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Dear Emma,

Northbrook C of E Secondary School, Taunton Road, SE12 Ref DC/07/67730

Thank you for your fair and accurate representation of views expressed at the recent public meeting as summarised in your note of the event on the planning website.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of last November to Tony Freeman, then and possibly still Head of Partnerships and Investments. I am doing this because I think it reveals the extent to which our views have been ignored in the drawing up of the plans. My letter records that we were given assurances that the existing footprint, mass and height of the present building would not be exceeded

I did not receive a reply from Mr Freeman to indicate that any of my conclusions from the November meeting were inaccurate. Or that any of the society's hopes for the new building were unrealistic. The mere fact that I did not receive an acknowledgement or reply to my letter may indicate the degree to which Mr Freeman's department was prepared to engage with the local community.

The degree of consultation is only one aspect of this sorry affair but it is a very important one. I would like to ask you to enter the enclosed letter into the record. The project team seem to have convinced themselves they did consult adequately. This is most definitely not the case. The society is continuing to review its options as how best to prevent this development going ahead in its present form.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Batchelor, Chairman