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Subject: Meeting with Diggle residents last Friday

Dear Mr Green

Thank you to you and your colleagues for taking the time to meet with us last Friday to discuss the Saddleworth School project.

As no formal minutes were taken, and to avoid any future confusion, I would like to restate our understanding of your responses on the key points we discussed:-

- The feasibility study's recommended choice of the back site at Diggle was due to it costing out as the lowest option for your budget of all four sites options examined.
- The feasibility study determined that all four site options examined were feasible and within your budget. None of them had been rejected.
- The EFA does not impose a site option choice onto Oldham Council and would be happy to build it on any of the four site options examined, if asked to do so by Oldham Council.
- The final decision on which site option the new school will be built on rests solely with Oldham Council.
- That the back site in Diggle is being taken forward into the next stage, but should Oldham Council request a change of location during the process, you would be able to accommodate this.
- That residents would have an input into the exterior appearance of the school in conjunction with Interserve during the 4 week consultation period.
- Planning permission for the highway improvements to Huddersfield Road in Diggle would have to be obtained before the planning application of the school could be submitted.
- Should planning permission for Diggle be refused for either planning application (highways or school) then focus would change to building the school on one of the two Upper mill site options instead.

If we have not got anything accurate, please correct as necessary.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards

Mrs Samantha Marshall