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**Your ref:** LPL628A

**Our ref:** NPCU/RTI/Y3425/77080

**Date:** 14 November 2016

Dear Ms Nicholls

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a foodstore (Use Class A1) with ancillary café, car parking with associated access work' landscaping and other works at land at Westbridge Park Sports Centre, Stafford Street, Stone.**

**Application Number: 16/24242/FUL**

In my email of 31 October I promised to let you know the outcome on the above application.

The Government remains committed to giving more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believe that planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible. The call-in policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in this application. He is satisfied that the application should be determined at a local level.

I appreciate that this is not the preferred outcome for your clients and I understand that there will be great disappointment as a result. It is however, now for the Council to determine this application and a copy of our letter to the Council is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

*Karen Rose*

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