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Peter Ashcroft
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Head of Planning & Development Management
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Beverley
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Dear Mr Ashcroft

**APP/E2001/A/13/2200981/NWF- St Modwen Developments Ltd
Appeal Hearing - Location of Venue**

On the 27th of January, North Ferriby Parish Council considered the decision made by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) to hold the above hearing at County Hall, Beverley. Members were apprised of the relevant Planning Inspectorate Guidance relating to venue and also the officers assessment of the two premises against the guidance, including the fact that All Saints' Church Parish Hall had now withdrawn its offer.

Members expressed disappointment that, in your opinion, a way could not be found to hold the hearing locally, given the strength of local feeling on the subject. In particular, the discounting of the Hallmark Hotel on the grounds of cost was challenged. The point was made that had North Ferriby Village Hall been accepted, then the cost would have been approximately £1,875.00. The cost of the Hallmark Hotel was reported as £3,750. The difference is not large in the scale of the cost of the enquiry overall. This sum also needs to be balanced against the travel costs that will be incurred by residents who wish to attend the Appeal at Beverley. The Parish Council's view is that the Hallmark Hotel should have been included in the assessment of suitable venues and possibly the nearby Country Park Inn.

If the location of the venue is not to be reconsidered then we support the proposal for at least one session to be held at North Ferriby Village Hall and we have written to the Planning Inspectorate and repeated the request we made in November 2013.

Yours sincerely

Pat Lambert
Clerk to North Ferriby Parish Council