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Dear David

Update on proposals for Violet Melchett Centre, Chelsea

Thank you for your time on Friday 6 October 2017. As we discussed I wanted to write to provide reassurance regarding our plans for Violet Melchett Centre.

As stewards of the local area for over 300 years, we are aware of the value that the present occupiers of the Violet Melchett Centre bring to the local community in providing essential and well-used services. We will therefore work in partnership with you and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea with the aim of securing the long-term future of the health and education facilities on this site.

As I am sure you appreciate, the current lease expires in September 2018. This provides an opportunity to restore and modernise this building to ensure that it provides healthcare for the local community. Our intention is that we work together so that you can continue to provide clinical services in the building once it has been improved. In the meantime we look forward to engaging with you and the Children's Centre over the coming to ensure that we get these proposals right for the long-term.

To support this design process we have appointed an exemplary design team with a strong track record of sensitively restoring buildings. We will of course, as part of the design process, listen carefully to comments, and take time to understand concerns and issues raised. Wherever possible, our design will be updated to reflect comments. We will consult on our proposals with our neighbours, local residents and the users of the Centre in advance of any planning application being submitted to the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea. We are known for our responsible approach to development and for undertaking exemplary consultations.

We do also recognise that, should these proposals go ahead, this could involve a period of disruption while works take place on the building. We will do what we can to minimise impact during this time, and are currently exploring how we can support the continuity of services to meet the needs of local people before the Centre is reopened.



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I look forward to working with you and your colleagues on this project, and am confident that this project is in the long-term interests of the local area. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 020 7881 1023.

Yours sincerely,
For Cadogan Estates Limited

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