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Monday, 29 June 2020

Dear Mr West,

**Shropshire Council Local Plan Review: Preferred sites in Clive: CLV010, CLV 012 and CLV018.**

I am writing on behalf of the Governors of Clive Church of England Primary School to set out our representations in advance of the pre-submission of the draft plan to Cabinet later this week. I wrote to you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 advising you of the Governors agreement to the recommendations in the report from the Futures Committee (attached for reference).

The owners, Sansaw Estate, have agreed (as part of the planning gain from that development) to gift to the school an area of land adjacent to the school which is shown coloured blue (known as the Roland's cottage site) on the attached plan. The existing school site is coloured pink. The acquisition of this site, immediately adjacent to the school, will enable the school to erect a badly needed school hall and additional EYFS classroom and ancillary accommodation and provide extra recreational space. Details of the school's requirements and the proposed use of the site are set out in the attached Report to Governors, the recommendations of which were approved by Governors on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Since then, draft Heads of Terms have been agreed between the Estate and the school, I sent these to you on 1 June.

The need for additional space has been brought into sharper focus recently by the current social distancing guidelines. The school has opened to all year groups, but in order to do this it has been necessary to set up classrooms in the Village Hall and in a marquee on the playground which is far from ideal.

The acquisition of the adjacent site would enable the most significant improvements to the physical structure of the school since it was established in the 1870s. The school is at the heart of village life and has strong ties with All Saints' Church, the Village Hall, and Renshaw's Field. The school fete, concerts, history activities, and visits by children to elderly residents are enjoyed by and are of benefit to the community as a whole. The new buildings would provide a major community asset for at least the next fifty years and it is highly unlikely that an opportunity of this magnitude will present itself again.



So far as the proposals from the owners of sites CLV012 and CLV018 are concerned, the Governors have not yet received any detailed information on the suggested possible car park and new access way or additional outside space. Governors will, of course, carefully consider any firm proposals and the benefit they could bring to the school.

Based on the limited information received from the owners of sites CLV012 and CLV018 it is difficult to assess how the suggested new car park and path will improve access to the school, because the land immediately to the north and east of the school (shown edged black and coloured grey on the plan) belongs to a different owner; any new access from CLV 012 or CLV 018 must surely involve a very lengthy walk, and will be considerably less convenient than the two existing access routes which are marked in purple on the plan. In addition, the problems of parking and traffic in Clive need to be considered on a whole village basis. We would point out, however, that many children, parents and staff use the path from Drawell to get to school and children coming to school via the Crosstrees drive were (until the COVID 19 restrictions) able to take advantage of a 'walking bus' which enabled parents to drop off their children at the end of the drive rather than park and walk up with them.

Over the last few years an important strategic issue for Governors is the physical and spatial needs of the school going forward. In simplistic terms, for Clive CE School, there is a great need to 'extend' the indoor (classroom/education) space. This has to be a key consideration for any proposal put forward. The school already has an established forest school area on Grinshill, sports take place on the level playing field area of Renshaw's Field.

For the reasons set out above (and consistent with our previous correspondence on this), Governors believe, because of the offer to the school of Roland's cottage for the future of primary education in Clive, the best site for the "major" development in the village is CLV 010 We would ask that our views are given full consideration at the Cabinet meeting because of the significant future educational implications for Clive.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Haines-Eynon', written in a cursive style.

Mark Haines-Eynon  
Chair of Governors

CC: Executive Head Teacher (Nicola Brayford)  
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