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Subject: RE: Leisure Centre Feasibility Study - Swaffham

Dear Richard,

Thanks for the email. We will of course take on board the comments of the town council, and thanks very much to yourself and the members who attended the recent stakeholder meeting.

You will appreciate that the academy site has to be one of the sites under consideration because of the current provision. That's not to say this would be a preferred site moving forward (no decision has been taken), just that it needs to be considered in the mix.

Best wishes, Rob

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Dear Nicky,

Further to 'Max Associates' presentation at Breckland Council offices on 17th January attended by a number of different stakeholders, including Swaffham Town Council, Councillors wish to reiterate their desire to have a new Leisure Centre located away from the current Hamond's Academy site.

There are many valid reasons to justify this, notwithstanding the recent closure of the facility, that has caused a void in leisure provision in the Town. The Council feel that entering a school site is a barrier for some people who will not ever use the facility, there is also a lack of scope for increasing the leisure provision that is evident at this particular site, and the exclusive period that would be required for school use to the detriment of the general public. All of these factors together make this the least preferred option for the town Council.

Whichever site is found to be the most suitable, as we understand it, the brief is to have a good access, good parking provision, can have scope to develop a dry facility, with scope for both indoor and outdoor activity, and enough room at the site for any future leisure provision, as the Town expands or as appropriate needs are identified.

I would be grateful if these points could be taken on board before your final deliberations – thank you.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk



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