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Dear Mr Williams

**Extraction of Sand and Gravel at Broom Court Farm, Bidford-on-Avon
Application Ref: S42/05CMO13**

I refer to the meeting at your office on the 18th October, and to our subsequent discussions.

Our Clients recognise that following the consultation exercise which you have undertaken, there are a number of outstanding issues which require clarification and/or the submission of further information in support of the application. As a result, if the application is to proceed to a determination then such further information would need to be submitted, but, in technical terms, we are reasonably confident that the issues could be satisfactorily addressed, albeit with possible minor modifications to the working scheme.

However, our Clients are similarly conscious that the application has generated considerable local concern relating to both the principle of extraction at the site, and to a number of more specific amenity, environmental and highway issues. Whilst our clients are accustomed to objections being made to mineral applications, irrespective of their merits, they are particularly disappointed in this instance, given that they have been operating the Marsh Farm Alcester quarry for some 15 years, and have always striven to undertake the operation in a way which minimises impact, and where good relations had been built up and maintained with local residents and the local liaison group. It follows that our Clients are anxious not to jeopardise what they perceive to be a good standing in the locality by continuing to promote a development which has proven to be contentious.

In the above circumstance, I have been instructed by our Client's to formally withdraw the above application, and to thereby request that Warwickshire County Council take no further action in terms of processing the application to a determination.

In the meantime, our Clients are reviewing their options for sand and gravel extraction in the general locality, and will endeavour to identify an alternative site which will hopefully prove to be less controversial in terms of local reaction.

Yours sincerely

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