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Dear Robert,

Re Church Village site

Thankyou very much for hosting us at the design team meeting yesterday and for facilitating the discussion with your colleagues and the architectural team.

As you will understand we joined a process which was already ongoing and we appreciated the opportunity to obtain basic information about the site and the proposal. However, as we had no advance sight of the materials under discussion, it was difficult for us to make considered comment at the time.

In our view it is vital that this locally significant scheme is developed with an adequate time frame which allows for proper consultation with all parties. We are slightly uncomfortable at the speed of the process for producing the design brief, its adoption as planning guidance, and the subsequent detailed planning application.

We would welcome the opportunity to comment further on the development brief as it is progressed and prior to its submission to cabinet. We would also expect to be consulted on the detailed planning application, again prior to submission. In order for our comments to be useful, we would need to have advance sight of the material to be

tabled and we would make every effort to ensure that our best expertise is made available to the team.

Please keep us informed of details of future meetings. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Yours sincerely,

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