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Mr M W Roffe
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Dear Mr Roffe

Expansion of Old Swinford Hospital

Thank you for your letter of 28th November 2006 to inform me of your allocation of £9.5m from Government to be augmented to £10,579,000 for expansion proposals.

In order to obtain a clearer understanding of the scope and location of new development proposals, my Principal Planning Officer, Peter Reed, has contacted your Director of Estates and Facilities. Following that conversation I understand that the main elements of the expansion proposals will consist of:

- A multi use games area to the east of the sports centre and amendments to the approved sports centre scheme
- A new teaching block and performing arts centre in the location of the existing five a side pitch and adjacent land to the north
- A new boarding house facility in the location of the existing gymnasium and Prospect House which are to be demolished

In principle the Council would support expansion and improvement of such a successful school, subject to due consideration of detailed issues arising in the planning application process.

Such issues will inevitably include the potential impact of the multi use games area on residential properties, the timing of development proposals and the design and scale of buildings relative to the context of the locality.

I confirm that my officers will be available to provide advice and guidance to your architects and advisors in pre-application discussions; which need to take place in order to ensure positive progress of your proposals and avoid delay during the application process.

I trust this information is of assistance and look forward to early contact with your advisors in order to progress matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. R. Pattinson', with a stylized, cursive script.

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General Manager – Planning & Development

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