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Re planning application 08/0667P Wilmslow fire station.

Dear Sir/Madam

We write regarding the above planning application and draw your attention to the “Design & Access Statement” presented on behalf of Cheshire Fire Service. We would like to clarify the first line which makes the erroneous statement “the new agreed working practises”. We are concerned you may process this application on the basis that there are no issues concerning the design and location of the building emanating from changes to working practices.

As the officials who will be negotiating this proposed change to the status of Wilmslow Fire Station, we have to point out that at present we are only in the early stages of consultation. We are still awaiting the full business case from service managers for the downgrading of Wilmslow fire station, and as this is the case, formal negotiations and therefore agreement has yet to be reached on this proposal.

The purpose of this correspondence is to highlight that the working practices have not been agreed as yet and that there are issues, in particular around the working time directive, which will impact on the location and layout of the building which have yet to be resolved.

I would be grateful if this letter is submitted as part of the consultation process for this application.

Regards

Andrew Price Cheshire FBU Chair  
David Williams Cheshire FBU secretary

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