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**Subject:** RE: Community Asset Transfer - The Children"s Wood and North Kelvin Meadow, site between Clouston St / Sanda St / Kelbourne St (OFFICIAL)  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail. I have read the decision letter and comment as follows.

When the Council originally intended to sell the site for housing, before I was a councillor, I supported that course of action (if not the specifics of a planning application) as I considered that the Council needed the receipt to support Council services and in particular the most vulnerable. Since the Reporter found against the developer's appeal I have, however, noted the hard work of the North Kelvin Meadow and Children's Wood groups and a reasonable degree of community use and, as a Councillor, have sought to support the two groups.

Given the community investment to date and planned continued investment (whether in time, resources in kind or financial, I cannot support the precise terms of the asset transfer offer. While a 25 year lease seems reasonable, the condition that this can be ceased at any time with 12 months' notice does not. If a community is to invest in this resource, encouraged by asset transfer, I suggest that they need more than 12 months security.

I note that the site is now referred to in relation to education, rather than housing. Is this zoning in any city development plan or similar? If not, the 12 month condition seems inappropriate. I would prefer to see an initial period of security of at least 5 years. That would seem fair to the group and allow proper consideration of the principle of alternative use.

While not relating to this specific case, may I also ask whether wider use is being made of conditions that allow ceasing of a lease at 12 months' notice? If so, has this been discussed at the relevant policy committee or CAC? (I will be alerting colleagues to this wider question.)

I would be grateful for attention to my comments and to the 2 questions posed, i.e. about development plans and about use of such a condition more widely.

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