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Dear Dominique,

Thank you for your letter of earlier this morning. The paper is planned for the next scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday 27 June. The extraordinary Council meeting on Monday 19 June has a single agenda item regarding the Borough Local Plan and the papers are listed at

http://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=6927.

Your letters of 5 May and 23 May set out the Academy's requirements for the expansion to two forms of entry to go ahead. Those requirements are clearly understood to be the request that the Royal Borough underwrites the full cost of the scheme including any costs arising from delays in decision making.

In order to make that commitment, officers have been working from the existing floorplan and overall project timescale to establish the required budget envelope that would underpin the commitment the Academy is seeking. Given that the risk of this decision sits firmly with the council it is entirely appropriate that we are undertaking this work.

Our officers have previously discussed steering group arrangements with the Academy and will be sharing the content of the paper in a face to face meeting this afternoon. We would welcome any written representation from the Academy to be passed to the members named on the paper who will share it in its entirety with the group for their meeting on the 19 June,

I appreciate the continuing willingness of the Academy to seek a way forward on this matter with the council.

Best wishes

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