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Dear Ms Astle

RE: HEALTHCARE PROVISION FOR DESFORD, BELLWAYS DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2013, received in my office on 30 May 2013 in response to my previous letter of 7 May 2013.

I have no doubt of the integrity of your original bid for resources. However, under current Planning regulations, particularly in respect of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), stringent tests need to be applied to ensure the Council, as Planning Authority, can legally secure relevant contributions for community facilities such as healthcare provision. I note your query over why the request did not meet CIL compliance and I will ask my Development Control Manager, Tracy Miller, on advice from the Council's Solicitor, Mike Rice, to write and set out the rationale for this. I will also ask her to clarify the position with regard to the deferral of the application from the June 2011 Committee and why the PCT request was not reported at that stage.

I would stress that the Council considers the securing of appropriate contributions for community facilities, including healthcare is highly important but relies on adequate cases being made by relevant organisations such as the health sector, Police, education.

As I advised in my previous letter, the Council is not in a position to retrospectively pursue funding linked to the Bellways application. The advice on CIL compliance is provided by the Council's Solicitor and ultimately the decision on the application was the Council's Planning Committee based on recommendations from the Planning Officers. I would be happy to set up a meeting for you to get further advice from my Development Control Manager and the Council's Solicitor on CIL compliance if you think that would be helpful.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Signed and posted 5 June 2013

Bill Cullen
Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction)

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