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Your reference

Dear Sir/ Madam

**INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK (IAMP) AREA ACTION PLAN –  
EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC  
MY CLIENT: TOWN END FARM PARTNERSHIP (TEFP)**

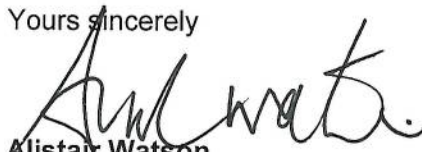
Following recent correspondence with Hedley Planning (my Client's planning consultant) and Ms Stule, the Programme Officer for IAMP, I write to request clarification regarding the team appointed to conduct the Examination in Public. The team is led by the appointed Inspector Mr Malcolm Rivett BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI who will conduct the Examination.

My Client understands that Mr Rivett has spent time employed by the joint authorities namely South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council. It is assumed that Senior Heads of Service who are currently overseeing the IAMP Area Action Plan worked alongside Mr Rivett during his term at the councils. We also understand that the now Chief Executive of Sunderland City Council was also Deputy Chief Executive of South Tyneside whilst Mr Rivett was employed there.

My Client has noted that Ms Stule, as the Programme Officer for the EIP is currently employed by the City Council, as part of the Council's Highways team and the City Council is a joint partner in the IAMP LLP and in addition, the Chief Executive of Sunderland City Council is also joint Chair of IAMP LLP.

On this basis, and bearing in mind that all parties do wish and do need the EIP process to be transparent, balanced and fair, I should be grateful for your confirmation that the Inspectorate has satisfied itself that my Client, together with other significant landholders and all other parties will receive a fair and transparent hearing as part of this important process.

Yours sincerely



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