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Dear Nigel

DUMBALLS ROAD

I refer to your letter dated 16 October 2018 and I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

I am grateful for the support of your committee for this project and we have taken on board the various views expressed both at the meeting and in your letter.

I have asked that the Council's Transport Strategy team to consider the matter you raised regarding cycle superhighways as part of the development. They will explore precisely the extent of any commitment we can make in this regard.

I can confirm that there will be no diminution of green or open space as part of the development. Indeed, we see the provision of new open spaces in the Dumballs Road area as a key benefit of the development. It is the intention that Vastint will manage the public open space through service charges.

In terms of commercial units, we will certainly ensure that Vastint link with the city's universities as well as other industry networks to consider how they can meet demand. We will also share with Vastint the work of the Scrutiny Committee on innovation and workshop space.

In the meanwhile, we have continued to make progress in developing Heads of Terms for the disposal of the council's landholdings on the site along with an agreement for the delivery of some 450 units will transfer to the Council and be managed as part of our council housing stock.

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A report relating to these issues will be considered by Cabinet in the near future. That report will also outline the timetable for taking the project forward including the date by which the masterplan will be completed through to construction and occupation of the housing units.

Thank you again for your support for this project. I believe it will make a hugely positive contribution to this area of the city, and will play a crucial role in linking the city-centre with Cardiff Bay.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Russell

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