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Dear Mr Buttle

Proposed Residential Development, Wises Lane, Borden, Sittingbourne, Kent

Further to our recent discussions, I am writing to confirm that the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education (CDBE) has been considering for some time the feasibility of developing or indeed relocating Borden Church of England Primary School. This dialogue has emerged from reviews of the suitability of the existing site: firstly to sustain high quality educational provision (including a broad and balanced curriculum) and secondly in terms of ongoing works required to the buildings and bordering chalk face.

I understand that, as part of your proposed housing development in Borden, Quinn Estates would be willing to provide a two form entry primary school with sufficient land to enable an expansion to three form entry at a later date. I have discussed this site with the Executive Headteacher of the school and the Chair of Governors as a preferred option; both are supportive and agree that the potential to move to this location and a new, purpose-built school building is very appealing. It would offer both advantageous conditions in which to sustain the school's positive inspection outcomes, but more importantly create opportunities and an inspirational environment for the children.

However, we are also mindful that all new schools require the support and partnership of both Kent County Council (KCC) and the Department for Education through the Office of the Regional Schools Commissioner, and we are arranging a meeting with KCC and other stakeholders in early February to discuss the principle of this scheme, and see what progress can be made.

I look forward to hearing from you further once you have received the decision of the planning inspector. Meanwhile, if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Quentin L. Roper
Director of Education