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Dear Sir / Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Outline Planning Application for Advanced Learning Centre at:
Land at former Darfield Colliery, Darfield, Barnsley

On behalf of our clients, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) Education Authority, we are pleased to enclose an outline planning application for the above site.

The application is in outline with all matters reserved, with the exception of access. The site layout plan is indicative, although it does show the area within which the building will be located.

The submission comprises documents as follows; we enclose 8 copies of each in hard copy, and a further 6 copies of the full application package and EIA on CD:

- Planning Application Forms and Completed Certificate B
- GL Hearn - Site Location (Red Line) Plan
- BMBC Education - Indicative Site Layout Plan
- BMBC - Landscape Change Drawing
- GL Hearn - Planning Statement
- GL Hearn - Design and Access Statement
- GL Hearn - Environmental Impact Assessment, Appendices and Non-Technical Summary
- Sanderson Associates - Transport Assessment
- Sanderson Associates - Flood Risk Assessment
- SEEDA – Grounds Conditions Report (Appendix 8 of the Environment Impact Assessment)

The proposal constitutes an Advanced Learning Centre, in 2-3 storey buildings with a footprint not exceeding 36,000m^2, development ranging from 17m to 18m in height (the application models the higher points of these two heights), with associated car parking and playing fields. A new vehicular and pedestrian access is proposed from Mitchells Way, details of which are set out in the Transport Assessment and will be considered independently under the Highways Act.

The application follows lengthy consultation and discussion with planning officers, school pupils and staff and the public, and represents a carefully considered solution. Further detail of the background to the proposal is provided in the enclosed submission documents. Planning policy issues are considered in depth in the GL Hearn Planning Statement.

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The site plan shows the area of the site where the building will be located, and the approximate location of the car parking and playing fields. We confirm that the maximum height of the buildings on site will be 18 metres above existing ground level. The proposed means of access to the site is also specified in full in the application.

The Environmental Statement describes in full the impacts associated with the scheme, and includes commitments to mitigations where appropriate.

We approached the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) with a view to discussing the proposal at an early stage. However they are unable to accept documents from ourselves and so the discussion remained general. In the circumstances, and given the importance of the application, we would be grateful if you would forward a copy to the GOYH at an early stage to ensure any concerns that they have can be addressed without delaying the application.

As you may be aware, the timescale for funding this project requires a positive determination as soon as possible, and in the circumstances we would be happy to meet with you to discuss any concerns as early as possible.

As stated on the application forms, the fee is payable using the Council's internal SAP finance system, and the relevant code is 10925 746022

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Michael Lee-Wright if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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