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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in regard to the above M&S planning application which was due to be considered at today's planning committee. Our planning team has worked closely with the Council Planners over the last 9 months, undertaking three months extensive Pre Application Community Consultation and submitting a fully resourced application in line with the commercial timeframe of M&S to deliver this new store as soon as possible.

We commend the Council's Officers for their diligent, thorough and collaborative approach to this application.

The last minute verbal objection made during a telephone call to the Principal Planner and the recommendation to defer the application as a result is extremely disappointing to M&S. We do not consider the recommendation to defer necessary or balanced given the amount of work and investment put into this process both by the Council's Officers and the applicant. The objector has not followed due process and had adequate time to submit a written objection to the proposals. It is unknown who the agent is working on behalf of and it is disappointing that an informal approach can overturn due process and the detailed assessment of the proposals which has taken place and is evident within the report to committee.

We consider that the issue of the relevance of Ballymoney in this case is contained within the applicant's Retail Statement and publicly available documents namely the Northern Area Plan, Ballymoney Town Centre Masterplan Update and the Nexus Retail and Leisure Capacity Statement which all interested parties should be fully aware of and familiar with. The application will support up to 70 retail jobs and represents a significant investment in Coleraine by M&S. As such we request that the issues pertaining to the deferral recommendation, namely the relevance of Ballymoney, be debated as part of the Committee meeting and that the deferral recommendation be rejected.

Kind regards

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