



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

Miss Claire Pegg
Cushman Wakefield
On behalf of Ministry of Justice

Our ref: APP/D2320/W/22/3295556
Your ref: 21/01028/OUTMAJ

Ms A Hayes
Chief Planning Officer
Chorley Borough Council

15 November 2023

Ms E Curtis
Ulnes Walton Action Group

By email only

Dear Ms Pegg, Ms Hayes and Ms Curtis,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78
APPEAL MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
LAND ADJACENT TO HMP GARTH AND HMP WYMOTT, LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE
APPLICATION REF: 21/01028/OUTMAJ**

1. On 6 October 2023, the Secretary of State wrote to parties setting out that the reopened inquiry should also cover any material change in circumstances, fact or policy that may have arisen since the previous inquiry.
2. In that context the Secretary of State wishes to draw your attention to two matters which have arisen since the previous inquiry:
 - a) the 2022 Prison Population Projections were published on 23 February 2023 [Prison population projections: 2022 to 2027 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#); and
 - b) on 15 November 2023, a decision by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities was issued in respect of the application by the Ministry of Justice for a Category B prison at land adjacent to HMP Gartree, Welland Avenue, Gartree, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 7RP, appeal reference APP/F2415/W/22/3300227. The decision is available at [Planning applications: called-in decisions and recovered appeals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Yours sincerely

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