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Dear Mr Stewart,

**GRANVILLE ACADEMY, BURTON ROAD, WOODVILLE, SWADLINCOTE, DERBYSHIRE, DE11 7JR
REQUEST FOR A SCREENING OPINION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 5 OF THE TOWN AND
COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011**

We write on behalf of our client, Kier Construction, to request a formal Screening Opinion in relation to emerging proposals for the re-development of the school site at Burton Road, Swadlincote.

We propose to submit a detailed planning application for the construction of a new build teaching block, and the subsequent phased demolition of a proportion of the existing accommodation. The new accommodation is to be provided in a single building of maximum three storeys in height, with a gross internal floor area of approximately 2,300m². Taken in conjunction with the proposed demolitions, the net gain in internal floor area for the campus will be less than 200m². The pupil capacity of the school will remain unchanged as part of these proposals.

The redevelopment of the site will also include the re-provision of hard courts, the consolidation of the on-site parking provision, hard and soft landscaping, and associated infrastructure works

This letter considers whether the application should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the purposes of the above Regulations. We enclose the following for your consideration:

- Site Location Plan at 1:1250, illustrating the school ownership boundary
- Existing Site Plan (by ESFA Technical Advisors, Bond Bryan Architects)
- Proposed Site Masterplan
- New building GA Plans – Levels 00, 01, and 02 (by CPMG Architects)

Given the nature of the proposals, and the existing use of the site, it is considered that the proposed development is unlikely to give rise to significant effects on the environment with regards to the characteristics of the development, its location and the potential impacts. Therefore, we do not believe that the planning application will constitute EIA development. Furthermore, a pre-application liaison was sought with Derbyshire County Council by the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), during the development of the initial feasibility and business case for the project. The Letter of Comfort issued by way of a response stated the following:

“Environmental Impact Assessment:

Based on the development proposals as submitted and the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, it is considered that subject to a full

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request for a Screening Opinion being made to the County Council, an Environmental Impact Assessment would not be required for the proposed development."

- Rob Murfin, Head of Planning Services at DCC
- Planning Enquiry Ref: ED9/0716/34
- Letter dated 20 April 2017

However, in accordance with the provision within The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, we request that the South Derbyshire District Council undertakes a formal screening of the proposed development in order to confirm this position.

We would be grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter, and to receipt of the Council's Screening Opinion in accordance with statutory timescales. We trust that the information provided is sufficient for this to be completed; however, please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

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