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Dear Cllr Edmonds,

We have been advised, over the weekend, that DCLG has determined that they are unable to decide the planning application from Westerleigh for a crematorium in Watermead village. I am waiting to hear their precise reasons for this.

The purpose of this email is to ask that the councillors in AVDC represent the views of electors in Watermead, and, as a minimum decide the application themselves at a planning committee meeting. Do not let this decision be made by planning officers, it is unfair to ask them to do so, and it is too important to our community, which will be hugely affected. There is plenty of spare land in this area if Westerleigh insist on building here that would not devastate any community.

Officers advise at the Development Control committee meeting that a court action could ensue if the application was refused.

However, this is not a good enough reason for a community such as ours, for it should be refused, based on a fear of legal action and the ensuing cost. There are many grounds on which this should be refused, (particularly Localism). There will be a tremendously detrimental effect on our community, this cannot be over-stated and is **not** 'nimbyism'

In view of the gravity of this situation we consider that a face-to-face meeting is appropriate. I am able to make myself available, with Noreen Shardlow, our Parish Clerk, at any reasonable time with prior notice. We really must talk about this, it is the wish of our community, not just that of the parish council.

I look forward to receiving your earliest reply.

Yours sincerely,

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