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Dear Malcolm,

I appreciate you have been in touch with my PA Tracey concerning the exhibitions held this last week in Ashton Keynes concerning the local village plan. I appreciate that you have asked for any input my Company may have. As I have explained before in the focus group for the village plan, and furthermore by way of email to you and your colleagues organising consultation on this plan.

As you know much of our land surrounding the village is still currently being extracted or in the late stage of restoration. The company is therefore fully committed to this and has not made any firm plans in how the sites will progress beyond that. There are of course loose ideas for our sites but it is really not the right time to commit them to paper considering plans and situations may change in the near future.

What I will remark as I have before, and the village plan should consider/make allowances for:

Manor Farm:

Has good immediate links to the village. It currently has 4 existing buildings and two further sets of outbuildings on site. 3 of these buildings are listed grade 2. They are previous dwellings and may well be again in the future. Further facilities would need to be built to serve and supply these dwellings. These buildings, 2 village plans ago, did form part of village plans and fell well within red line for development however your predecessors in the last plan chose to remove them without consultation of my Company. Manor Farm is fit for sympathetic development both for housing and/or recreational facilities/amenities.

Dairy Farm:

Is currently still in extraction phases and has cores of 2 of our companies running from it. At large it will stay 'industrial' and a key facet of my business for the immediate future. Longer term it will serve purposes of ecological habit in one area and could be developed further in other areas for recreation and sympathetic housing as set out in our masterplan submitted to Wiltshire Council some time ago.

Kent End Farm:

Kent End is nearing completion of its restoration and our minds are turning to its future life. Predominantly I see some form of recreation here due to its location on the spine road. Any recreative activity will require buildings and facilities to serve it with possible accommodation.

I appreciate at large this may communicate as vague; however this is all we are in the position to say at this time. What is certain is that these sites cannot and will not stay in the same guise as they sit today, beyond gravel and restoration these sites will have to find ways to pay for themselves and their upkeep and therefore development of these sites cannot be ignored or forgotten about. I hope this helps.

Happy to meet and discuss should it be required

Yours Sincerely

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