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Mr B. Daines
'Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall'
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Date: 16 November 2009

Dear Mr. Daines,

Re: Improvements to Cherry Hinton Hall

Thank you for your letter dated 3 November.

I am able to advise that the points listed 1-7 in your letter are a fair summary of the process involved from the conception stages through to the completion of the project.

As you are probably aware, the initial work in terms of gathering information from the many different stakeholders was undertaken earlier in the year with sessions and interviews being undertaken by an independent consultant. I understand that you have a copy of the resulting report – this is also available on the Council website:

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/leisure-and-entertainment/parks-and-playgrounds/parks-recreation-grounds-and-play-areas.en>

The next step is for officers to seek advice from the consultant and a landscape architect to review the information and recommendations in the report and start to develop concepts and options for the site. This will include the land previously occupied by the propagation centre. As part of this stage, and if you think it would be helpful, I am willing to ask the consultant and a Council officer to meet with FOCHH to outline and discuss the key findings. I anticipate this work will take place in December.

Following this, the Council will approach stakeholders to discuss the proposed concepts and to begin to prioritise ideas. From this work I anticipate some formative landscape and master plans to be considered at South Area Committee in March 2010.

Further refinement and consultation will take place in the spring and at this stage I am aiming for approval of a scheme and funding in July.

I understand that the next meeting of FOCHH is on 20 January 2010. If you feel it would be helpful, I would be willing to for one of my officers to attend this meeting to contribute to discussion



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Timetable

Task	Date
Review consultation with landscape architects	December 2010
Discussion with stakeholders	January 2010
Refinement of plans, ongoing discussion with stakeholders	February 2010
South Area Committee	11 March 2010
Further refinement and consultation if required, with South Area Committee if requested	March – April (consultation not permitted in election period)
Project appraisal – approval for project and release of funding	July 2010
Procurement	Tbc
Commencement of works	Tbc

The Council's Green Space Manager, Alistair Wilson, will be overseeing the management of this project and can be contacted via the telephone number overleaf or his email address, Alistair.Wilson@cambridge.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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