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Dear Louise

RE: APPLICATION REF: 08/00982/OUT
APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF SEVEN DWELLINGS

I would like to thank you for taking to time to speak to me on Thursday this week regarding our application on the site at Barton Road, Barlestone which has now been approved.

I am writing further to our conversation regarding the requirement for payment of £8,687 (£1,241 per dwelling) for POS contributions as per the planning conditions.

We have since received some independent advice from Cerda Planning in Birmingham who have advised us that there is no deficit of POS in the settlement of Barlestone. I have paraphrased extracts of Cerda's report to us as outlined below:-

Although we appreciate the new SPD has now been adopted, we would like to refer to a Quantity Audit measuring the amount of green space currently provided in the borough and its distribution. This Audit identifies that:

- *The borough has a surplus of 29.32 hectares of casual / informal children's play space when compared to the NPFA's minimum recommended standard. This is an area equivalent to approximately 39 football pitches.*

- *The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Playing Field Assessment identifies a 10.59 hectare surplus of sports pitches in Hinckley and Bosworth – the equivalent to approximately 14 football pitches.*

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There is no specific evidence in the Quantitative Audit that demonstrates a deficit of POS facilities in Barlestone. Also having spoken to Barlestone Parish Council we have anecdotal evidence that they do not require any new open space (including children's play space).

We understand that the planning permission granted to the land to the north of Barton Road now developed as Little Mill Close, made a very significant financial contribution towards the provision of open space which met demand in full for Barlestone.

We would be grateful if you could reply to us with information on whether there is a deficiency in Barlestone, what survey information is this based on and what is the intended solution? In light of the information we have received we would like to propose that there be a reduction in the POS contributions.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course with your response.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

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