements although I understand that there is yet to be an agreement on the details. I am not aware of any progress being made in relation to the other 106 requirements.

As a local planning authority we have a responsibility to progress applications to ensure that developers and the wider community have security/clarity as to whether a development can commence. This particular application has a very high profile within South Somerset and it is also strategically important as it has the potential to meet Yeovil's demands for additional retail floorspace. However, with the application currently in 'limbo' neither you nor South Somerset have any degree of certainty and this cannot continue indefinitely. I appreciate that the 'market' has changed significantly from the time of the original application but I am sure that you will also understand that your undetermined application is a potential obstacle to any alternative growth within the retail sector and is therefore prejudicial to the future vitality of the town.

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I would therefore be grateful if you could provide me with a detailed update as to what progress has been made on relation to the Section 106 agreement together with a clear indication of likely dates for completion. This will allow me to report back to our members and come to a balanced decision as to whether or not they wish to reconsider the application in light of the lack of advancement of the legal agreement.

I would be grateful for a detailed response by the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010.

Yours Sincerely

**Dave Norris**  
**Development Manager**