

Hannah Gosling

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Dear Tony and Hannah

Further to our recent discussions about Valley Gardens Phase 3, as requested I am writing to confirm that the mediation/ADR meeting with the Valley Gardens Forum was held on 2 July. The meeting was facilitated by an independent person and was constructive. A number of actions were agreed, including ongoing exchanges of information, which will assist with ongoing engagement and dialogue with the Forum and the wider public during the next stages of the project's development. We will also be writing to you jointly with the forum to clarify the timescales for drawing down the funding as one of the issues identified during the mediation process was a lack of clarity around your requirements in this regard.

The council therefore considers that the mediation process with the Forum is now complete. We have committed to continue to engage with the Forum throughout the delivery of the project.

I would be grateful if you would now provide an indication as to when you expect to complete your internal decision making processes and, assuming the outcome is positive, progress the engrossment process for the funding agreement. As I am sure you are aware, it's important that we now progress the project without further delay and we looking forward to work in partnership with you to do so.

Please let me know if there is anything that you would like to discuss.

With regards.

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Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.