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Dear Mrs Harris

Affordable Housing for Dolton

I am writing to formally advise the Parish Council that, unfortunately, the owner of the land at Aller Road has decided not to sell this land to RHT for the provision of local needs affordable housing. As the site is no longer available, we have been forced to withdraw the planning application.

As you know we have been working on a proposal for this site for several years, so this is a disappointing blow for everyone.

The Trust operates on mutual trust, and has already incurred costs in the region of £30,000 in carrying out the investigations necessary to arrive at a position where a planning application was possible. As a charity, and not for profit organisation, all costs are covered by the ultimate completion of a scheme, and I am sure you will appreciate that the sudden termination of the proposals for Dolton will have a significant impact.

I have written to all those who had expressed an interest in being considered for these homes, and will keep their contact details in the hope that it might be possible to progress an alternative site in the future.

Kind regards

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