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Dear

Use of Staffordshire County Council's Compulsory Purchase Powers - Stafford Western Access Route (SWAR)

The County Council considers the Stafford Western Access Route to be an essential component of the overall transport strategy necessary to make the Plan for Stafford Borough acceptable in transport terms. To this end we have been working with all of the developers in Western Stafford to assemble the land and deliver the first part of the route between Martin Drive and Doxey Road in order to provide an acceptable means of access to serve the Western Strategic Development Location and progress the wider scheme. It is anticipated that the remaining sections of the SWAR will be delivered within the plan period using a combination of public and private monies.

Whilst the County Council would always seek in the first instance to secure land by agreement, I can confirm that I would be prepared to take a report to Cabinet to secure a resolution to use CPO powers to acquire any land necessary to deliver this scheme should negotiations flounder.

Yours sincerely

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