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BY EMAIL AND POST

Dear Mike

Land West of Ardglen Road, Whitchurch – New Station Car Park

i-Transport has been appointed by the Hospital of St Cross to provide highway and transport advice to support the promotion of land to the west of Ardglen Road, Whitchurch. The development proposals include the provision of up to 70 residential dwellings and 3,500 sq.m of flexible commercial floor space. The opportunity to provide a small area of the site for some additional car parking for Whitchurch railway station has also been identified. The provision of additional car parking at the station has been a long term aspiration of the community and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The attached drawing illustrates the area of the site where it is considered there is an opportunity to provide some additional parking (circa 50 – 60 spaces) for the railway station. The area is located to the west of the existing employment units accessed from Ardglen Road. The car park would be accessed via the creation of a new road link from Ardglen Road as illustrated on the enclosed masterplan, and an additional pedestrian link is also being considered. The car park would be circa 250m – 300m walk from the station.

The provision of additional car parking for Whitchurch railway station was supported by the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (1996 - 2011) under Policy D3.20 and is also supported by the emerging Local Plan under Policy Policy SS11. Whilst these policies allocate a different parcel of land to the north of the railway line for a station car park, the site that has been identified to the south is considered to be a preferable alternative in planning terms. This is because the site to the south of the railway line is within the settlement boundary and screened from views from the wider landscape (noting the area to the north of the railway line is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)). The site to the south of the railway is also closer to the railway station.

The purpose of this letter is to seek your comments on the provision of some additional car parking for Whitchurch railway station and to understand whether Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council would have any interest in acquiring the site for station car parking.

I trust that the above is clear but would ask you not to hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. Otherwise, we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Howard', written in a cursive style.

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Enc: Illustrative Masterplan