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To: ['Tim Way'](#)

Subject: RE: Westcott Village Open Meeting

Dear Mr Way

Thank you for your letter. I am pleased that the meeting went well and await your feedback with interest.

On your first point the invitation to submit sites for consideration earlier this year extended to any interested party, not just landowners or developers. When visiting all the parish councils and village associations in January/February, we explained our intentions for modest additions to rural villages, and I did the same at Westcott when we met. There was of course no requirement for WVA to put forward sites and I am happy to confirm that as a matter of fact it did not. The two sites MVDC has put forward were suggested by their respective landowners. The WVA was not involved in their identification, although we are interested in your views on them both.

On the second point, there were only two other sites we considered but rejected. The first was land to the east of the identified site at Westcott House (in the same ownership) immediately to the south of the river and including a walled enclosure. Our view was that this encroached out into open countryside. The second was Heath Crest. We rejected this on the advice of the Council's Historic Buildings Officer as it lies within the Westcott Conservation Area and development on it could have harmed that designation.

In addition to the above, the owners of Westcott House have indicated that land within the curtilage of the nursing home would be available if needed, for example to improve the access to the identified land at the rear.

Regards

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