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Mr. A. Faulkner  
Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade  
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Dear Mr. Faulkner,

### Royal Oak Loading Bay, Bowness

I have been asked by the Chair of South Lakeland Local Committee, Mr Ted Walsh, to respond on his behalf in connection with your specific concerns over the new loading bay in Bowness forming part of the Royal Oak development.

I understand that your concerns centre on the width of the loading bay, that it is sub standard and your view that this may cause conflicts with passing traffic. Whilst the loading bay was designed at a width of 1.8 metres, which is less than the normal design width, this compromise was accepted as a consequence of being able to provide a safer route for pedestrians along a busy section of road where there had previously not been any footway.

Whilst the loading bay has caused some temporary partial obstruction this is mainly due to the fact that the loading bay has not, until recently, been completely marked out. This meant that lorries were not aligning themselves correctly and this consequently caused some minor delays to passing traffic. It is envisaged that this should not be the case now that the loading bay is fully signed and is operating properly.

Members of the Local Committee accepted the carriageway proposals on the basis of the overall benefits provided including the presence of the new footway. However, they saw fit to understand that issues may still remain due to public concerns and Members therefore required the developer to provide additional funding to enable additional works should it ultimately be considered necessary. Monitoring of the loading bay's use will enable a considered decision to be taken in the future if found wanting.

Yours sincerely

**Nick Raymond**  
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