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Rt Hon Sajid Javid  
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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing on behalf of the Castlefield Forum in my constituency who, along with a number of individual residents, have contacted me with their concerns about a proposed development in their area. I have attached an email from Mr Christie with some more information about the development and their specific objections.

The development was recently given planning consent by a split decision of Councillors at Manchester City Council despite being objected to by the Forum and by local ward Councillors, particularly Councillor Joan Davies.

I understand that the Forum are now seeking Ministerial call in for the development and have been gathering public support for this. I very much sympathise with their concerns that the development alters the character and heritage of the area and it is this objection which has caused them to seek call in. Castlefield is a distinctive area of the City Centre which is a conservation area and contains a high concentration of heritage buildings. It is also a much more stable population of residents compared to other areas of the city centre. Residents are understandably concerned about the impact of this development and believe that it should be reviewed. In light of their concerns I do think that there is a strong argument to give this application your consideration.

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I would be grateful to know if you have received this request and whether the decision to grant permission will be called in. I would also be grateful to know the timescales involved in the Department making the decision as the residents are keen that this takes place as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

**Lucy Powell MP**