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Your reference:
Date: 10 November 2020

Dear Jacki

Re: Proposed improvements to the grounds at The Grange, Radcliffe on Trent.

Following the last Growth Board meeting, I wanted to get in touch to clarify the position with regard to the Strategic Growth Board funding and proposed public realm scheme.

At the Strategic Growth Board in July 2019 the following proposals were supported:

"The Radcliffe on Trent Growth Board is requesting up to £12,500 in match funding, for public realm improvements to the village centre.

The aim of the public realm improvements is to enhance the appearance of the centre and create a sense of place and character, increasing consumer dwell time and contributing to the economic prosperity of the village.

*The proposed public realm improvements centre around three areas:
Corner of Main Road and New Road
Main Road (opposite the Royal Oak)
Entrance to Station Terrace*

Appendix A outlines initial proposals with high level costs for the improvements, developed by RBC's Property Team.

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council and other members of the growth board will seek sources of funding to match the requested amount. Access to the amount requested will be based on the securing of match funding."

When we met at the Parish Council offices on 3 October 2019, you advised that £12,500 match funding for the scheme could not be secured and you were considering a scaled back scheme in the region of £6,000 match funding, and we agreed that could be taken forward.

Around that time, several options for improvements to the village centre had been put forward and through discussions with ward members, I suggested a focus on enhancing the grounds of The Grange for this purpose.

Subsequently I asked colleagues to start looking at plans for The Grange grounds and shared these initial thoughts with you on 13 January 2020 when we

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met with you and [redacted] at your offices in lieu of the scheduled Growth Board, which had been cancelled.

We were hoping to present more progressed proposals at the meeting in April 2020, but as this was postponed due to Covid-19, the options and associated costs were presented at the Growth Board in September 2020. Despite previous engagement in proposals for enhancements to the grounds, I was disappointed at the response of the Parish Council representatives to the schemes put forward.

I understand a working group has been set up by the Parish Council, who are also looking at options for improving the space at The Grange to create a village centre focus, which sounds very positive.

I understand in August 2020 you asked if the scheme could be funded from the original allocation from the Growth Board. It was agreed at the Strategic Growth Board meeting in October 2020 that the original allocation of £12,500 would remain in the budget for improvements to the Radcliffe on Trent village centre, subject to match funding. Therefore, in order to move forward, can the Parish Council confirm its position with regard to the match funding commitment. I understand your next committee meeting is on Monday 16 November and it would be useful to have the position confirmed shortly after.

If it is the intention to utilise the Growth Board funding, the Parish and Borough Councils need to work together to agree a proposed scheme to be reported back to the Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely