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Dear Alan

**Kings Gardens, Southport**



Thank you for your email of 11<sup>th</sup> May setting out the background to the decision to progress plans for the 'traditional style' café design which were included within the stage 2 submission.

Looking at notes from meetings on October 11th and November 23rd 2011, it would appear that both of our monitors expressed concerns about the 'traditional style' pitched roof option, preferring the flat roof contemporary design which clearly defined the existing building. Furthermore it appears that against the advice of HLF Monitors, the contemporary design was never fully explored and LEP Architects were only instructed to develop detailed designs for the traditional option. We would have expected both options to have been fully explored and properly justified in order to achieve a preferred outcome. This process was not followed.

However, we accept that the design has now been finalised and was preferred by both the leaseholder and public consultation and we will not be asking you to redesign the café extension. We understand the financial constraints you are working under and do not wish to risk jeopardising the commencement of the project nor the lease agreement with the tenant.

It is now critical that the project team work closely with our monitors on the detail of designs, procurement and materials of the café extension to ensure that all parties are content with the proposed outcome.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sara Hilton".

Sara Hilton  
Head of HLF North West