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## Dear Mr Cogher

Thank you for your letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 concerning events which took place at the Markets Committee the previous day.

I am grateful for you drawing my error in voting on the Markets Strategy to my attention. This was entirely inedvartent due to my misunderstanding of the dispensation granted by the Standards Committee and I would be grateful if you could convey my apologies to the Markets Committee for my mistake.

I have now had the opportunity to review the terms of my dispensation and, having taken advice, understand that I may speak on matters concerning Smithfield Market (other than those directly and exclusively related to my own business interests) but that I may not vote on any issue concerning Smithfield whether as an individual market or together with the other markets. In light of this, I can provide you and the Committee with an absolute assurance that I will not make the same mistake again.

Finally, I understand that you recently provided some training to Members on the Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011, which I was unable to attend. Should that training be repeated, or if you were able to provide me with a personal session, then I would be pleased to attend.

Once again, my apologies for the inconvenience my mistake in voting has caused.

Yours sincerely

**Gregory A Lawrence CC** 

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