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Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 3:22 PM

To: [redacted*] (CCRA - Housing and Regeneration - Land Division) [redacted*]@gov.wales>

Subject: RE: Surplus Assets

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As for Newport Rectory, we undertook a tender process on the land and invited bids by a set date. We considered all bids and accepted one accordingly. We did not receive a firm proposal for affordable housing from any party regarding the land beyond a request to delay the sale to give time for alternative ideas to be explored. The decision to sell was taken in that context. It was not felt that we could delay matters. We were not aware at that time that Welsh Government would consider purchase of the land and property. However, we have accepted an offer and we would seek to honour that.

Regards

Enw / Name: [redacted*]

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Dear [redacted*],

This is most disappointing. The Welsh Government has an excellent track record of acquiring property at pace and I very much doubt that this speed could be matched by any other organisation/individual. I kindly ask that the trustees reconsider their position.

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Regards

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From: [redacted*] @churcheinwales.org.uk
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Trustees have considered the suggestion of postponing sale but the funds are urgently required to enable the acquisition and improvement of other clergy housing in the diocese of St Davids. The trustees have concluded that the open market sale, agreed following tender, will proceed.

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Kind regards

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From: [redacted*] @gov.wales
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 12:34 PM
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Subject: RE: Surplus Assets

Dear [redacted*],

I note the below article in the Western Telegraph and the nature in which it has been marketed i.e. sealed bids.

[Newport housing 'overlooked' with £850,000 Rectory sale | Western Telegraph](#)

Given the significant local interest in the site and its potential for local housing need, would you consider postponing the sale and enter into a dialogue with us regarding a direct acquisition by the Welsh Government for social and affordable home provision?

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Regards
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