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Dear Simon

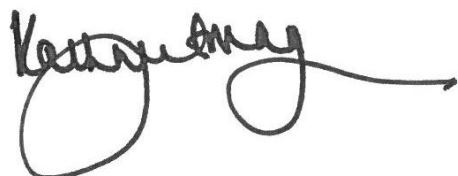
Thank you for your email of 2 March 2018. We acknowledge the confirmation of the Health Scrutiny Committee on 21 March 2018.

I note that your email indicates that Members of the Authority have raised concerns about the timetable the CCG has adopted regarding the Nascot Lawn consultation time frame falling during the purdah period.

We have sought legal advice on this which confirms that for the election in May 2018, the latest date the pre-election period can start is 27 March 2018. Therefore the scrutiny meeting that has been scheduled for 21 March will take place before the purdah period commences. Whilst the final date for Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) to respond to our consultation is after the purdah period will have commenced, the CCG considers that if HCC has undertaken its public scrutiny of the proposal prior to the commencement of purdah it can continue to compile its formal response to the proposal and submit this during purdah.

We note the concern you raise about the decision being made on 3 May 2018, the same day as local elections, but this is in line with the CCG meeting schedule and we see no reason to change the date of an internal CCG committee meeting because of the local elections. In light of this, we will not communicate our decision until 4 May.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Magson
Chief Executive Officer

