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Dear Parents,

Shropshire Draft Local Plan Review: Possible transfer of 'Roland's Cottage' site to the School.

As I am sure most of you are aware, the location of sites for new housing in Clive is being considered by Shropshire Council as part of the Local Plan Review.

One of the sites (CLV010) under consideration is owned by the Sansaw Estate, and the Estate have agreed with the School that in the event of their application for development of the site being successful, they will gift to the School the site of 'Roland's Cottage'.

As the site is immediately adjacent to the existing school buildings, it would provide a tremendous opportunity to expand the School in terms of both additional buildings and extra outdoor space. As you will know the School does not have a hall. We would provide a new multi-purpose school hall, a new Early Years classroom and outside area, a new kitchen, storeroom and toilets. We anticipate that this could be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies which arise from the development

These new facilities would enhance the quality of education for all children at the School for many years to come and enable the School to take additional children, from, for example, the new houses.

The hall could be used for assemblies, worship, PE sessions, school lunches and Wrap Around Care (before and after school) and would end the need for children to eat lunches in classrooms which entails moving furniture around in the existing classrooms with the attendant disruption and loss of teaching time. The Early Years classroom would be specifically designed for Early Years needs including the free flow of indoor and outdoor spaces.

Miss Brayford has commented that 'additional accommodation would enhance the facilities at Clive CE Primary School. We are already providing provision such as Wrap Around Care for our children, but to be able to provide this on our own premises would be amazing.' 'Lunches are



currently served in one of our classrooms. To be able to have a dedicated space for lunchtimes would be extremely beneficial to the learning environment for the children and staff.'

As the potential benefit to the School is so great, the Governors have decided to support the development of site CLV010 in the planning process. I would stress that in doing so our only consideration has been to act in the best interests of the School.

So far as the planning process is concerned, the planning officers at Shropshire Council have published their final draft of the Plan. At this stage their preferred option is two other sites (CLV012 and CLV 018), but this subject to an 8 week consultation period and a public inquiry. I would add that the owners of sites CLV012 and CLV018 have offered to make available land for a new car park which could be used by the School along with others and to make a new access from the carpark to the School. However, we have not received any firm proposals about this (such as the location), and in any event in our view the benefits to the School and the future of education in Clive from these sites falls far short of the benefit the School obtains from the acquisition of the additional school site at 'Roland's Cottage'.

The acquisition of the 'Roland's Cottage' site at this time is a unique opportunity for the School. The Governors will be making representations during the consultation period in support of site CLV010. Any member of the public is entitled to comment on the draft Plan, and I hope that some of you will feel able to support our stance in view of the benefits to the School and the future of primary education in Clive. If the Estate development is not chosen, it is likely that the Estate will sell or itself redevelop the 'Roland's Cottage' site and so this unique opportunity for the School will be lost forever. Should you wish to add your voice to those of the Governors I enclose a suggested letter to the Council which you may wish to utilise. The 8 week consultation period will run from 3rd August to 30th September.

I also enclose a plan showing the various proposed development sites and 'Roland's Cottage'.

If you have any queries or would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Mark Haines-Eynon
Chair of Governors