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Mr Richard Coates
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c/o Clerk, 1 Anchor Cottages Warwick Road
Leek Wootton
WARWICK
CV35 7QX

23 May 2023

Dear Mr Coates,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Appeal by Cala Homes (Cotswolds) Ltd
Site Address: Land at Warwickshire Police Headquarters, Woodcote Lane, Leek
Wootton, Warwick, Warwickshire, CV35 7QA

Thank you for your letter of 23 May regarding the above appeal, addressed to myself and to our Chief Executive Mr Paul Morrison. I have been asked to respond.

As you might be aware, we have been taking the lead on fixing inquiry dates since the publication of the Rosewell recommendations 4 years ago. More information can be found here: [Rosewell Inquiry Review - Update - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). We were tasked with halving end to end inquiry appeal timescales, which has largely been made possible with adhering to the Rosewell timescales. Our aim is therefore to fix an inquiry within 13-16 weeks of the appeal start date, which is the case with this appeal. This applies to both refusals and non-determination cases.

Whilst we appreciate the difficulties for the Parish Council in responding to a non-determination appeal, where the council's case is as yet unclear, we cannot simply suspend an appeal timetable, as this would lead to a considerable delay in a substantial amount of inquiry casework, and could set a precedent for many of our appeals. There do not appear to be any exceptional circumstances in this case which currently justify postponing the inquiry.

The Inspector has recently received correspondence from the main parties concerning the appeal timetable and will consider responses when they are received, but your request to postpone the inquiry is refused.

Please note you do not need to obtain Rule 6 status to be able to attend and / or speak at the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Wordsworth

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