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The Public Inquiry into our Ground Development concluded on Wednesday but will not formally close until 27th August until a few outstanding documents are concluded.

Our team led by Counsel Michael Druce supported by Michael Crook of Cushman & Wakefield put up a robust case which withstood much cross examination. The Club case was put by Keith Brown and David East and by Steven Byrne of MCD. They were supported by Ben Mitchell and John Pulsford of PBA (flooding), Michael Hall (architect) and Pete Sturgeon of Motion (transport). Chelmsford Council were highly supportive of the application and produced professional and strong witnesses.

We believe we were able to argue strongly against the Environment Agency case and answer the concerns of the local residents. It will be six months before we have a determination by the Secretary of State and therefore no progress on the ground project can be made until that time.

Nigel Hilliard, Chairman of the Club said “I would like to pay tribute to Keith Brown and David East for the huge effort they have put in to presenting the Club’s case for redevelopment. They have worked with a strong professional team put together with our development partner, MCD. I can only hope that the Secretary of State will recognise the huge sporting, community, social and economic benefits that this development will create.”

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