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From [REDACTED]
Minister for Natural Environment, Water and Rural Affairs

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30 July about the West Reading Education Network.

Defra has been working with officials from the Department for Education to facilitate the transfer of the Coley Park site. We are aware of the wider circumstances around the selection of a Free School site in Reading, with an alternative site potentially being available at the former Elvian School.

Defra is no longer seeking a market disposal, due to the benefits offered by this site in delivering alternative key Government policy – the Free Schools programme. The transfer of assets between Departments does not preclude a market disposal at full value at some point in the future, when the new use becomes redundant.

We will continue working with the Department for Education to deal with the Coley Park site in an appropriate manner.

Keep me informed of any developments if
you think I can help.
Yours ever
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