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Dear Yasmin,

I am writing to let you know that today I called-in for my own determination a planning application by Peel Holdings for planning permission for a hybrid planning application comprising: part a: full planning application for restoration works to Hulton Park and existing structures & heritage assets within it including the pleasure grounds, dovecote, walled garden and lakes, and development of an 18-hole golf course & clubhouse; golf academy including driving range, practice course, adventure course & academy building with sports & learning facilities, shop & cafe; 142 bed hotel with adjoining spa & conference facility; other ancillary buildings, structures & engineering & landscape works including a maintenance building, halfway house, highway accesses, underpass, various bridges, boundary treatments, internal access roads, external lighting, parking, landscaping; demolition of existing buildings/structures; & where applicable the re-routing, upgrading and extension of the public right of way network; and part b: outline planning application for the residential development of up to 1036 No. dwellings, a local centre land adjacent to Hulton Park, Bolton.

The Government's policy on call in is to be very selective. It is right that in almost all cases the initial decision on whether the application should proceed should be taken by the local planning authority. In general, planning applications are only called-in if planning issues of more than local importance are involved.

However, that there are occasions when it is right for me to decide the issue, normally following a public inquiry. I am enclosing a copy of a letter that the Planning Casework Unit has sent to Bolton Council. This explains the reasons

for my decision and indicates the issues on which I wish to be informed for the purposes of my consideration of the application.

Arrangements for the public inquiry will be made shortly and the details advertised locally nearer the time. I will ensure that you are informed of my decision on the application in due course.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Brokenshire', written in a cursive style.

RT HON JAMES BROKESHIRE MP