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Dear Jill

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL – FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANTS

Dean Potter, the Foundation's Technical Advisor for the South and South East, has forwarded to me your email of 28 April, in which you refer to the Foundation's offer of grant aid for the projects at Creasey Park, Dunstable and the Football Development Centre at Amphill Road and Redborne School, Flitwick.

I note the issues that you have encountered in relation to these projects and specifically the decision by your Corporate Management Team to include both of these projects in the Council-wide Capital Programme Review. Whilst I am sympathetic to the financial issues faced by all Local Authorities at this time, I am unfortunately not in a position to offer any flexibility in respect of the timescales detailed in the conditions of our offer letters of 4 December 2009 and 30 March 2010 respectively.

As you may well be aware, the Foundation's current funding agreement is due to finish on 31 May 2010. The commitment associated with both of these projects falls within this agreement and, as a consequence, I have been charged with ensuring their timely completion, including the total associated spends. Unfortunately, your desire to delay decisions on whether to proceed with these projects until the conclusion of the review in September 2010, will not only prevent me from meeting this remit but, more importantly, may lead to the withdrawal of the original grant offer.

In deciding on a way forward, you may also wish to note that, whilst retaining the option to re-apply for funding at a later date, the anticipated pressure on funding under our new agreement means that it is highly unlikely that the Foundation would be in a position to re-offer grant aid at the current level of funding.