

Hi Gareth

Thanks for your emails and the update on this development.

The information they have provided does address some of the concerns I had with the previous application, notably about the relocation of the existing businesses. And I think the proposed design of the commercial space sounds excellent and shows they have considered the needs of potential appropriate uses.

However, one issue remains unaddressed from my perspective which is the quantum of commercial space proposed. There is only a very small increase in floorspace being proposed from 1,341sqm to 1,403sqm, an increase of 62sqm or 4.6%. My reading of our Local Plan policies (both existing and emerging) is that we think the overall Willow Way site has the potential to provide a more significant increase in commercial floorspace. The Kalmars report quite rightly describes the strong demand for light industrial space. So in light of the demand and our policies, I'd like to see either an increase in commercial floorspace in the proposed development or justification of why this isn't possible for this site.

Kind regards
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