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Dear Peter & Jackie,

Re: Land South of Roughmoor Lane, Westbury-sub-Mendip

I write in response to your letter dated 19/01/22. As you are aware the Church Commissioners are progressing plans to submit a planning application at land south of Roughmoor Lane.

The site has been allocated in Mendip Council's Local Plan Part 2, which was adopted on the 20th December 2021, under Policy WMI. Planning policy sets out a requirement for a minimum 40 dwellings, including affordable, up to 0.1 hectares of land made available for the delivery of a community facility and 0.13 hectares of accessible bat habitat. Parking and amenity space for future residents will be provided in line with adopted policy and best practice.

Meetings were held with the Parish Council before Christmas on the draft proposals and the public consultation, at these meetings the possibility for face-to-face event was discussed. However, with the emergence of Omicron and changes to government guidance, it was felt, with health and safety in mind and without knowing how long restrictions would be in place, a virtual consultation was considered the safest option and in line with industry best practice. This was communicated to the Parish Council who we have worked closely with throughout.

Whilst the Commissioners are pleased with the number of responses received and participation at the virtual meeting and are pleased with the level of engagement from the village, we are happy to explore the possibility of a face-to-face meeting at the beginning of March now that Government restrictions have been eased. A date will be confirmed with the Parish Council in due course.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Alldis