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Dear Jenny,

I don't think we have spoken before but I am the planning consultant with Broadacres who has been helping them with their outstanding planning application. I attended the initial SCI event at the village school which now seems like a very long while ago!

I fully appreciate that the current official parish line is that they are opposed to the development and I have seen your recent objection letter to the Council on the current proposals.

I am sure you will also have seen some of the consultation responses from the Water Authority and others setting out their assessment of the current situation?

We face a slightly challenging situation where we are presently on opposite sides of the debate and clearly we have to understand and respect each other's position.

If the Parish arguments win out, then the scheme will get refused and the developer will either appeal or walk away -in which case what I am about to raise with you becomes academic.

I wanted to raise with you the potential scenario in which for whatever reason, the members of Richmondshire Planning Committee decide the application can be approved, either because matters are resolved or because they disagree with the parish concerns -approval then follows, with conditions and legal agreements relating to the proposed Parish Hall.

The issue I wanted to raise with the parish, through you, was whether the Parish's opposition to the development was such that if it was to be approved, they would not wish to receive the proposed Village Hall? As you might appreciate, the delivery of the proposed Village Hall has been a key expectation of Richmondshire Council, based upon their understanding of the needs and wishes of the Village. Logically the future owners of the Village Hall would be the parish -but this assumption relies upon a willingness on the Parish to receive it in a proper legal conveyance. I am therefore seeking a dialogue with you on whether the Parish would wish to receive the Hall in the event that permission is granted, or whether they wish to formally distance themselves from the Hall for all time. Faced with a refusal to receive the Hall in due course, I would imagine the developer would have to debate whether there was any other properly constituted body that could receive it in the

alternative, or whether housing should instead be substituted on the site of the Hall?

I appreciate that this might seem like a somewhat strange subject to raise with you at this particular time, but it does need to be properly considered. Under different circumstances, I would suggest that we might find it helpful to meet up on a without prejudice basis -I am happy to have a video chat with you, if you would find that helpful?

Kind regards

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