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Dear Kate,

Housing Infrastructure Fund (MVF) grant (the "Grant") to Somerset West & Taunton Council (the "Local Authority") for the delivery of the Staplegrove Spine Road Project (the "Project")

Further to ongoing discussions on the matter, we have reviewed your request to reallocate £7,200,000 of the total £14,216,000 HIF MVF funding towards the construction of the primary school on the Staplegrove site and can confirm that this has been approved subject to the following:

- The funding remains recoverable as per the original approval.
- We will require confirmation from Somerset County Council / Education Authority that their additional s.106 ask of £9.6m towards the primary school delivery has been removed and that the s.106 can now be concluded quickly without this.
- We will require confirmation that this does not impact on the state aid position of the scheme.

Whilst we understand this option is the strong preference of the LA, should the option of funding the school construction through the recycling of the recovered grant become beneficial, this is also acceptable subject to confirmation that additional housing outputs will be unlocked (to Homes England's satisfaction).

For the avoidance of doubt, Homes England does not waive any of its rights under the Agreement. Nothing in this correspondence should be regarded to waive any condition or right within the funding agreement or constitute confirmation that a requirement has been fulfilled, unless expressly stated otherwise.

Yours faithfully

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Homes and Communities Agency (trading as Homes England)