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## Barwell Parish Council

Dear Ms Deighton

We issued our external report and certificate for Barwell Parish Council on 22 September 2022 which contained an 'other matter' in relation to the period for the exercise of public rights being less than 30 consecutive working days in length.

We had been informed during the course of our work that the period for the exercise of public rights was from 15 June to 25 July 2022. Since issuing our External Audit Report the authority has informed us that they had mistakenly advised us of the incorrect dates and that the period for the exercise of public rights commenced on 14 June to 25 July 2022, and has confirmed to us that the notice and AGAR were displayed on the Barwell Parish Council website for the entire duration of that period. Accordingly the period for the exercise of public rights was valid and the smaller authority is not required to tick 'No' to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23.

As you are aware, once we issue our opinion and certify closure we are unable to reissue our report; however this letter may be published with the External Auditor Report for clarification.

Kind regards

For and on behalf of PKF Littlejohn LLP

Enclosure