- 1) I have considered the correspondence from Counsel for the Applicant received just before 5pm on Friday 14 October, wherein a request was made to proceed this week with the Hearing as originally planned.
- 2) I reiterate that I am not prepared to proceed with a Hearing this week.
- 3) My understanding is that the Applicant and/or Counsel have agreed to meet on Monday with Council Officers to discuss the application and related matters. I would like to know the outcome of that meeting before proceeding. I will then consider appropriate timetable orders to schedule a Hearing as soon as practicable after this week and in light of the outcome of the meeting.
- 4) My view at this stage, is that one Hearing to consider all relevant and related matters is the best way to proceed.
- 5) Please advise the parties accordingly.

Alan Withy

**Independent Commissioner**