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From [redacted]
Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2012 regarding the use of the Defra site at Coley Park, Reading as a potential location for a new free school.

The Free School's Programme was notified in September 2011 of Defra's intentions to dispose of this site and at that time the Department did not receive any indication that this was of interest or a priority. You should be aware that the site was to be sold for housing in support of the Government ongoing commitment to build new homes on surplus government land.

Although we are in receipt of offers for the site there is still an opportunity for your constituents to engage in the process. I would recommend that WREN approach the Free Schools Programme Team within Department of Education and collectively make early contact with Defra Estates. The contact at Defra is [redacted] Head of Strategic Asset Management, Foss House, York, telephone [redacted] or [redacted]

Yours ever

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I'm keen to help. Keep in touch [redacted]