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Sent: 19 November 2014 10:50
To: Kerry Culbert
Subject: Former W St Leonards Primary School site

Dear Kerry,

Further to our recent discussion I am writing to confirm the position of ESCC in relation to this site owned by the County Council.

We have a long term Strategy to expand the provision of Extra care housing for older people in conjunction with boroughs and districts to meet the growing needs and aspirations of older people. An Adult Social Care demand analysis exercise identified specific needs in Hastings for a new scheme and this site was evaluated as being available and suitable for this type of development.

ESCC has commissioned five existing Extra care schemes in the County and has an active programme of new developments in partnership with housing authorities and Registered Providers. Two further schemes are currently on site and additional developments are under active consideration.

ESCC worked in association with HBC to conduct a competitive selection process with Registered Provider and Development partners to develop the W St Leonards site, and as a result selected Amicus Horizon as our preferred partner. We subsequently supported Amicus in their successful bid for capital grant from the Homes and Communities Agency to develop an Extra care scheme and community hub to be delivered as part of the 2015/18 Affordable Homes Programme. It is our intention to dispose of the whole of the site to Amicus in accordance with an agreed master plan which will include a range of property types and tenures.

The County Council will continue to actively work with Amicus and HBC to secure a planning permission that will create new housing and care options for older people, a new integrated community resource, and vitally needed affordable housing for rent and other tenures on the site.

Please contact me if you require additional information .

Kind regards,
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