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Dear Howard

Shaftesbury Youth Club – Potential Joint Development

Following detailed consideration and many discussions I am required to formally confirm that Shaftesbury Youth Club Council has now decided that our Youth Club site is no longer available for consideration as a potential site for the proposed Academy.

As you will be aware it is now approximately 9 months since the Club was first approached concerning this matter and since then we have had the opportunity to talk to many interested parties including staff, adjoining residents, parents etc., it has also encouraged us to consider the social implications of relocating the Youth Club.

We have also taken the opportunity to look at the advantages of our present site and to develop some ideas for the long term improvement of our existing facilities. The outcome of such deliberations have allowed us to appreciate the potential of our present site not only in terms of its physical properties but also of its perceived role in the community.

During consideration of this decision we took into account the following:

1. Sketch plans prepared by our Architects show the potential viability for developing the present site to the advantage of the Club and its members. They illustrate that if we are to realise our long term plans and maintain the football pitches we will need to utilise all the available site area.
2. Informal contact with the adjoining residents associations indicated that we can have their full support for our future development and that we expect that support to be an important factor in any future planning application made by the Club.
3. The present location of the Club allows easy convenient access for the 'core' of students during the day and the youth club members in the evening. We feel that our contribution to the education and social behaviour of the young people of Birkenhead is far too important a matter to be prejudiced by the major disruption which would inevitably occur should we move too far from our present location.
4. The potential use of our site has been open knowledge for many month and we have been the subject of many false rumours which have caused much disruption and unrest within the Club.
5. Finally, the major consideration was our intent to maintain our independence and retain full control over all matters related to the Shaftesbury Youth Club.

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It is realised that this decision will impact upon your future plans for the location of the Academy but please be assured that our decision was not taken lightly.

We remain wholeheartedly supportive of progress being made to improve the quality of provision for Youth Services in Wirral and look forward to working with you to assist in the development of the HUB centres.

Yours sincerely

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