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Dear Mr Bushell,

I write further to my letter of 11 December and in relation to our application number 2018/4925/P and the proposed hall extension at Channing School. To date we have received no response to the letter and I am not aware of any substantive progress with a determination. The target date for a determination was 20 December 2018 and I had politely sought your re-assurance that the application remained on track to be determined by its due date or an explanation of why this might not be achieved.

My current understanding is that shortly after my letter, our planning agents were approached and offered some draft planning conditions for comment and were also asked to provide details of the school's lawyers. A response to both issues was provided almost straight away. I also understand that a last minute ecological issue was also raised, which our consultants also addressed in a timely manner.

I totally appreciate that the planning department has many issues to deal with and consider, but I would be very grateful if you could please provide a timely indication that our application will be determined shortly. As indicated in my previous letter, there was a commitment on the part of the planning department that, if the hall extension proposals were withdrawn and re-submitted, any revised application would be properly resourced and determined by the allocated date. As things stand I consider that this commitment has unfortunately not been honoured.

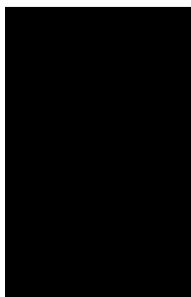
The school is really not trying to be pushy and I appreciate that the programme issues which I am now trying to manage are not your concern. Nonetheless, I am sure you will appreciate that any construction work in an operational school requires careful planning and that there are only certain windows when certain works can be done. Having lost one of those windows last year, I really am keen to maximise what I can achieve this year and deliver the pupils the facilities which they deserve and need. I really do hope that the Local Authority will now give the application the attention and resources which were promised.

I am very grateful for your time in reading this letter and I look forward to your response.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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