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Dear Mr Hammond

Re: Atkinson Morley Site

The Chief Executive has asked me to update you regarding the proposed redevelopment of this site.

1. Planning

Planning permission has been granted for 'alterations, extensions and new buildings in association with continued use of the site for hospital purposes (new private hospital) including alterations to vehicular and bus access, car parking, landscaping and sports fields.

Part of the site will continue with the Wolfson Rehabilitation Centre (NHS) and the remainder to be a new private hospital.

Planning permission is subject to agreeing the S106 provisions which are 95% agreed with the remaining points being actively discussed and nearing agreement. There are 11 S106 clauses of which the main elements are the laying out and bringing back into use of the playing fields, tennis courts and pavilion for use by local schools and clubs together with provision of various access routes, some local funding obligations, etc.

2. Developer/Position.

The architects for the developer confirmed that their client, Laguna Quays, is based overseas. Laguna Quays are very difficult to contact, but the architects seem confident that the matter is proceeding with the client coming to the UK in the next week or so to review the final negotiations on the planning plus any other matters that require their attention.

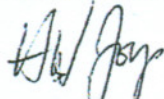
This operation would appear to follow the latest trend in the private health field where the investors build and a separate health provider runs the hospital.

It would appear, therefore, that the matter is proceeding to a finalised planning position possibly in the near future. It would appear that Laguna Quays will then proceed with a building contract.

We are asking Legal to confirm title and I will of course provide this information as soon as it is available.

Please let me know if I can help further.

Yours sincerely



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cc Ged Curran , Chief Executive