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House of Commons

Clive Betts MP

Dear Clive,

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Thank you for your letter of 16 June. I published my decision letter – including the reasons for it – on 14 January, which can be found <u>online</u>. Notwithstanding, I want to assist with the Committee's request and will respond next week.

On your further questions, my officials will shortly be writing to all the parties setting out the next steps on this live planning case. I cannot say at this point which particular Minister will take the eventual re-determination decision. However, we will ensure that it is someone who has no previous connection to this case or its parties. As I have stated previously, I will not be determining the appeal myself.

Separately, on the matter regarding the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the case in question has not been decided – rather, because it raises issues of more than local importance, I have called in the application for determination rather than leaving jurisdiction with the local planning authority.

Robert Jennick.

RT HON ROBERT JENRICK MP