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Dear Leanne,

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/G2625/V/19/3225505: Anglia Square, Norwich NR3 1DZ

Norwich Green Party City Group of Councillors objects to the Anglia Square scheme.

Councillor Martin Schmierer, one of the three Green Party councillors for Mancroft ward where Anglia Square is located, submitted the attached objection (undated) to the planning application at the time of public consultation in 2018.

On 18 January this year, I wrote as Leader of the Green Party Group to the Secretary of State requesting the call-in of the planning application.

Thereafter, I exchanged emails with you in June in which I confirmed that our group of councillors wished to participate in the planning inquiry as an Interested Party and to attend the pre-inquiry meeting on 5 November.

Meanwhile, we would like to submit a number of short statements in two tranches. The reason for two separate tranches is down to the limited time available to us as city councillors. Today, I am submitting three statements on:

- Affordable housing
- Air quality
- Climate change and energy.

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I will thereafter like to submit further short statements on heritage and other matters.

The affordable housing statement relates to matter a) identified by the Secretary of State in his letter of 21 March:

a) The extent to which the proposed development is consistent with the Government policies for delivering a sufficient supply of homes (NPPF chapter 5).

The statements on air quality and climate change and energy relate to matters under the general heading f) identified by the Secretary of State in his 21 March letter:

f) and any other matters the Inspector considers relevant.

The statements have been written by Dr Andrew Boswell at the request of Norwich Green Party Group. We consider that the Anglia Square scheme as it stands does not satisfy sustainable development policies in a number of areas (for example, heritage, climate change and energy and air quality) though it is fully compliant in respect of location and redevelopment of a brownfield site. Refusal of the planning application would enable an alternative scheme to come forward; one which is sympathetic to the City Centre Conservation Area and to local needs and which would make a stronger contribution to the Government's target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Dr Boswell is an independent consultant on Climate Emergency, specialising in the interface of science, numerical footprinting, the planning system, policy and law. He has a doctorate in molecular biophysics (Oxford, 1981). He worked in IT and computer science in industry (1984-1994) and academia (University of East Anglia, 1995-2006). He was an elected member on Norfolk County Councillor and on Norwich City Councillor for 12 years and stood down in 2016. During this time, he took an active role in local plan making, public inquiries on infrastructure, legal compliance on air quality, carbon emissions and affordable housing.

Thank you for considering the attached statements and I will be in touch again shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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on behalf of Norwich Green Party Group