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Dear Ms Gibbons

Herefordshire Council: Land at Three Elms Western Urban Expansion – Outline planning application (Ref. 162920) – Update

We write on behalf of the Church Commissioners for England to provide an update on the Three Elms outline planning application following our previous update provided in September 2019.


As you are aware, progress on the application had been on hold to allow for additional hydrogeological technical work and, subsequently, to allow discussions regarding the relationship between the application and the bypass considerations.

Since the update in September 2019, the Church Commissioner's technical team has been making progress on the above and preparing an Environmental Statement Further Information Report to address the previous statutory consultee comments, in addition to additional information on green infrastructure. This work is drawing to a close and we hope to be in a position to submit this to the Council in late Spring/early Summer 2020.

Mindful of the current circumstances with regard to Covid-19, we understand that the Council is also putting measures in place to ensure that the local community will be formally consulted prior to any decision being made.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Victoria Barrett-Mudhoo.

Yours sincerely



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Senior Director