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Dear Mr West

I refer to our telephone conversation last Thursday, 20 February 2020, during which you asked me to write to you regarding future development for housing in Clive village.

I have lived in, and close to, Clive for over seventy-five years and hence I know the area very well. With regard to the future plans to build new houses in Clive, it would be more appropriate, for the reasons shown below, that the development be at the east end of the village, which would be closer to the school, the doctors' surgery, the church and the village hall.

There is a definite traffic congestion issue on the main High Street in Clive village close to the doctors' surgery. Teachers, staff and visitors have no alternative but to park their cars from the junction with Wem Road up to the entrance to the surgery, ie the lane to the school. This makes it extremely difficult – sometimes impossible – for large vehicles to pass these parked cars but, more importantly, it is a danger to pedestrians.

Since our conversation last week, I have had a meeting with Mr [Redacted] who lives at [Redacted] to discuss the proposals for development within the village. Mr [Redacted] indicated that he would be open to the idea of development on his land that would also include land to the rear of 'The Bungalow' which I own.

This area of land could provide the solution to the car parking problem for the school, which at present is a danger on High Street.

It could also provide overspill parking for the doctors' surgery and, as we know from other village communities, this will become more of a problem in the future.

It would also provide recreational space/further development of the school which would be beneficial. The development for the housing would be mixed, low-density and would give the appearance of a 'village green' setting with tree planting and open areas. This proposal would condense future development adjacent to the main hub of Clive village and would avoid the 'ribbon' development, as suggested, would exacerbate the highways issues, ie people having to walk much further along the road where there are no footpaths.

This proposal in particular would resolve the highways situation on High Street which at present is very dangerous. It would give the Highways Authority further scope to restrict parking and also look at the speed of vehicles passing through the village.

The proposed recreational space opportunity, which is suggested to be adjacent to the school, could be a 'one-off' situation and should not be missed. We would also say that none of the other proposed development sites indicated can offer the solution to the highways issue in the correct location, nor can they provide the recreational space for the school.

I hope you will find the above helpful and if I can be of any further assistance or you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Perhaps a meeting in the near future, if possible, I feel would be beneficial for us both.

Yours sincerely

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