

Dear Sir or Madam,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address: Land Adjacent J4 M42 Box Tree Farm Stratford Road

Description of development: Development of new motorway service area, associated highway improvement works and other associated infrastructure.

Application reference: PL/2016/02754/MAJFOT

Appellant's name: Applegreen Limited

Planning Inspectorate reference: APP/Q4625/W/21/3273047

Appeal start date: 04.05.2021

I refer to the above details and previous correspondence regarding the above appeal.

The Planning Inspectorate has now appointed an Inspector to hold an enquiry into the appeal and this will open at:

Address: Council Chamber, Civic Suite, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Civic Centre, Solihull.

Date: 12.10.2021

Time: 10am

The Inquiry is expected to last until the 5th November 2021.

It will be possible to participate in the inquiry virtually. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Council Chamber's capacity is limited and therefore, interested members of the press and public are strongly encouraged to watch the proceedings of this Public Inquiry via the Council's YouTube site:- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DDSVoAlgTnwgP0Ku8iFLQ>

Anyone wishing to address the Inspector must make this known to the Programme Officer by Tuesday 5th October 2021 either by email or telephone after reading the Inquiry Attendance Information set out below.

Physical attendance will only be permitted if capacity allows. People with physical or sensory disabilities who have an interest in the appeal and would like to attend the Inquiry may wish to contact the officer at the head of this letter to discuss any special provisions that may need to be in place.

- 1) Since the onset of the current Covid 19 pandemic, all meetings must be conducted in a COVID-secure manner. This means:-

- Wear a face mask upon arrival and departure, unless exempt, which can be removed once seated.

- Social distancing must be followed with people remaining 2 metres apart at all times;
- On entering and moving around the Civic Suite please follow the signed one-way system;
- Do not congregate in corridors, please go straight to your seat;
- The Council Chamber will be well ventilated so may appear cooler than normal and has a **maximum capacity of 28 persons, so public access is very limited.**

Any members of the public who are registered and wish to make representations to the Inspector may do so by joining the meeting remotely and instructions on how to do this will be provided to those who register to speak.

Inquiry Attendance Information

Before deciding whether to take an active part in the Inquiry, you need to think carefully about the points you wish to make. All written submissions from application and appeal stage will be taken into account by the Inspector and re-stating the same points won't add any additional weight to them.

If you feel that taking part in the Inquiry is right for you in whatever capacity, you can participate either virtually or in person, although please note the strict limit on numbers at the venue. Participating virtually is strongly encouraged, to avoid disappointment.

If you simply wish to observe, please use the YouTube link.

Registered participants in whatever capacity will receive individual joining instructions.

Programme Officer: Ian Kemp, ikemp@icloud.com 07723 009 166

All documents and plans relating to the appeal may be inspected online at <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/msa> . If you do not have access to a computer, Solihull library is open and has computers available for public use.

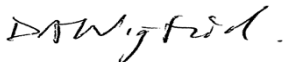
Please note,

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/About-the-Council/Solihull-Council-Statement/Economy-and-infrastructure/Development-management> provides a link to the SMBC Development Management Privacy Notice.

When made, the decision will be published on the <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate>

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Yours faithfully



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