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Dear Mr Vickery

### **Request for Withdrawal of City of York Council's Core Strategy**

We are writing following your letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 regarding the implications of the recent decision to approve the stadium and retail scheme at Monks Cross (application reference 11/02581/OUTM) for the City of York's Core Strategy. We apologise for the short delay in responding; this was to allow the Council to receive legal advice on this issue.

The proposals at Monks Cross clearly has strategic significance and we accept that changes to the Core Strategy are necessary in order to reflect the approved scheme. These changes would lead to considerable amendments to some strategic policies submitted in February 2012 for examination.

Accordingly, within the context described above we have reluctantly come to the decision to recommend to Council at the earliest opportunity the withdrawal of the Core Strategy; we would then take the appropriate steps to formally withdraw the Plan.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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